



Kunia Orchid Society Newsletter

November 2020

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A Message from Our President

Dear Kunia Orchid Society Members,

Although we cannot conduct our normal monthly meetings like we did in the past, our Zoom meetings are the best possible substitute at this time. Our members participation increased this past month, but we want more of you to join in and learn more about how to improve your orchid skills. Our Education Committee has chosen to invite some great speakers to help you appreciate and improve on your orchid growing success.

Calvin Kumano, noted orchid grower and fellow KOS member, donated his time and talents in sharing with us a wonderful class on Phalaenopsis during our October meeting. Beside learning from one of the best, some of you were lucky to win one of Calvin's prized Phalaenopsis crosses, Phal. Momilani Princess that Calvin also generously donated. You must join us at the meeting to learn and win. If you need help in participating in our Zoom meetings, perhaps one of our talented members can assist you. Our KOS goal is to help you and the public learn more about great orchid growing.

Please continue to mail in your membership renewals. Without our major fundraiser, the KOS Orchid Show, which is still in limbo for 2021, your membership dues are pivotal. We appreciate those that also sent in voluntary donations to KOS with their renewals. Those donations from you added \$685 to our funds. Another type of donation came from my neighbor down the street, small lemon trees in pots, which I sold to friends and garnered \$85 for KOS. Donations can come in various forms.

Noelle Sutherland and Karen Yamamoto have volunteered to distribute our KOS T-shirts to every member that ordered one, plus any additional ordered T-shirts. Noelle will handle distribution to Wahiawa and the North Shore. Karen will be doing a drive-by pickup from her residence for the rest of the members. At the same time, we would like to distribute a newly printed KOS Membership Directory to every member. Members that did not order a T-shirt will have the membership directory mailed to them.

Benjamin Franklin said, "I didn't fail the test, I just found 100 ways to do it wrong." It reminds me that I have not failed totally at growing orchids successfully, I just found a variety of ways to do it wrong. Take care and be well.

Ken Ching
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**Upcoming General Membership Meeting
Via Zoom Video Conference
7:00 pm November 3, 2020**

**NOTE: Input for December Newsletter is
due by November 15, 2020
To Marilyn Inouye**



Carmela & Stan Watanabe S & W Nursery

A virtual tour of S&W Nursery in Waianae will be featured at the November 3 general meeting via zoom.

Be sure to join Carmela and Stan Watanabe as they give us a (first time ever) video tour of their nursery. You will be pleasantly surprised to see their expansive offerings! You are welcome to visit the Nursery in very small groups, if you abide by pandemic restrictions.

Address: 86-524 Halona Road Waianae HI 96792

Hours: M-F 8-3, Sat Sun 9-3 (call Friday to verify weekend opening)

Meeting link for November Zoom Meeting 7:00pm Tuesday, November 3, 2020

Click this Link to Join Zoom Meeting: [KOS November Meeting](#)

Meeting ID: 868 7669 9436
Passcode: 154188

Win an Orchid Plant at Our November Zoom Meeting

Thanks to KOS Member Jocelyn Mokulehua, you may be able to win 1 of 10 Blc. Maikai orchid plants she donated in celebration of Alpha Delta Kappa Month, an international organization for women educators. All you must do is attend our November Zoom Meeting, and you may be a lucky winner! See you on the computer, iPad, or iPhone!

The Importance of Air by Brad Lau

When growing orchids, we think of water, sun, and fertilizer before air. Each of these is vital for orchids to grow and thrive. In Hawaii, we have good quality air with relatively higher humidity and temperatures. Many orchids naturally grow high in trees with more light and ample air flow.

Why is air so key? Moving air provides cooling when midday weather is hot and facilitates gas exchange through leaf pores. Air is important for disease prevention. After watering, extra moisture dries off through evaporation. Roots need air pockets for healthy growth.

Humidity is moisture that is carried by air and varies from 40 to 90+%. If you have more rain, live by the ocean, have heavy plantings, or have standing water nearby like a lily pot or pond, then you may have higher humidity. During cold spells or in the winter, humidity may drop. In Hawaii we do not worry about humidity but it is important. Morning dew can provide moisture to plants when water droplets in air condense.

Whether you hang plants in baskets or keep them on a bench, give them enough air space and gaps. Both light and air can be blocked if plants are too tightly packed on a rack. Disease and pests can easily spread if plants are touching.

If orchids are outdoors near landscape plants make sure to trim back anything that blocks good air movement from multiple directions since wind shifts. Even walls can trap air and create dead spots, especially in corners. Stale air contributes to reduced cooling.

Try out an area and see how the plants do but be careful and aware. Airflow allows plants to dry out faster after watering. Weekly heavy watering followed by letting the roots dry out before the next watering is a good practice.

I have many orchids bare root with minimal media tied to wood or plastic baskets. I find the absence of media allows plants to dry quickly, however more frequent watering will prevent over drying which can occur when windy or if humidity is low.

In Hawaii we are lucky that our weather is comfortable throughout the year and we can grow orchids outdoors or in open shade houses. We still need to respect that orchids are "air" plants and give them ample room to grow. If we do these things our plants will be healthy and reward us with strong growth and flowers

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

*Dale & Paul Mahi
Wahiawa*



Brs. Edosa

Oncidium X Miltonia Hybrid



Rlc. George King
Southern Cross

*Dale & Paul Mahi
Wahiawa*



Ons Catatante 'Pacific Sunspots'



Bc Hawaii Stars 'Pink Lace'

*Larry Yamamoto
Mililani*



Psychopsis Kalihi
alba 'Green Valley'

Jan Takamiya - Mililani

Ctt. Bactia 'Grape Wax'



Eurychone
rothschildiana
2018 Maui Safari

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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Mail to P.O. Box 893956, Mililani, HI 96789

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Membership Renewal & Voluntary Donations

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. We look forward to better times together.

We are, however, adding a new item to our membership renewal form this year – an area where members can indicate a voluntary donation amount. Although optional, we welcome any voluntary donations. Donations are tax deductible since Kunia Orchid Society is a non-profit organization. To save on postage expense, your cancelled check will be your receipt.