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THE WINDWARD ORCHID SOCIETY SPRING SHOW

For the first time in many years, our Hawai'i Bromeliad Society participated in a local flower show. With help from many members, the coordinating committee of Val Wong, Terese Leber, and Tom Stuart created a double tabletop display with a dramatic arch of *Neoregelia* and *Tillandsia*. The arch was an old tree limb that Troy Oden had cut down and mounted on pieces of lumber to keep stable. Troy already had *Neoregelia*, *Billbergia*, and *Aechmea* attached to the limb (with panty hose!), but we further embellished it until it was full. Once it was placed on the table, the display was about seven feet tall. At least fifty plants of various genera were arranged around the base of the tree, with an outer border of driftwood and *hinahina* (*Tillandsia usneoides*). On one end of the display, we had educational handouts to take away ("B is for Bromeliads," newsletters, HBS business cards, mosquito control information), and a display binder with text and photos of a dozen popular bromeliad genera.

Thanks to the members who gave plants and time to make this show a success: Lynette Wageman, Raleigh and Marie Ferdun, Troy, Jorji, and Eddie Oden, Mary Louise Boyd, Betty Chang, Karen Rohter, Marie Grininger, Susan Andrade, Marcy Doseo, Val and Randy Wong, Lyon Arboretum (via Tom and Randy), Terese Leber and Stan Schab, and Tom Stuart.

On Sunday, Tom (also a WOS member) gave a presentation on bromeliad culture to about twenty-five orchid show visitors. The talk included general information on how to grow and care for bromeliads, and examples of the six most popular genera. To make sure that everyone started growing bromeliads, each person was given a *Neoregelia compacta* to take home. This is always a sure-fire plant for beginners. One of the participants was Sid Sneidar, who is now our newest member.

Special thanks to Lynette Wageman, who brought homemade lunch for those setting up the exhibit on Thursday morning. Take down on Sunday afternoon was extra fast because so many members came to help.

You can find photos of the exhibit on page 3 of this newsletter, and posted on our website www.hawaiibromeliadsociety.org.

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MARCH MEETING

This Saturday, MARCH 31, we meet at **Mary Louise Boyd's house.**

We will meet between 9 and 10 a.m. and work on her bromeliad garden, with a business meeting to follow.

Our hospitality hosts are Terese & Stan.

For more information, see page 4.

REPORT OF THE MEETING OF FEBRUARY 25, 2012

Annetta's house

ATTENDING: Susan Andrade (presiding), Betty Chang, Marie Ferdun, Raleigh Ferdun, Marie Grininger, Annetta Kinnicutt, Terese Leber, Sally Mist, Jorji Oden, Troy Oden, Karen Rohter, Stan Schab, Tom Stuart, Lynette Wageman, Hazel Wong, and Val Wong.

CONVENED: 12:15; Adjourned: 2:45

ANNOUNCEMENTS: Lynette reported that Jill Laughlin from Lyon Arboretum had informed her that Gwen Ihrig, a long-time HBS member and former secretary, had passed away. The Society approved

contributing \$100 to Lyon Arboretum in Gwen's memory.

Susan noted that we had received a letter from the Arboretum on February 12 thanking the Society for our annual donation, which we provide in exchange for meeting and library space. Lynette also reported that Steve Good, editor of the *Journal of the Bromeliad Society*, has asked if anyone would like to write an article for the journal as an affiliate member.

PROGRAMS: The March program, which will be held at the Arboretum, will feature "Dr. Tom" Stuart, and will focus on what to do with sick plants (NOTE: THIS PROGRAM HAS BEEN POSTPONED).

HOSPITALITY: Terese and Stan will serve as hospitality hosts for March.

