



Kunia Orchid Society Newsletter

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

Aloha KOS Members & Friends,

We are still uncertain when we will be able to meet for our regular general meetings at Mililani Ike Elementary School. It would be great if we can resume our meetings in September. I look forward to meeting with all our KOS members again.

When we are notified that we can conduct our monthly meetings again, gearing up our education program would be an important priority. After a long break, it will be good to receive helpful reminders of proper orchid growing procedures.

As of June 12, 2020, our checking account balance was \$15,062 – so another priority is to try to work on building up our finances. Any recommendations for some type of fundraiser that we can consider in the remaining months of this year? Something of a moderate size, not something big. The Ewa Orchid Society Show is normally held in July, but it has been cancelled this year. The Honolulu Orchid Society Show has a good chance of proceeding as usual in October. Perhaps an event in September or November might work.

Our *Oncidium sphacelatum*, "Popcorn Orchid," rewarded us with some great blooms this year. If you do not have one, it is one of the rare orchids that I consider hard to kill. I had a large plant that Keith Higuchi helped me divide into small plants. It was just too big to handle. If you do not have one and would like to grow one, I will make them available at the Kunia Country Store Curbside Pick-up for anyone that would like to take one home.

Hope to have more positive news for you next time. We have some members with health issues that need cheering up. Take time to check on your fellow KOS members that you know and help brighten their day.

Until then, take care and be safe.

Ken Ching
Mobile (808) 228-2800

The Healing Power of Orchids by Brad Lau

It has been challenging these past few months for those staying home or working from home while managing to function and stay sane. Besides fighting the threat of the Covid-19 pandemic, the future remains uncertain with the reopening of businesses and the reintroduction of tourists in the coming months. Further, there have been major civil rights protests across the country, which are very unsettling and, hopefully, will be addressed and resolved.

Fortunately, we share the common interest in caring for our orchids and other plants while we live in communities that are safe. We can take this time to enjoy our plants and marvel in their beauty. Taking pictures allows us to share them with others. With more time to do repotting, fertilizing, weeding and other plant care, we hope this results in more blooms and vigorous growth.

We all need to realize and be thankful that caring for our orchids plays an active role in our own wellbeing. If you feel stressed by the news and unrest, you can tune that out and refocus on more time in the garden. You get a positive mental break, calm down, breathe some fresh air, be happy, and do something good for your plants. Blooming flowers may lift your spirits and give you motivation to keep up your efforts. Bring some flowers indoors to decorate your kitchen and bath areas. If you enjoy drawing or painting plants, give that a try.

If you need to buy plants, there are several good online sources with a good supply that will ship to you. As local farmer's markets reopen, several local orchid vendors will have plants. I have included a few links for various islands. Most of all, keep up your spirits and stay safe by following all Covid-19 precautions.

On Oahu (local pickup available) https://www.kawamotoorchids.com/ https://www.hrnurseries.com/	Maui https://www.tropicalorchidfarm.com/ https://www.mauiorchids.com/	Big Island https://carmelaorchids.net/ https://www.kalapanatropicals.com/ http://www.orchidpeopleofhawaii.com/ https://akatsukaorchid.com/specialty-orchids/
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Kunia Country Store Curbside Pick-Up Sale

The Kunia Country Store will be holding a curbside pick-up sale for MEMBERS ONLY at Leilehua High School (by our container in the back of the school) on Monday, 7/27/20, from 9:00am to 11:00am. On pick-up day, you will not need to leave your car. Simply drive up, and we will come to your car with the items you've ordered. Payment for the items must be by check only. WEARING A MASK IS REQUIRED FOR PICK-UP. Please complete the form and return it to Dawn Furumoto by JULY 22. Items not picked up by 11:00 am on 7/27/20 will be returned to the Container. See you on July 27!

Kunia Country Store Curbside Pick-Up Order Form				
Leilehua High School Container Area - Monday, 7/27/20 - 9:00 am to 11:00 am				
Item	Price	Unit	Quantity	Total Cost
Kunia Orchid Mix	\$7.00	5 Bag Limit		
Dolomite	\$3.00			
Perlite	\$4.00			
Peat Moss	\$3.00			
New Zealand Bark (medium)	\$6.00			
New Zealand Bark (small)	\$6.00			
Worm Castings	\$2.00			
Dragonfly Clips	\$3.00	20/bag		
Plant tags	\$3.00	20/bag		
Wire Pot Hangers	\$5.00	Set of 5		
Wooden Basket w/4-Prong Wire	\$6.00			
3-Prong Wires	\$5.00	Set of 5		
4-Prong Wires	\$6.00	Set of 5		
TOTAL AMOUNT DUE:				
Kunia Orchid Society Members Only Pay at pick-up. Checks payable to Kunia Orchid Society. No Cash. Quantities are limited, so place your orders early. Masks are required for pick-up. FORMS MUST BE RETURNED BY JULY 22.				
Name: _____ Phone Number: _____				
Please send your completed form to Dawn Furumoto at 808-372-5000 Texting a picture back is recommended.				

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*Leland Nakai
Mililani*



*Sharing photos
of our beautiful
blooms to
brighten your
day*



V. Miniata

*Ken & Aileen Ching
Mililani*

Colm. Ruth's Rainbow



Den. Nestor x Den. Adastra



Vanda miniatum



C. aclandiae coerulea
'Blue Sky'
X C. intermedia
aquinii coerulea



Den. Crumenatum



Epc. Cerina
'Nadia' AM/AOS

*Marifyn Inouye
Mililani*



C2009 Ctna. Why Not '2001'
x Eplicat. Charlie Brown
'Passion Punch'

*Gloria Pfister
Mililani*



Den. anosmum 'Stripe'

Karen Yamamoto - Mililani



Vanda Tri Color
Swavish



Dendrobium
Gatton Sunray



Encyclia rampensis (Florida Butterfly Orchid)

Paul & Dale Mahi - Wahiawa

Phal. Cornu-Cervi 'Red' X
Cornu-Cervi 'Red Star'



(Tolu, Elfin Star x
Rm Windsong)
Rm Hula Lady



Brassia DataCosa
'Coos Bay' X Edvah Loo-
longissima 'Valentino' 17



Dendrobium Pachyphyllum

Linda Snowden - Mililani

Cattleya hybrid



Love Memory Fizz
a common Nobile
Dendrobium



Cymbidium hybrid