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# A SENSE OF PLACE

ON SATURDAY AND SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 29 AND 30, the Friends of Honolulu Botanical Gardens and the City and County of Honolulu will sponsor The Beginning of a Garden. Performances will take place on the Daibutsu Terrace in Foster Garden. Admission is free.

This Living History Program features costumed roleplayers portraying Dr. William Hillebrand, Mary Foster, and Dr. Harold Lyon, three gifted and kind individuals who were instrumental in establishing, creating, and preserving the treasure that is Foster Garden.

There are three shows (2:00, 2:30, and 3:00 pm) each day. Space is limited and reservations are required (808-522-7066). It's fun, it's free, and it's historically accurate.

## FHBG EDUCATIONAL TOURS

### September 8

Mulkern's Nursery

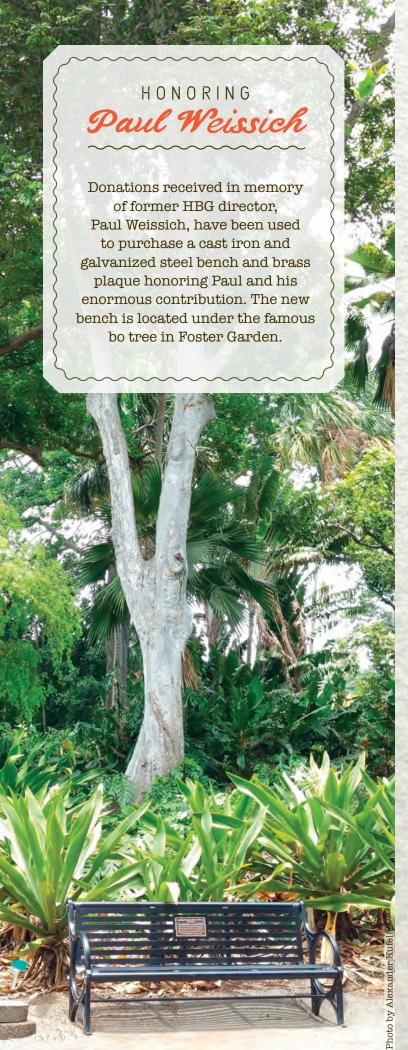
### October 14

Waimea Valley

### November 18

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For details visit the Tours page on the Friends' website at friendsofhonolulubotanicalgardens.com or phone the office at 537-1708.



# Emmy's Notes:

We hope you all enjoy the new colorful emailed version of The Bodhi Leaf. Please feel free to forward this version to your family and friends. We've had a busy summer at all the gardens with the blooming of several corpse flowers and a lovely summer evening for Gleam at Foster with over 5,000 visitors. Families enjoyed a variety of musical presentations, crafts for children and a light display on a Starry, Starry Night.

Now we are looking forward to fall and the presentations of The Beginning of the Garden featuring the reenactment of the 3 people most important to the beginning of Foster Garden; Dr. Hildebrand, Mary Foster and Dr. Harold Lyon. Do join us at Foster Garden on Saturday or Sunday afternoon, September 29th and 30th for these performances.

Enjoy a day at any of these diverse gardens as soon as you can! — Emmy Seymour, President Friends of Honolulu Botanical Gardens

DONATIONS The Board of Trustees of the Friends of Honolulu Botanical Gardens would like to thank the following for their generous donations. Mahalo!

In Memory of Robert E.R. Andrews, Jr. Alexander Glass

In Memory of Edward Kauowaikea Lee, Sr. Betty Mae Lee Keohokalole

**In Memory of Pat Masters** Harry Palmer

#### In Memory of Paul Weissich

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### From the Director's Desk....

