

THE BODHI LEAF

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ON SATURDAY AND SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 21 AND 22, the Friends of Honolulu Botanical Gardens, together with the City and County of Honolulu, will sponsor presentations of **'The Beginning of a Garden'**.

This Living History Program features costumed role-

players portraying Dr. William Hillebrand, Mary Elizabeth Mikihala Foster, and Dr. Harold Lyon - three gifted, kind and far-sighted individuals who were instrumental in establishing, creating and preserving the treasure that is Foster Botanical Garden.

The performances will be held on the Daibutsu Terrace in Foster Garden. There are three shows each day (2:00, 2:30 and 3:00 pm). Space is limited and reservations are required (768-7135).

It's fun, it's free, and it's historically accurate.

MARIE MCDONALD, A TRUE HBG SUPPORTER & LIFELONG PLANT FRIEND

BY HEIDI BORNHORST AND ROEN MCDONALD HUFFORD



A dear friend and supporter of our gardens has passed, **Marie Adams McDonald**, 92, of Pu'ukapu, Waimea, Hawaii Island died Sunday, August 4, 2019 at home. At her request, no services will be held. Monetary gifts and contributions in her honor may be made to the **Friends of Honolulu Botanical Gardens**.

She was very involved with the **Flora Pacifica** and the **Midsummer Night's Gleam**. She helped and encouraged Paul Weissich in acquiring the land and brainstorming the landscape and botanical planning for **Ho'omaluhia BG**. She is the author of *Ka Lei, the Leis of Hawaii*; and *Na Lei Makamae* (with Paul Weissich). Both books sell well at our Foster Garden Gift Shop and inspire and educate lei makers and Hawaii Gardeners. The Parks Department hosts the annual **Lei Day Celebration in Kapiolani Park** and she helped that event grow and flourish over the years. HBG is very involved with Lei Day, supplying staff and volunteers to happily educate folks about lei and plants.

Marie McDonald began with the DPR in 1950 as a Recreation Director at Wahiawa Rec Center, finally retiring as Recreation Specialist in Arts and Crafts 23 years later. She frequented **Wahiawa Botanical Garden** adjacent to the playground and took daughter, Roen, there too. She always made friends with the maintenance crews at the gardens.

Flora Pacifica was the huge epic HBG garden event in the sixties. McDonald collaborated closely with Paul Weissich and Beautification (DUF) nursery people (Robert Miyashita). Part of the Flora Pacifica assignment was her job, but more was as a passionate volunteer.

Marie was like many of us who love plants and gardens. For some it is our job, and for others volunteering on behalf of our botanic gardens, plants, art and education is our passion. A hui hou, you will be missed and live on in our Gardens.



Emmy's Notes:

It has been a busy and warm summer at the Honolulu Botanical Gardens. July's Midsummer Night's Gleam was very well attended, 6,200 people, and the Friends collected the second highest amount of donations ever collected at a Gleam. This money goes into HBG's events' budget to be used in the future for all the gardens.

And now we are looking forward to "The Beginning of the Garden" in September. Hopefully, it will also be a tad cooler by then. This is a living history presentation by three characters representing Dr. Hillebrand, Dr. Harold Lyon and Mary Foster. These characters make great use of three shady spots in Foster Garden to tell how the Gardens all began. Please do come to one of the performances on Saturday or Sunday, September 21 and 22.

Happy Autumn and we hope to see you at the gardens soon!

— Emmy Seymour, President



Wahiawa Botanical Garden last March

The Jade Vine (*Strongylodon macrobotrys*) is endangered in the wild lowland rainforest of the Philippines where it can grow 30-50 feet high.



From the Director's Desk....

We are always grateful for the FHBG's support. The relationship provides assistance with programs and events and donations that address real needs. But, I am particularly grateful for the generous directional sign program funded at Foster Garden. The package includes 4 path intersection signs, 11 exhibit signs, as well as restroom and exit signage. These visual cues help visitors circulate and increase understanding of what the garden offers. Together we can really make a difference. ***Mahalo nui loa!***

It's been a busy summer with programs like our **Summer Twilight Concert Series** and the popular **Midsummer Night's Gleam** at Foster Garden. Camping and fishing at Ho'omaluhia have been in full swing. It is wonderful to see so many families outside connecting with nature. We closed our fiscal year in June with an annual attendance of 470,405! The HBG staff can look back with pride on all they accomplished. They truly are the garden's greatest resource!

See you in the gardens!

Joshlyn D. Sand

Director, Honolulu Botanical Gardens



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Bonnie Andrew
Maureen Fitch
Cheryl & Terry Tyler



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Weissich Ohana

Paul Weissich's legacy is a large one. In addition to his long tenure as director of the Honolulu Botanical Gardens and his many books, he had a beautiful family. Sitting on his bench in Foster Garden are son and daughter-in-law, Bruce and Cheryl Weissich and their family, visiting from Kent, WA.



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**SAT
SEPT
14** **UH Urban Garden Center**
9:30 am
Tour Guide: Aubin Stremler

Join UH Master Gardeners and Ohana Volunteers at the Pearl City Urban Garden Center for Second Saturday at the Garden! “Got a Plant Question” booth, Garden demonstrations, UH Seed sales. UH College of Tropical Agriculture and Human Resources-owned facility with programs in urban horticulture, focusing on a one-stop educational center concept for the public. One of the largest collections of hedges and citrus in the state occupy the site.

Please wear: Tennis shoes or closed toed shoes, comfortable clothing, hat, sunglasses, sunscreen, mosquito spray. Please bring a rain jacket or umbrella and a water bottle.



Located at: 955 Kamehameha Highway, Pearl City, directly behind the Pearl City Home Depot, with our entrance by the Public Storage.

To Register: FHBG members \$15, non-members \$20. Please call 537-1708 or email the Friends (friendsgardens@aol.com) with your reservation and payment. Pre-registration is encouraged.