

Kulu'I

Height: 3 feet+ Flowers: small yellow clusters. Fruit/Seeds: olive looking

Scientific Name: Nototrichium sandwicense

Requires lots of sunshine and well-drained soil. Is endemic, and likes dry forest to dry lowlands. Can be used as a shrub or tree.

Green leaves are shiny and leathery to touch. Ants, scales, mealybugs, aphids, thrips take a special liking to this plant.

On Oahu you can find this plant at the Waikiki Aquarium, Lyon Arboretum, Ho'omaluhia Botanic Garden, Waimea Arboretum and Botanical Garden - and maybe some day the Halawa Xeriscape Garden.

Internet references: http:boardofwatersupply.com http:state.hi.us/health/eioegkul/garden

Save 7 Gallons a Day

Turn off the tap when brushing your teeth.

Friends of Halawa Xeriscape Garden

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Events Schedule April **Propagation Group** Wednesdays - 10:30 - 12:30 04/02/08 04/09/08 04/16/08 04/23/08 04/30/08 Garden Compost Workshop Saturday - 10:15 - 12:00 04/26/08 Weed Be-Gone (Garden Beautification) Sunday - 9:00 - 11:30 04/27/08 Mav **Propagation Group** Wednesdays - 10:30 - 12:30 05/07/08 05/14/08 05/21/08 05/28/08 Tillandsia Mother's Day Workshop Saturday - 10:30 - 1:30 05/03/08 Home Brew Workshop Saturday - 10:15 - 12:00 05/10/08 Water Catchment Saturday - 10:15 - 12:00 05/17/08 Worm Workshop (Vermipost) Saturday - 9:30 - 12:30 05/24/08 Spiral Garden Saturday - 10:15 - 12:00 05/31/07 June **Propagation Group** Wednesdays - 10:30 - 12:30 06/04/08 06/18/08 06/25/08 Weed Be-Gone (Garden Beautification) Sunday - 9:00 - 11:30 06/21/08



FOHXG Quarterly

NAME THE UPDATE!

Aloha FOHXG Members, enjoy your first FOHXG Quarterly Update. It's your link to information about FOHXG exciting 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 May 15, 2008 to dmoses@hbws.org or mail them to Board of Water Supply Communications, 630 S. Beretania St. Honolulu, HI 96843 - attn: Diane M. Moses. The winning entrant will receive a recognition article and native plant. Ouestions? Call Diane @ 748-5363

TWO NEW BOARD MEMBERS

The FOHXG Board Members met in January 2008. Elections were held and two new board members were selected. They are Eileen Yamada and Diane Moses. FOHXG Board Members are:

President – Wayne Sasaki, Treasurer – Amy Tsunevoshi, Membership - Rene Kurasaki, **BWS Representative** – Arthur Aiu, Secretary Diane Moses, Holiday Committee – Ruby Siu Propagation - Betty Slaughter, Joe Mori, Eileen Yamada, Elsie Nakasone, Heidi Bornhorst, Pat England, Fusae Kiyokawa, Alice Kadowaki, Susan Matsusuhima, and Ayako Yamashita.

XERISCAPE EGG ACTIVITY!

The 1st Annual Xeriscape Egg Decorating and Garden-Fun Egg Hunt was sponsored by FOHXG and held on March 22, 2008. The egg decorating session used xeriscape leaves and flowers to apply painted decorations to the eggs. The session was



followed by an egg hunt and guided tour of the garden. Twentyone families participated in this fun and educational event

where they learned how to identify Xeriscape plants and utilize them in a water saving landscape. We look forward to doing it again next year!

GARDEN GOES GREEN?

• New compost and vermi post bins will be used to educate visitors and school

groups about different types of recycled compost and how it can help our environment and garden at the same time. • In an effort to enhance the failing sprinkler system in propagation area, the propagation group will experiment with a solar operated self-watering system.

• To encourage visitors and staff to "trash responsibly," the garden will host labeled recycling containers, it's just another way of doing our part in being eco friendly.



January – March 2008

20th Annual Plant Sale

Mark your calendars for August 2, 2008. We will celebrate the Garden's 20th plant sale anniversary in a special way. There will be a one-of-a-kind drawing, more guest speakers and mini workshops than ever before! Plan on spending a fantastic day at the garden!

WEED BE-GONE DAYS The garden needs



help from our members with weeding and xeriscape planting. The next Weed Be-gone Day is scheduled for Sunday, April 27, 2008 from 9:00a.m. – 11:30 a.m. To volunteer for this event please call Diane Moses at 748-5363 or e-mail dmoses@hbws.org.

WORKSHOPS COMING SOON!

The garden is once again buzzing with workshop activity! We are excited about offering a variety of workshops and developing new partnerships along the way. We will continue to present our ever popular, Holiday Wreath and Mother's Day Tillandsia workshops, and enhance our outreach to include conservation, and more youth oriented workshops. You can find detailed information and the workshop schedule at boardofwatersupply.com.

When reviewing the workshop calendar on the web, remember to add it to your list of favorites, you'll be glad you did! Check back frequently for new listings.