



# FRIENDS OF HĀLAWA XERISCAPE GARDEN

P.O. Box 3089, Honolulu, HI 96802

WINTER 2019

## *ANNUAL GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING*

Are you interested in water conservation in the landscape? Do you want to learn more about xeriscaping principles? Join the Friends of Hālawā Xeriscape Garden!

We are having our Annual General Membership meeting on Saturday, January 25, 2020 10a.m. at the Hālawā Xeriscape Garden.

At the General Membership meeting, we'll recap what happened at the garden in 2019 and discuss the exciting things that are in the works! We will also be taking nominations for Board of Directors (BOD). It's a 3-year term starting January 2020 to December 2023. The BOD meets seven times a year, which includes meetings for our annual plant sale in August. We are looking for enthusiastic people that would like to serve on our Board!

Following the General Membership meeting, there will be a short Board of Director's meeting to elect officers.

All are welcome!

**SAVE THE DATE!**

**January 25, 2020**

**10:00 a.m.**

**Hālawā Xeriscape  
Garden**

## *NEW WORKSHOPS*

There is a bunch of new workshops for 2020!

Here is a glimpse for what's new:

- Paint in the Garden (new themes!)
- Introduction to Native Hawaiian Plants
- Xeric Mini Zen Garden
- Let's Talk Soil
- Pohaku Pals



## WISH LIST

The Propagation group is looking for the following items:

- Clean plastic pots (4 inch, 6 inch, 8 inch, 1 gallon. Other sizes ok too!)
- Pot hangers

Please send a picture of the items you wish to donate to [friendsofhalawa@gmail.com](mailto:friendsofhalawa@gmail.com) and we will coordinate with you a date/time to receive the items.

## VOLUNTEER INFORMATION

In 2019, dedicated Friends of Hālawā Xeriscape Garden volunteers contributed...

2188  
hours

which equals

\$55,648\*

**MAHALO**

to all our **WONDERFUL VOLUNTEERS**  
for your contributions!

\*value based on Independent Sector 2019 report: rate \$25.43/hour

Interested in getting your hands dirty and spend time outdoors? The Hālawā Xeriscape Garden is looking for you!

- Propagation– This group meets on Wednesdays from 9am to 12pm to grow plants to sell at the plant sale in August and throughout the year. Learn to how grow plants from seeds and cuttings from Master Gardeners. No experience needed, just a willingness to get dirt under your fingernails and have fun!
- Garden– Under the guidance of the garden staff, you can work alone or in a group to help maintain and improve the garden. Work at your own pace weeding or pruning, or tackling special projects. Wednesdays/Saturdays 9am– 3pm

If you prefer not to get dirty, but would like to help the garden, there are many things you can do to help in the office.

- Office– There is a variety of tasks you can help with from making seed packets and informational sheets for the free plant-of-the-month to checking people in to the garden/workshops. Wednesdays/Saturdays 9am– 3pm

Please contact us at (808)748-5315 for more information or join us at the garden on Wednesdays/Saturdays to find out how you can help.

## NURSERY HAPPENINGS

By *Lynne Berry Westlake* (Nursery Chair)



I would like to use this quarter's column to compliment and give a big mahalo to our Propagation Nursery Volunteers. I had a Total Knee Replacement on 30 August and had to be away from the Nursery for all of September and October. The gang worked together so well to keep everything flowing smoothly.

I would like to especially acknowledge Joanne Brykczynski and Juliana Lopez for covering most of my normal duties. They opened up the Nursery, supervised their areas of the nursery, covered for me at Board meetings, kept me updated on the happenings as well as communicating any questions they or the other Volunteers had. We have some outstanding people who choose to support Halawa Xeriscape Garden and the Propagation Nursery in specific.

Our little Ohana is a very mutually supportive one, that is also so welcoming to newcomers, ensuring that they feel immediately that they are a valuable part of the group.

Thank you all for being who you are and for being willing to give your time to the Nursery.

## VOLUNTEER EVENTS

This year the Friend of Hālawā Xeriscape Garden (FOHXG) volunteers had an opportunity to go on two different, but equally fun fieldtrips!

The propagation volunteers were treated to a guided tour of the Yellin garden on the North Shore. This impressive haven for succulents and cacti is well-maintained by their small crew. There were interesting plants in every nook and cranny and it was a feast for the eyes! Everyone left inspired to grow more succulents and cacti. Thank you to Elissa for sharing her time and knowledge with us!



A smaller group of FOHXG volunteers and their guests ventured across the mountain to the Windward-side of O’ahu to take a tour of the Board of Water Supply’s Waihe’e Tunnel. After an overview of the water cycle, they walked in the tunnel with their flashlights and raingear to experience water raining down on them as it seeped through the rocks. They slogged their way back towards the sunlight where they learned about the importance of watersheds and how to protect it.

These educational fieldtrips provide opportunities for our volunteers to learn and grow, and be able to promote FOHXG’s mission of water conservation in the landscape.



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Friends of Hālawa Xeriscape Garden is a 501(c)(3) organization to promote water conservation through xeriscaping.

## \*QUICK CRAFT\* NEED A HAND?

Mix cement with enough water to form a sludgy consistency. Pour mix into a rubber glove, remove air pockets and tie closed. Drape glove over a ball and shape it into position. Leave for at least a day before removing the glove.

### \*TIPS\*

Prepare enough mix to fill the glove in one pour.

Don't overfill— hard to tie close, but don't underfill— fingers will not be securely connected to the palm.

Tap the filled glove (opening facing up) to remove air bubbles from the fingertips.

A “cupped” hand allows for deeper planting space. Drape the filled glove over a ball or bowl to create curved fingers and a depression in the palm for more planting area.



### FOHXG Workshop Schedule

<http://www.boardofwatersupply.com/news-events/workshops/workshop-schedule>

### Xeric Seed Program

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

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## President's Corner

by Amy Tsuneyoshi



Aloha FOHXG members,

Another year is quickly coming to a close. Is it just me or does it seem to go by faster each year? So many things are still on the to-do list for my garden!

I'm thankful to be able to spend time with family and friends, and the wonderful volunteers at the Hālawa Xeriscape Garden! Without the help from these dedicated folks, we wouldn't be able to accomplish all that we do. Thank YOU!

The Friends of Hālawa Xeriscape Garden Officers and Board of Directors would like to wish you a very happy holiday season and hope you have a prosperous 2020 - the Year of the Rat!

Don't forget, the Annual General Membership meeting is January 25 @ 10am at the garden.

See you there and happy gardening!

Amy

