



Kunia Orchid Society Newsletter

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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Aloha Kunia Orchid Society Members & Friends,

Mahalo for joining us at our monthly general meetings. Your attendance is a great sign that we're sharing valuable information for both seasoned growers and new orchid enthusiasts alike. Our KOS officers and leadership team work hard to plan meetings and activities that benefit everyone, regardless of experience level. If you ever have questions or suggestions, please feel free to reach out to any of our leaders — we're always happy to help.

Each month, we aim to present engaging topics and maintain a welcoming, respectful atmosphere where everyone feels at home.

Looking ahead, the Aiea Orchid Club Show and Plant Sale is just a few weeks away. If you've never attended or participated in an orchid show, I highly encourage you to take advantage of this wonderful opportunity. Especially if you're available on the morning of Thursday, June 5th, I invite you to help with setting up our display. Every orchid on display is registered and labeled with its name and the grower's name — a great learning tool for all of us.

Volunteering has many benefits:

- It's a great way to get to know fellow KOS members while working together.
- Veteran members will be there to guide and share their knowledge.
- You'll learn how to properly handle blooming orchids and display materials.
- You'll meet members from other orchid societies — a rare chance, as our general meetings typically don't include them.
- You'll also have the unique opportunity to associate beautiful plants with their proud owners.
- And best of all, you'll get a first look at the stunning orchid displays and gain insights into different design techniques.

There are normally four orchid shows a year: Kunia Orchid Society Show, and the Windward Orchid Society Show on the same weekend in March, the Aiea Orchid Club Show in June and the Honolulu Orchid Society Show in October. Hopefully we will see the Ewa Orchid Society Show return soon. Each show shares the same goal: to educate the public and foster a love for orchids in our communities. These events also help raise funds to support speakers and other society activities. By participating in these shows, we not only support our sister societies but strengthen the broader orchid community — and we appreciate their support when it's our turn to host.

We're excited to continue getting to know each of you. While I may be busy during meetings, don't hesitate to call, text, or email me. I look forward to seeing you at our next general meeting on June 3rd, and again at the Aiea Orchid Club Show setup on June 5th.

Sincerely,

Ken Ching

President of the Kunia Orchid Society

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Special Orchid Nursery Tour – July 12, 2025



In addition to our regular general meeting on July 1, 2025, we're excited to announce a special Saturday morning activity on July 12 — a group tour of S&W Orchids in Waianae!

It is a large and well-known nursery, and we are fortunate to have Jeremy Domingo of S&W Orchids as our host and guide for this event. The tour will include many different facets of their set up, learn about various orchids that you might be interested in and be able to purchase some of the orchid plants that you will see. I have asked Jeremy to expand a little more on the Honohono orchid that we are working on. Please note that, like most orchid nurseries, S&W has certain prized plants reserved for hybridizing — these are not for sale, and their location will be pointed out during the tour. Because we are touring S&W as a group, prices are set. As a courtesy to our host, we ask that you honor the determined prices of the orchids for sale.

Signup for this event will be at our June 3, and July 1, meetings. There is no charge for the orchid nursery tour. If you cannot sign up at our next two meetings, you can contact Ken Ching Cell (808) 228-2800, to be included in the tour.

Tour Details:

- **Date:** Saturday, July 12, 2025
- **Meeting Point:** Tamura Super Market parking lot
Address: 86-032 Farrington Highway, Waianae (right on the main road)
- **Meeting Time:** 8:40 AM (or earlier)
- **Tour Starts:** 9:00 AM (we'll drive together from the meeting point; it's about 8 minutes away)
- **Duration:** Approximately 2+ hours
- **Optional:** We may enjoy lunch together at the nursery after the tour

We hope you will take advantage of this great opportunity to visit an orchid nursery together as the Kunia Orchid Society.

Aiea Orchid Club 2025 Show & Plant Sale



The traditional volunteer's photo in front of the display.

Our next orchid show is just around the corner, and we're excited to participate! To create a beautiful and successful display, we'll need your support. We need your show quality blooming orchids, supporting non-orchid plants to fill the spaces between orchids and your help to set up and take down the display. The show theme is "**Orchids: Ma'uka to Ma'kai.**" If you're able to help in any way, please contact our KOS show display chairperson, Suzanne Yamada, at (808) 206-4758 to be added to the volunteer list. Your help would be greatly appreciated.

Location: Aiea Elementary School Cafetorium, 99-370 Moanalua Road, Aiea.

Display Set-up: June 5, 2025 (Thursday) 9:00 am to 12:30 pm, then lunch.

Please bring your blooming plants for the setup before 10:00 am.

Plant Registration: 9:00 am to 2:00 pm. Please register your plants as soon as possible.

Show Schedule: June 6, (Friday) & June 7, (Saturday) 9:00 am to 4 pm

Conclusion & Breakdown: June 7, (Saturday) at 4:00 pm.



Our lovely ladies getting the "hinahina" ready for our display.



Suzanne Yamada, putting the final touches of our completed display.

May General Meeting

Dendrobium anosmum 'Super White'



Members selecting Honohono canes to take home and sprout keiki.