I have great news! The Ho`omaluhia Visitor Center was officially renamed the **Paul R. Weissich Education Center at Ho'omaluhia Botanical Garden.** 

This July, the City and County of Honolulu passed a resolution renaming the center in Paul's honor. I deeply thank the FHBG board for your public support during the process. We are all eternally grateful for Paul's vision and passion. Without his tireless ability to dream, Ho'omaluhia, as we know it, would not have been created. He had the drive to transform this property into a breathtaking garden offering education and recreation amidst botanical wonders from Hawai'i and the world. Paul, we say mahalo and send a promise to take care of this masterpiece in perpetuity.

More good news came as we tallied our 2018 fiscal year attendance numbers! Our attendance grew to 411,989 visitors; a 22% overall increase. Foster Garden had a 59% increase followed by Ho'omaluhia, at 17%. We are happy to see people connecting with our mission and look forward to reaching more of our communities and visitors alike. Please help us by visiting the gardens often. Tell us what you liked....and, what you would have liked. We want to hear your ideas and learn from you. These are your gardens!

As always, we loved collaborating with the FHBG on our great programs, **The Midsummer Night's Gleam** and our **Summer Garden Twilight Concert Series.** This year's Gleam theme was "A Starry, Starry Night"



celebrating Polynesian Voyaging with 5,571 visitors enjoying the garden under the stars. We look forward to more program synergy with our upcoming "Beginning of a Garden" performances at Foster Garden on Sept. 29 & 30<sup>th</sup>.

Our **HBG Fall Programs** catalogue is available at our website: <a href="www.honolulubotanicalgardens.com">www.honolulubotanicalgardens.com</a>. We have many exciting classes and events to offer this season. And, for the latest news and garden pics, check our garden Facebook pages. Also, very exciting....we are now on **Instagram**, please follow us **@honolulubotanicalgardens**!

Mahalo for your support and see you in the gardens!

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Director, Honolulu Botanical Gardens

## REMEMBERING PAT MASTERS

We are saddened to report that FHBG Board

Member Pat Masters passed away

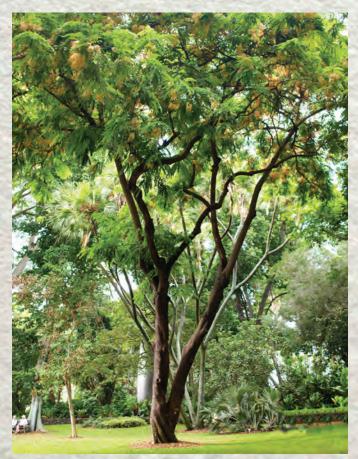
this past June. Pat was a treasured member of our organization, having served since 2011. She cared deeply about the gardens and her contributions were many. Pat played a leading role in the creation of our living history play, The Beginning of a Garden, and authored Searching for Mary Foster,

published earlier this year. In addition to being ordained as a Buddhist nun in India in 1998, Pat was a Buddhist scholar, held positions as a faculty member and administrator at the University of Hawaii at Manoa, and served on the board of several professional organizations. The Friends are very appreciative of Pat's lasting contributions and will dearly miss her cheerful company.





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## TREE STORIES PART 7

by Paul Weissich

Former Director HBG & FHBG Trustee Emeritus

RAINBOW SHOWER TREE: Early in the last century a cross was made using Cassia fistula, the Yellow Shower, and Cassia javanica, the Pink and White Shower Tree. The cross is known as Cassia x nealiae, honoring Bishop Museum botanist Marie Neal. The resulting seedlings produced a variety of flower colors: a bi-color, yellow and cerise is known as "Wilhelmina Tenney" who grew it in her garden on Tantalus; Queen's Hospital White, a pale yellow; Nii Gold, a deep gold; Lunalilo Yellow, a rich yellow and others. In 1963 "Wilhelmina Tenney" was designated the official tree of the City and County of Honolulu. It is the most widely planted of the various colors. There is a fine specimen in Foster Garden in the lower terrace. It may flower from March to as late as November.

Editor's Note: This is the last of seven Tree Stories written by Paul Weissich in 2014.

Photo by Alexander Kufel