



Kunia Orchid Society Newsletter

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A Message from Our President

Aloha Kunia Orchid Society Members & Friends,



Orchid education is the foundation of the Kunia Orchid Society. Each month we invite a speaker from our society, or from our local orchid community, to share their orchid knowledge with us. At our April meeting, we were fortunate to have Bernard Cabilao, our own long time KOS member, give us his thoughts to the Top 10 Honohono orchid questions.

flowers as last year.

Suzanne Yamada shared with us how she was able to produce her Honohono orchid with 4 times as many



Dawn Furumoto and Larry Yamamoto displayed their beautiful Honohono spikes which must have been over 4 feet long. It was a special evening.

In the future months, our Education Committee would like to have a couple of meetings where we can learn more about the Honohono orchid and have you experience repotting your own Honohono plant. We are looking for Honohono keikis for our July meeting so if any of you that raise Honohono orchids, we need your help in producing some Honohono keikis for our new and older members to get started.

Coming up in June will be the Aiea Orchid Show. If invited, we will need your blooming orchid plants and member help in supporting the Show with a display.

Don't be like me that often neglects my orchid plants. Faithful care of your orchid collection will pay dividends whether you have one orchid plant or 300. I am convinced that if you follow a proper watering schedule, fertilize your plants regularly, treat for insects and pests, when necessary, your plants will reward you with beautiful blooms.

We welcome all our new members to learn, together with your fellow society members, and develop an enjoyment of orchids. If you are new to raising orchids, we will be glad to share our knowledge and experience to help you with your collection. Besides learning from our meetings, there is orchid literature that you can purchase or google for free. Whenever I am not sure how to care for a particular type of orchid, I often google the orchid name and add the word 'culture' at the end. Some good general advice pops up in an instant.

Happy orchid growing everyone, and we will see you at our May 7, meeting.

Ken Ching

WELCOME TO OUR NEW MEMBERS!



We welcome everyone to be a part of the Kunia Orchid Society. We look forward to getting to know you and the opportunity to learn more about orchids together. Whenever you have a question, please feel free to ask one of your fellow members. If we don't know the answers to your questions, we will find the information for you. Please welcome the following members who have joined KOS since our March show:

Steve Leong

Lea Dominici

Barbara Suzui

Nicholas Baliares

Rey Tagorda

Farah Lyn Patricio

Diane Brenessel

Estrella Gazmen

Karen Young

Hank Benson

Patricia Kawahakui

Bennette Misalucha

Aileen Cannat

Cathy Ballie

Tracy Hayashi

Lydia Meyers

Melvin Waki

Kathy Benson

Don Kawahakui

Meredith Burns

Gayle Ambrosecchio

Jerricho James Cabrera

Leilani Sage

Our 'MAHALO' Plant



To thank everyone that helped with our KOS Show and Plant Sale, we want to present you with a token of our appreciation. Thanks to Carol Kawamoto of Kawamoto Orchid Nursery, we were able to obtain these plants at a very reasonable price. They just got through blooming, but they will bloom again a year from now. The flower is a deep orange color with a great texture. If you have not received your plant, please contact Ken Ching at (808) 228-2800 and we will have your plant at the May 7th meeting.

Kunia Orchid Society Plant Culture Winners!

Class 1 (11+ years)



Onc. Jungle Monarch 'Everglades'
Ken & Aileen Ching



C. amethystoglossa 'HR Supreme'
Brad Lau

Class 2 (6 - 10 years)



Den. Anosmum 'Sato's Secret'
Dawn Furumoto

Class 3 (0 - 5 years)



E. bractescens
Joy Long



Rlc. Chia Lin
Linda Kurihara



2024 KUNIA ORCHID SHOW AWARDS



BEST IN SHOW

Kunia Orchid Society Trophy
Den. amethystoglossum 'Penny's Luck'
AM/CCM HOS
Penny's Orchids, Kunia Orchid Society

BEST FLOWERING SPECIMEN

Mayor's Trophy from Mayor Rick Blangiardi
Den. amethystoglossum 'Penny's Luck'
AM/CCM HOS
Penny's Orchids, Kunia Orchid Society

BEST CATTLEYA IN SHOW

City Council Trophy from Councilmember
Matt Weyer

Rlc. Joann Yukimura

Mel & Pam Waki, Aiea Orchid Club

BEST WHITE CATTLEYA

Rlc. Burdekin Wonder

Calvin Kumano, Aiea Orchid Club

BEST LAVENDER CATTLEYA

C. skinneri

Gerald Miyasato, Kunia Orchid society

BEST YELLOW CATTLEYA

Gr. Why Not 'Yellow'

Penny's Orchids, Kunia Society

BEST PHALAENOPSIS IN SHOW

State Senate Trophy from Sen. Donovan
Dela Cruz

Phal. Ox Purple Lady 'OX1716' AM HOS

Calvin Kumano, Aiea Orchid Club

BEST HONOHONO

The Callman Au Memorial Award

Den. anosmum (Lavender)

