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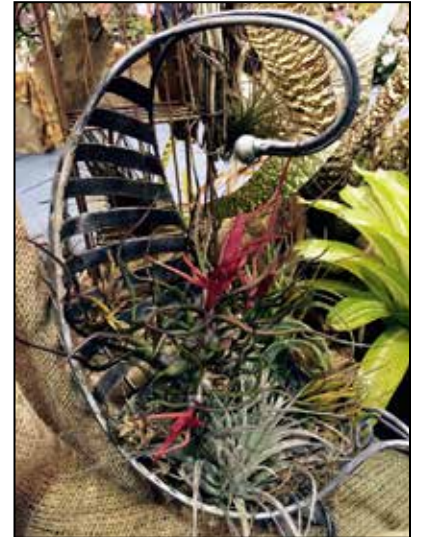
TILLANDSIA TIPS AND TRICKS—A HANDS-ON WORKSHOP

Tillandsia: we know 'em, we grow 'em, we love 'em. But how much do we *really* know about this most prolific of Bromeliad genres?

Did you know that there are well over 600 recognized species of *Tillandsia*, and probably at least that many more varieties and cultivars? That among bromeliads this genus grows over the widest geographical and environmental range, and varies the most in size? That besides “air plants,” *Tillandsia* are called epiphytes (from Greek words that can mean to grow on something) because they don't need soil, but can grow on other plants without harming them?

Our March program will focus on *Tillandsia*, and will feature our own Lynette Wageman, fresh from a sold-out engagement at the Windward Orchid Show (well, her lecture on bromeliad cultivation was actually free—but to a full house!). Lynette will talk about *Tillandsia*, their basic characteristics, and cultivation techniques. But this program promises to be far more than just a talk. We're also going to have a hands-on plant workshop.

We're asking everyone to please bring a *Tillandsia* or something that might make a good base for mounting a *Tillandsia*—a piece of driftwood, a rock, a shell, a cup, and old Spam can. If you have extra to share, please bring them too. Mounting, decoration, and display tools and materials will be on hand, and we'll each have a chance to create our own *Tillandsia* display, and to take it home. Some of us have been working with these plants expertly for years—as shown by the sample display from Nancie's table at the Windward Orchid Show (above right)—so this meeting will provide an opportunity to learn from one another and to share our experiences and techniques.



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MARCH MEETING

This Saturday, March 28,
we meet at 12:30 at
Lyon Arboretum.

Our hospitality hosts are
Dolores and Ed.

REPORT OF THE MEETING OF FEBRUARY 28, 2015

Lyon Arboretum

ATTENDING: Susan Andrade, Frances Arakaki, Nancie Arakaki, Raleigh Ferdun, Karen Gollero, Nancy Hiraoka, Naty Hopewell, John Ishihara, Tessie Labra, Terese Leber (Presiding), Larry McGraw, Sally Mist, Ed Nishiyama, Gail Rabideau, Dolores Roldan, Jaime Roldan, Stan Schab, Lynette Wageman, Randy Wong, and Val Wong.

CONVENED: 12:45 ADJOURNED: 1:30, for tour.

Terese explained that we would first have a short business meeting and auction, followed by a tour of Lyon Arboretum led by the Arboretum's Educational Specialist and Volunteer Coordinator Jill Laughlin. Terese also noted that, thanks to Lynette's persuasiveness, the Arboretum reduced its usual \$10 per person fee for docent-led tours to \$5. The Society moved that

HBS pay for any members who wish to take the tour.

MEMBERSHIP: An updated membership directory was circulated. Efforts will be made to contact some of our absent members to see how they are doing and if they wish to renew their memberships. Tabled for future discussion was the issue of what benefits HBS membership should provide. Terese noted that we will again start bringing name tags to the meetings.

HBS TREASURER'S REPORT: Dolores reported that the current balance is \$9,828.38. She circulated a draft 2015 budget, broken down by month.

BSI MEMBERSHIP: The Society moved

to pay the Bromeliad Society International \$600 to cover affiliate membership for 2015, 2016, and 2017; in addition to dues, the contribution will be specified to support the BSI journal, and conservation, education, and research programs.

PROGRAMS: John reported that for March he will try to put together a program with a professional photographer providing tips on photographing plants.

