



Kunia Orchid Society Newsletter

November 2024

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A Message from Our President

Aloha Kunia Orchid Society Members and Friends,

We had another eventful October month of learning and activities that we hoped you chose to participate in. Our Officers and Board of Directors plan for quality monthly general meetings with speakers aimed at sharing important orchid growing techniques and selected activities that can add to your over-all orchid experience.

For our October 1, meeting we had as our speakers, our own Linda Kurihara and Paulette Morimoto. Linda shared her own personal fertilizer recipe that she makes from eggshells, and the peels and core of an apple. After spraying her own simple but effective fertilizer on her orchid plants, she had seen an abundance of additional flower spikes that she attributes to her homemade fertilizer. Paulette shared with us her successful experience of using orchid husks in planting her orchids. She finds that using coconut husks is economical and easy to raise her orchids. Since many of us have had no experience planting with coconut husks, we all had a chance to pot an orchid using coconut husks. When that hands-on activity was done, we all had another orchid to take home and raise.

Another important activity for us during the month of October was the Honolulu Orchid Society's orchid show that was held on October 11, & 12. We were invited to create a display at their show, and we were glad to lend our support. As long as I have been a member, I always remember setting up a display at this annual show. We appreciate Suzanne Yamada who took the lead in getting ideas for our display and encouraging everyone to be a part of this annual show. She encouraged all of our members to share their blooming orchids, supporting non-orchid plants for the display and helping and learning from this experience. Suzanne's efforts resulting in over 20 members, including some non-member spouses helping with our display setup and take-down at the end of the show. We were fortunate to garner 5 trophy awards for KOS: Best White Vanda, Best Lavender Vanda, Best of Other Color Vanda, Best Species and Best Oncidiinae. We encourage all of our members to prepare now to display their show quality blooming orchids at our own KOS Orchid Show in March. Let's start grooming our orchid collections a little better, starting from today.

Our next major event is on November 16, the Mililani Orchid Club's Craft and Plant Sale. We need your help so we can have items to sell at our KOS booth that day. We would like to focus our efforts in obtaining donations of orchids, plants, and baked goods so we can raise funds to successfully run our education program for the upcoming years. If you have anything that you think might be appropriate for this sales event, please call me, Cell (808) 228-2800 so I can coordinate gathering all of these items that we can sell. Another important reason for us participating in this type of activity is providing exposure for our society in our own backyard. It is a chance to find new people interested in learning more about orchids. If you can help in any way, we need everyone's help, please contact me that you are willing to help in some capacity.

Nominations are now being accepted for our 2025 officers: President, Vice-President, Treasurer, Secretary and additional Board of Directors. If you would like to nominate one of our members, please obtain the nominees permission first and submit the nomination to Dawn Furumoto, Cell (808) 372-5000. We welcome leaders that can continue with some of the successful traditions and can contribute some new and refreshing ideas.

Mahalo,

Ken Ching

Kunia Orchid Society Plant Culture Winners

Novice División (0 - 5 years)



Jane Ching
Paph. Saint Swithin



Linda Kurihara
Rlc. Taeko Tamaki 'Volcano Red'

Intermediate División (6 - 10 years)



Dale Mahi
Bllra Snowblind Sweet Spots

Master División (11+ years)



Henry and Penny Hattal
Lc. Dinard 'Blue Heaven' AM/AOS



Ken and Aileen Ching
Vanda Kulwadee Black Fragrance



ORCHIDS TO INFINITY AND BEYOND

Honolulu Orchid Society 2024 Show



A big mahalo to the Honolulu Orchid Society for giving us the opportunity to participate in their 85th Annual Orchid Society Show. And participate we did! Our orchid enthusiasts came out to send orchids into the future with our theme "Orchids to Infinity and Beyond" from Buzz Lightyear (Toy Story). With a lot of hard work, our show display was awarded third place. Thank you to the members and helpers who worked most diligently on wrapping pots



and placing orchids in our display. They stuck with it to the end and together we all enjoyed a bento lunch with a tapioca dessert.

