



# Xeriscape Seasonal



Fall/Winter 2009

## Board Members Visit Local Nursery



FOHXG Board members scheduled visits to several local nurseries on Oahu in hopes of getting some new ideas for their own propagation area in Halawa. Due to heavy torrential rains the day before their visits, all but one nursery needed to cancel! They visited R&S Nii Nursery (long-time vendor at Unthirsty Plant Sale) in Hawaii Kai and found it to very dry (suitable for xeriscape plants), beautiful and spacious with many varieties of xeriphytic plants. They came away motivated and ready to begin their efforts to increase their plant supply for the 21<sup>st</sup> Annual Unthirsty Plant Sale scheduled for Saturday, August 7, 2010.

If you (or someone you know\*) are interested and would like to volunteer your talent and time to help beautify the garden call Diane Moses at:

Phone: 748-5363

E-mail: [tours@hbws.org](mailto:tours@hbws.org)

(\* - For example, high school students needing community service hours)

## FOHXG Propagation Volunteers Win Prestigious Landscape Award

On June 29th, the Friends of Halawa Xeriscape Garden's Wednesday Propagation Group was awarded Scenic Hawaii's 2009 Betty Crocker Landscape Award for Volunteer Group of the Year! We are proud of your accomplishment!

Alice Kadowaki founded the group 20 years ago to teach others how to properly propagate xeriphytic and native plants. Currently, Betty Slaughter, who has been a member since it's inception, leads the propagation group. Through her quiet leadership, the propagation group continues to be a vital part in growing and generating plants for the annual plant sale.

Congratulations and Mahalo to Betty, Alice, Fusae, Ruby, Elsie, Pat, Rene, Eileen, Ayako, Toyon, Chip, Joe, David, Ron and Walter. A dedicated group of volunteers who are "Very Xeri and Green" even before "Going Green" became popular!



## LOOKING BACK AT 2009

It's been a busy year for FOHXG.

- A newly constructed wooden structure for the volunteers' work area!
- New volunteer projects in the garden have provided a very nice face-lift for the left front drive and the pavilion/office area. Promise, more coming this year!
- In May, plantings from the KeikiScapes Garden were "recycled" into the main garden, an economical way to fill in empty garden areas.
- FREE mulch is available to the community during Saturday's public hours. Thanks in part to the City & County's Recycling Office and BWS Grounds keeping crews.
- This year FOHXG sponsored these worthy projects:
  - Betty Crocker Landscape Awards
  - BWS Water Conservation Week Poster & Poetry Calendar
  - BWS Extreme Xeriscape Garden Makeover Contest
  - Malama Learning Center
- FOHXG Sponsored workshops were well attended. The top five were:
  - Rain Barrel Water Catchment System,
  - Organic Pesticides & Fertilizers
  - Composting with Worms
  - Decorate an Egg the Xeriscape Way
  - Xeriscape Holiday Wreath & Craft

## 2010 Workshop Schedule

### **Compost with Worms \***

Saturday – **02/20/10** – 9:40 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.

Saturday – **04/10/10** – 9:40 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.

*Learn to convert most kitchen waste into rich vermicast. Take home a mini bin.*

### **How to Make an Easy Tumble**

#### **Recycled Compost Bin \***

Saturday – **02/27/10** – 10:00a.m. – 12:00 p.m.

*Hands-on workshop on how to make your own recycled compost bin. Take bin home!*

### **Visit with Plant Doctor**

Saturday – **03/20/10** – 10:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.

Saturday – **05/22/10** – 10:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.

*Registration NOT REQUIRED. Pearl City Urban Garden's Plant Doctor will be on site to answer questions regarding plant problems. Bring leaf or bug sample(s) to help with the diagnosis!*

### **Spiral Garden Demonstration \***

Saturday – **03/27/10** – 10:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.

*Hands-on workshop to actually construct a spiral garden. This is an extremely good way to grow a lot of things in a small space! Great for xeriphytic herbs.*

### **3<sup>rd</sup> Annual Decorate an Egg the Xeriscape Way & Fun Garden Hunt \***

Saturday – **04/03/10** – 10:00 a.m. – 12:30 p.m.

*A family activity.*

*Learn to use nature as your paint brush!*

\* - Workshop registration is REQUIRED.

FOHGX members receive workshop fee discounts and pre-registration privileges. To register for any workshop contact Diane Moses at 748-5363 or dmoses@hbws.org.

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## **Membership Events Schedule**

### **January 2010**

#### **Propagation Group**

Wednesdays – 9:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.

**General Membership Meeting and  
Membership Plant Sale**

Saturday – 01/30/2010 – 10:00 a.m.

**Board of Directors Meeting to follow  
Membership Plant Sale**  
approx. 11:15 a.m.

**Volunteer Opportunity**

Saturdays – 9:30 a.m. – 11:30 a.m.

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

### **February 2010**

#### **Propagation Group**

Wednesdays – 9:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.

**Volunteer Opportunity**

Saturdays - 9:30 a.m. – 11:30 a.m.

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

### **March 2010**

#### **Propagation Group**

Wednesdays - 10:30 - 12:30

**Board of Directors Meeting**

Wednesday – 03/17/10 – 11:30

**Volunteer Opportunity**

Saturdays – 9:30 a.m. – 11:30 a.m.

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

### **April 2010**

#### **Propagation Group**

Wednesdays - 10:30 - 12:30

**Volunteer Opportunity**

Saturdays – 9:30 a.m. – 11:30 a.m.

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