



Kunia Orchid Society Newsletter

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A Message from Our President

Dear Kunia Orchid Society Members & Friends,

Congratulations to all who participated in our June 6, Orchid & Plant Sale at the Central Oahu Event Center in Wahiawa, formally known as Dot's. A big thank you to Laura Figueira who coordinated a similar event that we did last year and expanded on the content of the event this year. She brought back the Country Store items, donated orchids and backyard plants. New this year was blooming Phalaenopsis from California, which Penny & Henry Hattal helped us coordinate, a white elephant, a blooming orchid display of member plants, a membership introduction table and homemade baked goods. For those who were able to be there to help, you blessed us with great weather, and for those that could not make it to the event, thank you for your donations and support. For his behind-the-scenes assistance, a special thank you to Wendel Takase, for watering and caring for our budded Phalaenopsis for over a week at his home. We had to bring the orchid plants at least a week early before the sales event so they could recover from the shipping. The orchid plants and blooms turned out just perfect.



We have accepted an invitation to provide a floor display at the Aiea Orchid Show on June 9, and 10. Our display setup will begin at 9:00 am on June 8, at the Aiea Elementary School Cafeteria so we really need you to bring your show ready blooming orchid plants at that time. It is not too late to groom and prepare your orchid blooms for the show. Please let our show display board of director, Julianne Puzon, know if you have plants to contribute to the display or can help with the setup and take down. Please call her at (808) 692-3800



and leave a message if she is not able to answer. By helping with our display setup at the various orchid shows, you will have a chance to gain experience in prepping your blooming plants for the show, learn how to create a display, to see what great orchids other society members have grown, to get to work with your fellow members, and also meet other orchid society members. We welcome all of our new members to the Kunia Orchid Society. We hope you will enjoy our meetings, events, and learn with us about growing better orchids. Please approach any of our members for assistance and guidance. On a sad note, we lost one of our long-time members and

vendor at our KOS Orchid Show, Glenn Kogachi. He passed away after a fairly long illness. I purchased some of the orchids in my collection from him. We will miss you, Glenn.

Mahalo,
Ken Ching

Full Bloom at the 2023 KOS Orchid and Plant Sale!



A big mahalo to everyone who helped to make the 2023 KOS Orchid and Plant sale a blooming success! **KOS President Ken Ching** and Board members opted to build on the 2022 event at the same location and expand the orchid and plant sales to include assorted baked goods and an array of White Elephant items. With the additional space available in the banquet room, we were able to set up a beautiful orchid display that captured the attention and admiration of the

crowd. Thanks to **Brad Lee** and **Larry Yamamoto** for sharing their exceptional orchid plants, and who along with **Noelle Sutherland**, shared their knowledge and expertise on orchid cultivation.

The real stars of the show were the beautiful phalaenopsis orchids sold out at the best price to be found anywhere else on Oahu. Thanks to **Penny and Henry Hattal** for their invaluable assistance in ordering the orchids, to **Ken and Aileen Ching** for transporting and unpacking the plants and to **Wendel Takase** for caring for the plants until the event. We would not have



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Also, of vital importance to the success of the show were the donations of many unique and desirable backyard plants by our members. Buyers were lucky to find a wide assortment of very affordable additions to their garden collections. **Cindy Fuentes and Dawn Furumoto** in the KOS Country Store sold nearly everything retrieved from the storage container at hard-to-resist prices. Vendors invited to participate added to selection of orchids and plants for sale. Mahalo to Wendell Takase, Arnulfo Patoc, Perla Alvarez, Gerald Miyasato and Penny and Henry Hattal.

Expanding the event to a larger venue and incurring an additional expense of purchasing orchids for resale was a gamble that paid off! We more than doubled last year's deposit, and after expenses, added more than \$4,100 to the KOS bank account, including sales via Venmo for the first time, coordinated by **Denise Stewart**. Revenue also included membership renewals, donations and orchid book sales collected by **Amy Teves** and **Jocelyn Mokulehua** at the Membership table.



Thank you also to so many other members, donors and volunteers who were indispensable to our success: **Sheryl Bubier, Stanley Fuentes, Ingrid Greene, Dianne Hamamoto,**

Renee Harens and Linda Kurihara, Mary Lou Kobayashi, Norma Pershing, Paul and Dale Mahi, Gary McCurdy, Janine and Ken Mikasa, Julie and Virginia Puzon, Norman and Denise Takeya, Madonna Thompson, Bobbie Williams, Suzanne Yamada, and Karen Yamamoto. Teamwork made the dream

work! Mahalo 😊



Kunia Orchid Society Plant Culture Winners!

Class 1 (11+ years)



Sedirea japonica - Penny and Henry Hattal



C. violacea 'Penny's Luck' AM/HOS - Ken + Aileen Ching

Class 2 (6 - 10 years)



Den. Hybrid (Honohono) - Suzanne Yamada



Cym. Hybrid - Dale Mahi

Class 3 (0 - 5 years)



Belle Hogue Point - Jocelyn Mokulehua



Onc. Ruth's Rainbow - Janine Mikasa

KOS General Membership Meeting

June 6, 2023, 7:00PM

Mililani Ike Elementary School



Guest Speaker: **Doug DeMoss**

Cattleya Orchids are some of the most beautiful orchids in the world. Their stunning colors and size make them beloved jewels of the jungle. If you want to know more about Cattleya and how to grow them, our guest speaker for our June General Meeting is Doug DeMoss. He and his wife Cathy operate an orchid nursery in Pupukea. Come and get answers to your Cattleya questions at our June KOS 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

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: _____



We have accepted an invitation to set up an orchid display at the:

AIEA ORCHID CLUB SHOW

The display set up is on June 8, and the show is on June 9 & 10.

Meet at the Aiea Elementary School Cafetorium, 99-370 Moanalua Road at 9:00 am on June 8.

1. We need your show quality blooming orchids. Please bring them between 9:00 am to 9:30 am. We will also need Hinahina and some supporting greens.
2. We need help to set up the display from 9:00 am to about 1:00 pm. Lunch will be provided.

Show ends on June 10 at 4:00 pm. Please pick up your plants and help with the take-down of our display.

We need to start creating lists of members that can help. Please contact Julianne Puzon (808) 692-3800 (please leave a message) or Ken Ching (808) 228-2800.

- Can bring blooming orchid plans for our display.
- Can bring Hinahina and other supporting greens.
- Can help set up and take down of our display.

We look forward to working together to create our first show display of 2023. We need everyone's help!





AWARDS FOR 2023 AOS SHOW

Here is the List for the Aiea Show Awards for 2023:

Best in Show

Best of Cattleya (Richard Takafufi Memorial Trophy) Calvin

Best White Cattleya

Best Lavender Cattleya

Best Yellow Cattleya

Best Other Color Cattleya

Best of Dendrobium

Best White Dendrobium

Best Lavender Dendrobium

Best Yellow Dendrobium

Best Other Color Dendrobium

Best of Vanda

Best Oncidium Alliance

Best Phalaenopsis or Hybrid

Best Single-Flowered Paphiopedilum

Best Multi-floral Paphiopedilum

Best of Other Genera

Best Flowering Specimen Plant (Dorothy T. Oka Memorial Trophy)

Best Species

Best Miniatures in Miniature Display (All Genera)

1st Place

2nd Place

3rd Place

Best Society Display (Cash Awards by the Aiea Orchid Club)

1st Place \$150

2nd Place \$100

3rd Place \$ 50

4th Place. \$ 25

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