



Kunia Orchid Society Newsletter

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A Message from Our President

Aloha Kunia Orchid Society Members and Friends,

We finally emerged out of the COVID shadow for our first in-person, general meeting in about three years. We had 26 members meet together at the Mililani Ike Elementary School cafeteria on January 3. The last membership registration count that I received on January 12, totaled 64 registered members. Since then, we might have received additional memberships for 2023. We hope to keep building our KOS membership as the weeks go by and we get back into the groove of learning more about orchids together.



Vice President, Karen Yamamoto, announcing 2023 board members and officers.

After our general business and announcements were made, Brad Lau conducted our plant commentary of blooming plants brought by some of our members. We invite all our members that have blooming orchid plants to bring and share them with the rest of the members.



Board member, Laura Figueroa speaking on upcoming KOS events. Stay tuned!

Brad and his helpers will share information about the various plants brought in for the evening and select the outstanding plants in three divisions. Please let Brad know which plants you are bringing to the meeting so some possible research can be done before the meeting. Division I – members that have been in our society less than 5 years, Division II – members that have been in the society between 6 to 10 years and Division III – members that have been in the society for 11 years or more. We plan to have a prize for two selected plants in each division. We are hoping that this monthly activity will encourage our members to grow healthy blooming orchids, prepare the plants for showing, and from the plant commentary we can learn more about the many different orchids that our members grow in our area.



Brad Lau conducting orchid plant commentary.

After our plant commentary, we were able to repot some Dendrobium Waianae Profusion, that were donated by Henry & Penny Hattal. Many of them were quite mature and required some stabilizing and staking. We were hoping that everyone would be able to take home at least two plants to raise. Because we only had 26 members in attendance, those that came that night were able to take home several more plants. We hope that they will thrive at their new homes to reappear at a later date to add to any plant fundraiser sale we plan to have later this year. Other orchid re-potting activities are planned during this year.



Suzanne Yamada with newly transplanted dendrobiums.



Dale and Paul Mahi with their group of new dendrobium plants.



Laura and Gary all smiles with their newly planted dendrobiums from January meeting.

At our February general meeting, we'll have Scot Mitamura, from the Windward Orchid Society speaking on Honohono orchids. At our past KOS Orchid Shows, many of our visitors came specially to see the beautiful Honohono orchids in the displays or try to buy one to take home. This is the reason we have selected this to be our first topic of learning for the year. Although I have great difficulty growing them, I encourage everyone to consider adding some Honohono to your collection and increase your knowledge and growing technique of this very fragrant flower. As Honohono cuttings become available later during the year, we hope we can obtain some cuttings and do some actual planting of them. Please come and learn about this very challenging orchid to grow. If you have a relative or friend that would like to learn more about Honohono, please invite them to join us on February 7, at 7:00 pm.

See you at our next meeting.
Ken Ching

KOS General Membership Meeting,

**February 7, 2023, 7:00PM
Mililani Ike Elementary School**

LEARN ALL ABOUT HONOHOHO

Scot Mitamura, horticulturist at Foster Botanical Gardens will be our Honohono speaker.
Ask all the questions you might have about Honohono.

“The Goldilocks Zone: Intermediate Orchids And How To Grow Them.”

View an encore presentation of Dr. James Keach’s presentation by clicking on the link below. Enjoy!

JAMES KEACH

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=DVGSSPo5snI&t=2s>



James Keach, Ph.D., Assistant Extension Agent– Ornamental Crops, University of Hawaii, College of Tropical Agriculture and Human Resources (CTAHR)

At thr HOS January virtual meeting, Dr. Keach gave an overview of some ‘intermediate’ orchids, which don’t need things too hot or cold, and some tips for finding and growing them.

Honolulu Orchid Society Silent Auction

**March 8, 2023, at 7:00 PM
Lanakila Elem School Cafeteria**

Benefits the educational program. Many plants from Big Island, Maui, and Oahu nurseries for sale and small country store items. Payment by cash or check only.

KOS MEMBER SURVEY

Your opinion matters and is greatly appreciated. Please complete the following survey.

Dear Members:

To plan for future meetings and activities of the Kunia Orchid Society we need your input. The following are a number of possible things we can incorporate in our future meetings and activities. We would like to get your response to these ideas by ranking them according to what you feel is most important to least important. If what you feel is important is not on this list, we definitely want you to add them to the list and rank your proposal with the rest of the existing suggestions. Rank each item with a number, with #1 being the most important item on your wish list, then #2, then #3, and etc. We will then use this information to help with planning for our future meetings and activities.

____ A. Speakers

It is important to invite speakers to our monthly meetings who can instruct us about orchids. Orchid topics include _____

____ B. Refreshments

It is important to have refreshments as part of our monthly meeting.

____ C. Plant Doctor

It is important to me to have a knowledgeable member at our meetings to help me diagnose problems that I might have with any of my orchids. (This could possibly take place a half hour before our meeting begins).

____ D. Starter Orchid Plants

It is important to me to receive a starter (small) orchid plant at most monthly meetings.

____ E. Lucky Number give aways

It is important to have some lucky number orchid plants given at most monthly meetings.

____ F. Oahu Orchid Safari

I would like our society to schedule periodic excursions to local orchid nurseries.

____ G. Outer Island Orchid Safari

I would like our society to plan periodic excursions (trips), when possible, to outer island orchid nurseries.

____ H. Member home visits

I would like our society to arrange visits to see how members have set up their individual orchid growing setup.

_____I. Volunteer/Donations to Orchid Show

It is important for all our members to dedicate time and contribute items to our annual orchid show.

_____J. Fundraising

To raise funds to operate our society, it is important for me to dedicate time and contribute items for periodic orchid/plant sale events.

_____K. Volunteer Service to KOS

It is important for me to volunteer for various offices or other needed positions in our society.

_____L. Hands-On Training

It is important for me to have periodic hands on orchid training, i.e. potting, staking plants, prepping blooming orchids for presentations).

_____M. Plant Commentary

It is important to have members share their blooming orchids at our monthly meetings w/ commentary on each orchid plant.

_____N. Prizes for winning orchids

It is important that we offer prizes to our plant commentary activity winners.

Add other suggestions that you would like to be included and rank them in order of your preference:

_____O. _____

_____P. _____

_____Q. _____

_____R. _____

_____S. _____

_____T. _____

Name of participant (Optional): _____

MAHALO FOR YOUR PARTICIPATION!

Bring your completed survey to our next meeting **OR** mail your completed responses to:

Suzanne Yamada
94-1150 Eleu Street
Waipahu, HI 96797



The time has come to renew your 2023 Kunia Orchid Society membership!

Last year, your membership dues and donations helped fund our KOS monthly meetings, newsletters and participation in this year's HOS Orchid Show. We are excited to announce that we will resume in person meetings next month!

We plan on reaching out to the community with events and educational opportunities. Until then we appreciate your kokua by completing the membership renewal form found at the end of this newsletter and sending it back with your check. Please encourage any of our past members to join us once again.

Mahalo,
Kunia Orchid Society Board of Directors



Kunia Orchid Society – 2023 Membership Application

- \$15 Membership Renewal for all current 2022 paid up members.
- \$20 New Membership (Jan 1 to Dec 31)

Tax Deductible Donation, if any:

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

Complete and mail to: \$ _____ 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

o Check if your address has not changed.

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