



Kunia Orchid Society Newsletter

March 2023

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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Dear Kunia Orchid Society Members & Friends,

At our February meeting, we were fortunate to have long time orchid grower and speaker of many orchid subjects, Scot Mitamura, meet with us at our in-person meeting to answer all the questions we had about Honohono Orchids. If you were present at this meeting, I hope you gathered some valuable information to help grow Honohono Orchids in the future. We need to perpetuate the skills of growing Honohono so when the general public come to visit our future Kunia Orchid Shows, there will be the sweet fragrance of this special orchid to greet them.

At our first meeting of the year in January, that was led by our Vice-President Karen Yamamoto, Karen explained the importance of some special committees that will help support our orchid education mission efforts. We've had these committees before but now we would like to encourage more membership participation so we can lessen the work load of only a small group of members. Please consider volunteering for one of these special committees by contacting these leaders: Amy Teves – Membership, Dale & Paul Mahi – Refreshments, Julianne Puzon – Show Design (Whenever we are asked to set up a display at other orchid club's shows), Joy Long - Social Activities, Ken Ching – Education, and Laura Figueira – Fund Raising Efforts (Not the KOS Show).

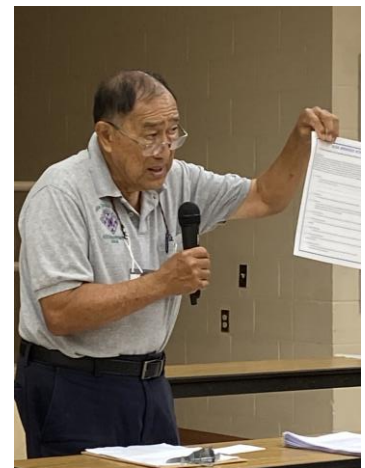
In our last KOS Newsletter, we included a KOS Member Survey. We have received some valuable feedback from some of you already, but we need much more information to learn about what orchid topics you are interested in for our monthly general meetings and activities that you would like KOS to offer. Please send in your completed survey to Suzanne Yamada or complete one at our next meeting on Tuesday, March 7.

There is certainly a lot of work that we need to accomplish at this time. We are taking small steps this year to begin, so we can commence running next year. We need the help of every member to have a successful Kunia Orchid Society.

Mahalo,

Ken Ching

**Upcoming
General Membership Meeting
via Zoom Video Conference
March 7, 2023, at 7:00 pm**



Speaker: President Kenneth Ching

Orchids That Can Grow in Our Area

Our KOS President, Ken Ching, will be sharing his successes and failures in growing various types of orchids in our area. Ken has been collecting orchids for about 25 years. He chose to join the Kunia Orchid Society due to the influence of one of his fellow workers, Callman Au. His orchid collection came from orchid nurseries, friends, orchid shows, garden shops, KOS & HOS meeting plant giveaways and rubbish piles. He will share some of the varied orchid plants he has collected over the many years at our March general meeting.

Kunia Orchid Society Plant Culture Winners!

Class 1 (11+ years)



Cym. Sunshine Falls
Ken & Aileen Ching



Cym. Mad Irishman
Noelle Sutherland

Class 2 (6 - 10 years)



Cym, Dutchman's Gold
Dale Mahi



Paph. Leeanum
Karen Yamamoto

Class 3 (0 - 5 years)



Lc. Ann Akagi
Jocelyn Mokulehua



Phal. Untold Stories
Tessie Labra

KOS General Membership Meeting,

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

LEARN ABOUT ORCHIDS THAT GROW IN OUR AREA

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KOS May 6 Fundraiser Event

We need your help!



Laura Figueira, of our Fundraising committee, is now working on a fundraising event slated for Saturday, May 6 at the former Dot's location in Wahiawa. We are in the process of building up our Kunia Orchid Society with the hope of sponsoring another large Kunia Orchid Show next year. Until then, we need to raise money to cover the cost of our current orchid education expenses. We will be sharing more information about this important event very soon. In the meantime, you can help by preparing orchid and other backyard plants to contribute to the sale. We will also be encouraging donations of baked goods as well as accepting items for a White Elephant booth at the event.



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.



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

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