This is how the canes should look like on 2 weeks. The name tag has the Honohono canes that you received.



Members chose between small, medium, and large Honohono canes.

At our May general meeting, everyone in attendance was invited to take home Dendrobium anosmum 'Super White,' water them every day and see what appears on your canes. At our June general meeting, we encourage you to very carefully bring one or two of your canes so we can see what is happening with your Honohono cane? Make sure to tag them with the owner's name! We hope that in July, our keiki will be the right size for potting. Thanks to Henry & Penny Hattal for donating the Honohono canes.

For those that were not able to attend our May general meeting, Henry & Penny plan to bring additional canes for those that were not able to receive one. For those that are already caring for your Honohono canes, they should be sprouting some new keiki like the ones in the picture.

We look forward to seeing you at our next meeting on June 3rd.

General Membership Meeting

June 3, 2025

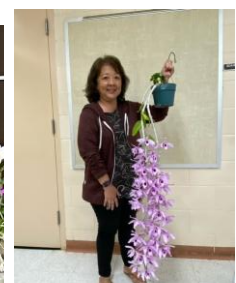
7:00 pm

Mililani Ike Elementary School Cafeteria

How to Grow Honohono Orchids

Last year Scot Mitamura taught us on how to prepare our blooming orchids for the 2025 Honolulu Orchid Show. You start with growing healthy, beautiful blooming orchids then the next step is learning how to display them effectively using some simple techniques.

We're pleased to welcome Scot back as our guest speaker for the June 3 general meeting, where he'll be sharing his expertise on growing Honohono Orchids. He has written many articles giving practical orchid tips for the public and his article "Cultural Requirements of Honohono Orchid has helped thousands of growers. As the designated Orchid Doctor of the Windward Orchid Society, Scot brings a wealth of knowledge and experience. This presentation is especially for those of you who are interested in growing beautiful Honohono Orchids — we hope you'll join us and be inspired to take your orchid growing to the next level.



How To Construct an Easy Shade House Using E-Z Corners

Thank you to all the volunteers who helped assemble a simple shade house using E-Z Corners. Once all the pieces were identified, it took about 12 minutes to put the basic structure together. While we had 4 volunteers on hand, it's definitely possible for two people to complete the set up. Orchid nurseries and individuals use a variety of materials and shade cloth to create filtered sunlight for their orchids. If you are not a carpenter, or don't have a friend that has building skills, this method using E-Z Corners is a great, beginner-friendly option for building your own shade house.



"Shade is crucial for orchid health and well-being, as they are generally shade-loving plants that need bright, indirect light. Too much direct sunlight can cause sunburn, leading to damage to leaves and flowers. Orchids thrive in environments with 30-60% shade, or a location where they receive a few hours of direct sunlight but preferably not during the hottest hours of the day."

Our KOS Show Photographer



Thank you, Ed, for taking all the pictures of those participating in our KOS show and of the beautiful blooming orchids. The flowers look so much more impressive when they are viewed from up close.

We appreciate you creating a slide presentation of our 2025 KOS Show for our last May general meeting. Your pictures will always be a memorial of shows gone by.

Kunia Orchid Society Plant Culture Winners!

Master Division



Den. Crumenatum: Amy Teves



Den. Jairak 'Firehorn': Penny and Henry Hattal

Intermediate Division



Paph. delentii '4970': Linda Kurihara



Cymbidium finlaysonianum: Jane Ching

Novice Division



Brs. Rex (spotless): Max Nonies



Den. Little Sweetscent x super white: Barbara Suzui



Renew your Kunia Orchid Society membership for 2025

To further promote orchid education and activities at our monthly general meetings and in the community, our Board of Directors have instituted a new annual dues program. For 2025, there is a slight increase in our annual membership dues. It is now \$25 for each Member and \$15 for an Associate Member (an Associate Member would be a spouse or partner of a member). There will be a \$15 membership due for students. Our membership dues, along with money generated from fund raising events, pay for the rental of our meeting facility, insurance, educational essentials, meeting supplies and equipment, and special event costs. The success of KOS depends on the contributions of its members through their expertise, knowledge and time sacrificed. We hope that you can lend a hand to benefit our society. Let us know if you are willing.

Mahalo,
Kunia Orchid Society Board of Directors



Eiko Masai, our 2,025th visitor at the KOS Annual Show, is pictured alongside her husband, Hiroshi, holding the winning basket, and our President, Ken Ching.

Kunia Orchid Society – 2025 Membership Application

- ☐ \$25 Annual Membership Dues
- ☐ \$15 Associate Membership (Spouse/Partner of paid member)
- ☐ \$15 Student Membership (Please include copy of student ID)

Tax Deductible Donation, if any:

\$10 \$20 \$50 \$100 Other \$ _____ Amount Enclosed \$ _____

Please make Check Payable to: Kunia Orchid Society. Your cancelled check will be your receipt. Mail to P.O. Box 893956, Mililani, HI 96789

Name: _____ Date: _____

Street Address: _____ City: _____ Zip Code: _____

Home Phone: _____ Cell Phone: _____

Email Address: _____

Talent/Experience (i.e. Finance, Carpentry, Graphics) _____