



Kunia Orchid Society Newsletter

February 2021

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Edited by Denise Stewart

A Message from Our President

Aloha Kunia Orchid Society Members and Friends,

A “Happy New Year” greeting from the KOS Officers & Board of Directors. We wish for a better 2021. We wish for a healthier and safer 2021. We wish we can someday soon be able to meet and greet each other personally. We wish we can once again conduct our regular meetings and share our beautiful orchids with the public at our Annual KOS Show. Until then we offer you alternatives to orchid education and orchid appreciation via our monthly Zoom Meetings and monthly newsletters.

The first Zoom Meeting of the year featured John Sharp who instructed us on how to photograph and share orchid photographs. It was an excellent topic selected by our Education Committee. We invite you to submit pictures of your blooming orchids so we can all enjoy them too. The more professional your pictures look, the more motivated we’ll be to improve on our orchid culture and the reward of some beautiful blooms.

Without the ability to raise funds from our annual show or other events, the monetary contributions from our members have been greatly appreciated. To date we have received from you a total of \$1,000. We also received an additional donation from Bobby Bunda, not a member of KOS but a long-time friend of KOS. I will elaborate on contributions a little later. Donations are always welcome and we are a charitable organization.

Besides what has been shared already, we are saddened to report that Members Mary Lou Lee and Andrea Motoyama, passed away in 2020. We will certainly miss them and their contributions that they have made to promote our society.

We continue to do our best under the current circumstances we find ourselves in. Thank you all for the many ways you all continue to support of KOS. If you have access to a computer or smart phone, we encourage you to listen in on the great monthly presentations offered by our Education Committee. If you have not received your KOS T-Shirt and member roster, they are sitting in my living room taking up space. Contact me so I can get them to you. If you did not order one, I may still have one in your size.

Please take care and see you at our next Zoom Meeting.

Ken Ching

**Upcoming
General Membership Meeting
via Zoom Video Conference
7:00 pm February 2, 2021**

**NOTE: Input for March
Newsletter is due by
February 20, 2021
to Denise Stewart**



Kunia Culture Table

February’s meeting will premiere the **Kunia Culture Table**. Members’ recent plant photos that were submitted to kuniaorchidsociety808@gmail.com will be shared on slides thru Zoom. The photos are for everyone’s education and enjoyment. This a platform for orchid appreciation and sharing; is not a contest or competition. We encourage members to speak about their photos to encourage positive and lively dialog. Those who submitted photos by 1/23/21 will be rewarded for their efforts with educational materials.

**KOS February General Meeting
Tuesday, February 2, 2021
7:00pm**

Click link to join meeting: [KOS February 2021 Zoom General Meeting](#)

Meeting ID: 868 8985 1133

Passcode: 592233

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.

MAHALO!

Due to the uncertainty of how we would be able to fund our KOS expense requirements for 2021, we reached out to you for possible donations. Thank you to the following members for their generous donations. We have collected \$1,080.

Bubier, Sheryl
Cabilao, Eugene
Ching, Aileen
Ching, Kenneth
Dawson, Tracy
Fernandez, Kim
Figuera, Laura
Fuentes, Cynthia
Fuentes, Stanley
Furumoto, Dawn
Furumoto, Val
Goodwin-Kilmer, Pamela
Hamamoto, Diane

Hazen, Gemma
Hunt, Sherry
Inouye, Marilyn
Kumano, Calvin
Kuba, Paul
Mahi, Paul & Dale
Maryrose Roldan Trust
McCurdy, Gary
Mokulehua, Jocelyn
Nakai, Leland
Nash, Flora
Okada, Andrew
Puzon, Julianne

Reisch, Janice
Shishido, James & Lois
Speer, Bob
Stewart, Denise
Sutherland, Noelle
Takai, Wendel
Teves, Amy
Tokairin, Susan
Yamada, Suzanne
Yamamoto, Karen
Yamamoto, Larry
Yonashiro, Terry & Amy

Besides the monetary donations we have received, we cannot forget everyone who has donated their talents, time, and efforts in supporting the Kunia Orchid Society presently and in past years.

A friendly reminder to KOS Members: Our membership directory is updated and distributed to KOS members each year. Contact information is provided with the understanding that it will be used for internal communications only such as the KOS newsletter. To safeguard the privacy of our members, please do not share emails addresses or phone numbers beyond our KOS membership. Mahalo!

