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Vireya of the Year
'Saint Cecelia'

January President's Message

February's program will be given by Dr. Cas Vanderwoude who works for the Hawaii Department of Agriculture. His program will be on the little fire ants that have been invading our gardens over the last few years. If you have been bitten by these little devils, you know you don't want them around and will want information on how to keep them off your property. If you haven't had them **yet** you will want to know how to deal with them when they come to visit you.

Many of us have had to deal with them and have compared notes on what works and what doesn't. I have gone to some of the programs given by the Ag. Department before, but I'm always looking for the newest and latest information. These ants can adapt

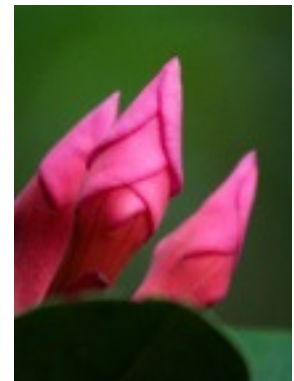
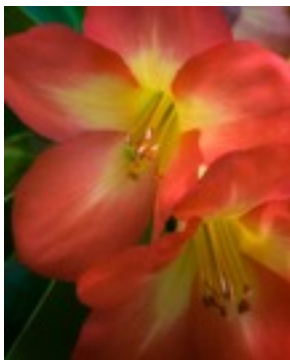
quickly to baits and insecticides so it's a constant battle keeping up with them. So bring your questions and definitely take notes.

The board is working on the nominees for the following positions: President, Vice President and one board member. If you want to be considered for one of these positions please let one of us know. I hope the people that we contact will take the time and think about the office before making a decision. These offices aren't as difficult as you may think as the board team makes most of the decisions and helps with much of the work.

Ray Schimpf, Hawaii Chapter President

Mitch's Corner

Last August Sandy and I felt very honored when Ken and Mary Goodrich asked if they could photograph our garden. They are internationally-known photographers, and are rated among the very best photographers in the world today, so we didn't hesitate to say Of COURSE! Here are a few of their photos that we would like to share with you.



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Views of Vireyas from Australia and New Zealand

Photos courtesy of Paul Anderson

Sherla recently received these photos from Paul Anderson (ARS District 5 director), taken during a fall trip to Australia and New Zealand. These should be great motivation to try to get there some day!



Mrs. Smilie and Vireyas in her garden



Jury's Nursery in New Zealand



Pukeiti Rhododendron Trust and Gardens, New Zealand

Secretary's Report

by Jurahame Leyva

Aloha Everyone!

We kicked off our first meeting in the New Year with the normal amount of fabulous flowers, friends and food! (Did I mention the great food?!) Those of you who missed it certainly missed out on one of our better meetings.

Before I go any farther, I want to wish Sherla a happy birthday (one more time). Thanks to the work of Richard, Ronnie and Richard (this time, of Sherla and Richard fame) the club was able to help celebrate. Armed with a knife, fork and lots of cheer Sherla made the initial cuts on the cake and dispatched them to eager onlookers. Again...

Happy Birthday Sherla!!!

As far as society business was concerned there wasn't a great deal of it.

The club has been invited to a "Forest Fair & Expo" to be held at the Zoo. The parking lot is said to host its own little craft fair type event in conjunction with the main attraction. The society has been offered a free informational booth and a chance to

present information we feel may be of interest to the public through a presentation.

Other societies that we have been told are invited include the Water Garden Society and the Palm Society. More details to follow!

Also, I hear Ron has secured hapu'u for use in the zoo display gardens. This will help replace ones that need to be replaced for one reason or another, or to simply add in where they are needed.

Last, but by no means least, I wish to extend a very big thank you to John and Christa Barbour for helping at the zoo work parties. We appreciate all the help that we receive at these work parties as the zoo is our main presence in public. Again, a very big thank you!

As a friendly reminder to all, please do remember that we have elections coming up in April. We will need to fill both the President and Vice-President positions. If you know of someone you think would make a good candidate, contact one of the board members and let us know.



In Memoriam

Ardy felt sincerely honored, loved and blessed by the visits of so many of our concerned members during her hospitalization. A special thanks to each of you who generously gave of yourselves and your time when she was so ill. It is with warm feelings toward our chapter and its members who attended Ardy's memorial service, and for the personal sympathy you extended.

