



# Kunia Orchid Society Newsletter

## March 2025

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### **PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE**

Aloha Members of the Kunia Orchid Society & Friends,

With the 67th Kunia Orchid Show and Plant Sale right around the corner on March 21 & 22, this is the time when we need everyone's help the most. Final preparations will take place on Thursday, March 20, beginning at 9 AM. The Show & Plant Sale is happening on Friday and Saturday. If your schedule allows you to help on any of these three days, we could really use your help, especially if you are retired or can take some time off to help our society. I should be released from the hospital on February 26, but full recovery from open-heart surgery may take up to 6 weeks or more. I normally enjoy running crazy around the show every year, but this year will have to be an exception. Our officers and board of directors are working extremely hard to get all the preparations accomplished but we will definitely need everyone's participation in the coming weeks.

Please call any one of our show chairmen if you are available to help or come to our March 4th general meeting to sign up. It would be ideal to have all our members help on these critical three days, but if you can only do a partial, it will go a long way in making our show a success! Help from non-member friends and family are also welcome. Aileen will have her sister help her on Friday and her sister and niece on Saturday to help at the popular Plant Holding Area. My youngest son and his wife will be helping us on Saturday. We all look forward to working together at the 2025 Kunia Orchid Show & Plant Sale!



Mahalo,  
Ken Ching

P.S.

Off and on since our early days in the Kunia Gym, Ikebana displays have been a popular attraction. This year it will again be a prominent feature of the show, thanks to Mrs. Connie Yoshioka and members of her group. They enjoy sharing the practice of this ancient art form that originated more than seven centuries ago from the Japanese custom of decorating evergreen trees with flowers to invite the gods. Connie credits Mrs. Mitsue Kubo, a Wahiawa resident and retired Sogetsu Ikebana instructor, for inspiring numerous students for many years until she passed away at the age of 96 in 2016. Ikebana expresses the philosophy of "less is more" by using just a few items in the arrangement while following a basic geometric shape and presented in a way that's both beautiful and harmonious. Be sure to spread the word about this returning attraction!

**General Membership Meeting**  
**Millilani Ike Elementary**  
**School Cafeteria**  
**March 4, 2025, at 7:00 pm**

### **MAHALO ORCHID PLANT FOR OUR DEDICATED VOLUNTEERS**



The Officers and Board of Directors of the Kunia Orchid Society, in appreciation for the hard-working members and friends who help to make the 67th Orchid Show & Plant Sale a success, have approved an orchid plant to be awarded to each volunteer at our general meeting on April 1st. The plants will come from Carol Kawamoto of Kawamoto Nursery who has generously agreed to subsidize the cost of the orchids. There will be five different Cattleyas to choose from: Rlc. Nakornchaisri Delight "#2," Rlc. Shinfong Little Boy "Gizmo," Rlc. Star of Siam "Justice," Rlc. Siam White "The Best," and Blc. Fuch's Orange Nugget "Lea." They are healthy plants that should bloom in about a year.

We will have KOS T-shirts available for purchase at our March general meeting. These are the Navy colored shirts. They are available for \$10.00 each. And we found more sizes!

**2025!**

# **67<sup>th</sup> KUNIA ORCHID SHOW & PLANT SALE**



**Leilehua High School Gymnasium**

*1515 California Avenue in Wahiawa*

**Friday, March 21 9am – 5pm**

**Saturday, March 22 9am – 4pm**

**FREE ADMISSION!**

**Prize Winning Orchids  
& Floral Displays**



**\* Orchid Culture Demonstrations**

**11am & 1pm on Friday & Saturday**

**\* Kunia Country Store**

**\* Garden Supplies**

*Presented by the*

**Kunia Orchid Society**

**& the Leilehua High School Athletic Department**

***Donations Welcome!***

***For more information call 808-228-2800***

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## The 2025 Kunia Orchid Show & Plant Sale

The 67th Kunia Orchid Show and Plant Sale will be held at the Leilehua High School Gymnasium on Friday, March 21<sup>st</sup> and Saturday, 22<sup>nd</sup> this year. The show hours are 9 am to 5 pm on Friday and 9 am to 4 pm on Saturday. The Kunia Orchid Society's event is one of the best flower shows on Oahu. Admission is free and there is plenty of available parking.

