



Xeriscape Seasonal



Spring / Summer 2010

Board Members “MOVE THAT TRUCK”



FOHXG board members had a great time at the unveiling of the 2009 Xeriscape Makeover! Chanting, “Move that Truck,” magically revealed the finished landscape!

Last August, Ray and Cindy Fernandez of Kapahulu were the lucky winners of the Extreme Xeriscape Garden Makeover. A partnership with the BWS, Rainbird, Steve’s Gardening Services and FOHXG made this dream landscape a reality for the Fernandez family. Cindy Fernandez said, “I never knew we could have so many beautiful and colorful native plants and save water at the same time!” That is exactly the kind of message we want to “plant” in the community that **you** can make a difference in your landscapes and save water at the same time!



PARTNERSHIPS MAKE THINGS HAPPEN

The Friends of Halawa Xeriscape Garden partnered with the Board of Water Supply, and other local business to deliver water conservation messages to more than 20,000 Oahu households. As a sponsor of the 2010 Water Conservation Week Poster and Poetry Contest and 2010 Water Conservation Calendar we were able to assist with this massive undertaking! A FOHXG discount membership coupon was featured in the calendar, and as of June 2010 we are still receiving membership requests! It’s safe to say that new membership enrollment is up from year! Speaking of membership another source of new members for FOHXG came from visitors who picked up free community mulch and attended workshops held at the garden! Yeah partnerships!



Conservation Hint: “Water-Smarter”

Did you know that you can minimize the presence of unwanted pests and diseases in your landscapes and save water at the same time by simply choosing to “Water-Smarter”? Although it’s a good practice to water your landscape between the hours of 6:30 – 10:00 a.m. or between 4:00 – 6:30 p.m, there is a huge bonus to watering in the morning only. By watering in the morning you minimize the loss of water through evaporation and transpiration and your landscape has all day to dry out. When watering in the evening your landscape tends to stay moist all night thus creating an inviting environment for snails, slugs and diseases like mold and mildew. So, remember “Water-Smarter” to conserve water and save landscapes.

Xeriscape Garden Receives TLC from KHS

As a community service project, the Junior Class of Kailua High School (KHS) partnered with the BWS and FOHXG to give the Xeriscape Garden some tender loving care. Approximately 200 students, faculty, BWS staff and FOHXG volunteers spent the day working together, pulling invasive vines from the landscape, cutting back overgrowth and



installing discarded clay pipes recycled as planters and sandstone walkways in the Groundcover-Walk and the new Friendly-Composting area!



Some students said they’ve never worked this hard in their lives! What a learning experience for all! Thank you KHS, staff and volunteers for a job well done.

2010/2011 Workshop Schedule

The new educational cycle promises to be exciting! Some future workshops are;

Visit with Plant Doctor

Compost with Worms

Xeriscape Christmas Wreath

Tillandsia Surprise Holiday & Mother's Day

Rain Barrel Water Catchment

User Friendly Composting

(Take home a compost bin)!

Great Organics

Edible Xeriscapeables!

Workshop registration is **REQUIRED**. FOHGXG members receive workshop discounts and pre-registration privileges. To register for workshops or to become a member of the Friends of Halawa Xeriscape Garden contact Diane Moses. She can be reached at Ph: 748-5363 or email dmoses@hbws.org.

22nd Annual Halawa Xeriscape Garden Open House and Unthirsty Plant Sale

When: August 7, 2010 – 9:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m.

Members Early Bird Entry: 8:30 a.m.

Where: 99-1268 Iwaena St. Halawa Industrial

Members receive a 10% discount on plant purchases, so bring your membership card with you. If you need to renew your membership you can do so that morning at the membership booth situated at the garden's entrance.

If you'd like to be a part of this event by volunteering your time we would greatly appreciate the help. Please contact Arthur Aiu. He can be reached at Ph: 808-748-5312 or e-mail: aaiu@hbws.org

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Featured Plant:

The Fig Tree is Beauty and Functionality built into one plant! It's a delicious edible that is very drought tolerant! Figs are high in, natural sugars, fibers, and minerals. It contains a good source of potassium which helps regulate high blood pressure. For more info about it's nutritional value visit WHfoods.com



Membership Events Schedule

July 2010

Propagation Group

Wednesdays – 9:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.

Board of Directors Meeting

Wednesday July 21, 2010 – 11:30 a.m.

Volunteer Opportunity

Saturdays - 9:30 a.m. – 11:30 a.m.

Weed Be-Gone Day (call 748-5363 for info.)

August 2010

Propagation Group

Wednesdays - 10:30 a.m. - 12:30 p.m.

22nd Halawa Xeriscape Garden Plant Sale

Saturday, August 7, 2010– 9:00 a.m.–3:00 p.m.

Volunteer Opportunity

Saturdays – 9:30 a.m. – 11:30 a.m.

Weed Be-Gone Day (call 748-5363 for info.)

September 2010

Propagation Group

Wednesdays – 10:30 a.m. – 12:30 p.m.

Board of Directors Meeting

September 15, 2010 – 11:30 a.m.

Volunteer Opportunity

Saturdays – 9:30 a.m. – 11:30 a.m.

Weed Be-Gone Day (call 748-5363 for info.)