



Friends of Honolulu Botanical Gardens

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Our Long History of Plant Sales

by Paul Weissich

FHBG Trustee Emeritus & former Director HBG

The first Friends' sale was in 1961. If someone had bought all the palm species offered over the years that someone would now have a significant collection of tropical palms including a number of the endemic loulu. Long before it was the "in" thing our sales offered not only endemic palms but a wide variety of native plants many of which are now on the endangered list. We had help from such experts as Dr. Joseph Rock (our native plant mentor), Dr. Charles Lamoureux, and many others. In those early years the terms 'environment' and 'endangered species' were virtually unknown, or at least unused. Friends also introduced a wide variety of colorful landscape-worthy plants: over 40 Bougainvillea hybrids mostly from Kenya and then-Rhodesia, India and the Philippines. Of these probably the most popular and widely planted now is 'Miss Manila'.

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President's Message

Emmy's Notes.....

As you read this, we are moving into high gear for our annual Plant Sale. This year plans to be especially exciting. We have several new vendors, each of whom brings their own vibe to our sale. We will also have new classes; 4 in all. Our own Heidi Bornhorst will speak about native Hawaiian plants and have a signing of her new book available in our gift shop. We welcome Sharon Petersen, speaking on tillandsia and bromeliads and Mark Suiso, speaking on fruit trees here in the islands. Our own Scot Mitamura will once again talk passionately about orchids as only Scot can do.

We have openings for volunteers if you have a couple of hours to make new friends. Please call Kathy at the FHBG office 537-1708 to volunteer.

The gates will open early for members, so come early to take advantage of the opportunity to choose your favorite plants first – and to sign up for our classes. Classes are free but this year we will accept donations in a calabash at the sign-up table.

Remember that FHBG is here to support all of our 5 gardens here on Oahu; Foster, Ho'omaluhia, Koko Crater, Liliuokalani, and Wahiawa with signage, plant identification markers and enhanced research for our staff. We are also in the process of applying for additional educational and infrastructure grants.

Come! Enjoy! Seek out Jamba Juice for a thirst quencher and refresher!

Emmy Seymour, President

Friends of Honolulu Botanical Gardens

Donations

The Board of Trustees of the Friends of Honolulu Botanical Gardens would like to thank the following for their generous donations. Mahalo!

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Friends in Deed

All the wonderful volunteers who helped bring 'The Beginning of a Garden' to life, including HBG staff Iris Fukunaga and Cisco Del Campo, Jr.

From the Director's Desk

I am truly honored to serve as the Director of the Honolulu Botanical Gardens (HBG). I have been fortunate to spend much of my career as the HBG Horticulturist developing our plant collection. I understand the relationship between public understanding of our mission and our future success. I hope to perpetuate awareness with everything we do and build on the vision of those who served before me.

I want to thank Winifred Singeo, former HBG Director, who retired last October. I am sharing a favorite picture of her with our Foster Garden double coconut palm (*Lodoicea maldivica*). One of Winnie's many accomplishments was securing pollen from Singapore Botanic Gardens to pollinate our female palms. With Winnie's determination, we succeeded! We have eleven seeds germinating, which can take up to two years so, fingers crossed...

Foster Garden was delighted to host the Honolulu Art Biennial: Middle of Now/Here from March 8th – May 8th. The art engaged visitors in new ways and energized staff. There is talk of a hana hou in two years, so stay tuned.

Congratulations to our Programs Staff for exceeding their 5,000 ti-leaf lei goal for the Mayor's Memorial Day Ceremony. Mahalo to the volunteers who spent months crafting lei for this important day.

HBG looks forward to the Foster Garden Plant Sale on Sat., May 20th. We hope to see you stocking up on plants and attending the free classes with plant experts like HBG Orchid Specialist, Scot Mitamura and FHBG Board Member, Heidi Bornhorst.

Do you Facebook? Naomi Fenstemacher, HBG Botanist, posts photos that transport you to the gardens in one click. Cisco Martin Del Campo, HBG Volunteer Coordinator, keeps you current on HBG Events & Classes. In April, we launched our first HBG Garden News e-mail newsletter. If you want HBG news in your Inbox, email us at: HBG.gardennews@gmail.com.

We have a new website address: www.honolulu-botanical-gardens.com. Please visit to view our HBG Summer Programs Calendar. Mark your calendars for the Foster Garden Midsummer Night's Glean and our Twilight Summer Concert Series. Summer is a great time to camp at Ho'omaluhia or hike at Koko Crater. There is much to do at the gardens, so please stay in touch.

Lastly, mahalo for your support! The gardens needs committed members like you participating in our programs and enjoying these special gardens.

Joshlyn D. Sand, Director

Honolulu Botanical Gardens



Joshlyn D. Sand



Former HBG Director, Winnie Singeo

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Our first double introduction, “Carmencita”, caused a near riot. We were given a full-page color photo in one of the major newspapers showing Teri Yamamoto holding an overflowing armful of the double carmine-red flower clusters. People were lined up from the Foster Garden gate all the way to the corner of Vineyard and Nuuanu. Berta MacNaughton, our plant sale chairman, had to stand at the gate to prevent eager plant lovers from climbing in prior to opening. Berta was small, soft spoken but firm. At opening it was like the Oklahoma

landrush, people at a full run, leaping over plant-filled tables in their way. We were sold out in about 3 minutes and only wished our volunteers had grown many more. For many years the Friends had an active group of volunteers 6 to 10 strong who met every Tuesday at Foster Garden every week of the year. They propagated new introductions of trees, shrubs and vines from our contacts in the tropics worldwide. Participating plant sale vendors introduced, through our sales, new orchids, ferns, anthuriums, bromeliads, cactus and succulents, especially the colorful Adeniums which are just now beginning to make important color statements in the xeriscape and will become widespread in future leeward gardens.

plant sale *Planting Ideas*

Foster Botanical Garden
SATURDAY, MAY 20 • 9 AM - 2 PM

FREE CLASSES FIRST COME FIRST SERVED NO PRE-REGISTRATION	FREE ADMISSION Parking on Vineyard Blvd. & at Kauluwela School
10 am - Growing Native Hawaiian Plants	537-1708
11 am - Mangoes & Fruit Trees	Sponsored by Friends of Honolulu Botanical Gardens & City and County of Honolulu
12 pm - Bromeliads & Tillandsias	
1 pm - Success at Growing Orchids	

Editor's Note: Paul Weissich is as much a part of the Honolulu Botanical Gardens as our Bo tree. He became director of the Gardens in 1957, and served until 1989. Paul remained active as a board member after his retirement until he moved to the mainland 3-1/2 years ago, and he keeps a close watch on the Friends' activities.

