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## **CALLING ALL VOLUNTEERS – FOR BSI 2014**

“Bromeliads in Paradise” is now official, and has been confirmed as the next Bromeliad Society International (BSI) Conference, to be held from September 8 to 14, 2014, at the Ala Moana Hotel, with the Hawai'i Bromeliad Society serving as the host organization (a preliminary schedule is on page 3).

Conference chair Lynette Wageman, and the organizing committee of Marie Ferdun, Troy Oden, Sharon Peterson, and Tom Stuart, have been busy meeting, and consulting with Bonnie Boutwell, Vice President and Conference Coordinator for the BSI, and are now seeking volunteers to staff the various committees that will be responsible for all the different parts of “BiP 2014.”

At our February meeting, the organizing committee will discuss the responsibilities of the following subcommittees—there may be more, but these are the ones that need to get started now—and will call for volunteers for the different areas.

1. Conference Program & Advertising: This committee prepares the program booklet, including soliciting the advertising that is supposed to pay for the program costs.

2. Plant Sales: This committee will be chaired by Sharon Peterson, with a BSI liaison, and will be responsible for all the plant sales activities—which includes activities relating to importing, exporting, packing, shipping, and working with the growers.

3. Rare Plant Auction, and Plant Identification: Chaired by Lisa Vinsant, this committee will administer the rare plant auction.

4. Registration & Hospitality: This committee is in charge of greeting conference participants; preparing and passing out registration materials, including name tags and registration bags and packets; and answering questions—about the conference, local events and transportation, and similar questions.

4. Door Prizes: This committee is responsible for preparing about fifty baskets of “good stuff” that will be given away as door prizes—in other venues, called raffles—to conference participants.

5. Silent Auction: Chaired by Lynette, this committee will maintain and control the special plants and objects that are donated for auction.

6. Tours: Chaired by Troy, this committee will arrange for, and oversee participation in, all the tours that will be offered to conference participants.

7. Awards: While the Show Categories and Judging are administered by BSI, this committee will come up with about twenty-six appropriate awards for winners and runners-up in the various categories.

8. Poster Sessions: This Committee selects four to six people who can speak entertainingly and informatively for twenty to thirty minutes on topics of interest to conference participants—and that preferably relate to Hawai'i.

### 2013 OFFICERS OF THE HAWAI'I BROMELIAD SOCIETY

PRESIDENT		VICE PRESIDENT & PROGRAMS
Susan Andrade		Troy Oden
TREASURER	MEMBERSHIP	WEB MASTER
Tessie Labra	Raleigh Ferdun	Tom Stuart
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### **FEBRUARY MEETING**

This Saturday,  
February 23,

we meet at **Lyon Arboretum**

at **Noon.**

Our hospitality hosts are

**Annetta Kinnicutt & Marie Ferdun**

## REPORT OF THE MEETING OF JANUARY 26, 2013

Lyon Arboretum

ATTENDING: Susan Andrade (presiding), Marie Ferdun, Raleigh Ferdun, Helen Friend, Karen Gollero, Annetta Kinnicutt, Tessie Labra, Terese Leber, Edward Nishiyama, Troy Oden, Karen Rohter, Sid Sneider, and Hazel Wong.

GUESTS: Bonnie Boutwell (BSI–New Orleans)

CONVENED: 12:10; ADJOURNED: 2:45

TREASURER'S REPORT: Treasurer Tessie reported that our current balance in \$1,709.77.

NEW OFFICERS: Troy has agreed to serve as Vice President and Chair of Programs for 2013—thank you, Troy, for volunteering, and many thanks to Marie for organizing a variety of informative and entertaining programs and fieldtrips as last year's Program Chair.

HOSPITALITY: Our Hospitality Hosts for February are Annetta (drinks) and Marie (snacks); the March hosts are Terese (drinks) and Hazel (snacks).

MEMBERSHIP: Raleigh reminded everyone that dues are now due for 2013—so please do give him your renewals. Raleigh also announced that he will post the latest membership list on Dropbox, and will email the link to all current members.