Kelly Dureg, Mililani Orchid Society

BEST WHITE HONOHONO

Den. anosmum 'Jc'

Larry Yamamoto, Kunia Orchid Society

BEST LAVENDER HONOHONO

Den. anosmum

Susan Yamada, Kunia Society

BEST SINGLE-FLOWERED SLIPPER ORCHID

Paph. esquirolei

Matt McKnight III

BEST VANDA IN SHOW

V. Yano Blue 'Ploenpit'

Larry Yamamoto, Kunia Orchid Society

BEST WHITE VANDA

V. luzonica

Larry Yamamoto, Kunia Orchid Society

BEST LAVENDER VANDA

V. Beeva 'Carmela'

Brad Lau, Honolulu Orchid Society

BEST YELLOW VANDA

V. Yellow Butterfly

Amy Teves, Mililani Orchid Society

BEST DENDROBIUM IN SHOW

Den. methystoglossum AM HOS, CCM HOS

Penny's Orchids, Kunia Orchid Society

BEST WHITE DENDROBIUM

Den. Thomas Warne

Doug DeMoss, Honolulu Orchid Society

BEST LAVENDER DENDROBIUM

Den. Burana Pearl 'Hawaiian Splash'

Mel & Pam Waki, Honolulu Orchid Club

BEST YELLOW DENDROBIUM

Den. Adora Nishii AM HOS

Jeremy Domingo, Mililani Orchid Society

BEST CYMBIDIUM

Cym. Mad Irishman

Gerald Miyasato, Kunia Orchid Society

BEST ONCIDIUM

Rrm. Come Along 'Waki' AM HOS

Mel & Pam Waki, Aiea Orchid Club

BEST BULBOPHYLUM

Bulb Worayuth White Fang

Ken & Aileen Ching, Kunia Orchid Society

BEST OF OTHER GENERA

Arpo. giganteum

George & Judy Hidano, Aiea Orchid Club

BEST MULTI-FLORAL SLIPPER ORCHID

Paph. St. Swithin

Doug De Moss, Honolulu Orchid Society

BEST MINIATURE IN SHOW

Rrm. Big Hit

Mel & Pam Waki, Aiea Orchid Club

DISPLAY AWARDS

1st Place Large Floor Display
Honolulu Orchid Society

1st Place Table Display
Aiea Orchid Society

2nd Place Table Display
Mililani Orchid Society

HOS MERIT AWARDS

Den. Thomas Warne 'Whitecaps' / AM / CCM HOS
Doug DeMoss, Honolulu Orchid Society

Den. Amethystoglossum 'Penny's Luck' AM / CCM HOS
Penny's Orchids, Kunia Orchid Society

Rrm. Come Along 'Pam' AM HOS
Mel & Pam Waki, Honolulu Orchid Society

Phal. Ox Purple Lady 'Ox1716' AM HOS
C. Kumano, Aiea Orchid Club

Den. Adora Nishii 'Riley' AM HOS
Jeremy Domingo, Mililani Orchid Society

Den. Capituliflorum 'Maddison' CCM HOS
Ken & Aileen Ching, Kunia Orchid Society

Special Mahalo to Our Judges!



Mel Waki
Edwin Oka
Brad Lau
Kate Leonard
Jed Smith
Adam Almeida
Matthew McKnight III
Ian Sandison
Eddie Peltier

JUDGES CHOICE

Den. anosmum (Lavender)
Kelly Dureg,
Mililani Orchid Society



*Our deep appreciation to
Leilehua High School,
Athletic Department Director
Nolan Tokuda, and awesome
student volunteers!*



Aloha to Participating Vendors:

- **Angel Paradise**
- **Bernard Cabilao**
- **Calvin Kumano**
- **Dina Chuensanguansat**
- **Growing Creations**
- **Henry & Penny Hattal**
- **Leilehua Orchids**
- **Matt's Botanicals**
- **Mel Toledo**
- **Mike Ige**
- **Miyasato Orchids**
- **Olomana Tropicals**

KOS General Membership Meeting

May 7, 2024, 7:00PM

Mililani Ike Elementary School

Guest Speaker: **Matthew McKnight III**



Matt grew up on a green onion farm up Waianae Valley, where he was constantly surrounded with a variety of plants. His love for orchids started almost 12 years ago, after he purchased a Dendrobium hybrid at a hardware store. Matt is an HOS student judge, 3rd Vice President of the Honolulu Orchid Society, program chair for Ewa Orchid Society, and is a member of a few orchid clubs on Oahu. His favorite orchids are Grammatophyllums, Philippine species, and select Cattleya species. Matt is a small business owner (Matt's Botanics LLC), he also works at Waianae High School as an IT Specialist, Substitute Teacher, and Advisor.



Kunia Orchid Society – 2024 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

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Home Phone: _____ Cell Phone: _____

Email Address: _____