



Kunia Orchid Society Newsletter

June 2021

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A Message from Our President

Aloha Kunia Orchid Society Members & Friends:

I received a call from Nolan Tokuda, Athletic Director of the Leilehua High School, just prior to our last general meeting. He thinks it will be possible for us to have our show at the LHS gymnasium during their next school year's Spring Break. If that materializes, our set up day would be Wednesday, March 18, our show set up day would be Thursday, March 18, and the show days would be Friday, Saturday and Sunday, March 19-21. Since we will need to start our planning soon, I would like to start hearing from members who would like to volunteer to help plan our 2022 KOS Show. Now is a good time to start putting together our leadership team.

Our Kunia Orchid Society T-Shirts are still taking up space in my crowded living room. Those that haven't picked up the shirt(s) that you ordered, I need you to contact me so I can get them to you. The remaining shirts that are not claimed, I plan to box them and store them in our container at LHS at the end of June. Wait, I heard that one of our storage containers is leaking. Maybe that might not be too good an idea? We have some extra shirts, various sizes, that can still be purchased also.

Some sad news from the North Shore. One of our long time members, Ronald Lee Head, passed away on Wednesday, May 19 after a long illness. He and Shirley have been members for so many years that Shirley cannot even remember when they joined the Kunia Orchid Society. Rusty, as his close friends and relatives called him, came all the way from Kansas to find Shirley. In the Navy, Ron was part of the Underwater Demolition Team, now known as the Navy SEALs. If you ever shook hands with Ron, he had one of the strongest handshakes of anyone that I have known.

In the Kunia Orchid Society, Ron was always helping out with some aspect of our society's events. We will certainly miss him. Just carry on, fulfill your dreams.

Ken Ching

**Upcoming
General Membership Meeting
via Zoom Video Conference
7:00 pm June 1, 2021**



ROY ANDRADES

Roy was born and raised in Kalihi until 1972 when his family moved to Honokai hale near Ko Olina. Growing up, Roy enjoyed riding dirt bikes, fixing cars, and raising pigeons and chickens. He also enjoyed growing vegetables and other plants with his mother.

Roy and his family started growing orchids around 1992 while living in Waipio. They continued to grow orchids in Makakilo when they got hooked and their collection started to grow. The Andrade's orchid collection has since grown to over 1000 plants growing all around their house. The Andrades love to travel and shop for orchids and other exotic plants and hope to get back to traveling soon. Roy has been a Judge with the American Orchid Society and the Honolulu Orchid Society for about 9 years. His favorite orchids to grow are Dendrobiums, particularly the Spatulata type which most are most known for their twisted petals.

"Going Small" by Bradley Lau

Why not go small? Miniature orchid isn't an "official" name. It may mean different things to each grower. For some it may be plants that grow less than 6 inches tall or have leaves less than 6 inches long. For others it could be very small flowers.



Have you got a collection of mini orchids going yet? If you are running out of space and who isn't, then having an area that features small orchids allows you to do more with less. There are a few important considerations when dealing with mini orchids.

If the plant is small or lacks media, you may have to water daily and in the hot summer months even mist the roots or leaves to cool them down. If grown in a small pot or basket then use media like sphagnum moss to hold moisture.

Provide some shade, allow morning light and good airflow. Fresh air is essential, it helps to remove excess moisture and keeps temperatures moderate. Using plants in baskets or mounted allows you flexibility. A wire mesh horizontal or vertical allows more hanging area and can be spaced out in layers to make the most of a limited area.

Plants that do better with more light can be placed higher up while those that like shade can be lower on racks or tables. Hanging plants can be hung on each other but avoid crowding plants.



Den. lichenastrum from Australia



Cleisostoma williamsonii from SE Asia

I have a section of my covered patio set aside for my mini orchids which hang from an open wire rectangular garden box. Since most plants are small, I can have 30+ plants in layers and easily pull them out for care or inspection. The outer facing plants do get more sun.

What else to watch for? Small flowers can be easily missed so be on the watch daily. Flowers can also be short lasting so just be aware and ready to enjoy them. Bringing them indoors or taking a picture is a good practice.

As each month passes ask yourself if the plants look healthy and happy? Are they growing and blooming? Maybe they need a cooler area or more sunlight. Plants in baskets and mounted may not need new media but anything in pots may benefit from repotting each year.

So where do you find mini orchids? Kawamoto Orchids in Palolo and H&R Nurseries in Waimanalo both carry species orchids of which many will grow small or have tiny flowers. Ask questions so you know what to expect. Andy's Orchids in Encinitas California has a good website to learn more, you can search for orchids that grow under warm conditions for Hawaii.



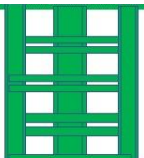
Finally if your plants are growing well you may be delighted with some keiki plants which you can share with others. Write new tags with the date so you can keep track of your progress. The journey to grow these orchids will not always be perfect, you'll lose a few along the way but gain experience and appreciation for how diverse orchids can be.

Nursery Links:

- www.kawamotoorchids.com
- hrnurseries.com
- www.andysorchids.com



Kunia Orchid Society Member's Corner



Samson Iwatani



HOS Award photo

Dendrobium aggregatum 'Masa'
CCM HOS 83 points 2010 Kunia Show
540 flowers & 34 buds on 24 inflorescence



HOS Award photo

V Yip Sum Wah 'Kame'
HCC AOS 42 Flowers on 2 inflorescence
1969 Ewa Show



KUNIA MEMBERS SHARE



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DEN. SECUNDUM ALBA -
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RHY GIGANTEA ALBA X PEACH -
AILEEN & KEN CHING



DENDROBIUM ROY TOKUNAGA 'WHIKNIGHT'
DALEMAHI

MTSA. DARK STAR 'THE ORCHIDWORKS'
AILEEN & KEN CHING



JOIN US IN SHARING PICTURES OF YOUR BEAUTIFUL BLOOMS WITH YOUR KOS FAMILY. IT'S EASY. USE YOUR CELL PHONE OR A CAMERA TO CAPTURE YOUR FLOWERS. SEND THEM ANYTIME TO DENISE STEWART AT DENITYLER@SBCGLOBAL.NET WITH YOUR NAME AND PLANT DESCRIPTION. YOU CAN ALSO BE ANONYMOUS IF YOU LIKE.

WE APPRECIATE YOUR MEMBERSHIP AND SUPPORT OF THE
KUNIA ORCHID SOCIETY!

KOS May General Meeting
Tuesday, June 1, 2021
7:00pm

Click link to join meeting: [KOS June General Meeting](#)

Meeting ID: 813 4461 5706
Passcode: 893688

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