It takes a village to raise a child and so too, it takes a village to set up a display. Members picked up equipment, orchids, supporting plants and delivered them to the Washington Middle School in Honolulu.



We received contributions of blooming orchids and supporting filler plants from members, some of whom could not attend. Craft work and paraphernalia were collected to put up in the display. Lunch was planned for and picked up to culminate the activity. Finally, breakdown was on Saturday and all the setup equipment needed to be returned to our storage container at Leilehua High School. We would like to grow our village and invite more members to 'play' with us as we create works of art with orchids. Where can you fit in?

A huge Mahalo to those that helped or contributed plants for our display: Laura Figueira, Gary McCurdy, Max Nonies, Linda and Randy Kurihara, Christina Enoka, Noelle Sutherland, Gerald Miyasato, Penny & Henry Hattal, Bobbie and David Williams, Ike and Maria Tucker, Leilani Sage, Larry Yamamoto, Cathy Ballie, Suzanne Yamada, Flo Ferreira, Carol Kawamoto, S & W Orchids, Paul Mahi, Aileen and Ken Ching and anyone else we might have inadvertently missed. Please give them a pat on the back when you see them at our next meeting.

Suzanne Yamada
KOS Show Chairman for the 2024 HOS Show



OUR OCTOBER MEETING: EDUCATION PORTION



Linda Kurihara & Paulette Morimoto: Grow Orchids Successfully With Coconut Husks

Paulette starts with a dry block of coconut husks.



After soaking it in water, the coconut husks become soft and ready to use for potting orchids.



Leilani Sage listens for potting instructions using coconut husks.



Two of our new members, Brian & Mona Saito, potting their own orchid *Pinalia spicata* using coconut husks.



Stacie & Denise Overson are ready to take home their newly potted *Pinalia spicata* to grow using their orchid growing techniques learned at the KOS monthly meetings. Everyone that attended our October monthly meeting got to pot and take home their own orchid plant.



**THERE IS NO GENERAL MEETING NEXT
TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 5TH DUE TO
ELECTION.**

**WE WILL RECONVENE ON TUESDAY,
DECEMBER 3RD AT 7:00PM FOR OUR
GENERAL MEETING & HOLIDAY PARTY AT
MILILANI IKE ELEMENTARY SCHOOL
CAFETERIA.**





WE NEED YOUR HELP AT THE MILILANI ORCHID CLUB'S CRAFT & PLANT SALE

Instead of our regular general meeting in November at the Mililani Ike Elementary School, we will be supporting the Mililani Orchid Club at their Craft and Plant Sale. It is on November 16, at the Mililani Mauka Elementary School, located at 95-1111 Maka'ika'i Street, in Mililani Mauka. We will set up our booth that Saturday morning at 7:00 am, prior to the 8:00 am start time. The event ends at 2:00 pm.

Besides selling some blooming orchid plants which we are ordering from the mainland and from Hilo, we are seeking donations from our members for the majority of our sales offerings. We are focusing on orchid plants, other miscellaneous plants, baked items but will consider other appropriate items that we can sell. The more product donations that we can receive, the more items that we can offer to the public. If you have things to donate, or are able to help us at this event, please contact Ken Ching, cell (808) 228-2800. If you don't have anything to donate, perhaps family members and friends, living close by, may be happy to contribute something for our KOS booth? IF YOU NOT GOING ASK, YOU NOT GOING GET! We would like to know ahead of November 16, what you have to donate. If you may be away during this event, call Ken to arrange a pickup or delivery of the items you wish to contribute

Beside items for sale, we want to promote orchid education in our community. We can possibly accomplish this by providing orchid education handouts and inviting interested people to visit us at our monthly meetings. We will have fun talking to people, offering some quality products at reasonable prices, and enjoy working with our fellow KOS members.

We hope to hear from every one of our members!

Here are some of the plants that are currently being grown specifically to sell at our KOS booth:

