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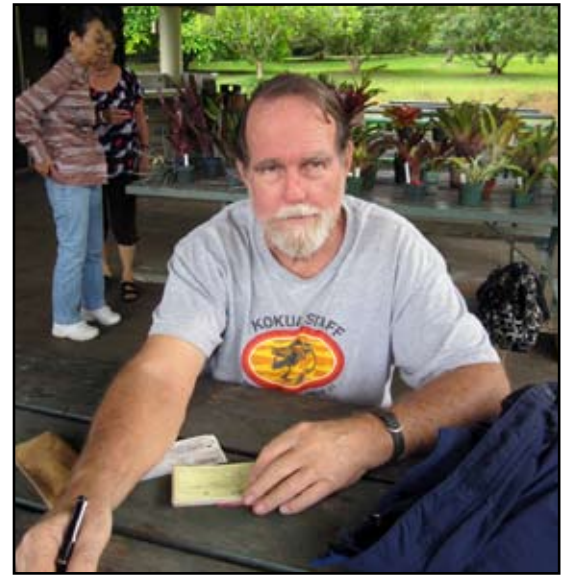
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HAPPY 2012 — RING IN THE NEW

The Hawai'i Bromeliad Society closed out another enjoyable and educational year with our annual Holiday Party, held at Ho'omaluhia Botanical Garden on December 3. Thank you to all the members for their participation in 2011—and thanks especially to Tessie and Karen for the beautiful (and Labeled) plants, and to all who brought great pot-luck dishes to our year-end gathering. We hope to see you all as we begin another year of growing and sharing.



ABOVE: some of the beautiful gift plants exchanged at the Party; TOP RIGHT: membership chair Raleigh let people eat, even if their dues were late; RIGHT: and that's a good thing, because members outdid themselves with their delicious creations.

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JANUARY MEETING

This Saturday, JANUARY 28, we meet at **Lyon Arboretum at Noon.**

Our hospitality hosts are Val and Randy.

- We're working on displays this meeting, so please bring driftwood and plants and other items that might go well together (see page 4).

REPORT OF THE MEETING OF OCTOBER 29, 2011

Val and Randy Wong's House

ATTENDING: Susan Andrade (presiding), Mary Louise Boyd, Betty Chang, Marie Ferdun, Raleigh Ferdun, Karen Gollero, Marie Gringer, Tessie Labra, Terese Leber, Karen Rohter, Stan Schab, Tom Stuart, Lynette Wageman, Hazel Wong, Randy Wong, and Val Wong.

CONVENED: 12:20; Adjourned: 2:45

ANNOUNCEMENTS: Janice Crowl's *Hano Hou* article on bromeliads is out, with nice coverage of the Society. Any members who happen to be flying in the next few weeks are urged to keep the issue for our archives.



TREASURER'S REPORT: We have a balance of \$1,515.78. Revenues since the last meeting include \$59 from the September auction. The Society approved reimbursing Tessie \$80 for the gift plants for the Holiday Party.

HOSPITALITY: **Annual Holiday Party** at Ho'omaluhia Botanical Garden, December 3, 11 am–2 pm.

MEMBERSHIP & DUES: Raleigh circulated an updated membership list, and reported that he will collect 2012 dues at the Party (still a bargain at \$15 per person/\$20 per family, no matter how civil the union).

2012 OFFICERS: The Society moved to install the following slate of offices in 2012:

President, Vice President and Program Chair, Treasurer, Corresponding Secretary, Recording Secretary, Membership, Library, Hospitality, and Newsletter.

Betty Chang, Hazel Wong, and Mary Louise Boyd agreed to serve as a Committee to find candidates for these positions, and to set up a series of 27 debates and party caucuses if more than one person wants to run.

NEWSLETTER: The Editor seeks current and past member profiles for upcoming issues.



Tom Stuart discovers new hybrid, raised entirely on Cheetos.

NEW BUSINESS: We have been approached by the Bromeliad Society International about being the local host for their major international conference in 2014. Lynette will follow up with the BSI, in light of concerns raised by HBS members about the extensive logistics and personnel needed to organize and administer such an event.

Terese reminded members that she and Val will be selling bromeliads at the December 1–2 East-West Center Holiday crafts fair, with the proceeds going to the Society; plants, and particularly pots, are welcome, and donors should contact Terese.

