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NEW GROWTH IN THE GARDEN

As part of the run up to the World Bromeliad Conference this September, HBS volunteers are helping to resurrect the Lyon Arboretum Bromeliad Garden. Located a couple hundred yards up the Main Trail, just past the Sukhothai Walking Buddha Statue, the garden has not been looking its best of late.

Over the past few weeks, HBS volunteers and Arboretum staff and students directed by Hajime Fujisaki have braved the mud and drizzle and slippery slopes of upper Mānoa Valley to prepare sections of the garden for replanting. On March 21—Happy Spring!—landscape designer Stephen Haus, who is overseeing the garden's reconstruction, delivered a truckload of *Vriesea* and *Neoregelia*, compliments of Sharon Petersen, along with rocks for terracing, and with his help and direction, along with Hajime, volunteers Randy, Lynette, Karen, Helen, and Stan replanted two areas, one featuring Sharon's *Vriesea* hybrids and another highlighting her *Neoregelia*.

Stop by to see the new plantings, as they grow in. There's more to be done, but thanks to Sharon, Stephen, HBS volunteers, and Arboretum staff, WBC attendees and Arboretum visitors will be in for a real treat.



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MARCH MEETING

This Saturday,
March 29,
we meet at Lyon Arboretum
at Noon.

REPORT OF THE MEETING OF FEBRUARY 22, 2014

Lyon Arboretum

ATTENDING: Susan Andrade (presiding), Marcy Doseo, Marie Ferdun, Raleigh Ferdun, Helen Friend, Karen Gollero, Nancy Hiraoka, Tessie Labra, Terese Leber, Larry McGraw, Karen Rohter, Stanley Schab, and Lynette Wageman. GUESTS: John and Gail. CONVENED: 12:10; ADJOURNED: 2:15

TREASURER'S REPORT: Tessie reported that our current balance is \$2,628.77. She will prepare a report of expenditures and income for 2013.

CONFERENCE REPORT: Susan and Marie reported that they had been contacted by groups from the Bahamas and from Florida with questions about conference participation without registration. They refer such questions to the Bromeliad Society International and Bonnie Boutwell, as the official sources of conference information, which can be also be found in the Conference Corner section of the *Journal of the Bromeliad Society* and on the BSI website.

ALOHA BASKETS: Karen passed out a current list of Aloha Basket items, noting that they have more than enough baskets but are still collecting ingredients. She and Helen will assemble a sample basket to show members. Lynette noted that sometimes conference registrants supply basket items, or non-plant items to sell at auction, as for example a pillow donated by a BSI member that features a map of O'ahu.



BAGS: We now have our conference bags, which Marie picked up and brought in to show members. She explained that we decided to order 300 bags, even though we don't expect that many participants, because the higher rate that we would have to pay if we only ordered 150 bags would have made the cost almost as much.

DONATIONS: **Thank you to Nancy Ekern** for a donation of \$100 toward the conference in honor of Paul Ekern. Nancy is a bromeliad grower and friend of Lynette's—who also talked her dentist into contributing \$150 in support of the conference! Lynette has a template of letters to friends and potential donors, if other HBS members would like to seek support. We also have a brochure that can be given to possible corporate sponsors. Tessie noted that she will try contacting her employer, Walmart, because it supports local charities and events. Raleigh reminded us that checks for the conferences should be made out to *WBC 2014*, because they will be deposited in the conference account and not the regular HBS account.

VOLUNTEERS: Terese asked conference organizers and members to brainstorm ideas of what we could provide non-HBS members for volunteering at the conference.



TOURS: Lynette reported that the price for the optional Sunday Hawai'i Island trip to visit David Shiigi's and David Fell's nurseries, Volcanoes National Park, and other sites has been set at \$100, plus participants must make their own flight reservations.

PROGRAM: Lynette described her recent adventures volunteering at Sharon Petersen's nursery, and brought in several *Neoregelia* hybrids for show and tell, including a cross between a 'Marian' and a 'Takemura Princeps' that is sturdy and can take sun, a *Neoregelia* 'Mulberry' and a *Neoregelia* 'Bianca.'

IKEBANA + BROMELIADS = A SPECIAL APRIL HBS MEETING

by Val Wong

Have you ever thought about bringing in bromeliads from your garden to incorporate in an arrangement in your home or office? We have been approached by the Ikebana Institute of the Ohara School to hold a unique Joint Activity in April that will give us ideas and options on how this can be done using some of the principles of the Ohara School of Japanese flower arrangement.

In cooperation and consultation with members and principals of the Ohara School, we have planned a special set of activities for our April meeting, which will be held as usual at Lyon Arboretum, on the last Saturday in April—April 26—but with a little different timing and organization.

Elaine Arita, Sensei of the School has kindly consented to introduce us to some of the principles and techniques of the school through a demonstration, followed by a hands-on workshop. The School in turn is very interested in learning about the different types of bromeliads and how to take care of them. Ohara School members will be joining us at the meeting, and Tom Stuart has agreed to lead a presentation on bromeliad varieties and cultivation.

So here is what we have planned for April.

11:30 HBS Business Meeting. Instead of noon, we will start our business meeting at 11:30.

12:00 HBS/Ikebana Institute Meeting Part I. Bromeliad Varieties and Cultivation. Featuring Tom Stuart.

12:30 Refreshments—to relax and clear our minds.

12:45 HBS/Ikebana Institute Meeting Part II. The Ohara School of Ikebana. Featuring Elaine Arita.

1:45 Hands-on Arranging Workshop—Practicing what we've learned.

2:15 Joint Clean-Up.

2:30 Pau.



There will be a cost for supplies and materials (not including greenery and bromeliads) for the hands-on workshop, which we estimate at approximately \$6 per participant. We also estimate that up to 36 participants can be accommodated in the hands-on activity—18 from each organization. The Ikebana group will be charging their participants \$5 each, with the remainder subsidized by their organization. HBS participants in the hands-on activity will be asked to bring 2 or 3 bromeliads and greenery to use/share in the activity. The type of bromeliads and greenery has yet to be determined but may include small *Neoregelia*, *Tillandsia*, *Cryptanthus*, and possibly *Aechmea* blossoms. Details will be forthcoming, following more input from the Ohara school.

Your suggestions and feedback on this proposed activity are very welcome. At the upcoming HBS Meeting this Saturday, March 29th, please be prepared to

—approve, reject, or amend these plans for this joint activity (we need to confirm with the Ohara School as soon as possible after the meeting)

—decide how the supplies and materials fee for HBS participants in the workshop will be paid (by the individuals, by HBS, or shared)

There will be an **April 15 sign-up deadline** for workshop participants, to allow for timely purchase of supplies and materials and planning for refreshments.

For additional information on the Ohara School and Ikebana, see www.ohararyu.or.jp/english/index_e.html. Copies of their latest newsletter will also be available at our March meeting.

WINDWARD ORCHID SOCIETY 2014 SPRING SHOW

The Windward Orchid Society hosted “Gorgeous Colors of Orchids,” its thirty-fourth annual Spring Show and Plant Sale from Friday, March 21, to Sunday, March 23, 2014, at the King Intermediate School Armory, in Kāneʻohe, and for the third year running, HBS provided a stunning table display of bromeliads.

Many thanks to the set up and take down crew members Val and Randy, Marie, Karen, Lynette, Terese, and non-HBS volunteer Susan Lee, and to Lynette, Karen, Helen, Raleigh and Marie, Susan Andrade, and Terese for the plants and display items.