Chuck Martin

Treasurer's Report ***By Joyce Gay***

Club Accounts:

Club \$6,0310.87

Zoo \$4,743.79

Kimalia \$1,295.00



Editor's Notes ***by Jane Adams***

The photo above is of E. White Smith of Bovees Nursery, his daughter and grand-daughter during a recent visit from Portland. They visited Pacific Island Nursery, Kimalia (Mitch and Sandy Mitchell's garden), White Cloud Nursery, and Fran and Jean's garden in Volcano. Such a treat to have him wander the gardens and being able to listen to historical tidbits about where particular plants came from. It was a true pleasure.

Weather! It's been a very difficult month for many folks who rely on catchment water. January's rainfall total at our place was only 2.74 inches -- the second lowest monthly rainfall since we moved here in 2004. El Nino has made this weather pattern quite critical. We've not had to order water delivered yet, but one member recently told me they were on their 6th delivery of water! There was a recent article that indicated that portions of the Big Island were at a level 3 drought -- the only such level in the U.S. at this time. Come on -- wash your cars, order water and anything else that typically brings rain!

Lucky we live Hawai'i, though...wouldn't want to be in Washington DC about now as they've had record snowfall that's practically paralyzed the area.

Important Message from the 2010 ARS Annual Convention!

This message was received from the Registrars for the 2010 Annual ARS Convention. It will be held May 14-17 on Long Island, New York. There were a few errors in the Journal article, and they would like all of the newsletters to direct people how to find the correct information. We will publish a link to the .pdf file of the convention brochure on the Hawai'i chapter website.

"Please note, through inadvertent error, preliminary draft text was published in the Winter Journal article, pages 29 - 33, describing the 2010 Convention to be held on Long Island this May. While there are no substantive errors in Agenda or Registration costs, your assistance is requested in providing your Chapter members with final text for this article, which is attached to this E-Mail. Please forward this message and the attachment to your members. They may also view and download accurate Journal text by visiting the New York Chapter website, nyrhododendron.org, clicking on the Convention link. In whatever way correct copy is provided to your members, they should note:

- Expanded Registration Desk hours - Noon - 5:30 PM - Friday, May 14th

- E-Mail address for the Registrar is - thefellers@verizon.net

- Use of the Registration Form in the correct copy will facilitate the registration process

- International guests who are unable to make payment by check in US dollars drawn on a US bank should contact the Registrar to arrange alternate payment procedures

Your assistance is greatly appreciated and we apologize for this inconvenience.

Marianne and Bruce Feller
Registrars - 2010 ARS
Convention"

Foliage!

I know... we love our vireyas because they bloom so frequently with such a wonderful array of colors. However, many of them have the most magnificent foliage and look wonderful even when not in bloom. I spent some time in the garden photographing several of my favorites. What are yours? Send some photos!

Rocky's Mom: with its javanicum background the big deep red spreading bracts of the buds and glossy leaves are showy all the time.

Marshall Pierce Madison: Again, the glossy leaves and beautiful buds are always beautiful.

Superfleur: big glossy bright green leaves on a vigorous plant. It takes to full sun or dappled shade with aplomb.

Richard Marques: The bronze new growth and red/purple-colored leaves makes this plant spectacular at any time in its cycle. Of course, the lovely fragrant pink flowers of the truss are wonderful, but it's glorious even when they aren't there.

Maile: Beautiful, glossy bronze new growth. This is a vigorous grower and bloomer, but the foliage is spectacular.

R. polyanthemum: Glorious new growth with lots of strong bronze scale on the new growth.



Marshall Pierce Madison



Superfleur



Rocky's Mom



Richard Marques



Maile



R. polyanthemum

Next Chapter Meeting:

When: February 21, 12:00pm for potluck, 1:00pm for the meeting.

Where: Kea'au Community Center

Business and Program: We'll continue talking about elections of officers, and our featured speaker will be Dr. Cas Vanderwoude speaking on Little Fire Ants

Calendar of Coming Events:

Sunday, February 21: Regular chapter meeting at the Kea'au Community Center. Potluck at 12:00pm, meeting at 1:00pm.

Sunday, February 28: Regular 4th Sunday Zoo work party. 12:00pm - 3:00pm.

Sunday, March 21: Regular chapter meeting at the Kea'au Community Center. Potluck at 12:00pm, meeting at 1:00pm.

Viva Vireya!

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