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OCTOBER MEETING CANCELLED, NO DECEMBER CRAFT FAIR, BUT PLANT SALE IS ON



HOLIDAY PLANT SALE

LYON ARBORETUM

NOVEMBER 19-21 8:30 AM - 4PM | Reservations required. Attendees will be required to wear a mask and practice social distancing at this outdoor event. Visit our website for more information and how to reserve: manoa.hawaii.edu/lyon

Even though it looks like Honolulu will be moving to Tier 2, we still won't be able to meet in a group, so our October meeting is cancelled. But we have been invited to participate in a November plant sale at the Arboretum!

Lyon Arboretum Holiday Plant Sale

Under the direction of Greenhouse Manager Tim Kroesig, the Arboretum will host a Fall Plant Sale—way smaller than their usual sales, but still an opportunity for us to sell some plants and publicize HBS. It will also probably be our only opportunity for this year, because the East-West Center will not be hosting a December craft fair.

The sale will take place on three days the week before Thanksgiving: **Thursday, Friday, and Saturday, November 19–21**, from 8:30 am to 4 pm. It will be held outdoors, on the lawn and parking area in front of the Visitor's Center (the Stemmerman Courtyard). Mostly Lyon Greenhouse plants will be for sale: philodendrons, anthuriums, calathea, begonias, gardenia, ti, gingers, heliconia, vines and edible plants.

President Terese approached Tim about HBS being a vendor at the sale, and he welcomed the idea. We will have two tables, and will be one of the few non-Lyon vendors.

Here's how the sale will work: customers register for a 45 minute time period. There will be 7 slots each day, and 5 vehicles, with a maximum of 4 people per vehicle, will be allowed in each time slot. No shuttles: at the appointed time, customers drive up and park in the lot. Attendees (and vendors) will be required to wear masks and to practice social distancing. To sign up for a time slot as a customer, go to the Arboretum website.

For what we need to do to participate, see page 2.

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**OCTOBER MEETING:
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MEETING
IS CANCELLED.**

ARBORETUM PLANT SALE

So, what do we need to make this plant sale a success? First of all, **plants**. Plants can be mounted, potted, or bare root, but should be ready for display. Past sales suggest that *Vriesea* and *Neoregelia*, especially the smaller varieties, and *Tillandsia* are the first plants to go, especially if they are attractively mounted or displayed. One important difference for this sale: we need to identify (genus and species or cultivar name) and clearly label everything we sell. As the vendor instructions specify: “Vendors are expected to have all plants priced as well as clearly and accurately labeled.”

Second, **equipment**. We could use a table, preferably folding. We already have one, but a second one would be helpful. We could also use a tent; although it’s not necessary, but given how much it rains at Lyon, a way to keep the plants (and people) out of the elements would be a good idea.

Third, **people**. Anyone who would like to help staff the sales table, or prepare the plants for sale, would be most welcome. This includes helping with pricing, and preparing an inventory (Lyon will provide an inventory form, but we will need to specify what plants and how many we are bringing. We will not be handling the money—Lyon cashiers will take the cash and checks—but it would be good to have people on hand to answer questions and restock the plants.

Things We Need:

plants mounted, potted, or bare root, but labeled

a table and a tent
people to help prepare and price plants and staff the tables



We don’t expect to make the thousands of dollars that we made at the craft fairs Gail, Val, and Terese organized for the East-West Center, but this will be our only fundraiser for this year. The Arboretum will receive 25 percent of the gross sales (for vendor, security, and cashiering fees).

If you have any plants to contribute, contact Terese for drop off or pick up. Because the plants need to be labeled and priced and inventoried, we need them before the sale.

If you would like to help prepare the plants or staff the tables, please contact Terese.

And if you’re free on November 19, 20, or 21, grab a couple friends and sign up for a time slot to come visit the sale as a customer.