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## From The President's Desk:

Well, now that the rain (after 4 months!) has stopped and the 'feels so good' sun is out, I hope Mother Nature doesn't forget to rain every now and then.

I want to thank Richard Marques for his program on pruning our Vireya. I have heard Richard talk on this topic before but each time he seems to add something that I missed the time before.

Last month's elections went well. Richard Rhodes and Ronnie Nickson are our new co-vice presidents, Joyce Gay our new Treasurer, and Jurahame is staying on as our Secretary. Donna Thomas made a motion to increase our board members by one more person and the membership approved. This meant we needed to elect three board members, not two. A written ballot was done resulting in Richard Kruppa, Ron Phillips and Bettye Wakabayashi being voted in as board members for the next two years.

We had our first board meeting on May 2<sup>nd</sup>. Topics of discussion included a zoo project consisting of replacing the hapu'u around the species bed with a more

permanent border; (*Richard and Ronnie will report on several options at our next meeting.*) amending our bylaws to include the new board position voted on, and finishing up the bank business required when we change treasurers.

May is the meeting we usually start cuttings for the October plant giveaway at the Zoo. If you have a plant with a large branch that needs pruning, please wait and prune it on Sunday, the 17<sup>th</sup>, and bring it to the meeting. We can use all the cuttings we get. Bring 3" or 4" pots and your media of choice to the meeting, too. If everyone gets about 6 cuttings each going, we will have plenty to giveaway in October.

May's guest speaker is Nick Sakovich, one of the gardening editors from the Hawaii Tribune Herald. He will be talking on plant diseases. I know not many affect our Vireya but most of us do grow other plants that are affected. This should be a very interesting program. Bring a friend or neighbor.

Aloha and Viva Vireya,  
Ray Schimpf



**2009 Officers & Board**

*from left to right -  
Joyce-Treasurer, Jurahame-Secretary, Dick-Director,  
Spike-Director, Ronnie & Richard- Co Vice  
presidents, Ray-President, Bettye-Director, Ron-  
Director. Missing from the photo is John Barbour-  
Past President and Mitch Mitchell-Director.  
Emeritus.*



**2008 Officers & Board**

*from left to right -  
Jane-Interim Vice President, Jurahame-Secretary,  
Spike-Director, Marijean-Treasurer, Ray-  
President, Bettye-Director, Ron-Director.  
Missing from the photo is John Barbour-Past  
President and Mitch Mitchell-Director Emeritus.*

*(photos by Jim Mitchell)*

## -Secretary's Notes-

Aloha Everyone!

Our annual meeting was very productive. I want to welcome Dick Kruppa, a new Board Director and old friends, Ron Phillips and Bettye Wakabayashi, re-elected Board Directors. Along with those three I want to welcome our new treasurer, Joyce Gay, and co-presidents, Richard Rhodes & Ronnie Nickson! I was re-elected to the position of Secretary and Spike Werner and Ray Schimpf (Board Director and President respectively) still have one year left in their terms. See you in April of next year boys! ...While I'm on the subject, a "Big Thank You" to Marijean Horton for her hard work as treasurer the past two years and to Jane Adams for helping out with the vice president position this past year.

Now for a quick review of the rest of the meeting... The lunch, as always, was excellent and so another big thank you to all the cooks in the club. I have yet to find a dish not worth third helpings!

Richard Marques gave an excellent review on how to properly prune your much beloved vireya. I learned quite a lot and look forward to putting the new technique into practice!

The plant raffle and auction went, as always, very well. To those who went home with a truss, you have a new adventure ahead of you... and to those who brought in a truss/trusses, thank you so very much for helping to make a big part of our monthly meetings a success!

That's all for now. Be well, do good work and keep in touch!

Respectfully Submitted,  
*Jurahame Leyva*  
Orchid Lover  
Vireya Lover  
Secretary, Hawaii Chapter A.R.S.

## Mitch's Corner

By Mitch Mitchell

We celebrated our 66th wedding anniversary with Sandy's sister, Peggy, and Julie Miller (E. White Smith's daughter) and her husband, Bill.



As part of our woodland garden building we try to capture natural highlights such as this interesting rather convoluted tree trunk (*below-right*) and made it the home of 5 of the seedlings from one of my crosses. The only one to bloom so far is shown in the photo (*below-left*) and it is sort of an orangery color. Of course we are looking forward to what we hope is a variety of colors from one cross.



Finally, A truss of a seedling from Bill Molyes that came as "Small Unknown" (*right, middle*) and below that is 'Athanasius'.

{Photos by Mitch Mitchell}



## Treasurer's Annual Report for 4/1/08 to 3/31/09

submitted by Marijean Horton

Income		Expenses		Reconciliation	
ARS Membership	2,031.00	ARS Membership	1,638.00	Beginning Balance	3,354.56
Newsletter only	90.00	Chapter Expenses	610.48	Deposits 4/08 -- 3/09	+17,120.31
Seed sales	221.65	Office/newsletter expenses	1,719.59	Subtotal	20,474.87
Plant sales/auction	2,388.25	Rhodo. Species Foundation	1,000.00	Less Expenses	-17,753.92
ARS Convention	12,196.00	Peter Schick Memorial	300.00	Subtotal	2,720.95
Deposit Refunds	101.95	ARS Convention expenses	11,674.72	Savings	+4,316.39
Misc	65.00	Other Membership	203.38	Total General Fund	7,037.34
Interest	26.46	Insurance	368.37	Zoo Fund	+4,780.62
		Misc	239.38		
<b>Total Income</b>	<b>17,120.31</b>	<b>Total Expenses</b>	<b>17,753.92</b>	<b>Grand Total</b>	<b>11,817.96</b>

### (OOOPs) Directory Changes

*corrections are underlined*

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### From Your Editor...

The one thing that does not stagnate is "life". It continues to bring things into our lives that often requires choices. I am at that point in my life. After almost 4 years of being your editor for the Chapter's newsletter, 'Viva Vireya', I am giving my 3 month notice. The August copy will be my last.

Being editor has been enjoyable experience. Friends have been made around the world who were very willing to share their photos and vireya stories. Members have become like close personal friends. Even if I never met them face to face I communicated with them every month. Sometimes, I added a personal note to their copies like "Get well soon", or "Happy Holidays". This was because of the personal closeness the newsletter creates between editor and the membership.

I have no doubt there are very qualified members who can easily take this task over and all confidence that a new editor will come forward. Of course, I will be available to help with the transition. The rewards of being an editor are many. The entire experience heart warming. Please think it over and call me with your questions and comments. I know you're out there!!

A belated 'Happy Mother's Day'. I hope you all had a great day.

Viva Vireya  
 Shera Bertelmann

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**Viva V ireya!**

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***FYI - mark your calendars***

*May 17: Vireya meeting: Nick Sakovich, guest speaker*

*Aug. 5: Vireya display goes up at Orchid show*

*Aug. 6: Preview Party at Orchid show*

*Aug. 7th, 8th & 9th.. Orchid show*

**Next Meeting:**

**Date: May 17, 2009 (3rd Sunday)**

**Place: Kea'au Community Center**

**Time: 12pm pot luck lunch... 1pm - meeting**

**Program: Nick Sakovich, garden diseases**

You like food, fun, fellowship and lots of vireya? Then we'll see you at the next meeting!!!!  
Reminder, please bring your own plates and utensils. Thank you.