



# *Kunia Orchid Society Newsletter*

## *April 2022*

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*Edited by Denise Stewart*

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

Aloha Kunia Orchid Society Members and Friends,

Thanks to our Education Committee of Jan Takamiya and Brad Lau, we are able to continue offering our members and the orchid community, educational opportunities via Zoom. For the year 2022, we started with a January meeting and then a March meeting. Our next meeting will be on May 3, at 7:00 pm, continuing a Zoom meeting schedule of every other month. Our next newsletter, and it should be received in the last week of April, will have the meeting link, the speaker for May and the subject. At our March Zoom meeting, we were privileged to have our KOS member Leland Nakai share his Vanda growing techniques. Thank you to all our orchid plant donors who have graciously provided plants for our "Lucky Number Drawings" at the end of each of our Zoom meetings. The donor for our March meeting was Ben Kodama, Jr. who donated 10 Cattleya orchid plants.

May 7, 2022, will be a sort of a coming out event for the Kunia Orchid Society. We will be having our first major event in quite some time. This event will be the Kunia Orchid Society's Orchid & Plant Sale at the old Dot's in Wahiawa parking lot. Our main goal is to be able to find new homes for the many orchid plants that Henry & Penny Hattal donated to KOS last year and offer them at great prices. We appreciated those members that bought some of these plants when we first received them. Adding to these orchid plants, there will be some collector quality orchid plants donated to us by Mary Higuchi (Keith Higuchi's wife) and family. You will definitely be able to find an orchid that you do not already have in your collection but you must come early. Since we have this fund raising opportunity, we want to include any other orchid plants, miscellaneous other backyard plants, fruits and produce donated by you. For those that plan to contribute, you can price your own donated items and if we are not able to sell them that day we want to return everything back to the donors. We will also be offering items from our KOS Country Store. We really need all the members help and contributions that we can get to make this event a memorable and a revenue assist to meet our KOS expenses for the coming year. SEE THE EVENT FLYER that is part of our newsletter.

Mahalo,  
Ken Ching

**Upcoming  
General Membership Meeting  
via Zoom Video Conference  
May 3, 2022 at 7:00 pm**



### **KOS 2022 LEADERSHIP**

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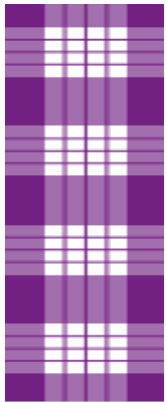
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***Aloha members of the Kunia Orchid Society!***  
**Plans are now underway in preparation for a special event, and we can use your help!**  
**Donations are welcomed, as well as volunteers on the day of the event.**



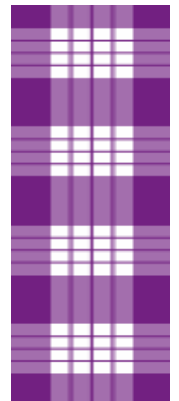
## **KOS Orchid & Plant Sale**

**Saturday May 7<sup>th</sup> 2022**

10:00 am to 2:00 pm

**Central Oahu Event Center**

***Dot's in Wahiawa***



It's been two years since our last Kunia Orchid Show. As the pandemic subsides, we are encouraged to think that an orchid show in 2023 is a real possibility. In the meantime, we have a number of donated orchid plants that can be sold to raise revenue for the Society. Saturday, May 7<sup>th</sup> is the day before Mother's Day, which we believe may inspire sales! If you are a vendor and would like to participate, please contact President Ken Ching at 808-228-2800 for more details. If you are able to help at the event or would like to donate any potted plants, fruits, or vegetables for sale, call Ken or Event Coordinator, Laura Figueira at 808-255-9695.

**Mahalo!**





# KUNIA MEMBERS SHARE



Blc Mem Grant Elchier 'Lennette AM.AOS  
Dale & Paul Mahi



Den. Lichenastrum v. prenticei. Australian Species  
Dale & Paul Mahi



Vanda semi-terete. Karen Yamamoto



Rrm. (Kent Dumlao x Moxy). Karen Yamamoto



V. SuksamranBeauty 'Bublicious'  
Aileen & Ken Ching



Epi. Stanfordianum- Aileen & Ken Ching

## What's That I Smell?

By Brad Lau



Some of us are attracted to orchids by their beautiful and unique flowers while others are lured by their fragrance, pleasant or not. How is it that orchids have these qualities of attraction? Well, they are not targeting people but rather pollinators which are essential for any plant's survival.

Plants need pollinators in order to reproduce by seed which can be more efficient than by keiki or side shoot. Cross pollination may also help plants share and mix genetic material for stronger growth or pest resistance.

Orchid flowers that are eye catching whether large or small take energy to produce and in addition, fragrance takes even more energy. One strategy is to make a fragrant flower but with a shorter life of about a week or two which is the case in Cattleya. Another strategy is to make a very showy flower that attracts insects via mimicry but stays fresh for a month or two as with slipper orchids.

Not all fragrant orchids are pleasant, some smells can be musky, rotten or pungent as in the case of

Bulbophyllums which is a very large genus that relies on gnats and flies for pollination. Some of the Bulbophyllums I grow have very little smell that I can detect but I have noticed at times, very small flying insects around the tiny flower clusters.

So, if you really like fragrant orchids be sure to bring them indoors when you can. Keep an eye out for when the buds develop and track them until they are ready to open. Protect the buds and stake them up for a good presentation. Appreciate that white flowers can be pollinated by moths at night so the fragrance is more at night as with Brassavola species and hybrids. Many of us aren't out near our plants at night and might miss this common treat.

Orchids that are fragrant in the morning attract pollinators like euglossine bees, butterflies, or hummingbirds. I have included a picture of a magnificent spotted chestnut red version of a popular black orchid, Fredclarkeara After Dark which surprised me with a rich sweet fragrance.

Commercial orchids have longer lasting flowers but little to no smell. This is the case with common roses bred for looks and productivity. Garden roses have smell but can't be produced in the numbers for retail sales. Common Phalaenopsis and Dendrobiums usually have no smell. But the parents of these orchids that are species often will have fragrance.

If you are at an orchid show or go on a trip to a nursery, be sure to check out flowers for fragrance. Snap a picture of the flowers and plant tag, look it up on the internet to see which parents led to that cross. It is a common goal of hybridizers to cross plants with good traits whether for more or big flowers, hardy growth or fragrance. Be a fragrance detective and good hunting.

Photo: Fredclarkeara After Dark 'Sunset Valley Orchids'

## **KOS General Meeting**

**Tuesday, May 3, 2022 at 7:00pm**

Click [HERE](#) to join meeting

**Meeting ID: 845 8320 1130**

**Passcode: No passcode needed**

**If you are still having issues with Zoom and would like personal attention, please leave Adam a message at 808-295-4842 or email him at [adam.almeida@gmail.com](mailto:adam.almeida@gmail.com).**



The time has come to renew your 2022 Kunia Orchid Society membership. Last year, your membership dues and donations helped fund our KOS monthly meetings, newsletters and other KOS expenses. With the challenges and restrictions brought about by COVID-19, we still plan to provide continued orchid education opportunities for our members and the general public for the coming year. As soon as permitted, we would like to resume our past fund raising efforts, such as our annual orchid show and other fund raiser opportunities to meet our future association expenses. 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



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**Kunia Orchid Society – 2022 Membership Application**

**\$20 New/Renewing 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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