The show features local orchid clubs showcasing their very best blooming specimens. Judging will take place the night before the show and awards will be presented to the winners at a ceremony on Friday at 12 noon. Local plant vendors will be selling a selection of live orchid plants at very reasonable prices. Educational sessions are of interest to the beginner orchid enthusiasts as well as the more experienced orchid growers. Sessions at 11:00 am and 1:00 pm both Friday and Saturday will cover general information on growing orchids, including optimum growth factors of water, light and fertilizer applications as well as the best types of orchid media for growing and transplanting.

This year the show will once again feature an Ikebana display thanks to Mrs. Connie Yoshioka and members of her group who enjoy sharing this ancient art form. Ikebana expresses the philosophy of "less is more" by using just a few items in the arrangement while following a basic geometric shape; most often a triangle. Orchids and other flowers are presented in a way that's both beautiful and harmonious.



The ever-popular Kunia Kountry Store will feature a wide variety of plants for home gardens as well as an array of useful gardening supplies. There will also be a selection of homemade baked goods and much more. The sales at various food booths on site will benefit the athletic department of Leilehua High School.

The show is the main fundraiser for the non-profit Kunia Orchid Society. Proceeds support its monthly meetings with growing tips and lectures by guest speakers who share their expertise on orchid culture. New members are always welcomed. More information can be found on the Society's website at [kuniaorchidsociety.org](http://kuniaorchidsociety.org).



# KUNIA ORCHID SHOW PLANNING

## **ORCHID WONDERLAND 2025 KOS ORCHID SHOW**

We have invited our fellow orchid societies to join our Kunia Orchid Show in presenting "ORCHID WONDERLAND." Our theme opens the door to a kingdom where orchids reign!

Join us in making our 67th show a success. Your help in the following areas is greatly needed:

**Display**: Come out to help create our display. Bring your best orchid plants to enhance our display. Sign up to help on Thursday, 3/20/25, 9:00 a.m.

**Membership Sign-up**: Help man our table to share your experiences with KOS and signup new members. We need assistance on Friday, 3/21/25, 9a.m. - 5p.m.

**Country Store**: Be a part of our biggest moneymaker. We need donations of baked goods and other homemade items. We are also accepting donated plants for sale. During the show we need volunteers to help stock the shelves and assist the customers.

**Food**: In order to feed our members during the show and after the set up of our display, we need volunteers to prep lunch. No experience necessary, just willingness to help.

**Entrance/Exit**: Volunteers are needed to sit at the entrance to greet our visitors while volunteers at the exit check items exiting our show.

**Security**: We are in need of people who can walk around the show and check for any problems that may arise. Additionally, we need to ensure that the orchids in our displays are not damaged.

**Hosts/Hostesses**: Signup to help answer questions on the floor while keeping an eye on our displays. Direct visitors to our Country Store or Vendors for orchids they may be interested in.

**There is a place for every KOS member so please signup to make this a successful event!**

**Mahalo!!**

## How To Revive A Failing Orchid Collection



Orchids love to grow in the crooks of trees.



Sheron demonstrates re-potting Phalaenopsis with re-cycled cork from wine bottles.

Sheron Harwood has lived in Kailua all her life, has raised all kinds of orchids, and is known for her vast range of orchid experiences. When her insurance company required her total devotion at the office, work took precedence, and her orchid collection went to pot.

Is this the end of her orchid story? No, Sheron knew exactly what to do when time allowed. She began harvesting the live parts of the salvageable orchids and started re-potting them with fresh media. For plants that dry out faster, she prefers to use clay and cement pots, for others she has used plastic pots or baskets.

As a bonus to our February leaning experience, Sheron demonstrated how to re-pot Phalaenopsis with re-cycled cork from wine bottles. Free cork media is greatly appreciated as orchid supplies keep skyrocketing.



Orchids thrive with fresh media



Flora Ferreira shows off the bag of cork that Sheron Harwood brought to share with some lucky members

# *Kunia Orchid Society Plant Culture Winners!*

## *Master Division*



Den. Capituliflorum 'Maddison' CCM/HOS  
Ken and Aileen Ching



Cl. Grace Dunn  
Gerald Miyasato

## *Intermediate Division*



Rth. Orange Treat  
Suzanne Yamada



Den. Chocolate Antlers  
Noelle Sutherland

## *Novice Division*



Paph. Delenati 'Regular'  
Denise Overson



Grt. Why Not  
Laura Figueira and Gary McCurdy



The time has come to 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



## 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) \_\_\_\_\_