



# *Kunia Orchid Society Newsletter*

## *July 2023*

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***NO JULY MEETING.***  
***HAPPY FOURTH OF JULY!!***  
***See you August 1!***

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

Dear Kunia Orchid Society Members & Friends,

We appreciate the opportunity to have been invited to create a KOS display for the Aiea Orchid Show on June 9<sup>th</sup> & 10<sup>th</sup>. Thank you to all of our members and friends that helped provide blooming orchids, supporting fillers to help create the display and to Julianne Puzon for guiding our efforts. Through the years I have learned that an orchid show is like a checkpoint of where I am with the present upkeep of my orchid collection. If I have watered my plants on a schedule, fertilized them faithfully and staked them up properly, I am usually rewarded with some show quality blooms. If I have been negligent in properly caring for my plants, I find myself scrambling to provide an emergency regiment a month or two before the show, hoping that something miraculous will happen so I will have some blooms to exhibit at the show. It works better with diligent care of our orchid collections throughout the year.

An orchid show provides us with an opportunity to get to know our KOS members better and get acquainted with members of other societies. Learning to plan and set up a successful orchid display takes time and effort to learn. If you are familiar with setting up a display, we need you to share your knowledge with our newer members. If you want to learn more about setting up a display, you need to come out and assist our Show Design Committee at the setup and observe the display techniques of other societies. We meet monthly with our society members; an orchid show is an opportunity to learn the names and plants of other successful growers. Some members have gone through this experience for many years but alas, we are getting older. We need younger members and recruits to learn to take over some of these important responsibilities.

Our country's Independence Day is the 4<sup>th</sup> of July. Our July general monthly meeting was scheduled for the first Tuesday of next month, which is July 4. Because of this special holiday, our Board of Directors have decided to forego our July 4 meeting and have our next general meeting on August 1<sup>st</sup>. Independence Day is a patriotic holiday for celebrating the positive aspects of the United States of America. We hope you can enjoy this special day with your family and care for the pets that some of you might have. We are blessed to be able to live and support such a choice land.

Aloha,

*Ken Ching*

## Representing KOS at the Aiea Orchid Show

Over two thousand years ago, Chinese sage Confucius said “If you are in the company of good people, it is like entering a room full of orchids.” Let’s fast forward to 2023 and the 39<sup>th</sup> Annual Orchid Show of the Aiea Orchid Club, where hundreds of good people, plant lovers all, delighted in a room filled with exquisite, colorful orchids. And our display was a focal point in this room.

In May, the Kunia Orchid Society Board decided to accept the invitation of the Aiea Orchid Club and mount a display. Because of the pandemic, as well as other factors, orchid clubs have suffered a decline in activities as well as members in recent years. So KOS wanted to show support and solidarity with a fellow orchid club. Design Display Committee members Larry Yamamoto, Noelle Sutherland, and Julianne Puzon began meeting to plan the many logistical details that go into creating a display.

The call went out to KOS members to contribute their blooming orchids and filler plants for the display. Those who brought show quality orchids were Inez Brunson, Ken and Aileen Ching, Dawn Furumoto, Carole Kawamoto, Gerald Miyasato, Penny’s Orchids, Guy Ransom, Noelle Sutherland, Bill Takamatsu, Karen Yamamoto, and Larry Yamamoto.

Ironically, Gerald Miyasato was hesitant to bring his darkly beautiful Miltassia Aztec but was very glad he did. It won the Best Oncidium Alliance award in the show! Dawn Furumoto received a Certificate of Merit for her brilliant orange Vanda Garayi, which was showcased at the June 6 general membership meeting also.

Ken and Aileen Ching garnered two awards for dendrobiums. Their Greg Scott dendrobium towered five feet tall with multiple canes and inflorescences and won the Best Other Color Dendrobium. Their Gatton Sunray won the Best Yellow Dendrobium with double spikes of pale golden yellow inflorescences.



Our display would not have been possible without the hard work of many KOS members. Volunteers included Inez Brunson, Ken and Aileen Ching, Laura Figueira, Cindy and Stan Fuentes, Gary McCurdy, Julianne Puzon, Noelle Sutherland, Amy Teves, Karen Yamamoto, and Larry Yamamoto. They came bright and early the morning of June 8, transporting truckloads of props and plants to the site, setting up a large 10’ x 12’ area with crates, curtains, stands, and bark chips, and wrapping many pots with black cloth. Aileen Ching shared her know-how and experience in guiding the creation of the display, which won second place with a \$100 cash award for Best Society Display after Honolulu Orchid Society.

Afterwards, everyone gathered and enjoyed a lunch of somen salad from 7-11 and Aileen’s signature chicken salad sandwiches. Two days later, volunteers dismantled the display in a fraction of the time required for the set-up.

The Kunia Orchid Society extends a big mahalo to all who made our display possible!



Submitted by Julianne Puzon

# *Kunia Orchid Society Plant Culture Winners!*

## *Class 1 (11+ years)*



**C. Tenebrosa – Ken & Aileen Ching**



**Onc. Phymatochilum - Brad Lau**

## *Class 2 (6 - 10 years)*



**V. garayi – Dawn Furumoto**



**Den. Gatton Surray – Karen Yamamoto**

## *Class 3 (0 - 5 years)*



**Den. Tanii – Linda Kurihara**



**Phal. hybrid (mini) – Joy Long**

# KOS General Membership Meeting

August 1, 2023, 7:00PM  
Mililani Ike Elementary

**NO JULY MEETING**



## Kunia Orchid Society – 2023 Membership Application

\$20 New Membership (Jan 1 to Dec 31)

Tax Deductible Donation, if any:

\$10 \$20 \$50 \$100 Other \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Complete and mail to: \$ \_\_\_\_\_ Amount Enclosed

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