



Kunia Orchid Society Newsletter

December 2023

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A Message from Our President

Dear Kunia Orchid Society Members & Friends,

It was another busy month for us. On Tuesday, November 7, we were fortunate to have Roy Andrade provide a presentation on growing dendrobiums, Brad Lau provided another excellent commentary on many beautiful blooming orchids that our members brought in and everyone was able to take home a Grammatophyllum orchid plant whose name is a mystery. The first member to bloom it will win a prize and we will be able to provide the name to all. If you didn't get a plant that night, call me and I will bring one for you at our December meeting. On Saturday, November 11, we participated as a vendor at the Mililani Orchid Club Craft & Plant Sale. Thank you for your donations and time helping at the event. We get to have more fun when we are actively participating in our society activities together.

Upcoming events and activities include current nominations for our new officers and board of directors for 2024, our Holiday Potluck Dinner at our next meeting on Tuesday, December 5, and planning for our 2024 Kunia Orchid Society Show. Contact Karen Yamamoto, Cell (808) 225-6743 to nominate or volunteer as an officer or board of director. To sign up, or for questions regarding our Holiday Potluck event, call Joy Long, Cell (808) 671-4210. For the Kunia Orchid Show major volunteers call Ken Ching, Cell (808) 228-2800.

The year 2023 is coming quickly to its conclusion. Thank you to our officers who dedicated much time and effort throughout the year and all of our members who supported our meetings and events. I look forward to seeing more of you at our monthly meetings in 2024 and learning together about orchids and the joy that they can bring to the growers and those around us.

See you at our Holiday Event on Tuesday, December 5, at 7:00 pm. As usual, no charge, just share a favorite dish or dessert.

Ken Ching

**Upcoming
General Membership Meeting
7:00 pm, December 5, 2023
Mililani Ike Elementary
Cafeteria**

JANUARY 2024 SPEAKER SPECIES ORCHIDS



Adam Almeida

Adam will be introducing us to orchids that have evolved in the wild without human interaction. These orchids are called species orchids which are unique and many times beautiful. Adam mentions that understanding species helps us to better appreciate the work that goes into making a hybrid. Adam is a Trustee for the HOS Board of Trustees and a HOS and American Orchid Society Judge.

REPRESENTING KOS AT THE MILILANI CRAFT & PLANT SALE

We appreciate the support provided by our members allowing us to successfully participate in the Mililani Craft & Plant Sale that was held at the Mililani Mauka Elementary School on November 11.



Thank you to the Mililani Orchid Club for inviting us to participate as a vendor. Mahalo to all those that donated plants, baked goods, misc. sale items and most of all your valuable time on a Saturday: Karen Yamamoto, Diane Hamamoto, Laura Figueira, Gary McCurdy, Flora Ferreira, Max Nonies, Dale Mahi, Paul Mahi, Suzanne Yamada, Penny Hattal, Henry Hattal, Bill Takamatsu, Karen Golero, Linda Kurihara, Denise Stewart, Tessie Labra, Jocelyn Mokulehua, Carol Horiuchi, Brian Horiuchi, Wendel Takase, Susan Tokairin, Aileen Ching, Ken Ching and others we may have inadvertently forgot to mention.



We enjoyed working together and promoting the Kunia Orchid Society right here in the community that we hold our monthly meetings. We were fortunate to net close to \$1,900, made new friends and invited potential members to join us in 2024.



KUNIA ORCHID SOCIETY HOLIDAY EVENT

Potluck Dinner/Social

December 5, 2023, at 7:00 pm

Mililani Ike Elementary School Cafeteria

This event will be in place of our regular December meeting. Come enjoy delicious food, take home a mature orchid plant, win starter orchid plants from our live Bingo games, reconnect with old friends, meet new members, and end our busy 2023 year having fun together as the Kunia Orchid Society!

Some of the food dishes members have already committed to bring are roasted chicken, Spam musubi press, smooch cake, chopped sweet kale salad, roast & potatoes (Sunset Beach, Portuguese style) home prepared noodles (Mililani Chinese style), etc.

