



## Amy's Tips

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### WATER SAVING TIPS FOR THE GARDEN

The use of Xeriscape “unthirsty” plants will help you to save water outdoors. Also rain barrel water catchment systems can be effectively implemented in your Xeriscape gardens. I hope you enjoy the pictures of the Barry Family’s Extreme Xeriscape Make-Over take special note of how beauty and functionality can work together. Don’t forget, workshops for FOHXG members are FREE or at a discount. To stay abreast of future conservation-type workshops visit our website at [www.boardofwatersupply.com](http://www.boardofwatersupply.com).



Before

After



FOHXG Board Members and the Barry Family

Friends of Halawa Xeriscape Garden  
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## Events Schedule

### January 2009

#### Propagation Group

Meets each Wednesday at Halawa Xeriscape Garden – 9:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.

#### **Volunteer Opportunity**

**01/24/09** – 9:30 a.m. – 11:30 a.m.

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

#### **Board of Director’s Special Events**

**01/21/09** – Director’s Meeting 11:30 a.m. Halawa Xeriscape Garden

**01/31/09** – 10:00 – 11:30 a.m.

**General Membership Meeting – Halawa Xeriscape Garden**

#### **Halawa Xeriscape Workshop Schedule**

Workshops start at 10:00

**01/07/09** – Parent/Keiki Water Conservation

**01/17/09** – Rain Barrel Water Catchment

### February 2009

#### Propagation Group

Meets each Wednesday at Halawa Xeriscape Garden – 9:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.

#### **Halawa Xeriscape Workshop Schedule**

Workshops start at 10:00

**02/07/09** – Nature Valentine Cards

**02/21/09** – Propagation of Native Plants

**02/28/09** – Organic Pesticides

### March 2009

#### Propagation Group

Meets each Wednesday at Halawa Xeriscape Garden – 9:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.

#### **Halawa Xeriscape Workshop Schedule**

Workshops start at 10:00 a.m.

**03/14/09** – Sprouting Bean/Soy Bean

**03/28/09** – How to Xeriscape

#### **Board of Director’s Special Events**

**03/18/09** – Director’s Meeting 11:30a.m

Halawa Xeriscape Garden



# Xeriscape Seasonal



Autumn/Winter 2008

## NAME THAT QUARTERLY!

Aloha FOHXG Members, Thank you very much for the many creative responses to our “Name that quarterly contest.” They were all great entries and selecting a winner was difficult. The winning title is “Xeriscape Seasonal” and our winner wishes to remain anonymous. Whoever you are, congratulations on that great entry!

## HOLIDAY GARDEN WORKSHOPS!



Our new Parent-Keiki workshops sponsored by the FOHXG, created and directed by Jessica Chung are off to a great start!

The curriculum is

creatively developed to combine seasonal holiday crafts, and water conservation principles. Our first workshop happened just in time for Halloween. Parents and Keiki enjoyed the “Keiki Pumpkin Fun Workshop.” Participants learned about the Pumpkin plant’s xerophytic characteristics and how plants receive nutrients. This fun-filled morning ended with a water drop scavenger hunt in the garden and a pumpkin seed planting to take home and grow. “A Living Wreath” opened the adult holiday workshops. This workshop directed by Bromeliad enthusiast Marty Lum, left guest with smiles of accomplishment, festive wreaths, and the know how to convert and

display the basic wreath into seasonal centerpieces for year long enjoyment!



Keiki Workshop “Leaves, Leaves, Leaves” helped celebrate Thanksgiving. Participants learned how to identify xerophytic plants by their leaves and how to use some of these leaves to create a *Thankful Wreath*,

which they could proudly display as a decoration in their home!

Our very own, tastefully creative Arthur Aiu directed two “Xeriscape Wreath Workshops”.

Guests left with great looking wreaths and feelings of success.



We later learned that one of these fantastic creations won an award and could be seen on exhibit at Honolulu Hale!

## Rain Barrel Water Catchment Workshop



directed by BWS’ Carolyn (Cat) Sawai, and Amy Tsuneyoshi, proved to be an all time favorite for the general community. Since the start of these workshops approximately 40 guests have learned how to

construct and use their own 55-gallon rain barrel water catchment system. The community is so excited about this workshop that it was truly a

challenge to keep up with all the inquiries and requests to attend future workshops. Way to go team!!!! Stay informed about ongoing workshops by checking our website at [www.boardwatersupply.com](http://www.boardwatersupply.com)

## Xeriscape Makeover has a Winner!

As you all know the highlight of our 20<sup>th</sup> Anniversary celebration of the Halawa Xeriscape Garden Open House and Unthirsty Plant Sale was to give a \$20,000 Xeriscape Makeover to one lucky homeowner! All 300+ entries were reviewed for requirement compliance. Those who met requirements were selected as possible finalists. The first place winner, randomly selected from this finalists group, was the Nick & Celeste Barry Family of Pacific Palisades! The groundbreaking ceremony took place on November 10, 2008 and the public unveiling January 12, 2009. This makeover was made possible by the extreme generosity of Steve’s Gardening, Rainbird Systems, FOHXG and BWS. FOHXG Board members Wayne Sasaki, Elsie Nakasone, Rene Kurasaki, Aileen Yamada, Diane Moses and Arthur Aiu and member Walter Miyashiro attended January’s unveiling. *(Please see Amy’s Tips for pictures of the event.)*

## MEETING REMINDERS

### Board of Directors’ Meeting –

Halawa Xeriscape Garden,  
Wednesday, 01/21/09 at 11:30 a.m.

### Annual General Membership Meeting –

Halawa Xeriscape Garden,  
Saturday, 01/31/09 from 10:00 – 11:30 a.m.