



# *Kunia Orchid Society Newsletter*

## *January 2024*

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### **A Message from Our President**

Aloha Kunia Orchid Society Members & Friends,

We've had eleven months of learning about orchids at our monthly general meetings, participating in the Aiea Orchid Club Orchid Show, the Honolulu Orchid Society Show, fundraising events at the old Dot's in Wahiawa and the Mililani Orchid Club Plant & Craft Fair. It was good to enjoy delicious food and fellowship at our Holiday Potluck Activity, the last event of the year.

Thank you to the outgoing KOS Officers and Board of Directors who served this past year: President – Ken Ching, Vice President – Karen Yamamoto, Treasurer – Virginia Puzon, Secretary – Denise Stewart, Board of Directors – Laura Figueira, Dale Mahi, Paul Mahi, Julianne Puzon, Amy Teves, Joy Long and Sergeant at Arms – Guy Mikasa. We look forward to the great work that lies ahead with the new 2024 officers, board of directors, and each registered KOS member.

We are grateful to everyone that have helped with our general meetings, orchid shows and fundraising the past year. We always try to schedule an expert orchid guest speaker at our general meetings or a hands-on orchid plant activity. We are fortunate to have our own in-house plant expert heading our Plant Commentary at each of our general meetings. That is Dr. Brad Lau, and most often with the help of Larry Yamamoto. We learned a lot from Brad's research on many of the blooming plants that our members brought each month and the personal comments that Brad shared.

Julianne Puzon was the leader for setting up our displays at the two orchid shows we participated in 2023. Special thanks to the members of her committee who helped with the creative ideas for the displays. We appreciate all our members who came out to help set up, take down, and contribute their beautiful plants to our displays. This gave us an opportunity to compete with many great orchid growers from other Oahu societies and share our blooming orchids with the public. Laura Figueira was the leader of our fundraising activities. Many thanks to members who helped man our booths and donated plants and food products to help raise money to pay for our society expenses. Amy Teves and her membership group, helped with the greeting and registration at all of our general meetings. Dale Mahi and her assistant Janine Mikasa received and set up your donated refreshments at every meeting. A big 'Mahalo' to everyone who made any contribution on behalf of the Kunia Orchid Society.

We look forward to 2024 with great anticipation, and maybe some fear. The greatest challenge is gathering and organizing our KOS membership army to produce a successful 2024 Kunia Orchid Show. We really need your help and anybody that you can recruit for our worthy cause.

Mahalo,  
Ken Ching

**Upcoming  
General Membership Meeting  
7:00 pm, January 9, 2024  
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.



## A HAPPY HOLIDAY POTLUCK CELEBRATION



We had an enjoyable time together for our last general meeting of the year. Thank you Joy Long, our Activities Leader, for planning this event with some help from some of our members.

We enjoyed a lot of different foods, had some mind-stimulating games and some easy games for prizes and everyone was able to take home a blooming orchid plant.

If you were not able to attend you missed out on these one grinds: Suzanne Yamada – Shrimp Pasta Salad, Karen Yamamoto-

Shredded Chicken & Rice, Aileen Ching- Hamburger Curry & Pear/Peach Pie, Diane Hamamoto-Mac/Potato Salad, Linda & Renee – Fried Saimin & Shoyu Chicken, Laura Figueira – Chicken & Roasted Potatos, Susan Tokairin – Tomato Salad, Linda Bonifacio – Beef Chow Fun, Aurora Beleno – Pandesal, Amy Teves – Rice & Jello Cheesecake, Denise Stewart – Sweet Kale Salad, Noelle Sutherland – Passion Punch & Tangerines, Max Nonies – Fried Saimin, Gerald & Rebecca Miyasato – Lobster Ravioli, Penny Hattal – Spareribs, Jocelyn Mokulehua – Greens Salad, Kukamalia Broussard – Fortune

Cookies, Linda Nelson – Hawaiian Sweet Rolls, Bobbie Williams – Ham, Leland Nakai – Fried Mandoo, Wesley – Cookies, Flora Ferreira – Strawberry Cake, Tammy Sennett – Korean Chicken, Joy Long – Spam/Rice, Andrea Long – Brownies, Tessie Labra – Coconut Cookies, Jeff & Amanda Spangler – Buffalo Chicken, Dip & Chips, Dawn Furumoto – Sushi Platter, Larry Yamamoto – Sushi Platter & Shoyu Chicken, Brad Lau – Cream Puffs, Guy Mikasa – Tako Poke, Dale & Paul Mahi – Smoosh Cake & Water. The above were the only members that signed in.

Thank you to everyone that contributed to our Potluck that we were not able to mention.





For the last Bingo winners, that we ran out of prizes for, please contact Ken Ching (808) 228-2800. We will have an orchid plant prize for you at our January meeting.



## Donated Prizes at Our Holiday Potluck Event



Sylvianne Wong, one of our long time KOS members donated some handmade gifts for our December Event. If you participated in our group game, you might have been lucky enough to take one of them home. She made washcloths, bottle openers and slipper luggage tags. Sylvianne started crocheting at age 14, and she continues to crochet every day.

She has made everything from blankets, jackets, clothes, leis and scrubbies. She donates tiny, crocheted caps for the newborns at the Pali Momi Medical Center.

Many babies have gone home wearing her gifts. She continues to make lei for sale at "the Crafty Bear" in Kaimuki.



## MONETARY DONATIONS

- ▶ Sheryl Bubier
- ▶ Dale Mahi
- ▶ Paul Mahi
- ▶ Tammy Sennett
- ▶ Diane Hamamoto
- ▶ Flora Ferreira
- ▶ Suzanne Yamada
- ▶ Karen Yamamoto

# SEEKING ALL ORCHID LOVERS

## We Earnestly Need You as A Supporting KOS Member

The Special \$15 - 2024 Renewal Fee Deadline (for 2023 registered members) has been extended from December 31, 2023, to January 9, 2024. That is the date of our first meeting in 2024.



## Kunia Orchid Society – 2024 Membership Application

- \$15 New and Renewing Membership (**Until Jan 9, 2024**)
- \$20 New and Renewing Membership (Jan 10, 2024, and beyond)

Tax Deductible Donation, if any:

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

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