PROGRAM: In honor of Halloween, our program plants included the hybrid cultivar *Aechmea* 'Black Jack.' We learned how to differentiate and cultivate *Guzmania monostachia* and the cultivars *Canistropis* 'Citron' and *Canistropis* 'Persimmon.' In thanks for our help in preparing her garden for tree felling, Helen Friend donated two bags of *Tillandsia cyanea*, which we compared to the thinner-leaved, full-sun *Tillandsia tricolor*, and the *Tillandsia polystachia*, with its cottony seeds that rot in potting medium and need to be placed on tree bark. And we learned how *Neoregelia*, with their wide leaves, can thrive in hanging baskets.



AND NOW FOR 2012 . . .

WHAT TO DO: Incoming Vice President and Program Chair Marie Ferdun welcomes suggestions for Programs for 2012—speakers, fieldtrips, work and party days. . . . Please give her, mail her, phone her, or email her your suggestions (for Marie’s contact information, please see your membership roster).

HBS MEMBERSHIP QUESTIONNAIRE FOR PROGRAMS FOR 2012

Name: (Optional): _____

Favorite program from 2011: _____

Programs you would like repeated from 2011: _____

Suggestions for new programs for 2012: _____

Which of the following programs do you prefer:

Show and tell: _____

Identifying plants: _____

Potting materials demonstration: _____

If a program could only happen on a weekday, would you attend: _____

If you like speakers, who would be of interest to you: _____

Would you be interested in speaking at a meeting: _____

What local tours would you like to take (for example, gardens, nurseries, etc.): _____

Do you know someone whose bromeliad garden needs a freshening up? If yes, please give their name:

Any other suggestions: _____

WHAT TO EAT: Incoming Hospitality Chair Val Wong is seeking Hosts for our 2012 meetings. One question she would like feedback on is whether we should have two hosts per meeting—one for food, one for drinks—instead of three. Do we want to continue having savory and sweet snacks (chips and dip and cookies), or is one type enough? Please give any Hospitality suggestions to Val or incoming President Susan.

WHAT TO READ: Librarian Lynette reminds members that in addition to our book collection on bromeliad varieties and cultivation, our library contains over thirty years of the *Journal of the Bromeliad Society*, which we receive as a member organization. We also receive Newsletters from other active groups, including the bromeliad societies of Chicago and Sarasota, Florida—electronic copies are sent to members, and paper copies will be available at our meetings.

AND WHAT TO GROW: Martha Goode, Bromeliad Society International Affiliate Chair, has invited us to have an exhibit or display at the World Bromeliad Conference, “Kaleidoscope of Bromeliads,” which will be held in Orlando, Florida, from September 24 to September 30, 2012. That may be a little far afield for us, but the March 16–18, 2012, Windward Orchid Society show is definitely not—and in days to come our display team of Tom, Terese, and Val will be telling us more about the event and how we can prepare and participate.

BROMO BELLES AT THE FAIR



Our crack sales team of Terese & Val raised over \$300 for the Society at the East-West Center Holiday Craft Fair this past December. Thank you to Tom for plants and the display—it fit the table perfectly; to Susan and Marie for pots; and to all who stopped by and talked and even bought some plants. Good practice for the Windward Orchid Society event.

PROGRAM FOR JANUARY: KNOCK ON WOOD

For our January Program, Terese will demonstrate how she created some of her driftwood pieces for the craft fair. So please bring in driftwood, plants, and bromo objects, which we will change into a variety of interesting creations. With your help, this will be a show and tell and DO program. So, get out there and comb the beaches for driftwood with character!

MEMBER PROFILES: TINA AND RAY CAMACHO

Ray and Tina Camacho were first introduced to the world of bromeliads by Don Talbott at one of the Honolulu Orchid Society's shows, and shortly thereafter, in 1977, they joined the HBS. Ray had served in the Merchant Marine, and was retired from the US Army Corps of Engineers, which served him in good stead as chair of the Society's Show Committee. For many years, he took the lead on society presentations at various orchid shows. He also served as Treasurer and on the Board of Directors. Born and raised in Little Rock, Arkansas, Tina—who had been a professional hat model!—moved to Honolulu in 1965, and not long thereafter met the Kalihi-born, Kaimukī-raised McKinley High grad Ray.



A data processing preparation controller at Duty Free shoppers, Tina served the HBS in a wide range of offices over the years, including Recording Secretary, and on the Christmas Party, Programs, and Nominations Committees.