



Friends of Honolulu Botanical Gardens

The Bodhi Leaf

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WINTER 2017

TAKE A HIKE !



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Spring 2017 Educational Tours

February 25, Saturday, 8:30 am: Kaena Point Hike with Hike Leader Joyce Spoehr

Come join us on a hike to Kaena Point Natural Area Reserve. The trail (5 miles round trip) follows the old railroad bed and former dirt road around the western part of Oahu. The area is home to native plants and seabirds. It's a great spot to view whales. Be prepared for rain, sun and mud (no flip flops or sneakers). Bring a quart of water and a snack. Starting point: Mokuleia side, at the end of Farrington Highway parking lot, Route 930, one mile past Camp Erdman.

April 8, Saturday, 10:30 am: The Yellin Garden in Pupukea

Dr. and Mrs. Albert Yellin have graciously offered to open their dryland garden of rare succulents and exotics from materials they cultivated at their Santa Monica, California, residence and collected from around the world.

May 7, Sunday, 9 am: Frankie's Nursery in Waimanalo

Frankie will conduct a tour of his famous collection of tropical fruit trees in his orchard. He is known for his grafting skills and is most generous with his time, so we encourage you to ask him any questions you may have about tropical fruit. Wear walking shoes/sneakers, please. Sales of fruit and plants will be available.

TO REGISTER: FHBG members \$15, non-members \$20. Please call 537-1708 or email the Friends at (friendsgardens@aol.com) with your reservation and payment. Minimum 5 people, maximum 15. Pre-registration is encouraged.

President's Message

Emmy's Notes.....Happy New Year to all our Friends and Visitors!

As we begin 2017, I would like to remind you of some of the exciting programs we have planned. On February 25, Joyce Spoehr will lead a wonderful Kaena Point hike. This Natural Area Preserve is home to native plants and seabirds. It's also a great spot to view whales. On March 25, we will have our Annual Meeting at Kapiolani Community College's dining area and sample the food prepared by our young chefs in training at their facility. A fascinating succulent garden can be explored on this campus, as well as student efforts in recycling and the ever changing herb garden. April 8 we return to the North Shore and a recently transformed garden in Pupukea. And May 7 we return to the ever popular Frankie's Nursery in Waimanalo.

Please call the Friends' office at 537-1708 or email the Friends (friendsgardens@aol.com) for complete information and registration. And be sure to check out the classes and events on the enclosed Honolulu Botanical Gardens Spring 2017 Program.

Come join us as we explore our island home!
Please call or email us if you would like to volunteer!

Emmy Seymour, President

Friends of Honolulu Botanical Gardens

**SPRING PLANT SALE
SAVE THE DATE
MAY 20, 2017**

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From the Director's Desk

Happy New Year to the Friends of Honolulu Botanical Gardens.
Wishing you a prosperous and happy new year.

On October 1, 2016, Winnie Singeo, Director of the Honolulu Botanical Gardens (HBG) retired. Thank you Winnie for all you have done for the gardens. May the years that lie ahead be filled with laughter, happiness and even more dreams achieved.

The Honolulu Botanical Garden staff has been very busy this holiday season. On Friday, December 2, 2016, the Christmas tree created by the Department of Parks and Recreation (DPR) Christmas Tree Committee was displayed in the courtyard at City Hall. It was awarded the Best in Show Award as well as third place for the Most Creative. The chairperson for the committee was Iris Fukunaga, Recreation Specialist II of HBG. Congratulations to Iris and her dedicated committee.

On Saturday, December 3, 2016, the DPR Christmas float, constructed by Brian Groelsma and the staff at Ho`omaluhia Botanical Garden, had a camping theme. The float included a picnic table, tent, simulated camp fire, park bench and Christmas lights and decorations. Michele Nekota, DPR Director and Jeanne Ishikawa, DPR Deputy Director rode on the float while staff walked alongside and handed out candy to the onlookers.

On December 18, 2016, President Barrack Obama, First Lady Michelle Obama and the President's entourage visited Ho`omaluhia Botanical Garden. They walked to the Day Use Area, through the Kuou campsites and viewed the Kaneohe area from the Water Tank Hill lookout. Olive Vanselow, Recreation Specialist I of HBG, was interviewed by a reporter of KHON-TV.

As was mentioned in the last newsletter, HBG will proudly join the Honolulu Biennial Festival, a celebration of contemporary art from the Pacific, Asia and the Americas. Fumio Nanjo, Director of Tokyo's Mori Art Museum, will curate this Biennial, which includes the works of international as well as local artists. Between four to six pieces of artwork will be featured at Foster Botanical Garden in March and April 2017.

For updates and final schedule of the events and activities above, be sure to check out our website:
www.honolulu.gov/parks/hbg.html

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TREE STORIES - PART 4

by Paul Weissich

FHBG Trustee Emeritus & former Director HBG



SINGAPORE PLUMERIA: In 1931 Dr. Harold Lyon obtained cuttings of *Plumeria obtusa* from the Singapore Botanic Garden hence its common name. Native to the Bahamas and Greater Antilles it is now common throughout Hawaii. The original tree is still to be seen at Foster Garden just mauka of the orchid greenhouse. The original common *Plumeria*, *P. rubra*, was introduced in 1860 by Hillebrand and is to be seen still thriving behind the classroom in the Lyon Orchid Garden. The latter is one of the sources of hundreds of hybrids producing flowers ranging from white through pink red, yellow. A fine collection may be seen at the entrance to the Koko Crater Botanical Garden.

