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MARCH SADNESS — NO MARCH MEETING

The HBS meeting scheduled for March 28 is CANCELLED. So is the Windward Orchid Show. Thank you, Dolores, for all your hard work and creativity—we've got a great head start on next year's show!

A FUN TIME AT DOLE PLANTATION

Pineapple still grows at Dole Plantation in Wahiawa, along with a good variety of other bromeliads, as the HBS members who made the trek to Dole for our February gathering discovered.

In addition to a short business meeting, members rode the Pineapple Express train past fields of pineapple and alternative crops including bananas, cacao, citrus trees, coffee, and ornamental flowers like puakenikeni. We also toured the Plantation gardens, which featured extensive plantings of bromeliads, including *Neoregelia*, *Aechmea*, and *Alcantarea*.



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MARCH MEETING

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Be Well.

Enjoy Your Gardens.

See You in April.

REPORT OF THE MEETING OF FEBRUARY 29, 2020

Dole Plantation

ATTENDING: Merrill Cutting, David Fell, Naty Hopewell, Terese Leber (presiding), Sally Mist (and son), Karen Rohter, Dolores Roldan, Jaime Roldan, Stanley Schab, and Val Wong.

CONVENED: 12:20; ADJOURNED: 12:50.

Terese welcomed everyone, and thanked them for coming to Dole Plantation, on what turned out to be an unexpectedly sunny day.

HOSPITALITY: The hospitality hosts for March are Judy and Ed.

MEMBERSHIP: Dolores collected dues from several delinquent members.

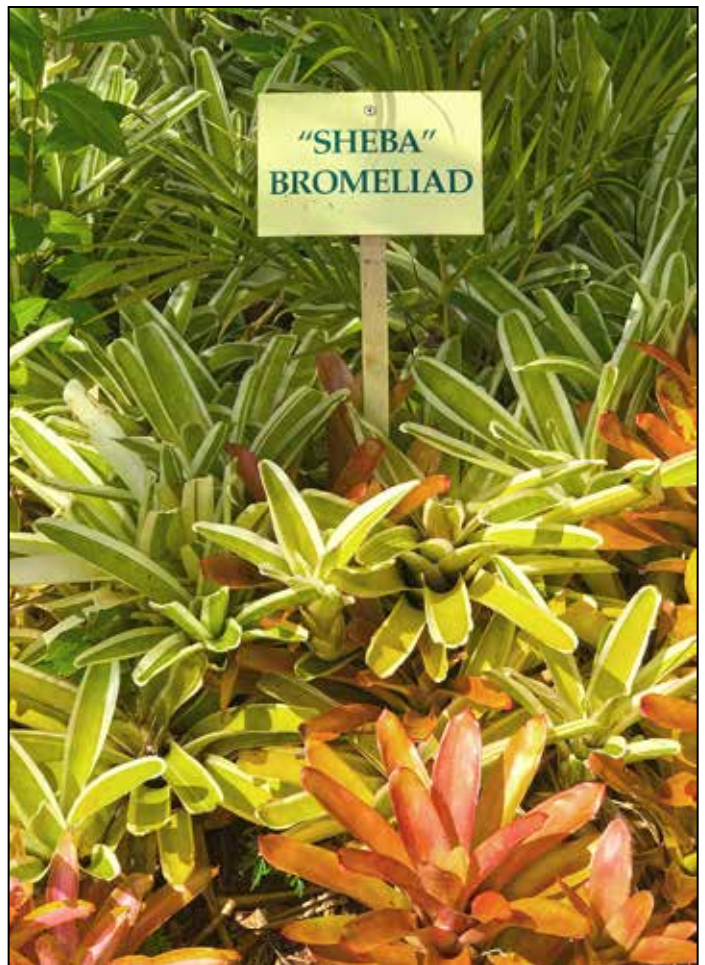
LIBRARY: Outgoing librarian Merrill returned her library cabinet key for delivery to new librarian Leslie.

OLD BUSINESS—WINDWARD ORCHID SHOW: Dolores updated members on the plans for our display at the 2020 Windward Orchid Society show, to be held at King Intermediate School Friday through Sunday, March 20, 21, and 22, with the set up on Thursday, March 19. She reminded us that when we bring plants to the set up, we should identify them and put our names on them. She and the design team of Naty and Karen Kim, and their helpers, will need big, medium, and small plants, which don't need to be potted; striking inflorescences, from *Aechmea*, for example, would also be good to have. Dolores will check with Larry about getting *Tillandsia* to hang on the tree that forms the center backdrop for the display. She will also check with Karen Kim about weed cloth to go under the display. David reminded us that he agreed to give the show's bromeliad cultivation talk on Sunday, but that he may have to go out of town; Lynette, Larry, and Tom were named as possible backup speakers.

NEW BUSINESS—T-SHIRTS: Val led members in a discussion of designs for new HBS T-shirts. She will incorporate their suggestions and circulate a revised design for the shirts.

OLD BUSINESS—BSI CONFERENCE AND MEMBERSHIP: Stan will contact the organizers of the Bromeliad Society International World Bromeliad Conference 2020, which will be held in Sarasota, Florida, from June 9 through June 13, about HBS putting an ad in the conference program, as we have done for previous BSI conferences.

Bromeliads were clearly the plant of choice for decoration at Dole Plantation, not just in the Bromeliad Garden, but along the walkways and framing photo opportunities—providing enough landscaping options to give even Naty some ideas!



BROMELIADS SET THE SCENE AT DOLE PLANTATION

The Dole Plantation Gardens include native plants, economic plants including cacao and coffee, and plants used for lei-making, but bromeliads are everywhere, highlighting vistas, marking borders, and separating the different areas.



TOURING DOLE GARDENS AND FIELDS

Besides playing tourist on the Pineapple Express—a narrated, historical overview of pineapple growing in Hawai'i as you ride past working fields—members got to see how Dole's landscapers made use of the variety of bromeliad color, size, and foliage to create striking scenes and patterns.

