

THE BOODHI LEAF

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WINTER 2019

FHBG WINTER/SPRING 2019 EDUCATIONAL TOURS

JAN 27 **Sunday, 9:30-11 am**
THE ART OF NARCISSUS, a collaborative group of carvers will present a lecture and demonstration of the crab claw carving technique at Foster Botanical Garden. The event will include a brief cultural history of the narcissus by Stephen Fong, a video presentation of the carving technique by Cyrus Won and actual demonstrations of the carving technique by Dorinda Won, Wayne Ng, Stephen Fong and Cyrus Won. Participants will be able to ask questions and visibly see how this technique is done. We anticipate (weather permitting) having actual blooming Narcissus available for viewing. A book authored by Cyrus Won about this technique will be available for purchase in the gift shop. Fee: Garden Admission. Reservations required. Phone: 768-7135 (for Narcissus event only)

FEB 24 **Sunday, 8:30 am** **Kaena Point Hike with 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.

APR 7 **Sunday, 10 am-noon**
University of Hawaii at Manoa Plant Walk with Dr. Richard Criley, Emeritus Professor of Horticulture, Tropical Plant & Soil Sciences Areas to be covered: Japanese Garden, East-West student center garden, McCarthy Mall, other sites on the east side of campus, possibly including the Vine fence, BioMed building, St. John Plant Science bldg., Korean Studies grounds, and other interesting landscape features. Wear comfortable shoes, sunscreen. Meet at Kennedy Theater (East-West Road plaza - parking behind the theater and along East-West Road - no charge on Sundays.)

JUN 2 **Sunday, 9:30-11 am**
Frankie's Nursery, 41-999 Mahiku Place, Waimanalo Frankie Sekiya will

conduct a tour of his orchard and his famous tropical fruit collection. He is remarkable, knowledgeable and generous with his time, so we encourage you to ask him questions you may have about tropical fruit. Wear walking shoes/sneakers, please. Sales of fruit and plants will be available.

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



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A big mahalo to all the wonderful volunteers who helped bring 'The Beginning of a Garden' to life.

Emmy's Notes:

Happy New Year and welcome to another glorious year at the Honolulu Botanical Gardens. We have lots going on at all the gardens so my wish is that you visit them all, not only the one closest to you.

Our educational escapades offer new presentations and old favorites. Be sure to check them out and call to register.

Our plant sale on April 27 coincides with the Honolulu Biennial and Foster Garden will showcase contemporary art from around the world. This is a wonderful interaction of art and artists in a beautiful garden setting. Do you remember the "Cloud" over Foster Garden from 2 years ago?

— Emmy Seymour, President

MARK YOUR CALENDARS

March 16, 2019 - FHBG Annual Meeting
at Kapiolani Community College, Members and guests welcome!

April 27, 2019 - Spring Plant Sale

The theme will be container plants featuring edibles from small herbs to large fruit trees.

The Friends of Honolulu Botanical Gardens is sad to report that **John Brinck**, a longtime board member, passed away in September 2018 in Palm Desert, CA. John was an active board member, serving in many positions including president and treasurer.

From the Director's Desk....

I send you a belated wish for a wonderful 2019! We are so thankful for your tremendous support and service to our gardens. We hope you can visit often because we believe connecting with nature is a vital part of living a healthy life. We delight in creating ways for you to slow down or recharge, learn something new, or simply appreciate the beauty that surrounds you.

The **2019 HBG Spring Programs Calendar** is available on www.honolulubotanicalgardens.com. It is the perfect time to start planning your **Spring Vegetable Garden**, learn to **Meditate** or master **Tao Calligraphy**, improve your Photography Skills, and more. Check out the options and join us!

Foster Garden is honored to return as one of ten site partners for the **Honolulu Biennial 2019: To Make Wrong/Right/Now** from March 8th to



Local Artist, Sean Connolly's "Thatch Assembly with Rocks (2060s)" during the **2017 Honolulu Biennial** at Foster Garden.

May 5. The garden will be activated with six art installations by Bernice Akamine, Amy Yao, Bruna Stude, Misaki Kawai, Abraham Cruzvillegas, and FHBG friend and local artist, Leland Miyano. Leland will be constructing a canoe from invasive plants and found materials beginning in late January and the process will continue through February. Come by and check him out! For event info go to: www.honolulubiennial.org.

You will find the venue list, exhibit details, and profiles on the 29 international and 19 local artists and artist groups commissioned to inspire connections and understanding of indigenous perspectives through art.

We recently said mahalo and aloha to two HBG staff members as they begin their well-deserved retirement adventure. Wayne Sasaki, Honolulu Community Gardens Coordinator, served HBG for six years, but served the Department of Parks and



Robin Sunio (R) standing in front of the Egyptian Doum Palm on his last day at Koko Crater with fellow HBG staff member Anna Marie Mentac.

Recreation for a total of 28 years of service. Wayne was a true diplomat who extended leadership and direction to 11 community gardens serving 2,000 gardeners. Robin Sunio, Koko Crater Nursery Worker II, began his career at Ho'omaluhia. Shortly afterward, he transferred to Koko Crater at its inception and worked passionately developing this incredible resource for 38 years. We owe Robin deep gratitude for his skills, tenacity, and vision. When people think of Koko Crater, they think about Robin, and without him this garden would not be what it is today. Both will be truly missed...

See you in the gardens!

Joshlyn D. Sand

Director, Honolulu Botanical Gardens



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NIGHTTIME IN THE GARDEN

The city street I live on is a busy one.
A steady stream of cars, trucks, buses,
Unmuffled motorbikes, find their way by.
Often indistinguishable from the wind,
often accentuated by sirens
headed to or from nearby hospitals,
it is an insistent river of noisy metal.

Across that street is a botanical garden
whose fourteen acres of plants tower above
the neighborhood. Their prominence is largely
a sensory one. These tropical beings beautifully
and silently ignore the rushing traffic.
Year-round, they emit aromas sweeter,
more pungent and far harder to ignore
than a vehicle's exhaust fumes.

Late at night, when life is quieter, traffic
subsides. Some of the plants awaken. They
attract pollinators and creatures that thrive
after sundown. It's a wonder I can sleep at all.
I will say this: The voices of the Night-Blooming
Cereus, Gigasiphon, Ixora, and others are melodic,
not that loud, and delightfully optimistic.

by Alexander Kufel

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