CONFERENCE REPORT: Troy reported on his experiences buying and shipping bromeliads—including five *Hohenbergia*—from Florida and “Orlandiana 2012,” and what was involved in getting the PCIT (Phytosanitary Certificate), or Phyto, needed to ship bromeliads. Troy also discussed the tours planned for “Bromeliads in Paradise,” which will include both city tours and home and garden tours, which are open to all conference registrants, and optional events and tours, such as a Paradise Cove luau, an all-day tour to Dole Plantation and the Polynesian Cultural Center, and a day trip to Hilo to visit David Shigi's Bromeliads Hawaii facility and David Fell's Hawaiian Sunshine Nursery. The home and garden tours will include a visit to Foster Botanical Gardens, hosted by Nathan Wong, president of the Cactus and Succulent Society of Hawaii, and to Lyon Arboretum.

Hazel announced that she has more than enough empty toilet paper rolls for the Convention goodie bags, and does not need any more. She will bring in a sample next month, so we can see what good use has been made of them.

Lynette reported that she has been collecting baskets of Hawai'i products for the Door Prizes and for the conference registration bags, and urges everyone to keep their eyes open for appropriate (and inexpensive) items.

A black and white version of the conference logo was presented (and is reproduced here); a color version is in the works.

AUCTION: Thank you Helen, for bringing the example of the Amazon Lily (*Eucharis grandiflora*)—not a bromeliad, and not even actually a lily, but still quite stunning, and the *Guzmania*, in full bloom. Many thanks to Raleigh and Annetta for a spirited, and profitable, auction.



### VOLUNTEERING AT BROMELIADS IN PARADISE

When we were first asked about hosting the BSI 2014 conference, many of us wondered about our ability to administer such a large international event—we are, after all, a relatively small group. But individually and collectively, we have come together to set this event in motion, and to commit to carrying it through successfully. As we will discuss at the next meeting, one vital role in this effort will be that of Volunteer Coordinator, who will be responsible for organizing and scheduling the participation of HBS and community volunteers leading up to and during the conference. The logistics of volunteering for this event will become clearer over the coming weeks, but as we will discuss on Saturday, volunteers do not necessarily have to register for the conference (registration forms are available from Lynette; prior to March 15, registration costs \$225; before December 31, 2013, \$250), although registrants will have first access to the sales, seminars, special events, and tours. Volunteers do not even have to be BSI members. Over the next few months, the conference committee will be working to making the benefits and responsibilities of volunteering for Bromeliads in Paradise as clear and rewarding as possible—so stay tuned!

**TENTATIVE  
SCHEDULE**

*BROMELLADS IN PARADISE*  
Ala Moana Hotel — Honolulu, Hawai'i  
Bromeliad Society International – World Conference  
September 8 – 14, 2013

