



Kunia Orchid Society Newsletter

May 2023

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A Message from Our President

Aloha Kunia Orchid Society Members and Friends,

Thank you everyone for your support of the Kunia Orchid Society. Our in-person meeting attendance for the year started in the twenties in January but we are now inching forward into the thirties. Not a lot but moving upward. It does not compare to when our attendance was averaging in the high eighties three years ago, but we still enjoy sharing orchid knowledge and appreciation for orchids together. We invite our membership, which currently stands at a total of 72, 11 of which are Lifetime members, to join us at our monthly meetings and activities.

Thank you, Penny and Henry Hattal, for donating orchid plants that we could learn to repot and take home to grow. For our April meeting we had a hands-on activity learning to repot using Styrofoam, fir bark, perlite, ties and stakes for stabilization, slow-release fertilizer, dolomite and plastic pots. We were able to repot *Dendrobium Burana* 'Horny,' *Maxillaria tenuifolia* and take home already successfully repotted. Members were also able to take home small *Dendrobium Enobi* to practice what they learned at the meeting.



Our KOS Orchid & Plant Sale is fast approaching, May 6, from 9:00 am to 2:00 pm. If you can volunteer on that day and/or have any orchid plants, backyard plants, baked goods, and household items for a White Elephant sale, please contact Laura Figueira at (808) 255-9695 ASAP! If I can also be of help, call me at (808) 228-2800. If you haven't been asked, please come to our May 2, general meeting to see how you can be of help with this event. This year, events like this is taking the place of our KOS Orchid Show, until we have sufficient membership to do the big event.

If you haven't had a chance, please help fill out our **Membership Interest Survey** so we can find out what you feel would be the most interesting topics and activities you would like to see in the future. The survey was included in our past two newsletters and a copy of it will be available at our meeting on May 2. We have some great presenters of orchid topics lined up and orchid shows we are being invited to participate in. We will need all our members to learn as much about orchids as possible so we can each make an important contribution to our Kunia Orchid Society.

Mahalo,
Ken Ching

Kunia Orchid Society Plant Culture Winners!

Class 1 (11+ years)



Phal. Rainbow 'LW-57' - Penny and Henry Hattal



Myrmecocattleya RIOs Pink Delight - Ken + Aileen Ching

Class 2 (6 - 10 years)



V. Nellie Morley - Karen Yamamoto



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Class 3 (0 - 5 years)



Hwra. Lava Burst 'Puanani' AM/AOS - Jocelyn Mokulehua



Rlc. Golf Green - Linda Kurihara

KUNIA MEMBERS SHARE



KOS General Membership Meeting

May 2, 2023, 7:00PM
Mililani Ike Elementary School

Meeting Agenda

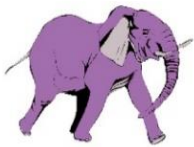
1. Latest information and coordination of our May 6, KOS Orchid & Plant Sale
2. How to divide or repot a specimen (large) orchid by Penny Hattal & Ken Ching. Orchid plant divisions of *Eria spicata* for everyone to take home.
3. Plant Commentary by Brad Lau

Bring your own cutting tool: Such as a clipper or pruning scissors.



Kunia Orchid Society Orchid & Plant Sale!

Saturday May 6th 2023



White Elephant! Baked Goods!

9:00 am to 2:00 pm

Central Oahu Event Center



Please help KOS by preparing orchid and other backyard plants to donate to the sale. You can also donate baked goods and household items for a White Elephant sale!

Time for Spring Cleaning! – check your closets and cabinets for things you haven't used in years such as ♦ Housewares and decorative items ♦ Bakeware, cookware, or storage containers ♦ Dish sets, glass sets, ♦ Small appliances in good working order ♦ Office supplies ♦ Handicrafts, souvenirs, curios ♦ Toys and games!

KOS MEMBER SURVEY

Your opinion matters and is greatly appreciated. Please complete the following survey.

Dear Members:

To plan for future meetings and activities of the Kunia Orchid Society we need your input. The following are a number of possible things we can incorporate in our future meetings and activities. We would like to get your response to these ideas by ranking them according to what you feel is most important to least important. If what you feel is important is not on this list, we definitely want you to add them to the list and rank your proposal with the rest of the existing suggestions. Rank each item with a number, with #1 being the most important item on your wish list, then #2, then #3, and etc. We will then use this information to help with planning for our future meetings and activities.

____ A. Speakers

It is important to invite speakers to our monthly meetings who can instruct us about orchids. Orchid topics include _____

____ B. Refreshments

It is important to have refreshments as part of our monthly meeting.

____ C. Plant Doctor

It is important to me to have a knowledgeable member at our meetings to help me diagnose problems that I might have with any of my orchids. (This could possibly take place a half hour before our meeting begins).

____ D. Starter Orchid Plants

It is important to me to receive a starter (small) orchid plant at most monthly meetings.

____ E. Lucky Number give aways

It is important to have some lucky number orchid plants given at most monthly meetings.

____ F. Oahu Orchid Safari

I would like our society to schedule periodic excursions to local orchid nurseries.

____ G. Outer Island Orchid Safari

I would like our society to plan periodic excursions (trips), when possible, to outer island orchid nurseries.

____ H. Member home visits

I would like our society to arrange visits to see how members have set up their individual orchid growing setup.

____ I. Volunteer/Donations to Orchid Show

It is important for all our members to dedicate time and contribute items to our annual orchid show.

____ J. Fundraising

To raise funds to operate our society, it is important for me to dedicate time and contribute items for periodic orchid/plant sale events.

____ K. Volunteer Service to KOS

It is important for me to volunteer for various offices or other needed positions in our society.

____ L. Hands-On Training

It is important for me to have periodic hands on orchid training, i.e. potting, staking plants, prepping blooming orchids for presentations).

____ M. Plant Commentary

It is important to have members share their blooming orchids at our monthly meetings w/ commentary on each orchid plant.

____ N. Prizes for winning orchids

It is important that we offer prizes to our plant commentary activity winners.

Add other suggestions that you would like to be included and rank them in order of your preference:

____ O. _____

____ P. _____

____ Q. _____

____ R. _____

____ S. _____

____ T. _____

Name of participant (Optional): _____

MAHALO FOR YOUR PARTICIPATION!

Bring your completed survey to our next meeting **OR** mail your completed responses to:

Suzanne Yamada
94-1150 Eleu Street
Waipahu, HI 96797



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

\$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: _____