



Kunia Orchid Society Newsletter

February 2024

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A Message from Our President

Aloha Kunia Orchid Society Members & Friends,

As part of our education goals, we schedule a guest speaker at our general meetings on the first Tuesday of every month. For our January meeting we were glad to have Adam Almeida, one of the outstanding young orchidists here in Hawaii to speak on Orchid Species. He brought along another young, outstanding orchid grower, Matthew McKnight from Waianae. For the month of February, we welcome Roy Tokunaga, a well-known grower and hybridizer of orchids in Hawaii, and renowned nationally and internationally. I hope you will take advantage of this opportunity to come and enjoy Roy's personal orchid presentation at our February 6th meeting.

For the remaining time leading up to our Kunia Orchid Society Show & Plant Sale on March 22 & March 23, we will be focusing on planning and implementing an event that we have not had for the past four years. We are starting from scratch. We need your help in many ways: volunteer planners and workers, donations of plants, fruits, and baked goods for the Country Store. If you are retired, please block some time to help us at the show starting from the evening of March 20. If you still have a job, and have some extra vacation time, see if you can arrange some time off to help at the Show. More specifically we will need members to set up for the Show, tag the winning and awarded orchid plants on Thursday evening after the plant judging, show program prep, Show greeters at front doors, support membership recruiting table, be hosts/hostesses on the display floor, assist at the Country Store, assist at the plant holding area, provide security in the gymnasium and outdoor areas, orchid education classes, check out purchased plants at the exit, breakdown assistance as Show closes. We ask that the stronger members focus on the heavier tasks and others who can, to focus on tasks that they can comfortably do.

We would really appreciate donations, especially for our Country Store, as we hope to be able to generate a large part of our fundraising from this source. Are there plants that you can cultivate and donate? Are there some homemade items that would be appropriate that you'd like to donate? I know, after looking for prized plants at any orchid show, the next thing on my agenda is to look to see if there are any "ono" homemade goodies. Besides your own items, I'd like us to expand our scope of influence to our neighbors or relatives that might be willing to donate to the Show. We will have donation forms ready for those that would like a written receipt for any of their tax-deductible items. If you have or know of any appropriate donations for our country store, please notify and make arrangements with our Country Store Chairman, Dawn Furumoto on her cell (808) 372-5000.

As your KOS officers and board of directors are doing their best to plan a successful Kunia Orchid Show & Plant Sale, we will not be successful without a contribution from every member. If you don't have any item to donate, your time is always a valuable donation.

We look forward to working together as a team. Please keep in mind our goal is to educate our members and community about orchids and our Show helps us to make it financially possible to accomplish those goals. Let's make this Show a positive experience that will help to promote new and lasting friendships.

"Imua" (Forward)

Ken Ching
President
Cell: (808) 228-2800

Kunia Orchid Society Plant Culture Winners!

Class 1 (11+ years)



Micropera Articulosa & Aileen Ching



Den. Antennatum - Henry & Penny Hattal

Class 2 (6 - 10 years)



Cattleya Hybrid - Suzanne Yamada



Epi. Orange Hybrid - Karen Yamamoto

Class 3 (0 - 5 years)



Rlc. Mem Shirley Byrnes - Linda Kurihara

YOUR DONATIONS & HELP NEEDED

at the

66th Kunia Orchid Society Show



MARCH 20, 21 SET UP DAYS

MARCH 22, 23 SHOW DAYS



Donations we need: Orchid plants, assorted plants of all kinds, Cookies, cakes, pies, breads, jellys, butters, various snacks, preserves, picked items, prune mui, cut flowers that will last, vases, planters, newer plastic & cement pots.

Contact Dawn Furumoto (Country Store Chairman) for a delivery time for you donated items. Cell: (808) 372-5000

SEEKING WORK VOLUNTEERS:

___ Tables setup/breakdown

___ Educational Lectures

___ Road Signs/Banners

___ Food/Meals

___ Plant Holding Area

___ KOS Orchid Show Display

___ New Membership Table

___ Country Store

___ Show Info Distribution

___ Parking Signs/Directions

___ Publicity & Advertising

___ Security

Please check the work categories you would like to help with and contact Ken Ching: Kching@castlecooke.com or cell: (808) 228-2800.

KOS General Membership Meeting

February 6, 2024, 7:00PM
Mililani Ike Elementary School Cafeteria



Roy Tokunaga will be our guest speaker. He is pictured standing next to his prize winning Grammatopyllum orchid. Roy is a very gifted hybridizer and is a very personable speaker. He is one of the owners of the famous H & R Nursery in Waimanalo on Oahu. Don't miss this opportunity to meet Roy and learn from his presentation of some of his blooming orchids. You could be one of the lucky winners of one of his giveaway orchid plants on this special evening.



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 \$ _____

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.

Name: _____ Date: _____

Street Address: _____ City: _____ Zip Code: _____

Home Phone: _____ Cell Phone: _____

Email Address: _____