The following members have already signed up to attend: Amy Teves, Henry & Penny Hattal, Dale & Paul Mahi, Ken & Aileen Ching, Linda Kurihara, Renee Harens, Cindy Fuentes, Suzanne Yamada, Diane Hamamoto, Guy & Janine Mikasa, Susan Tokairin, Brad Lau, Karen Yamamoto, Bobbie Williams, Jeffrey & Amanda Spangler, Larry Yamamoto, Laura Figueira, Gary McCurdy, Max Nonies, Noelle Sutherland, Linda Bonifacio, Aurora Beleno, Joy Long, Andrea Long, Sylviann Wong, Noelle Sutherland, Linda Bonifacio, Aurora Beleno, Joy Long, Andrea Long, Sylviann Wong and Dawn Furumoto, and Denise Stewart. **WE HOPE YOU CAN COME TOO!**

If you are not on this party list, please join this special KOS fun-filled event by calling Joy Long (808) 671-4210 or Ken Ching Cell: (808) 228-2800.

SEE YOU ALL THERE!



Kunia Orchid Society Plant Culture Winners!

Class 1 (11+ years)



Den. macrophyllum
Ken and Aileen Ching



C. Dinard 'Blue Heaven'
Penny and Henry Hattal

Class 2 (6 - 10 years)



Den. lineale
Karen Yamamoto



Pcv. Key Lime Stars
Dale Mahi

Class 3 (0 - 5 years)



C. Purple Cascade 'Fragrant Beauty'
Linda Kurihara



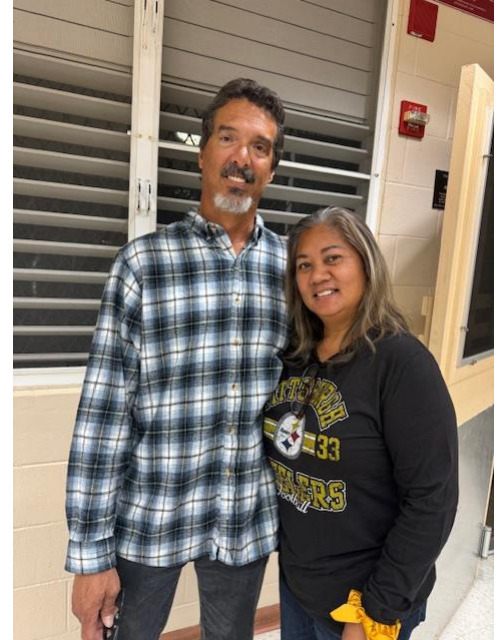
Rth. Lois McNeil 'Ace'
Jocelyn Mokulehua

DENDROBIUM CULTURE MADE EASY

We were fortunate to have Roy Andrade speak to us at our November general meeting. Roy is an accredited American Orchid Society and Honolulu Orchid Society judge and has travelled to the mainland and Japan for judging. He started growing orchids in 1991, starting with about 20 dendrobium plants and now has over 1,000 orchids of various kinds. His huge dendrobium orchids can often be seen at the various local orchid shows.

The Dendrobium genus is one of the largest of all orchid groups with nearly 2,000 species. They are native to southeast Asia where they grow in different types of climates. As our guest speaker for the month, Roy introduced the members to the different types of dendrobiums that he has cultivated, covering the importance of light, air circulation, watering, fertilizing and re-potting. Our Plant Commentary winners for the evening were lucky to take home an orchid plant that was brought by Roy.

As a current resident of Oahu, this may have been one of the last times to receive a presentation from Roy. He and his wife Sheila plan to re-locate to Las Vegas next year. As the long time President of the Ewa Orchid Society, we will certainly miss seeing Roy and Sheila at many of our local orchid meetings and events.



Kunia Orchid Society – 2024 Membership Application

- \$15 New and Renewing Membership (Renewal received by Dec 31)
 \$20 New and Renewing Membership (Jan 1, 2024, and beyond)

Tax Deductible Donation, if any:

\$10 \$20 \$50 \$100 Other \$ _____ Total amount enclosed \$ _____

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