



Friends of Honolulu Botanical Gardens

The Bodhi Leaf

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SPRING 2012

SPRING PLANT SALE

Foster Botanical Garden

Saturday, May 26, 2012

9 am to 2 pm

Free Admission

Honolulu's original plant sale

And the only one on Oahu held in a world famous botanical garden

Fragrant Garden Plants - Garden Tours

Large selection of rare and unusual plants
(suitable for both indoor and outdoor, apartments & lanais)

A variety of fragrant plants including gardenia & jasmine, Native Hawaiian plants, Native Hawaiian ferns including 'iwa'iwa (maidenhair) and hapu'u keiki, lotus, air plants, orchids, heliconias, fragrant gingers, drought-tolerant succulents for sun and filtered light, cacti, ceramic planters, small dish gardens, loose and mounted tillandsias & bromeliads, ti plants, anthuriums (30 + varieties – from mini to large Obake - some new varieties), many unusual plants not found in garden shops

President's Message

Around the world and through the ages, people love gardens. I'm no exception. Gardens have a wonderful effect on me. They are so inviting and mood altering. One minute, I am in downtown traffic and behaving badly. A short time later, I'm drawn into the wonderland of Foster Gardens and a smile takes over my face and I'm at peace with the world. So, do yourself a favor and find an excuse to visit one of our five awe-inspiring gardens. Just in case you're not in a creative mood and need some hints, here are three suggestions that might inspire a visit:

1. Drive by the Wahiawa Botanical Garden on California Avenue and see if the Blue Jade Vine is still in bloom. You can see it from the parking lot. It's spectacular right now as I write this later in late April. It blooms often throughout the year, so any time you are in Wahiawa, it's a good reason to explore the garden there.

2. Those of you lucky enough to live in the Kaneohe area can always visit the Ho'omaluhia Botanical Garden. It has 400 acres of geographically-organized gardens and offers numerous programs (such as: fishing, camping, and guided tours) as well as a continuous series of art shows. I go there regularly to visit my favorite tree, the *Saraca thaipingensis*, which is currently covered with brilliant yellow-orange flowers.

3. Go to the Foster Garden Plant Sale. May 26, 9am to 2pm. Spring is prime time for flowering plants and the colors will be spectacular. Our sale is featuring fragrant plants, so you're welcome to sniff around.

I'll be at the Foster Garden plant sale counting the money, something I've been doing for 30 years. It's one of my excuses for visiting the gardens.

Bill Follmer

Friends of Honolulu Botanical Gardens

Year-End Donations

February 1st to April 30th 2012

The Board of Trustees of the Friends of Honolulu Botanical Gardens would like to thank the following for their generous response to our year-end appeal.

Mahalo!

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“Get this one, Nana !!”



From the Director's Desk

The mission of the Honolulu Botanical Gardens (HBG) is to plan, develop, grow, curate, maintain and study documented collections of tropical plants in an aesthetic setting for the purposes of: Conservation, Botany, Horticulture, Education, and Recreation.

Most visitors to the Foster, Lili'uokalani, Ho`omaluhia, Koko Crater and Wahiawa Botanical Gardens realize the impact of "Conservation, Botany, Horticulture, and Education" immediately when they see the diverse and unique plant collections at each site.

Many visitors, however, never get to experience "Education" beyond the plant signs, or the "Recreation" in the gardens. At the HBG, we also provide "Education" through botanical interpretive programs that demonstrate the importance of plants in our lives and the need to conserve them.

Have you ever participated in any of the botanical interpretive programs that we offer? These programs include guided tours of the gardens to learn about the often fascinating lives of plants, classes on growing honohono and vanilla orchids, propagating and pruning tropical plants, and tips on keeping your plants healthy.

Then there are the classes that focus on some popular uses for plants, such as weaving lauhala mats and hats, ti leaf lei using native and non-native flowers and ferns, holiday wreaths composed of tiny succulent plants, carving the narcissus bulb for Chinese New Year, and cooking with herbs.

What about "Recreation" at the gardens? The gardens provide a pleasant and interesting venue for people to walk and explore the outdoors. Depending on which garden site is chosen, the walk can range from low impact to moderately strenuous. At Ho`omaluhia and Koko Crater Botanical Gardens, they may be more accurately described as hikes.

Ho`omaluhia is the real magnet in the recreational program at the HBG. You can learn to identify plants in a nature hike and birds in a bird walk class. Individuals and families can picnic, camp, and also fish (catch-and-release) at this garden on weekends. Bamboo fishing poles are even loaned out to the public without charge!

According to Webster's Dictionary (I still use one), the word "recreation" comes from the root word "recreate" - to create anew, restore, refresh: refreshment of strength and spirits after work". There is no better place for that than Foster Botanical Garden on Thursday evenings in June and July. Spend a relaxing evening in the cool, green garden listening to your favorite music, with friends, family, and food. Life doesn't get much better than this.

Winnie Singeo

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Visit www.honolulu.gov/parks/hbg
for more information.
Then come visit the gardens!



Young conservationists on a nature hike at Ho`omaluhia Botanical Garden.

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Looking for something different at this year's sale?
Consider the following:

The Acai palm, whose fruit has the highest levels
of antioxidants of any known fruit;

Anthurum "White Heart", a new introduction
from the Netherlands that has pure white flowers
that develops a pink blush before turning green;

Electra Ti, with beautiful red leaves with pink
markings running the length of the leaves.

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