



Amy's Corner

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WATER SAVING TIPS FOR THE GARDEN

As we enter the dry summer season, we look for ways to minimize water usage to conserve our water supply. We can maximize our water by using it again in the landscape.

Here are a few tips you can try in your garden:

- ❖ When rinsing vegetables or washing rice, collect the rinse water in a bucket or better yet wash these items outside and pour your rinse water over your garden.
- ❖ Keep a bucket handy by the outside faucets. When washing up, place the bucket underneath to capture the water. At the end of the day, pour the water over your favorite plant.
- ❖ Direct your washing machine water into the landscape. Beware of fabric softeners which may have clay or other materials that may not be good for your soil.
- ❖ Capture the rain - Why use water from the faucet when you can get water for free! Use a rain barrel to collect rainwater. The Halawa Xeriscape Garden has hands-on workshops on how you can make your own rain barrels.

Friends of Halawa Xeriscape Garden
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Events Schedule

July

Propagation Group

Wednesdays – 9:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.

07/02/08 07/09/08 07/17/08

07/30/08 and 07/31/08 Plant sale prep.

Board of Directors Special Events

07/24/08 – 9:00 a.m. KHON interviews

11:30 a.m. FOHXC Board of

Directors Meeting

07/25/08 – 10:15 a.m. Mayor's Proclamation

August

08/02/08

**20th Anniversary celebration of the Annual
Halawa Xeriscape Garden Open House and**

Unthirsty Plant Sale

9:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m.

Propagation Group

Wednesdays – 9:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.

08/13/08 08/20/08 08/27/08

September

Propagation Group

Wednesdays - 10:30 - 12:30

09/03/08 09/10/08 09/17/08 09/24/08

Board of Directors Special Events

09/10/08 – 11:30 a.m. – FOHXC Board of

Directors Meeting

09/13/08 – 9:30 a.m. – 12:30 p.m.

Worm Compost Workshop

Volunteer Opportunity

09/20/08 – 9:30 a.m. – 11:30 a.m.

Weed Be-Gone Day (call 748-5363 for info.)



FOHXG Quarterly



Summer 2008

NAME THE QUARTERLY!

Aloha FOHXG Members, enjoy your second FOHXG Quarterly Update. It's your link to exciting information about FOHXG activities. Future publications will host a quarterly article by FOHXG President, Wayne Sasaki, and the Board of Water Supply's Watershed Program Manager, Amy Tsuneyoshi. It will also feature a Plant of the Quarter, Event Calendar, and info about FOHXG sponsored workshops, water saving tips and other gardening tidbits. Please submit your entries by August 5, 2008 to dmoses@hbws.org or mail them to Board of Water Supply, Communications Office, 630 S. Beretania St. Honolulu, HI 96843 - Attn: Diane M. Moses. The winning entrant will receive a recognition article and native plant. Questions? Call Diane @ 748-5363

BOARD MEMBERS

FOHXG Board Members are:

Officers: *President;* Wayne Sasaki, *Vice President;* Elsie Nakasone, *Secretary;* Diane Moses, *Treasurer;* Amy Tsuneyoshi, **Committee Chairs:** *Membership;* Rene Kurasaki, *Holiday Events;* Ruby Siu, *Propagation;* Betty Slaughter, **Board Members:** Arthur Aiu, Heidi Bornhorst, Pat England, Alice Kadowaki, Fusae Kiyokawa, Susan Matsusuhima, Joe Mori, Eileen Yamada, and Ayako Yamashita.

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GARDEN WORKSHOPS!

We experienced an outstanding response to our recently sponsored FOHXG workshops. Workshops began with a wiggly experience and hands-on application in caring for



Composting Worms. The workshop, directed by Mindy Jaffe of Waikiki Worms, was a gooey hit! The **Tillandsia Mother's Day** workshop directed by bromeliad enthusiast Marty Lum sent many guests home with happy faces,

great gifts for mom and lots of information on how to care for their new plants. The Hawaii Green House directed the following workshops. **Home Brew** caught the interest of local TV stations and our community. Participants learned how to mix organic insect repellent and fertilizer for use in their own gardens. You can view our new compost pile, which was built as the activity for the **Garden Compost** workshop; it can be found under the African Gardenia Tree. We are saving water in a most unusual way and you can too! See our **Rain Catchment Barrel** it was created during a workshop and will be on display near the garden's pavilion before the rainy season begins. During a **Spiral Garden** workshop participants learned how to create high productivity in a small space. They eagerly created a spiral garden from the ground up and were delighted with their final product!

Our sample garden is on display in our herb section.



More workshops will begin in September, Don't forget members of FOHXG receive special discount rates for classes held at the garden!

20th Annual Plant Sale

We will celebrate the 20th anniversary of the Annual Halawa Xeriscape Garden Open House and Unthirsty Plant Sale! Mark your calendars for August 2, 2008, and join us in the celebration from 9:00 a.m. until 3:00 p.m. (8:30 a.m. for early bird FOHXG members). There will be many activities for the community to enjoy from entering a Xeriscape drawing and purchasing plants at great prices, to free mini workshops and educational booths! Even your keiki will have a great time participating in fun, new activities like; Who's That Bug face painting and plant a Keiki garden! Plan on spending a fantastic day with us!

It is also a good time to renew your membership and receive 10% off plant purchases that day!



WEED BE-GONE DAYS

Assist with weeding and invasive species control. Join our next Weed Be-Gone Day, Saturday September 20, 2008 from 9:00 a.m. – 11:30 a.m. Call Diane Moses at 748-5363 or e-mail dmoses@hbws.org and volunteer for this event.