



# *Kunia Orchid Society Newsletter*

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### **PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE**

Aloha Members of the Kunia Orchid Society & Friends,

The biggest and hardest event of each year is our Annual Kunia Orchid Show & Plant Sale. With your help, we did it.

If you were able to help, you assisted in one the following main assignments: Laura Figueira with publicity, vendor receipts and financing, Suzanne Yamada with our KOS display at the show and hosts & hostesses assisting visitors at the display area, Denise Stewart who did all our secretary responsibilities, introducing our special show winners and arranging for our special entertainment on Saturday, Dawn Furumoto in the Country Store (the majority of the items sold there were donations from you our members and non-member friends), Joy Long at the entrance and exit, Linda Kurihara at our membership table (sharing information about the benefits of being a part KOS), Randy Kurihara making sure that all our visitors and property of our participating societies and vendors were protected and help coordinate our award placement ribbons late Thursday evening, Dale Mahi who worked to provide our lunch break food for the show and some extra snacks, Paul Mahi who supervised the show signs in the community and taking them down (thanks Laura & Gary for helping also), Gary McCurday our finance accountant, Aileen Ching for the holding area and making dinner for the judges on Thursday evening. Thank you again (this includes everyone that contributed items for sale or spent time helping at the show).

We appreciate the Leilehua High School Athletic Department in helping us sponsor our show again this year. In Nolan Tokuda's absence (Athletic Director) Dean Akagi was always available when we needed help with the fans, microphone and bringing us ice every day of the show for us to use. We appreciate the Judo Team and Coach Buenconsejo for doing a monumental job of covering the gym floor, bringing out and putting back all the tables and chairs from the storage container. This had to be one of the biggest helps at the show. When they were not away on a Judo activity, they also made themselves available to assist our visitors with their many or large purchases. With this service, we hope they were able to earn some tips for their team activities.

Thank you to our own Leland Nakai for his class on Vandas and James Keach (Assistant Extension Agent Kaua'i County) who flew in from Kaua'i on Saturday morning to conduct a class and be our Plant Doctor for the day. Our honohono, hands on, planting class on Saturday afternoon was enjoyed by quite a few visitors to the show. We were able to accomodate about 50 visitors that went home with their own honohono planted keiki.

With the largest hurdle scaled for the year, we can now focus more of our efforts and energy in providing new orchid learning opportunities for our members and the general public. We will be reporting to you some initial financing results in our future meetings. Our officers and board of directors respect your efforts in raising funds so we can continue the offerings of the Kunia Orchid Society. We will continue to utilize your hard earned funds to best promote the love of orchids and additional knowledge for all our members and the general public. If you would like to share in some of our leadership efforts, please contact one of our officers or board of directors. Many of the officers have served for many years and we sure could use some help.

At our April meeting, for your efforts in conjunction with the completion of our 67th Annual Orchid Show, we will be presenting an orchid plant to everyone that helped with the show. Please come and receive your orchid in gratitude for your efforts at our latest show accomplishment. An orchid plant was already presented to all the non-members at the show. Show chairmen, please provide me with a list of everyone that helped with and at the show so we can obtain the right number of orchid plants.

I look forward to greeting you at our next general meeting on April 1. Thank you for your great assistance while I am still on the mend.

*Ken*

## **APRIL MEETING GUEST SPEAKER DOUG DEMOSS**



We are happy to announce that Mr. Doug DeMoss will be our guest speaker at our April 1, general meeting. Having lived on Oahu for many years, he has a passion for surfing, besides growing orchids for a long time. He worked many years with Mr. Milton Warne in Nuuanu and now has his own private nursery in Pupukea.. Doug has made many presentations at orchid societies throughout Hawaii and with the Lyon Arboretum in Manoa, speaking about basic to advanced orchid subjects. We have asked Doug to focus on "An Introduction To Orchids" to assist our new members and review some basic orchid principals for our veteran members. Doug is a very entertaining speaker and during our break-time, be able to answer your most challenging questions about orchids.

See you at our April 1, meeting!

## **PLANT COMMENTARY FOR APRIL MEETING**

Since our usual plant commentator, Brad Lau, is currently on vacation, we are asking our members bringing plants for Plant Commentary to take 1 minute to share information about the plant that you brought. The most important information everyone wants to know about your plant is the name of the orchid or if you don't have a name for it. Other interesting comments might be how long you had the plant, where you obtained it from and the conditions that it is currently thriving. Please keep your comments short and sweet.



**GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING**  
**Mililani Ike Elementary School**  
**Cafeteria**  
**April 1, 2025, at 7:00 pm**