



# FRIENDS OF HĀLAWA XERISCAPE GARDEN

*P.O. Box 3089, Honolulu, HI 96802*

*SUMMER 2020*

We regret to announce the Hālawa Xericape Garden's 32nd Annual Open House and Unthirtsy Plant Sale, scheduled for Saturday, August 1, 2020, has been **cancelled** to mitigate the possible community spread of COVID-19.



Break the boredom at home while doing easy projects in your garden...Visit the link below to watch the first of a series of mini-workshop videos hosted by BWS and FOHXG! This video features recycled toilet paper rolls transformed into seed starter pots!

<https://www.boardofwatersupply.com/community/halawa-xeriscape-garden>



Look for more mini-workshop videos in the coming weeks. Up next: Newspaper pots and Propagating Herb Cuttings.



Hālawa Xersicape Garden is still closed to the public, but be sure to follow @bwsxhg on social media or visit our website [boardofwatersupply.com/hxg](https://www.boardofwatersupply.com/hxg) for information and updates.

# WHAT'S HAPPENING AT THE GARDEN...



Thanks to the hard working Board of Water Supply crews, the garden received TLC while it was closed to the public due to COVID-19. The Mason crew help to repair the loose slate pavers in the sidewalk, and the Grounds and Maintenance staff along with the Communications staff helped to maintain the garden and nursery area.



The garden is still closed to the public as of this publication date (7/1/20), but please stay tuned for up-dates!

(Top left): Garden Walkway repairs were completed by BWS field crew in early June and power washing on walkways in garden will be worked on by BWS grounds crew.



(Top right): The old Keikiscapes stand was badly weather damaged and a new stand was built by Daryl Ching of BWS. We are planning to install it later this summer along with a new sign.

(Bottom): The ruts in the driveway to the nursery were fixed in early June.

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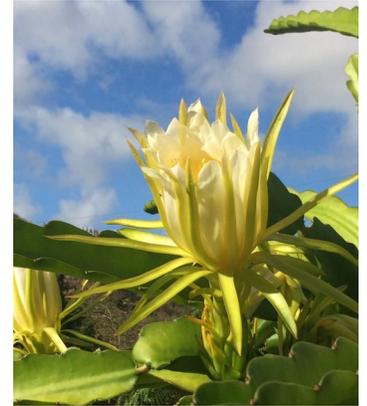
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Dragon fruit (*Hylocereus* spp.)

## GOOD BUG



Ever wonder what's that insect on your plant? Here are 2 insects that look alike but do different things.

### Mealybug destroyer

(*Cryptolaemus montrouzei-eri*)

3-4mm long. Moves quickly in search of mealybugs and some soft scale to eat. (larval stage pictured here). Link for more information:

<https://biocontrol.entomology.cornell.edu/predators/Cryptolaemus.php>

## BAD BUG



### Mealybug

(Many species. Pictured: *Planococcus* spp. at immature stage)

3-4.5mm (adult), usually stationary in immature/nymph stage. Sucks plant juice from leaves and

creates sticky "honeydew" that ants feed on and sooty mold like to grow, forming a black layer on leaves. Link for more information: [http://](http://ipm.ucanr.edu/PMG/PESTNOTES/pn74174.html)

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## President's Corner

by Amy Tsuneyoshi



Aloha FOHXG members,

I hope you are all healthy and coping with the COVID-19 measures we are all following to flatten the curve and prevent the second wave so we can slowly resume our "normal" routines. We miss having visitors at the Hālawā Xeriscape Garden and thank you for your understanding during this temporarily closure.

In the meantime, I've been spending time puttering around in my own garden— getting my hands dirty by digging into the soil, propagating plants, and even a little weeding. I know I'm not the only one as there has been a spike in demand for garden supplies and plants as more people are starting (or increasing) their own gardens. If you are interested in doing quick and easy garden crafts, check out the BWS virtual mini craft videos (link is on the front page).

Be safe, stay healthy and we look forward to seeing you all again real soon!

Happy gardening,

Amy