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IT'S OFFICIAL—BROMELIADS IN PARADISE!

The Bromeliad Society International Board of Directors has voted to hold the World Bromeliad Conference 2014 in Hawai'i, and the Hawai'i Bromeliad Society has been selected as the conference host.

The BSI Board announced the decision last month, at the closing banquet of *Orlandiana '12*, the BSI's twentieth world conference. In an email announcing the award, BSI Vice President and conference coordinator Bonnie Boutwell declared that the Board was "interested, energized and ready to help" the HBS "plan a fun-filled conference" in 2014.

Many thanks are due to the members of the HBS conference planning committee—Marie Ferdun, Troy Oden, Sharon Petersen, Tom Stuart, and committee chair Lynette Wagemann—for their energy, hard work, and creativity in working with Bonnie and the BSI Board to



present Hawai'i as the ideal choice for the next conference. And thanks in particular are due to Troy for suggesting the conference name, *Bromeliads in Paradise*.

Upon learning that BSI had voted to award the event to Hawai'i, Lynette and Troy rearranged their schedules so that they could go to *Orlandiana '12* to represent the HBS at the closing banquet. For their story and photos, see the following pages.

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NOVEMBER MEETING

This Saturday, November 3, we will have a special November meeting at **Lyon Arboretum** at

12:30 (NOT 12).

Our hospitality hosts are Marie Ferdun and Marie Grininger, and our Special Guest will be Bonnie Boutwell, BSI Vice-President.

BRIEF NOTES ON ORLANDIANA '12



by Lynette Wagemann

Since it was my first World Bromeliad Conference, it was exciting to be among so many people who lived and breathed bromeliads in every shape and size. Overwhelming is not too strong a word to use here. We visited three home gardens. In one garden the owner placed down-turned, empty, colored wine bottles around the garden path, which was encircled with colored lights. I can just imagine how beautiful it looked at night. He also had lights suspended from a tree. I'm sure it looks like a fairyland at night

The Show Plant display was out-of-this-world, as you will see from Troy's pictures. There were some of Richard Lum's *Cryptanthus* and Lisa Vinzant's *Billbergia* grown by other bromeliad growers. David Fell, from Waimānalo, took his entry to the conference, and it won "Best in Show"! There was an entire ballroom wall covered with colorful paintings of bromeliads. And the Plant Auction—it was exciting to see enthusiasts bid for all the plants. There was even a section for a silent auction. Troy and I put in some bids, but we could not compete. Besides, we had to think of getting our plants back to Honolulu. This brings me to the Plant Sales. Wow! What a temptation! So many plants to choose from! Troy went crazy—I think he went overboard. I bought about twenty plants, mostly mini *Neos* and some *Cryptanthus*. Troy will tell you all about his purchases, and about readying our plants for shipment home.

There were interesting lectures by some well known growers. At another meeting, I will share my notes with everyone. The Poster sessions were also quite informative. In these segments, one topic is chosen and the presenter uses a poster(s) to illustrate the topic, usually talking for about 15-20 minutes.



*Vriesea (hieroglyphica x fosteriana)
x (nova x fosteriana rubra)*
by David Fell, Hawaiian Sunshine Nursery



Many, many people kept asking us about the site for the next meeting, but we learned how to evade the question until the Saturday night banquet, when it was officially announced. The shell leis were a hit. Troy and I were able to meet with Bonnie Boutwell, VP of the World Bromeliad Conference, and some of the Board members to discuss some major points on our hosting the next Conference in Honolulu. All in all we met lots of people, and Troy made lots of friends.

RIGHT: John Stodart, Michael's Bromeliads. *Alcantarea*. Best of Show, Horticultural; commercial horticultural display, individual non-blooming species.

BELOW, LEFT: Michael's Bromeliads. *Billbergia* 'braddah iz'. Commercial horticultural display.

BELOW, MIDDLE: Vicky Churnside. *Cryptanthus* 'ruby'. Best of Show, Artistic Division; Best *Cryptanthus* decorative container.

BELOW, RIGHT: Virginia Fortinez, *Neoregelia* 'painted delight'. Horticultural non-standard category, novice entries.

BOTTOM: Display honoring Mulford and Racine Foster.



Photos by Troy Oden. For a great album of Orlandiana '12 photos, check out Troy's Facebook page.



HARRY LUTHER, BROMELIAD EXPERT

Harry Luther, one of the world's authorities on bromeliads, passed away on October 17.

He was the founder of the Mulford B. Foster Bromeliad Identification Center at the Marie Selby Gardens in Sarasota, Florida, and served as its director for thirty years. He personally identified and named more than 180 species of bromeliads. In 2010, he moved to Singapore to take a position with Gardens by the Bay.

His involvement extended across the world, through his participation in many international organizations, including the Brazilian Bromeliad Society, Japanese Bromeliad Society, Sarasota Bromeliad Society, and the Florida Council of Bromeliad Societies, and through his more than 200 published articles. In 2009, he co-authored *Native Bromeliads of Florida*.

Luther's vast contributions in the bromeliad world earned him the position of Honorary Trustee of the Bromeliad Society International.



REPORT OF THE MEETING OF SEPTEMBER 29, 2012

Lyon Arboretum

ATTENDING: Susan Andrade (presiding), Marie Ferdun, Raleigh Ferdun, Marie Grininger, Helen Friend, Sam Kagesa, Annetta Kinnicutt, Terese Leber, Edward Nishiyama, Jorji Oden, Karen Rohter, Sherie St. Germain, Stan Schab, Sid Sneider, Hazel Wong, Randy Wong, and Val Wong.

CONVENED: 12:10; ADJOURNED: 2:00

PROGRAMS: Marie reported that she will check on our reservations at Ho‘omaluhia Botanical Garden for our December get-together.

HOSPITALITY: Our hosts for October are Marie Ferdun and Marie Grininger.

AUCTION: Thank you Helen, and Marie G., and Troy for supplying plants for our August auction.

And Thank You, Annetta, for bringing in all the painting and decorating supplies—not to mention arranging for our pots to be fired—and for leading us through the process of finishing our “handcrafting.”

And special thanks to Hospitality Hosts Jorji and Sid for the most memorable “dips and chips and cookies” spread we’ve had since last year at Ho‘omaluhia.



CALLING ALL BROMOS

OK, we’ve potted and painted—now it’s time for planting (and selling). Terese and Val are seeking Bromos for the upcoming East-West Center crafts fair. Last year, their efforts raised about \$300 for the HBS coffers—thanks largely to all the plants that members donated.

This year’s event will be held the week after Thanksgiving, on Thursday and Friday, November 29 and 30. The plants need some time to get used to their fancy new pots, so please, over the next week or two, look over your gardens and see what you can part with. If can, bring your plants to the meeting on Saturday; if not, talk with Terese and Val about when and where you can drop off your plants or they can be picked up.