



# *Kunia Orchid Society Newsletter*

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*Edited by Denise Stewart*

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

Aloha Kunia Orchid Society Members,

Since this is my last message for the year, I want to thank everyone that has helped our society survive another COVID-19 year with just limited personal interaction. I look forward to a new year where we will be able to have regular meetings and activities together and be able to comfortably greet each other in the local way.

For those that were interested in learning more about orchids, our Education Committee did a fantastic job in presenting monthly Zoom meetings with interesting speakers and topics, with Jan as the lead host. Our members were able to show and tell about their orchids that were in bloom and the lucky number giveaways were always an exciting surprise for us. We appreciate the members and speakers that donated all those lucky number plants. If you did not take advantage of this constant, fun, orchid learning experience, you missed out on a lot of great sharing. Our Education Committee was also a major contributor to our monthly KOS newsletter. We learned so much from Brad's articles about local orchid growing and techniques. Our Education Committee this year consisted of Jan Takamiya, Brad Lau and Adam Almeida who has since moved to the Big Island of Hawaii.

Thank you to our past year's officers and board of directors for accepting the responsibility of meeting and trying to decide what was best for our society. Many of them agreed to carry on from the previous year, and those that could, agreed to carry on for another year in 2022. We always welcome new leadership, with new recommendations and a plan of action to accomplish them, for the benefit of KOS.

I hope you enjoyed the monthly newsletter that Denise Stewart, our secretary, has produced for your benefit. This year was her first attempt of doing a newsletter. I enjoy the articles submitted by our Education Committee and the beautiful pictures of blooming orchids that you have submitted for publication. We still have glitches in getting the newsletter to every member every month, either by email or regular mail. If you have not been getting your monthly newsletter on a regular basis, please contact Denise at (818) 679-2369. We want to be in touch with every member, every month.

Thank you for supporting me as your president. When Callman Au introduced me to the Kunia Orchid Society many years ago, all I looked for in joining an orchid club was to be able to learn more about orchids, perhaps having some of them bloom for me and have fun doing it. I dragged Aileen into joining KOS with me. Alas, time and age have caught up with me. I no longer can do as much as I once did and with much less efficiency. Recently, I have been reminded that my performance and integrity have diminished so a more capable replacement is in order. I make a plea to that right person in our society, that can carry out the important duties of the next president of the Kunia Orchid Society, to please step forward.

I hope to be of some help to the Kunia Orchid Society. No matter how much responsibilities we may have in our personal lives, we all have only 24 hours a day to do it. It is a time challenge when you need to be at the office daily. Blessings of the Holiday Season to you and your family.

Aloha,  
Ken Ching



## Orchid Donation & Sales Report



Some of the members helping on Veterans Day at Henry & Penny Hattal's Orchid Nursery in Waianae.

In the past two months, we were grateful to receive orchid plant donations from Henry & Penny Hattal. The first group of plants were dendrobium orchids which volunteers cleaned, repotted, and are now growing in Wahiawa waiting to find new homes in the future.



The second group included Phalaenopsis, Grammatophyllum and some small Honohono. On November 11, Veterans Day, a group of volunteers, for 6 hours sorted the hundreds of Phalaenopsis, repotted Grammatophyllum and pulled weeds from the Honohono. The first opportunity to purchase these plants were made to the volunteers that helped that day. The prices offered that day was the same as to all members, but they got the first pick.

Because there was no place to house the donated plants, especially the Phalaenopsis that normally



require extra filtered sun, it was decided by our board of directors to have a fast sale of these orchid plants. Due to the sheer number of Phalaenopsis, it was determined that repotting them and caring them for over a year was not an option, the decision to sell them as is and at a reasonable price was made.

Saturday, November 20, was the sale date determined and most of the plants were then transported to Frances Au's garage, the site of the official first sale. Before the orchids were transported to Mililani, they were sprayed on one occasion with Acephate 97UP Insecticide and on a second occasion with Bayer Advanced, 3 in 1, Insect Disease & Mite Control. A bulletin was sent to all our members to come take a look and help purchase any number of orchids to help our society pay operating expenses and build up our reserves. The gross sale to date from these plants is \$861. During Saturday's sale, besides purchasing some plants, we also received a \$50 donation from Dr. Kanemaru, a Wahiawa Dentist, who has been a long-time supporter of KOS. We appreciate all who came to support this orchid sale!



Besides the left-over plants from Saturday, we still have around 600 Phalaenopsis plants, in various condition, still at Waianae for us to sell, hopefully in the very near future. We welcome any suggestions on how we should try to sell these orchids for the benefit of KOS.



Mahalo, especially to Frances Au for allowing us to use her tables, chairs, and garage for our sales location. We felt quite at home!

We hope everyone that volunteered learned a little more about handling and appreciating orchids. We made some money but most of all we enjoyed seeing you again.

Please note there is  
**NO**  
KOS December General Meeting  
See you in 2022!

**HAVE A**  
*holly Jolly*  
*Christmas*

# Orchids for the Holidays

by Brad Lau

Every holiday season I try to make the most of my orchids and integrate them into any decorations I have lying around. Whether it is for thanksgiving, Christmas, or New Year's you can use your blooming plants.

Start with any woven basket, decorative pot, vase, or cup that is large enough to fit your orchid whether in a pot or basket. Use ribbon, string, or other small decorations to dress up the container. Sometimes you can arrange decorations (leaves, pinecones or pine branches) around the base of the container or even dress it with Spanish moss (hinahina).



Orchids that are neutral color like white, red or green can work well. Fragrance is a plus, but it may be more at daytime or nighttime. If the flower is very showy that can work well too. For Thanksgiving, a mix of colorful orchids in smaller or mixed sized pots can be held in a wide flatter basket or container. Other small green plants or ferns can be added.

Good examples of white orchids can be found in Phalaenopsis, Cattleyas, and Dendrobiums but even some less common Brassavola, Angraecum, Miltoniopsis or Neofinetia are possible. Check various nurseries or vendors at Farmer's markets and select

plants that are in bud or just beginning to bloom so they will last longer through the holidays. Latouria type Dendrobiums are very long lasting and a good choice for decorations.

Even your christmas tree or wreath can be decorated with miniature orchids if they are mounted and can be kept moist every few days. I once saw a twenty-foot high Christmas tree at a hotel decorated with potted full sized white Phalaenopsis.

I've included a few photo examples. Den. sanderae var. luzonicum which I got as a giveaway from a KOS meeting, a delicate white long lasting Dendrobium with cluster of many flowers. Brassovola chordata, with upright presentation of white flowers that bloom in winter. And a large white anthurium hybrid I got from Callman Au as a cutting.

So be creative and let your orchids join in the celebration, you can enjoy and share them with family and friends. Have a safe Holiday Season.







# KUNIĀ MEMBERS SHARE



**Vanda sanderiana 'Alba'**  
Aileen & Ken Ching



**Den. Macrophyllum**  
Aileen & Ken Ching



**Den. Lichenastrum V. Prenticei** - Dale Mahi



**Ben Maikai 'Mayumi'** - Amy Teves



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



## **Kunia Orchid Society – 2022 Membership Application**

- ☐ **\$15 Regular Membership Renewal (Jan 1 to Dec 31); \$20 if paid after Jan 1<sup>st</sup>**  
☐ **\$20 New 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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