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APRIL MEETING TO FOCUS ON PLANT SALE PREP

It's just around the corner: the Lyon Arboretum Spring Plant Sale is set for **Thursday, April 29th, Friday, April 30, and Saturday, May 1st**. This event will be a little more relaxed than the initial sale last fall, but will still follow COVID protocols. The sale is open from 9 to 5 each day, attendance is by reservation only, and each day will be broken up into eight one-hour time slots, with eight cars per slot. As of today, **all the customer spaces have been reserved**, so if you were thinking of going to buy plants, you'll have to come as a volunteer!

Many thanks to all the members busily preparing plants and other items to donate (besides plants, we will have HBS t-shirts and a few of Karen K.'s ceramic plant hangers for sale).

As a reminder for those donating **plants**: plants can be bare root, hanging, mounted, or potted. The plants don't need to be perfect, but should be reasonably clean and trimmed. Plants of all sizes are welcome, from small hanging *Tillandsia* and mini-*Neoregelia* to large, landscape-ready *Aechmea* and *Portea*. The most important item in regard to the plants is that we need to **label everything**. As the vendor instructions order: "Vendors are expected to have all plants priced as well as clearly and accurately labeled." Plant labels need to have three types of information: the letters **HBS** (so the cashiers know to credit the sale to us), **plant name**, and **price**. Please identify each plant by genus and species or cultivar name; if you don't know the species, just put the letters **sp**. For example, a label could read: HBS, *Tillandsia stricta*, \$5, or HBS, *Neoregelia* sp., \$8. Either stakes or string ties are ok for labeling the plants.

Members donating plants should have been sent a blank inventory sheet, prepared by David. Please list on that sheet (or on a piece of paper, if you didn't get an inventory sheet) all the plants you are donating, including name, size of pot or whether it's bare root, mounted, or hanging, and price. Please alphabetize the plant names, so that all the *Aechmea* are together, *Tillandsia* together, etc.

If you have any plants to contribute, please contact Terese for drop off or pick up. David has agreed to serve as a drop-off point for Windward-side plant donations. Because the plants must be labeled and priced and included in our inventory, we need them before the sale, by **Sunday, April 25**, if possible.

As for **sale equipment**, Terese will confirm with Lyon that they will provide a tent (and with Tom in case we need a back-up), with Val and Randy about a folding table, and with Dolores and Jaime about the screen for hanging plants. She will also order a new HBS sign, since our old one hasn't been seen since our last participation in the Windward Orchid Show.

As for **volunteers**: Terese will confirm the final schedule, but currently volunteers are organized as follows: Thursday, 8:00 to 11:30, David, Chris, Leslie, Terese, and Stan; 11:30–2:30, Susan and Naty; 2:30–5:00, Naty and Terese; Friday 8:30–11:30, Chris and Leslie, 11:30–2:30, Wendie and Stan, 2:30–5:00 Lynette and Terese; Saturday 8:30–11:30 Susan and Karen R., 11:30–2:30, Lynette and Stan, 2:30–5:00, Dolores, David, Lynette, and Terese.

Vendor set up and inventory check is scheduled for Wednesday afternoon, weather permitting. David, Terese, and Stan will coordinate with Lyon staff on the inventory (arranging the plants so they are best displayed for sale will be done on Thursday morning). As David noted, the more organized we are, and the more we've prepared ahead, the less stress and the easier and more fun it will be for everybody.

If you would like to help prepare the plants or staff the tent at the sale, please contact Terese.

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APRIL MEETING:

This Saturday,
April 24,
we meet at **12:30,**
on **ZOOM.**

REPORT OF THE MEETING OF MARCH 27, 2021

On Zoom

ATTENDING: Susan Andrade, David Fell, Naty Hopewell, Terese Leber (presiding), Wendie Liu, Georgia Lyman, Leslie Morishige, Karen Rohter, Stanley Schab, Chris Taylor, Lynette Wageman, Randy Wong, and Val Wong.

CONVENED: 12:35; **ADJOURNED:** 1:55.

Terese welcomed everyone, and thanked them for remembering to reserve time on the last Saturday of the month for HBS meetings.

Terese thanked Karen for sending a condolence card to the family of Nancy Arakaki, long-time HBS member who passed away recently, and displayed the nice thank you card we received from the family, which included an image of a floral watercolor Nancy had painted.

Terese noted that Arboretum director Rakan Zahawi (Zak), who was the guest speaker at our July 2018 meeting, is leaving the University to take on a new job as head of the Charles Darwin Research Station in the Galapagos Islands (a big deal in the conservation world!). Nellie Sugii, who manages the Hawaiian Rare Plant program at Lyon, will serve as the Acting Director.

TREASURER: Terese reported that our current First Hawaiian Bank account balance is \$12,490.01, which includes the deposit of \$1,808—our proceeds from the November sale at Lyon Arboretum—and the expenditures of \$1,000 and \$300 to the Arboretum to continue, respectively, our support of a student helper in the bromeliad garden and use of the Arboretum meeting facilities.

HBS T-SHIRTS: Terese raised the idea of selling our remaining HBS t-shirts at the Arboretum sale. Members agreed that it would be a good marketing promotion. Leslie reported that we still have about 50 shirts. Members have purchased more of the v-neck, purple shirt, but we still have 4 small, 5 medium, 5 large, and 5 extra large shirts. We have more of the gray unisex shirts: 8 small, 16 medium, 10 large, and 4 extra large. She reminded us that the shirts run small. She will bring the shirts to the sale, where they will be put on display and offered for sale for \$15. If any members would like to buy a shirt (at the member price of \$5!), let Leslie or Terese know, so that they can reserve the item that you want.



LIBRARY: Leslie and Terese agreed to check with the Arboretum staff about a good time to access our library cabinet (since the building is sometimes closed during these COVID days), so that they can check on the collection, add new items, and update the library catalog.

COCONUT CHIPS: David reminded us that he has received a shipment of coconut chips (a couple of tons!), and that members could buy a four-pack for \$30. The chips are prewashed, and a four-pack could expand to make about eight cubic feet, or a couple of wheelbarrows full of prime bromeliad-planting medium.

AUCTION: Terese reported on her investigation of online auctions. She agreed with members' comments that the cost of hiring a vendor to set up the auction, and the difficulty of delivering plants to the purchasers, makes an online auction unfeasible, so we'll skip it for now (even though the auction and the snacks can be the highlights of the meetings).