



# FRIENDS OF HĀLAWĀ XERISCAPE GARDEN

P.O. BOX 3089, Honolulu, HI 96802

Fall 2018

Thank you for making the 30<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the Hālawā Xeriscape Garden Open House and Unthirsty Plant Sale a success!



The Hālawā 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...?

Arbor Day in Hawai'i is officially the first Friday in November; however, most events are held on Saturday including the Arbor Day giveaways.

Each year the various Arbor Day giveaway locations are crowded with people interested in cooling their yard with a shade tree, fruit tree or native plant. People wait in line well before the opening time to secure their spot while eagerly scoping out which plant they want to take home.

Knowledgeable volunteers and certified arborists are on site to answer plant question and help to select the right plant for the right place.

**This year, Arbor Day is  
November 3, 2018**

Click the link below to see a list of available plants and participating sites to pick up your free plant!

<http://www.arbordayhawaii.org/>

## Propagation Nursery Happenings

By Lynne Berry Westlake



Volunteers have been working hard to redesign nursery layout to enable better functionality. Broken plastic table tops have been replaced with new ones and we still are looking for more. Table frames are re-positioned and awaiting plastic tops.

Our cement sink has been relocated and pipes will soon be ready for action. We have dismantled the former shade tent and begun creating a new larger one. Our shed interior has been updated to assist with better storage and protection from critters. We are working on creating more shade for us to work under as the sun can be quite brutal, as you can imagine. We have been earning our pay!

A couple of us came in on a Saturday and cut down all the crowding perimeter plants and dead tree branches. Thank goodness for reciprocating saws. We have lots of fun, craziness and laughter while accomplishing all these changes.

The satisfaction of accomplishment and our teamwork is all the payment we need. Come join us!

### NEEDS:

We are hoping to find more volunteers to help in the Nursery. Ideal volunteers would be in fairly good physical health as we are in the Nursery on Wednesday mornings from 9-11:30 and sometimes 12:00.

If anyone is dismantling a garden planting area and has nursery tables they would like to donate that would be extremely beneficial to us.

We always can use donations of pots: terra cotta, cement, and plastic in all sizes. If you have extra pots cluttering your garden we would be happy to accept them.

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

Plant donations are on a plant by plant basis. Please contact Sheri at the email above/or stop by the garden office on Wednesday or Saturday during the garden's hours of operation with the types of plants to see if we are able to use them.

## FOHXG Workshops

Here is this quarter's workshop calendar. Click on the link below to see the full list of 2018-2019 workshops. <http://www.boardofwatersupply.com/news-events/workshops/workshop-schedule>

Please remember to bring your membership card to the workshop in order to receive membership benefits!

Registration is **REQUIRED** for all workshops. In general, workshops will run about 60-90 minutes in length, with morning sessions starting at 10:30 a.m. Session start and end times may vary based on topic. Please check the specific workshop listing for details.

Event Date	Workshop Title & Presenter (*new workshops)	Fee	Registration Open Date
October 6, 2018	Economical Aquaponics – Raychel Watkins – HappyPonics	\$5.00	September 18, 2018
October 13, 2018	*Painting Hibiscus (A Paint in the Garden Workshop) – Erika Brown - FOHXG	\$30.00	September 25, 2018
(Wed), October 17, 2018	Rain Barrel Water Catchment – BWS Water Resources Staff	\$35.00	October 2, 2018
October 27, 2018	*Whimsical Reusable Owl Planter (Eco-Craft)– Sheri Mikami - BWS	\$8.00	October 9, 2018
November 3, 2018	Fancy Funnels (Eco Craft) – Sheri Mikami – BWS	\$20.00	October 16, 2018
November 24, 2018	Xeric Holiday Wreath – Arthur Aiu – BWS	\$5.00	November 6, 2018
December 1, 2018	Xeric Holiday Wreath – Sheri Mikami- BWS	\$5.00	November 6, 2018
January 5, 2019	Xeriscape 101 – Sheri Mikami - BWS	\$5.00	December 18, 2018
January 12, 2019	Advanced Aquaponics – Raychel Watkins – HappyPonics	\$5.00	December 25, 2018
January 19, 2019	Da Bug Doctor (Green Pest Control) – Andrew Nowinski	\$5.00	January 1, 2019



October 13- Painting Hibiscus



October 27- Whimsical Reusable Owl Planter

## What's new at the Garden



Dedication of the Living Wall during the 30<sup>th</sup> anniversary Plant sale and Open House. These repurposed wooden pallets were converted into vertical planters. After the dedication ceremony people were invited to plant succulents in the living wall.

Pictured (l to r): Wayne Sasaki, Amy Tsuneyoshi, Ernest Lau, Heidi Bornhorst, Mahealani Cypher, Rocky Kaluhiwa, and State Representative Sam Kong

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## The President's Corner

Aloha Members,

September 30 was International Podcast Day.

<https://internationalpodcastday.com/what-is-podcast/>. What's a podcast? It's an audio or video file that is available on the internet to listen to on your computer or download to a device (apple podcast or stitcher radio). There are a lot of interesting podcasts available covering a wide variety of topics. I subscribe to several gardening podcasts (for free) and listen to the episodes while working in my garden. While I haven't found a podcast specific to Hawaii, here are a few I enjoy listening to.

Living Homegrown with Theresa Loe <https://livinghomegrown.com/podcast/>  
You Bet Your Garden with Mike McGrath <https://why.org/programs/you-bet-your-garden/>

The joe gardner Show with Joe Lamp'1 <https://joegardener.com/podcasts/>

Beware- once you see the variety of podcasts available, you'll quickly find you have more episodes to listen to than hours in a day!

Happy Gardening,



*Amy Tsuneyoshi*

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

**FOHXG Workshop Schedule**

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**Xeric Seed Program**

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