Q&A with Brad Lau

Member Nora Hahn asked “What to do with the residue sheath left after the flowers dried out. She also pointed out the spots on her leaves, especially the black spots.”



Of course, there are many steps to keeping your plants tidy and healthy, some are preventive steps to keep away pests and reduce trouble while others are simply part of basic care. It is a good time to look carefully and check the condition of the plant.

For flowers that have long since dried up and are gone; remove any brown dried out stem or sheaths that remain once the flower has finished. An exception to the rule is that some Cattleya will bloom on brown sheaths where there has been no flower yet. So only remove stems from flowers that have opened and are done. Any old canes or old inflorescences where flowers have bloomed and are looking brown and dried out should be removed since dead tissue can promote disease and rot.

Black spots on leaves have many causes. Sometimes they are minor and small, if they are stable and not spreading then they may be OK as older leaves tend to have this problem while new leaves remain green and spot free under the same conditions. Anytime there is any sunburn or other damage from physical injury or pests to the leaves, they may turn yellow then brown to black in that spot but it is usually stable. The black area may eventually lead to death of the cells in the damaged area which is true of bad sunburn. The key is that if the troubled area is spreading or consumes the whole leaf then it is likely there is disease that could spread elsewhere to other parts of the plant or to other plants. A damaged leaf is more prone to disease.

Ideally one should watch their plants and be aware of any changes like these every month but if we crowd our plants or blocked access to growing benches, then we may not check as often and are only aware when colorful blooms appear to our delight and surprise.

I keep my trouble plants in a “hospital” area for easy checking and isolation. For important or favorite plants I reserve an often viewed, easy to access area which I monitor daily or almost daily. A regular schedule helps keep things under control. A notebook to log progress is very helpful. Yes, people do this!

For other maintenance, check for weeds, potting media that is old, soft or rotting, pests like slugs and snails, or early insect damage from thrips, beetles, scale or aphids. These help to reduce major trouble and are worthwhile.

Orchids grow naturally and may not behave the way you want them to or in a way that shows their flowers well. They naturally grow on trees or other plants, on rocks or in leaf litter. Some do not easily grow upright but rather sideways or tangled up with anything nearby whether the growing bench, a neighbor plant, a plant tray or it's pot. So it is good to check on root growth and keep that under control and well as doing some staking of new shoots, canes or flower spikes as they appear. Many times I have found my Phals have sprouted new flower spikes that get caught under leaves and twist a path to freedom. The best strategy is to be looking for the new spikes and clear a path for them if possible by trimming off old leaves or reorienting the plant so light easily reaches the new growths.

I would like to remind everyone that when using tools to remove parts of the plant either living or dead you should be careful and disinfect the tool with alcohol or open flame. This prevents spread of diseases especially virus which can be on the tissue fluids and easily transmits to other orchids. Even if a virus infects a plant you may not notice much change in the flowers or leaves. Mosaic virus is very common in Honohono and Cymbidium orchids. The exception would be new plants grown by seed.

**Members are encouraged to submit their orchid questions to Brad at email minihune2000@yahoo.com.
Brad will usually reply by email and maybe stimulate further discussion for our newsletter.
It can also be discussed at any of the Zoom meetings.**

*KuniaMembers
Beautiful Blooms*



Blc. Golden Tang by Phyllis Shetler



Bc Mt. Hood Orchid
by Jocelyn Mokulehua



Den. Bracteosa by Dale Mahi



Asc'n Mimiata by Leland Akai



Bulbophyllum corolliferum
atropurpureum by Susan Tokairin



PCH 210V Robert's Delight
Alexander by Karen Yamamoto

* Share your beautiful blooms in our May newsletter by emailing your photos to denityler@sbcglobal.net.

Membership Renewal – For those who have not yet renewed their 2021 membership, please continue your support as a member of KOS by renewing your membership. We ask that you complete a separate application form for each person. Mahalo!



PLEASE RENEW YOUR MEMBERSHIP AS SOON AS POSSIBLE!

Kunia Orchid Society – 2021 Membership Application

- \$15 Regular Membership Renewal (Jan 1 to Dec 31); \$20 if paid after Jan 1st
- \$20 New Membership (Jan 1 to Dec 31)

Tax Deductible Donation, if any:

- \$10
- \$20
- \$50
- \$100
- Other \$ _____

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Home Phone: _____ Cell Phone: _____

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