

BROMELIAD IDENTIFICATION TIPS

Our August program featured a refresher course (and quiz) on bromeliad identification. Organized by our own Lynette Wageman, who brought in samples of nine different genuses from her own garden, the program gave members the chance to show off their expertise and to share tips on plant identification. The varieties and examples ranged from those easier to identify (*Billbergia, Cryptanthus, Dyckia, Neoregelia*), to ones that, particularly when not in bloom, can be harder to differentiate (*Aechmea, Guzmania, Tillandsia, Vriesea*), to less familiar types and varieties (*Orthophytum*).

RIGHT: an uncommon, ornamental cultivar of *Ananas* that no one could identify BELOW: an unnamed *Neoregelia* cultivar, a cross between "Painted Lady" and "Rosea Striata"



BELOW: One way to keep track of your plants: write their names on the underside of their leaves!





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SEPTEMBER MEETING

This Saturday, **September 26:** all-day trip to the **Island of Hawai'i**.

REPORT OF THE MEETING OF AUGUST 29, 2015

Lyon Arboretum

ATTENDING: Susan Andrade, Nancie Arakaki, Frances Arakaki, Helen Friend, Marie Grininger, Naty Hopewell, Gail Ishihara, John Ishihara, Terese Leber (presiding), Sally Mist, Ed Nishiyama, Karen Rohter, Dolores Roldan, Jaime Roldan, Stan Schab, Sid Sneider, Lynette Wageman, Val Wong. Guests: Edie (Sid's daughter).

Convened: 1:00 Adjourned: 2:30

Happy Birthday wishes to Lynette, as everyone joined in to sing and share cake, great pupu, and good wishes.

Marie Grininger announced that she has some mid-size, 11 inch round, ceramic pots, that need holes drilled in them. If anyone can help, please contact her or Terese.

TREASURER'S REPORT: Dolores reported that the current balance is \$9,740.43, and that we raised \$235 at the July auction.

HOSPITALITY: Thank you Naty and Susan for the food and drinks. Because the September meeting will be a field trip, there are no hosts for September. The October hosts are Marcy, Tessie, and Karen.

PROGRAMS: Lynette discussed the plans that she and Marie Ferdun have organized for next month's trip to Hawai'i Island to visit nurseries and the Hawai'i Volcanoes National Park. To date, ten members have signed up. Lynette reported that she had talked with David Shiigi and Dennis Hastert about visiting their nurseries, and about certification for shipping or carrying back to O'ahu any plants that we purchase. HBS members moved (Susan), seconded (John), and approved that



HBS will pay for members' lunches and on island transportation.

Ground transportation will probably include one car and one minivan. More information will be sent to those who have signed up.

For our October meeting program, Naty has agreed to contact renowned grower and raconteur Angel Ramos.

NEW BUSINESS—HOLIDAY PARTY: For several years the year-end HBS holiday party was a pot-luck affair held at Ho'omaluhia Botanical Garden; last year's event was held at The Willows restaurant. For this December's party, it was decided to return to Ho'omaluhia. Susan will check on pavilion availability, and make reservations for either December 5 or 12, from around 11 to 2.

SHOW AND TELL & AUCTION: Thank you Ed, Gail, and Helen for providing beautiful plants for auction, including several good specimens of *Aechmea zebrina* and of *Neoregelia*—"Blueberry," "Rien's Pride," and the Lisa Vinzant hybrids "Faded Love," and "Wisteria."

Fall Classes at Lyon Arboretum

include Yoga in the Garden (Oct. 10, Nov. 14, and Dec. 12); Cooking Healthy Autumn Flavors, with Alyssa Moreau (Oct. 3); Shibori Dyeing: Indigo Art, with Akemi Nakano Cohn (Oct. 13 and 14); Container Gardening (Oct. 16); Beekeeping in Hawai'i, with Howard McGinnis (Nov. 13); and Christmas Wreath Making, with Kitty Ho (Dec. 11). For more information, call the Arboretum at 988-0456 or check out its website at manoa.hawaii.edu/lyonarboretum.