<b>Monday, Sept. 8</b>	Arrivals / Hotel Chick-in	
<b>Tuesday, Sept. 9</b>	8 am – 9 am 9 am – 9:30 am 9:30 am – 5 pm 9 am – 5 pm 12 noon – 1 pm Afternoon 6:30 pm	Board Registration and Continental Breakfast BSI Annual General meeting BSI Annual Board Meeting Judges School #2 BSI Board and Judges School Luncheon City Tour – Included in Registration Board Cocktails and Dinner
<b>Wednesday, Sept. 10</b>	8 am – 5 pm 8 am – 3 pm 9:30 am – 10 am 10 am – 3 pm 10 am – 11 am 11 am – 12 noon 12 noon – 1 pm 1 pm – 2 pm 2 pm – 3 pm 4 pm – Evening	Conference Registration, Hospitality, and Door Prizes Plant Sale Vendor Set-Up Welcome Address: Jay Thurrott, President Plant Show Entries Accepted Seminar #1 Seminar #2 Box Lunch — All Registrants Seminar #3 Seminar #4 Optional Tours — additional cost to registrants
<b>Thursday, Sept. 11</b>	8 am – 5 pm 8 am – 2 pm 8 am – 9 am  9 am – 12 noon 9 am – 5 pm 12 noon – 2 pm Afternoon 2 pm – 9 pm 7 pm – 9 pm	Conference Registration, Hospitality, and Door Prizes Plant Sale Vendor Set-Up Plant Show Late Entry Classification and Placement Judges and Clerks Continental Breakfast Home/Garden Tours — Included in Registration Plant Show Judging Luncheon — All Registrants City Tour — Included in Registration Plant Sale — Open to Registrants Only Plant Show — Open to Registrants Only
<b>Friday, Sept. 12</b>	8 am – 5 pm 9 am – 5 pm 9 am – 5 pm 9 am – 5 pm 9 am – 10 am 10 am – 12 noon 12 noon – 1 pm 1 pm – 5 pm 1 pm – 5 pm 6 pm – 7 pm 7 pm – 10 pm	Conference Registration, Hospitality, and Door Prizes Plant Show Open to the Public Plant Sale Open to the Public Secure Auction Holding and Packing Room Available to Registrants BSI Website and Journal: Evan Bartholomew Poster Sessions: Bromeliads – Hawaiian Style Box Lunch — All Registrants Garden / Home Tours — Included in Registration Auction Items Accepted and Set-Up Auction Preview and Cash Bar Rare Plant Auction
<b>Saturday, Sept. 13</b>	8 am – 12 noon 9 am – 3 pm 9 am – 3 pm 9 am – 4 pm 6 pm – 10 pm	Farmers' Market Plant Sale — Open to the Public Plant Show — Open to the Public Plant Sale — Open to the Public Secure Plant Holding and Packing — Phyto Certificates Issued Cash Bar and Banquet
<b>Sunday, Sept. 14</b>	All Day	Optional All-Day Tour to Hilo — Additional Cost to Registrants

## STAIRWAY OF ORCHIDS: WINDWARD ORCHID SOCIETY'S 2013 SHOW

The Windward Orchid Society will host its thirty-third annual Spring Show and Plant Sale from Friday, March 22, to Sunday, March 24, at the King Intermediate School Armory, in Kāneʻohe. The theme for the show is “Stairway of Orchids,” and for the second year running, HBS is planning to host a table of bromeliads. The HBS display committee (Terese, Val, and Tom) is feverishly planning this year’s display, and is once again calling on HBS members for plants and help.

Aloha Everyone —

This year we want to showcase the variety and attractiveness of the different genres of bromeliads. Naturally we are looking for bloomers or bright colors, but also for interesting foliage and leaf patterns—whatever makes it special to you. Driftwood with bromeliads, or other interesting displays, are also welcome.

We would really like to include YOUR plants. The more the merrier. And it will really help us plan the display if we can SEE the plants beforehand.

Remember, we are only borrowing your plants, caring for them like family, and returning them afterward. Security is provided at the show, so no worries. Please be generous.

— No need fancy pots; plastic (we will cover them), or even NO pot, is OK

— Any size is OK

Besides plants, we also welcome volunteers to help with the set-up, which will take place on Thursday, March 21.

Please BRING plants to the HBS meeting on February 23 OR bring to a drop-off point near you on Saturday or Sunday, March 16 or 17 (drop-off locations will be decided at the meeting).

Questions? Call Tom (239-7611), Val (521-8414), or Terese (542-5766).



### MANY THANKS, TOM STUART

The HBS recently received a letter from a Honolulu resident commending our long-term member, and current web master, Tom Stuart for going above and beyond the call in volunteering his expertise to a distressed Bromeliad grower. The letter describes how Tom “took time to come to my home to help discover what was wrong with my dying bromeliads, including taking scrapings to the UH and Lyon Arboretum. . . . His time and caring was most appreciated.” With the letter came a donation to the society of \$150.

We are indeed fortunate to have members such as Tom, a certified master gardener, who is willing to contribute his time, knowledge, and experience to the betterment not just of our society, but of Bromeliad growers throughout the community.