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THE WONDERFUL WORLD OF *NEOREGELIA*

Our June meeting featured a program showing off the amazing range of *Neoregelia*. With the help of generous loans from Sharon Peterson—who thankfully labels all her plants—Troy brought in over a dozen different *Neo* varieties, including eight hybrids and cultivars of *Neo. carcharodon*. Who knew that *Neo* could be that sharp-toothed, which is what *carcharodon* means (*Carcharodon carcharias* is the scientific name for the great white shark!), or that hybrids and cultivars of one species could offer such an array of size, shape, color, and variegation. Featured plants included *Neo. carcharodon* 'Silver,' *Neo. carcharodon* 'Tiger,' *Neo. 'Mo Pepper Please'*, and *Neo. 'Hannibal Lecter'* (photo right), a cross of *Neo. punctatissema* and *Neo. carcharodon* 'Tiger.'



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JULY MEETING

This Saturday, **July 27**, we meet at

Lyon Arboretum

at **Noon.**

Our hospitality hosts are

Helen (drinks) & **Susan** (snacks).

REPORT OF THE MEETING OF JUNE 29, 2013

Lyon Arboretum

ATTENDING: Susan Andrade, Marie Ferdun, Raleigh Ferdun, Helen Friend, Marie Grininger, Terese Leber, Ed Nishiyama, Jorji Oden, Troy Oden, Karen Rohter, Stan Schab, and Lynette Wageman. GUEST: Jen Ishikawa (courtesy of Marie F.).

CONVENED: 12:10; ADJOURNED: 3:00.

HOSPITALITY: Our Hospitality Hosts for July are Helen (drinks) and Susan (snacks); and for August, Karen G. (drinks) and Tessie (snacks).

BROMELIADS IN PARADISE: Here's an update on activity on the conference front.

PARTICIPATION AND PUBLICITY: Lynette sent letters to Bromeliad Society International Hawai'i members—all fourteen or so—encouraging them to participate in *Bromeliads in Paradise*, and particularly in the plant show and sale. Of course, she also offered them the opportunity to “contribute to the success” of the conference by donating time or money. To date, she has received one reply. Lynette also noted that she will contact former HBS members, especially those who no longer live here, and invite them to donate money or time to the event.

Marie reported that she received about ten responses to the seventy-five form letters she had sent informing organizations and individuals about the conference—including a bonsai society's expression of interest in hosting a display. She will follow up with personal letters, and will coordinate further contact with Lynette.

EXHIBITS AND DISPLAYS: Troy agreed to serve as chair of the Exhibits and Displays committee. He will work with any organization or individual who wants to set up a display, and will coordinate the exhibits with the Ala Moana hotel staff. Three sizes of tables will be available. Troy will also coordinate exhibit banners, and will work with Lisa Vinzant and other growers on supplying cut flowers for display.

BANQUET: BSI is estimating that about thirty tables will be needed for the conference banquet, which means that we will need to create a like number of table displays. Lynette described how the ornate centerpieces at the Orlando conference made talking across and around the table difficult—not to mention eating. She contacted well-known floral arranger Jeanne Carter, who has agreed to hold a tutorial for us in floral arranging; all we will need to do is supply the plants. She may also be able to advise us when it actually comes time to prepare the centerpieces, and perhaps even to enlist help from other Garden Club of Honolulu members.

HBS members decided to hold off on choosing favors for the banquet place settings.

BAGS. Members opted to select a two-tone tote for the conference bag. The tote is about 13 by 13 by 3 inches, with 24 inch handles, and will have a green body with a black bottom band. Instead of the logo, the bag will feature the conference name and place, in an eye-shaped design (thank you, Marie F.), in white lettering and a Comic sans serif font. Jorji will follow up on price and production information.

LANYARDS: In keeping with Jorji's advice, members agreed to go with an Office Depot, two-sided pocket casing, clipped to a shell lei, for an inexpensive, but attractive and “Hawai'i-themed” conference badge holder.

AWARDS: A sincere thank you to Ed for donating several beautiful bowls made by his friend Larry Rodriguez. The recipients of these awards will really be honored.

Raleigh reminded members that award bowls can be irregular in shape if they are in good condition. If they need refurbishing, they should be round.

And Marie reminded members that we will need about twenty-six awards.

AUCTION: Many thanks to Troy for serving as the auctioneer; to Susan for being the bank; to Troy, Helen, and Karen for the plants (including Troy's “baby giant”); to Marie F. for the packing peanuts to add to potting mixes; to Marie G. for the CD holders; and especially to Karen for the mangos—all in all, a truly “fruitful” auction.

