



FRIENDS OF HĀLAWA XERISCAPE GARDEN

P.O. BOX 3089, Honolulu, HI 96802

Spring 2018

In an effort to go paperless, the FOHXG Winter 2017 newsletter was sent out electronically to members that provided us with an email address on their membership form. That newsletter informed members of the 2018 FOHXG General Membership meeting which was held on February 10, 2018. It was brought to our attention that some people did not receive the electronic newsletter and we apologize for any inconvenience this may have caused. The Spring newsletter has been sent out electronically as well as in the mail. If you did not receive the newsletter electronically, please check your "junk" or "spam" folder and add friendsofhalawa@gmail.com to your contact list. We will continue to send newsletters electronically to those that provided email addresses. If you prefer to receive a hard copy newsletter, please let us know at friendsofhalawa@gmail.com.

2018 marks the 30th anniversary of the Hālawa Xeriscape Garden Open House and Unthirsty Plant Sale!

The much anticipated annual plant sale will be held August 4, 2018 at the Hālawa Xeriscape Garden. Plans are in the works to have special entertainment and activities. In addition to the fabulous plant vendors and informative workshops and display booths, the Water for People food booth will return with their 'ono treats. Come early and stay to celebrate this milestone anniversary of the garden with us!

Don't forget, current members at the time of the sale have early bird entry (8:30am) and 10% of plant sale purchases.



Volunteers are needed to help with various tasks the day of the plant sale (Saturday, August 4, 2018) from 8:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.

Volunteers will receive a parking pass (must arrive before 8am and stay for the whole day), FOHXG t-shirt and lunch.

For more information or to sign up as a volunteer, please contact Sheri Mikami at 748-5320 or via email: smikami@hbws.org by June 1, 2018.

The Hālawa Xeriscape Garden is open to the public Wednesdays and Saturdays 9:00am to 3:00pm. It's a great spot to have lunch if you are in the area.

Interested in "garden therapy" or want to get your hands dirty? Call 748-5315 for more information on our Weedy Wednesdays and/or Spruce-Up Saturdays. The Propagation group meets on Wednesdays 9:00am to 12noon.

Did you know...?

There is a lot of gardening and plant information available online, but how do you know it is from a reliable source?

The University of Hawaii College of Tropical Agriculture and Human Resources (CTAHR) is a great resource for free fact sheets and papers and for a small fee, services such as soil testing and plant diagnostics are available to the public.

Check out the following links to grow your mind:

CTAHR services and resources page:

<https://cms.ctahr.hawaii.edu/services.aspx>

Home garden:

<https://www.ctahr.hawaii.edu/Site/PubList.aspx?key=Home%20Garden>

Insect pests:

<https://www.ctahr.hawaii.edu/Site/PubList.aspx?key=Insect%20Pests>

Ornamentals and Flowers

<https://www.ctahr.hawaii.edu/Site/PubList.aspx?key=Ornamentals%20and%20Flowers>

Can't find an answer to your question? Ask an expert online:

<https://www.ctahr.hawaii.edu/ate/>

Contact Oahu Master Gardeners
(Mon. – Fri., 9am-noon)

(808) 453-6055

OahuMg@ctahr.hawaii.edu

Wish List

The propagation group is looking for:

- Volunteers are needed to help with the Propagation group. Volunteers will help mix potting soil, propagate and repot plants, learn about xeriphytic plants, and have fun!
- Clean plastic/clay pots
- Sturdy 3 gallon storage bins with covers
- 1-3 gallon buckets with lids

If you have items/plants you would like to donate, please email pictures to friendsofhalawa@gmail.com and notify the Hālawā Xeriscape Garden office at 748-5315

A Hui Hou

Paul R. Weissich (1925-2018)

By Heidi Leianuenue Bornhorst

In 1950, Paul Weissich, a young landscape architect fresh from the Navy and UC Berkeley, came to Hawaii and landed a job with famed landscape architect Richard Tongg. Weissich then worked for the City and was handpicked by former

Director, Dr. Harold Lyon, as his replacement to lead the Honolulu Botanical Gardens where he served as Director from 1957-1989. He envisioned subtropical gardens in the various ecological zones of Hawaii. His vision included the hot dry xeric zone of Koko Crater in East Oahu, the lowland rainforest at Hoomaluhia Botanical Garden in Kaneohe, the upland cool rainforest in Wahiawa Botanical Garden in Central Oahu, native plants at Liliuokalani, as well as building upon the original garden of big trees from around the world at Foster Garden.

Weissich was one of the founding members of the Friends of Halawa Xeriscape Garden that establish the Halawa Xeriscape Garden. He said "Hawaii xeriscapes should use our local botanical richness, we don't have to be cactus and rocks like the mainland". Paul Weissich left us with a fabulous botanical and horticultural legacy filled with huge old amazing and wonderful trees from Hawaii and around the world.



Paul Weissich with Heidi Bornhorst

A Hui Hou - until we meet again.

Quick Links

Hālawā Xeriscape Garden Facebook page

<https://www.facebook.com/BWSHXG/?fref=ts> (Remember to like us!)

FOHXG Workshop Schedule

<http://www.boardofwatersupply.com/news-events/workshops/workshop-schedule>

Xeric Seed Program

<http://www.boardofwatersupply.com/conservation/xeriscape/xeric-seed-program>

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What's new at the Garden



Changes are brewing at the garden!

The oasis pond will be going through a makeover in April with the help of volunteers from the Pacific Water Conference Community Service Group.

Stop by the garden to see the "before" and come back in May to see the transformation!

The President's Corner

Aloha Members,

Spring time is here! Living in Hawaii, we are blessed to have mild seasons where flowers bloom throughout the year. May is right around the corner which means Lei Day is almost here. Each year I look forward to the May Day festivities on May 1st at Kapiolani Park where people of all ages and skill levels show off their creativity to make lei for the annual lei day celebration. If you haven't been to the lei contest before, I encourage you to stop by. If you look closely, you will be able to distinguish lei made with drought tolerant plants. Maybe this will spark ideas for new plants to add to your garden.

Here's a link for more information about the May Day festivities.

<https://www.honolulu.gov/parks/program/182-site-dpr-cat/1685-lei-day.html>

Happy Gardening,



Amy Tsuneyoshi

Friends of Hālawā Xeriscape Garden
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FOHXG Workshops



Whimsical Reusables



Advanced aquaponics

Here's a list of the remaining workshops leading up to the plant sale. Don't forget- if you see a workshop you're interested in attending, one of the benefits as a current FOHXG member is early bird registration, so register today!

Workshops are held at the Hālawā Xeriscape Garden and start at 10:30am unless noted.

April 28	Whimsical Reusables
May 5	Advanced Aquaponics
May 19	How to Select the Right Potting Mix
August 4	30 th Annual Hālawā Xeriscape Garden Open House and Unthirsty Plant Sale

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