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SCENES FROM THE BIG ISLAND

On Saturday, September 26, an intrepid group of HBS members ignored the weather forecasts and the 6 a.m. flights for the chance to visit Hawai'i Island and the nurseries of David Shiigi and his family, with the extra attraction of a visit to Hawai'i Volcanoes National Park. Dolores and Jaime Roldan, Susan Andrade, Sally Mist, Ed "Kenji" Nishiyama (whose family, we learned, goes way back with David's), Terese Leber, Stan Schab, and our fearless leader Lynette Wageman offer mahalo nui loa to Marie Ferdun for her organizing skills, Dennis Heckart for his bromeliads and expertise, and especially David Shiigi and his daughter, Royanne Shiigi for their amazing sharing of Aloha.

The thing I liked about the trip was it gave me a chance to get to know everyone in our group a lot better—and they were great. It really was a wonderful experience — Susan.



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OCTOBER MEETING

This Saturday, October 31,
we meet at **Lyon Arboretum**
at **12:30.**

Our hospitality hosts are
Marcy, Tessie, and Karen.



100 percent humidity? I think that's called Rain. The early birds enjoyed breakfast on the go at the Hilo Farmers Market.

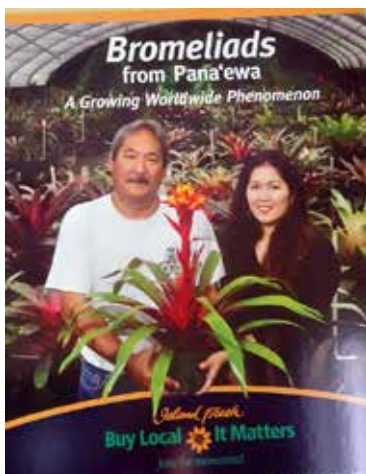


Stylin! Kenji & Sally trying on Hilo's finest headgear.



Mahalo to the drivers, Terese and Lynette (in a new Mustang)—and to the brave passengers! And a special thanks to Kenji for navigating us around his home island.

Besides inviting us to tour his nurseries, David welcomed the members to his beautiful home, treating us to a guided tour of his displays of family memorabilia and items from his many careers: as a chef, musician (he was getting ready for a gig that night), and artist, as well as a renowned bromeliad grower.





David and his family maintain two nurseries: at his home (above right) where he hybridizes and experiments, and the commercial nursery (above left), a short drive away, where HBS members enjoyed aisles and aisles of amazing varieties.



“Mahalo to the organizers for the trip to the Big Island. We were amazed at the amount of beautiful bromeliads David Shiigi has. That’s our first experience to a bromeliad nursery. We had a wonderful time, going around as a group” — Dolores.



Remember our Identification Classes?!



“Overwhelming” — Terese

Lyon's Jill Laughlin Named UH Employee of the Year

Congratulations to Jill Laughlin, who was recently honored as University of Hawaii 2015 Employee of the Year, as part of the Governor's Awards for Distinguished State Service. The award is designed to honor state employees and managers who exemplify the highest caliber of public service and dedication to serving the people of Hawai'i. Jill started as a student worker in 1992, was hired onto the grounds staff in 1994, and since 2001 has served as Education and Volunteer Programs Manager, becoming in many ways the public face of Lyon Arboretum.

Lyon's Holiday Plant & Craft Sale

Lyon Arboretum, Saturday, November 21, 9 a.m. to 2 p.m.
Colorful Ti varieties, Heliconias, Gingers, Anthuriums, Hawaiian Ferns and Other Hawaiian Plants, Orchids, Cactus & Succulents, Tillandsias and Other Bromeliads, Herbs & Vegetable Plants, Jams, Jellies, Fresh & Dried Holiday Wreaths, Bromeliad Wreaths, Ornaments, Oshibana Crafts, Hand-painted Pots, and Hawaiian Honey will be available.

Admission is free, and free shuttle service will be provided to the Arboretum; pick up points will be on Mānoa Road, at Po'elua Street and at Nipo Street. Please call 988-0456 for more Information.



Bromeliads TEXAS Style!

The Bromeliad Society International
2016 World Bromeliad Conference
Houston, Texas
June 13–19, 2016

Come Visit Houston. Early summer in Texas is great . . . the Best time to visit—not too hot and before hurricane season. Bromeliads love it and show it!

Bromeliads—TEXAS Style will be held at the Westin Galleria Hotel, overlooking Uptown Houston and adjacent to the Galleria Shopping Center. Room Rates are \$139/night with free parking.

The Bromeliad Society of Houston, Inc. will be the host. Among the largest of bromeliad clubs in the USA, home to world renowned *Cryptanthus* hybridizer Carole Richtmyer, its members are some of the friendliest and most welcoming hosts you will ever meet!

For more information, visit the "Conference Corner" at the BSI website (www.bsi.org) or contact Dr. Steven Reynolds, 2016 Houston Conference Chair (Drsteve104@aol.com).

NAME THAT PLANT!

Sally Mist recently sent these photos of this towering inflorescence, from deep in Mānoa Valley.