HOSPITALITY: Our March hosts are Dolores (food) and Ed (drinks). For April, Helen has signed up for food. To sign up, or for more information, contact Hospitality Chair Susan.

OLD BUSINESS: Terese reminded members about the upcoming Windward Orchid Society Spring Show, in which HBS will have a display. Volunteers are needed for the display set up, on Thursday, March 19, from 9 to 11 am, and breakdown, on Sunday, March 21, at 4 pm. Contributions of plants and display items are welcome. You will get your plants back, so please don't forget to label them. For more information, contact Terese.

NEW BUSINESS: Terese announced that the Garden Club of Honolulu will have its Triennial Flower Show at the Honolulu Museum of Art from May 8 to 10. The displays, which are spectacular, incorporate a wide variety of plants, including bromeliads.

SHOW AND TELL: Thank you to Larry for providing some great *Tillandsia* specimens for show and tell, including a *Tillandsia bulbosa* cross that he finger-fertilized, and a *Tillandsia streptophylla*; and to Lynette for demonstrating how the inflorescence can be used to distinguish between *Vriesea* and *Guzmania*.

AUCTION: Thanks to Larry for serving as auctioneer, and to Ed for providing some beautiful plants for auction, including an *Aechmea* 'Snowflakes' and a Lisa Vinzant hybrid, a *Neoregelia* 'Blueberry Tiger.'



Larry showing one of his *Tillandsia*.

A WEEKEND OF ORCHIDS — AND BROMELIADS TOO

Friday, Saturday, and Sunday, March 20 to 22, was a great weekend for O‘ahu plant lovers, as both the Windward Orchid Society and the Kunia Orchid Society held their annual Spring Shows—with the help of HBS members and vendors.

The crackerjack HBS display team hosted a two-table display at the Windward Orchid Society’s “35th Anniversary & Still Growing” show. Many thanks to Lynette, Marcy, Marie, Randy, Susan, Terese, and Val for setting up (and taking down) the display, and for providing plants, signage, and display features.

In addition to the HBS display, Nancie Arakaki hosted her own display, with some great *Tillandsia* mountings, and she and Marcy were also busy as vendors at the Show.



And for those of us who couldn’t make it to the Windward Show in Kaneohe, the Kunia Orchid Society’s sixty-first annual show took place at Leilehua High School in Wahiawa, with Tessie Labra as one of the vendors.

LEFT: The set up crew, from left, Marie, Susan, and Terese (seated), and Randy, Val, and Lynette (standing).
 BELOW LEFT: Lynette, with some of her display plants.
 BELOW CENTER: Check out the inflorescence on Val and Randy’s *Vriesea*.
 BELOW RIGHT: Nancie’s display table.



A BEHIND THE SCENES LOOK AT LYON ARBORETUM

For our February program, about a dozen intrepid HBS members tagged along with Lyon Arboretum Volunteer Coordinator Jill Laughlin on a wet and wild tour of the Arboretum's many gardens. Jill took us "off road" through some of the Arboretum's back areas, explaining the Arboretum's history and the current projects taking place on site but generally out of public view. The Bromeliad Garden is currently off limits for an albizia tree removal project—check out the stump below—but removing these fast-growing, alien, and surprisingly fragile trees will make the garden area safer and sunnier to work in—and the Arboretum will welcome us back to help maintain the garden when it reopens!



3rd Annual Plants & Pots Sale

Saturday, April 25 • 9 am to 3:30 pm
45-061 Ka Hanahou Place
Hosted by Karen Kim of Pot Me Up!
& Featuring Lori Nakatsuka
(You may remember them both from
"Bromeliads in Paradise")
Steve Martin and Other Local Ceramicists
& A Variety of Windward Plant Vendors



Lyon Arboretum Plant Sale

Saturday, April 18, 2015 • 9 am to 2 pm.
At the Arboretum
Native and Ornamental Plants
Jams and Jellies

The Garden Club of Honolulu

Shangri La: The Flower Show
May 8 – 10, 2015 • Honolulu Museum of Art
The Garden Club of Honolulu's major flower and horticulture show takes place once every three years. This year's theme brings together the mythical view of Shangri La and Hawai'i's unique expressions of those qualities. Exhibits will feature floral design, horticulture, photography, botanical jewelry and needlework, a model ahupua'a, and a Persian garden.