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HOLIDAY CRAFT FAIR SETS RECORD

Mahalo and Congratulations to all the HBS members who contributed time, effort, creativity, supplies, and of course, plants to support our participation in the 2016 East-West Center Holiday Craft Fair. Our efforts grossed a record \$800 for the Society. A special thank you to Vice President and Program Chair Gail Ishihara for spearheading the planning and sales preparation, and to retired and current East-West Center employees Terese Leber and Val Wong for hosting. The HBS tables featured an assortment of bromeliads, notably *Tillandsia* and *Neoregelia* (including some of Ed Nishiyama's wood-mounted Neos), holiday wreaths made from Norfolk Island pine boughs and bromeliads, and striking, cloth pot covers.



LEFT: Gail and her friend Molly setting up a display table.

BELOW: Terese overseeing the sales items.

RIGHT: The pot covers, provided by Gail, were a big hit.



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JANUARY MEETING

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

Our hospitality hosts are
Val and Randy.

HBS MEMBERS HELP OUT AT RENOWNED NURSERY

For a couple of days this month, HBS members had the opportunity to volunteer at Sharon's Plants, the nursery owned and operated for forty years by Sharon Petersen in the back of Waimanalo Valley, under the Koolau mountains.

Although her nursery features a range of fruit trees, shrubs, palms, bamboo, ground covers, and tropical plants, we of course know Sharon for her contributions to bromeliad cultivation and to HBS. She currently has seven greenhouses primarily devoted to bromeliads—principally *Neoregelia* and *Tillandsia*, but some *Vriesea* and rarer varieties as well.

To thank Sharon for the *Tillandsia* she provided for our Holiday brunch at the Willows Restaurant, and for the *Neoregelia* she furnished for the Bromeliad Garden at Lyon Arboretum, we took the opportunity to help her clean up and prepare the greenhouses for the biannual State Department of Agriculture inspection. And of course to have some fun, and learn more about bromeliads (and receive a free plant).



LEFT: Sharon Petersen with one of her *Neoregelia* cultivars.

BELOW: Val points out a new plant phenomenon to Randy.

BOTTOM: Karen and Jaime fill tubs with dead leaves.



CLOSE UP AND PERSONAL WITH SHARON'S PLANTS



Ed, Dolores, and Jaime examine tables of Neos (ABOVE LEFT); Ed in his element (ABOVE RIGHT)



Cultivating bromeliads really is like a box of chocolates . . . you never know what you're going to get. See how the new pup above shows a distinct variegation not found in the mother plant.

RIGHT: Name that Plant. Let's see how much we remember from Lynette's identification programs. This plant, with its distinctive pink inflorescence, was growing in some rocks outside Sharon's greenhouses.



REPORT OF THE MEETING OF OCTOBER 29, 2016

Lyon Arboretum

ATTENDING: Susan Andrade, Karen Gollero, Gail Rabideau Ishihara, John Ishihara, Tessie Labra, Terese Leber (presiding), Larry McGraw, Ed Nishiyama, Karen Rohter, Dolores Roldan, Jaime Roldan, Stan Schab, Lynette Wageman, Randy Wong, and Val Wong.

CONVENED: 1:00; ADJOURNED: 2:40.

TREASURER: Dolores reported that our current balance is a whopping \$10,153.67. Members suggested that HBS consider contributing more to BSI in 2017, or to Lyon Arboretum to fund a student worker to help in the Bromeliad Garden.

PROGRAMS: Terese welcomed ideas for 2017 programs. Suggestions included more field trips, including Foster Botanical Gardens, Kauai, and a return to Hilo. Ideas are also welcome as to what incentives or perks we can offer our speakers.

HOSPITALITY: Terese thanked Susan for providing hospitality for the meeting, and for serving as Hospitality Chair; special thanks to Gail for the Halloween cake. Susan circulated a sign-up list for the 2017 meetings. Our hospitality hosts for January are Val and Randy.

OLD BUSINESS: YEAR-END PARTY: Terese provided a sign-up sheet for the December 10 get-together at Willows Restaurant, starting at 12:30. Members will pay \$15 each, with HBS covering the rest of the cost—and everyone will receive a plant, thanks to Lynette's efforts and the good will of Sharon Petersen.

OLD BUSINESS: LYON'S BROMELIAD GARDEN: Terese thanked the Garden Group, and particularly Karen, Lynette, and Randy, for their time and effort in maintaining the Garden, which is slowly returning to its 2014 peak condition.

NEW BUSINESS: 2017 OFFICERS: Terese thanked Gail and John, Dolores, Susan, Karen Rohter, and Stan for agreeing to continue as HBS officers next year, and especially Karen Gollero and Tessie for serving as Librarians for 2016. Terese invited anyone interested in acting as Librarian to contact her, and reminded everyone that we are also in need of a Membership Chair. For more information about the duties of the various officers, please consult our newly revised by-laws (thank you, Naty).

NEW BUSINESS: WINDWARD ORCHID SHOW: Terese reported that HBS has been invited to host a display at the March 2017 Windward Orchid Show. Details will be forthcoming next year.

NEW BUSINESS: LARRY TO VISIT RAINFOREST: Larry very graciously has agreed to bundle any HBS orders for Rainforest Flora, which he will be visiting later this month. Paul Isley's company specializes in products for *Tillandsia*, including Tilly Tacker and Tilly Wire.



Lynette, Tessie, Karen, and Karen create holiday wreaths. Thanks to Gail for organizing the October program, preparing plants, pots, and other goodies for the 2016 Craft Fair.

