



Newsletter of the

# Hawai'i Bromeliad Society

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## WE ARE ALL CORDIALLY INVITED . . .

To Mary Louise's house, 555 Uluhala Street, in beautiful Kailua, between the Marsh and the Women's Prison.

We will combine yard work with a business meeting, so bring gardening tools and work clothes—but also be ready to mingle in polite society.

Those who wish to, please meet at Mary Louise's around **11 a.m.** for a general work and clean-up session, under her eagle-eye. We plan to break around **1 p.m.** for our business meeting and pot luck lunch (so bring something good).

*Looking forward to having all you Bromeliadniks here.*

*I will be saying goodbye to many of my bromeliads, priced from free and up.*

*If you plan on needing ice cubes, toooo bad (my icemaker's broken)!*

*Mary Louise*



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## REPORT OF THE MEETING OF JUNE 25, 2011

Lyon Arboretum meeting room

ATTENDING: Susan Andrade, Betty Chang, Marie Ferdun, Raleigh Ferdun, Karen Gollero, Marie Grininger, Tessie Labra, Terese Leber, Sally Mist, Stan Schab, Laura St. Denis (presiding—Happy B-Day Girl!), Tom Stuart, Lynette Wageman, Hazel Wong, Randy Wong, and Val Wong. GUEST: Karen Rohter

CONVENED: 12:15; Adjourned: 2:25

ANNOUNCEMENTS: Lynette described the memorial services for Hatsumi Maertz. Her ashes were interred at the National Memorial Cemetery of the Pacific (Punchbowl), followed by an open house at the home of her family, whose members have generously donated to the Society in her name (Anthony, \$50; Allen and Darlene, \$100). Recording Secretary Val will draft an acknowledgment and thank you letter for the Co-Chairs to send to Hatsumi's son Allen. The Society agreed to use the donations to buy books in her memory.

TREASURER'S REPORT: We have a balance of \$1,303.78. Revenues since the last meeting include \$40 from Hazel Wong to purchase the Society's duplicate copy of *Tillandsia II*; \$15 membership dues each from Hazel and Sam Kagesa; and \$11 from the May auction. The Society approved reimbursing Lynette \$100 for the gift card accompanying Mary Louise Boyd's lifetime membership.

HOSPITALITY: **Pot Luck for July.**

MEMBERSHIP & DUES: Marie Ferdun reported that Charlotte and Lester Fox will think about staying on as members. A discussion ensued on different ways of memorializing deceased or founding members of the Society. Suggestions included a plaque or some type of memorial in the Lyon bromeliad garden.

LIBRARY: Lynette will select books to buy in Hatsumi's name. She compared *Bromeliads for Home and Garden*, Jack Kramer's new paperback to the large, hardbound edition in our library.

PROGRAMS: Calling All Suggestions! Lynette is welcoming ideas for upcoming programs.

WEBSITE: Laura explained the monthly process for uploading changes to the HBS site. Working with the Kahala Apple Store, she has created the site on her Mobile.Me account. Raleigh has linked the hawaiiibromeliadsociety.org domain name, which he has renewed, to the Mobile.Me address. Laura and Tom agreed to meet at the Kahala store to work on upgrading the site prior to the appearance of Janice Crowl's *Hana Hou* article on bromeliads in Hawai'i, which will feature the Society and could attract new members.

BUSINESS CARDS: Members voted on elements for our new business card. Stan voted to implement his "last, best, and final" design.

AUCTION: Thanks to everyone who donated their special show plants to the auction.



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All members in good standing will receive ten business cards—either with this newsletter, at the next meeting, or in the mail after July 30. The remaining cards will be given to the Co-Chairs.

# SHOW TIME



Thanks to all who brought in plants and displays for show and tell (and sell).

We got to see good examples of how to match containers and plants, and how to use cachepots to highlight—and hide—specific features. Tips included placing plastic pots inside more attractive containers; painting or decorating old or plain pots; and using colorful rocks or the *Tillandsia* commonly known as Spanish moss—*Tillandsia usneoides*—to top the pot and help hold the bromeliad in place. We also saw how to highlight *Tillandsia* in particular through different ways of mounting them or by displaying them in baskets.

Lynette (above) is emphasizing the need to consider three-dimensional symmetry, by looking both down at our plants and straight at them.

We also learned how to wrap, pack, and coddle our plants to transport them to shows.

OK, so we've nurtured, talked to, and generally tended our plants until they bloomed. Now what? If left on the plant, a bloom could look good for a month—but remember, the more a bromeliad puts into its bloom, the less it puts into its keiki. A fresh inflorescence—like the one on this *Aechmea fulgens* var. *discolor*—will look nice in an arrangement for about a week. Jeanne Carter Elder has very large arrangements in several downtown buildings. She uses potted bromeliads and orchids together and packs them so that the pots don't show (for more tips on bromeliad cultivation, visit our website).



# WANTED!

## HAVE YOU SEEN THIS MAN?



Rumor has it he can be found deep in the wilds of Mānoa, on the far slopes of Tantalus—or maybe even in Mary Louise’s undergrowth.

He may look innocent, but . . .

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Photo by Tom Stuart

## UPCOMING EVENTS

### Halawa Open House & Plant Sale

The annual Halawa Xeriscape Garden Open House and Unthirsty Plant Sale will be held this year on Saturday, August 6, from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m.

Board of Water Supply's  

**HĀLAWA XERISCAPE GARDEN  
 OPEN HOUSE & UNTHIRSTY PLANT SALE**

  
**FREE**

- guided garden tours
- xeriscape workshops
- ask the plant doctor
- bag your own mulch giveaway (limited to available supply, bring your own bag)
- keiki activities
- keiki garden planting

**Saturday, August 6, 2011  
 9:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m.  
 Hālawā Xeriscape Garden  
 99-1268 Iwaena Street**

See the back of this flyer for a map or log on to [www.boardofwatersupply.com](http://www.boardofwatersupply.com) or call 748-5041 for more information

Parking on Iwaena & 'Iwa'iwa Streets  
 Free shuttles on Iwaena Street (please carpool)

  

Pagoda Hibiscus (Hibiscus schottlandii) Kau (Cordia alliodora) Desert Rose (Adenium obesum)

**XERISCAPE WORKSHOPS**

9:15 - 10:45 a.m.	Xeriscape 101 - Mark Takemoto
11:00 - 11:45 a.m.	Water Saving Container Gardening - Brian and Imelda Cyr
12:00 - 12:45 p.m.	User Friendly Compost - Terri and Kanani Langley
1:00 - 1:45 p.m.	Good Bug vs. Bad Bug - Diane Moses
2:00 - 2:45 p.m.	Rain Barrel Catchment - Amy Tsuneyoshi and Carolyn "Cat" Sewal

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### Ho'omaluhia Night Walk

Join the Ho'omaluhia Botanical Garden Staff for a walk to explore nature after dark! The garden gates will be open on Saturday, August 13, from 5:30 p.m. to 9:00 p.m. for picnics and tours (tour reservations required: 233-7323).