OLD BUSINESS: Terese and Val discussed plans for the HBS display at the Windward Orchid Society show. We will set up two tables, side by side, creating a display area of about 8 by 6 feet. The tables will be covered with shade cloth and then burlap, dropping to the floor. Tom has risers that can go down the middle of the tables. Susan has found the two HBS signs. Lynette, Raleigh, Marie G., Betty, Sally, and Susan noted that they had potential display plants, although some might be too big for the tables. Troy described his "Bromo tree," which Terese agreed to go see after the meeting. Members should plan to drop off their plants on Thursday morning, March 15, between 9 and 10 (Susan also offered her house as a place to drop-off plants over the next two weeks), and to pick them up on Sunday afternoon after 4. Plants don't need to be in fancy pots, as they will be wrapped in burlap. Terese and Stan will also prepare educational display materials about bromeliads and the Society. The display will not need to be staffed during the show, although Tom Stuart, Karen Gollero, and Tessie Labra should be there most of the time.

Lynette announced that she had delayed drafting a letter to the Bromeliad Society International declining the opportunity to host the 2014 BSI conference, because Troy had suggested looking into the idea more closely. Besides exploring previous BSI conferences, he assembled from the State Department of Agriculture a packet of information on procedures for importing and inspecting bromeliads (which will be covered in an upcoming newsletter). Troy has a lot of experience organizing various events, including youth conferences, scouting, and graduation activities. He sketched out a number of possibilities for accommodations and conference events, activities, and accompanying material. Troy, Lynette, and Marie agreed to continue working on the idea of our hosting the event. They plan to meet with Lisa Vinzant or a similar grower who has attended BSI conferences, and will find out what the deadline is for submitting a proposal to BSI.

THIS MONTH'S PROGRAM: In keeping with this year's theme of classification and identification, Marie passed out a quiz on *Guzmania* recognition and cultivation. Raleigh brought a couple of samples of *Neoregelia pauciflora*, a good choice for growing in hanging baskets. And Annetta gave fascinated HBS members tours of her garden and home (see page 4).

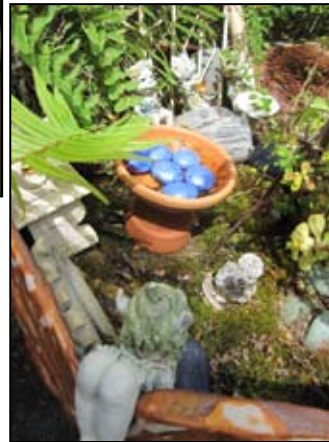


WOS 2012

**"Go Green with Orchids"
&
Aechmea,
Tillandsia,
Cryptanthus,
Neos . . .**



THANK YOU, ANNETTA!



HBS members thoroughly enjoyed the “garden and home” tours offered by Annetta Kinnicutt, our February host. Every turn—in fact, every step—offered a new delight, from the plants themselves to Annetta’s pottery and whimsical ceramic art work, ranging from fairy homes to trolls and tree sprites.

* MARCH MEETING ALERT *

The March meeting location has been changed from Lyon Arboretum to Mary Louise’s house (map is attached). We will meet between 9 and 10 a.m. to work on her bromeliad garden. Mary Louise’s family wants to keep the plants that are close to the house, so she can enjoy them now that she has returned from the rehab center. However, we need to clear the plants off the concrete next to the living room, thin out and clean up the area by the Plumeria tree in front, and remove the plants in front (*Aechmea* and two kinds of *Neoregelia*). Lynette will luna the gardening work. We will be able to take what we want, because what’s left will be given away. We will wind up around Noon, with a refreshment break, followed by a short business meeting before we leave.

Come prepared to work in the sun!

Spring Plant Sale

At the Lyon Arboretum

Date: Saturday, May 12th, 9 am – 2 pm

Assorted Ti, Orchids, Anthuriums, Gingers,
Heliconias, Bromeliads, Tillandsias, Native Plants,
Garden and Lanai Plants,
Jams & Jellies, Haku Leis & Wristlets

FREE shuttle service to the Arboretum

**Pick up points at Po‘elua Street and Nip Street
where they intersect with Manoa Road**

FREE ADMISSION

For more information, call 988-0456

To volunteer at the plant sale, contact Jill Laughlin
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