Amy’s Corner

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.

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. FOHXG 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.

**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. – FOHXG 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.)
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 Tsuneoyoshi. 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

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!

BOARD MEMBERS
FOHXG Board Members are:
Officers: President; Wayne Sasaki, Vice President; Elsie Nakasone, Secretary; Diane Moses, Treasurer; Amy Tsuneoyoshi, 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 Matsushuma, Joe Mori, Eileen Yamada, and Ayako Yamashita.

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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.