



Kunia Orchid Society Newsletter

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A Message from Our President

Aloha Kunia Orchid Society Members & Friends,

September 1, 2020 will go down in history as the first KOS general membership meeting via Zoom Video Conferencing – thanks to our Education Committee, who recommended this safe method for us to get together again.

Mahalo to Peter Neifert for agreeing to be the inaugural presenter and the members of the Education Committee who went through the daunting task of recording it before hand, including the crowing chickens from Kahalu'u. It was great for some of us to be reminded of some of the basic orchid practices that different individuals use to cultivate beautiful orchids. I look forward to our next presenter at our October meeting and encourage all our members to join with us. If you have a desktop, laptop, tablet, or smartphone and need help connecting, I am quite sure Jan Takamiya and her group of experts can help you to be a part of our next meeting.

Mahalo to Jan Takamiya for providing the lucky number prizes at our last meeting. For orchid lovers, there always seems to be room to add another prized orchid to their collection. I know my orchids are not as well grown as some of our KOS experts, but I think I can share some orchid plants for a fun cause. (It might be best that I share some of my orchid plants before I kill them.) So, if we have members that are willing to share some of the duplicates in your current collection, contact our Education Committee to offer them.

I look forward to seeing you at our next Zoom meeting.

Ken Ching
Mobile (808) 228-2800

**Upcoming General Membership Meeting
Via Zoom Video Conference
7:00 pm October 6, 2020**

Calvin Kumano



Calvin will be our featured speaker at 7:00 pm on Tuesday, October 6, 2020, KOS Zoom Conference.

Calvin specializes in Cattleya, Phalaenopsis, and Dendrobium orchids. He is one of a handful of hybridizers on Oahu and is very active in the Oahu orchid scene. He is the President of the Aiea and Manoa clubs, both of which hosted annual orchid shows BC (Before Covid). Calvin has won many awards for his well grown plants. He is a popular vendor at the Kunia show and is a familiar and favorite speaker at our meetings. This month his video demonstration will be on repotting overgrown Phalaenopsis, a topic specifically requested by our membership. Be sure to join in the meeting, stay for the Q&A, and of course, the plant drawing! Calvin is generously donating Phalaenopsis plants for the random drawing. **Don't miss out!**



Meeting link for our next Zoom Meeting:

Click this Link to Join Zoom Meeting: [KOS October 6, 2020 Zoom Meeting](#)

Topic: Kunia October Meeting
Time: 7:00pm Tuesday, October 6, 2020 Hawaii
Meeting ID: 822 4271 7399
Passcode: 353476

Please use your first and last name when signing into zoom meetings. For member couples, please specify both names. Your names support a safe admittance to the meeting, serve as "Name tags", and ensures accurate listings for the plant drawings.



KOS Officers and Board of Directors for 2021

It was proposed and approved, at the September 23, 2020 KOS Board of Directors meeting, to retain the present elected officers and directors for the Calendar Year 2021 with their approval. The following have consented to continue service: Karen Yamamoto as Vice-President, Dawn Furumoto, Laura Figueira, Dale Mahi, Dennis Bunda, Amy Teves, Jun Panee, and Linda Snowden-Peninger as Board of Directors, and Paul Mahi as Sergeant-at-Arms. The following will not be able to serve in 2021 in their present offices: Ken Ching as President, Sherry Hunt as Treasurer, and Marilyn Inouye as Secretary.

If you are willing to serve our Society this coming year, please contact Bob Speer (past President & Ex-Officio), Dawn Furumoto, or Ken Ching.

Membership Renewal & Voluntary Donations

In prior years, we relied heavily on our Annual Kunia Orchid Show to earn money for the regular expenses that we pay each year as an orchid society – monthly guest speakers, plant giveaways, Christmas Party, Annual Banquet, Show Appreciation Luncheon, newsletter mailouts to members that do not have an email account, and other miscellaneous expenses.

We lost money this past year due to costs involved in the preparation of the show, which we had to cancel. It seems like we will not have the facilities of the Leilehua High School to have our show again next year and fundraising of any sort is uncertain at this time. At present, we are faced with trying to balance our budget to meet our basic operating expenses.

Our Officers and Board of Directors considered raising the membership dues for 2021 to generate a little more income, but with the current hardships that some of our members are enduring, decided that it was not the right approach to take.

As we weather through this uncertain time together, 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.

Our Finance Committee will be meeting soon to discuss the budget and figure out how we will be able to pay for our annual expenses. We want to build on our finances instead of depleting it. Any ideas and thoughts to increase our checking account balance are welcomed by the Finance Committee, composed of Bob Speer, Sherry Hunt, Amy Teves, and Ken Ching. 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 \$ _____

Complete and mail to:

Please make Check Payable to: Kunia Orchid Society
Mail to P.O. Box 893956, Mililani, HI 96789

\$ _____ Amount Enclosed
Your Cancelled Check will be your receipt

Name : _____ Date: _____

Street Address: _____ City: _____ Zip Code: _____

Home Phone: _____ Cell Phone: _____

Email Address: _____

Kunia Orchid Society Membership List

We plan to produce an updated membership list in October. There is a definite need to share contact information so we can keep in touch with one another, especially during this COVID-19 period. We previously published and passed out an annual membership list during our KOS Show Appreciation Luncheon.

We will use the information from your latest membership registration to compile the membership list and information. If there are any modifications to your contact information, please notify Marilyn Inouye, our secretary, of any changes. We plan to include your **name, email address** if you have one, and **your cell number** if you have one. If you do not have a cell number, then the contact number on your registration will be used. **If you do not want some or all your information published on our membership list, please notify Marilyn by October 10.** We will try to create and get the new membership list to you shortly thereafter. Marilyn Inouye's cell number is (808) 271-6540.

Orchid Keikis by Brad Lau

I am always happy to see when I get a keiki off an older plant, which can happen by accident or by intent. Keikis are essentially clones of the parent plant and triggered to occur if the right conditions are met. Some orchids are more prone to keiki such as Phalaenopsis, Epidendrum, Vanda, or Dendrobiums. A reason that a keiki forms is that the growing crown of the parent has rotted or cannot grow any new leaves. No more energy can be sent to leaves so at the base (Basal Keiki) or on the main cane a new shoot can swell and grow. If the new growth has no separate roots you cannot separate it from the main plant as it is using the older roots for growing.

If your orchid has a flower spike you can leave it attached to the plant after flowers fall off if the spike remains green and healthy. You can get a new flower spike from the old spike or maybe a keiki with roots will form. Once the new roots get 1-2" long you can clip the new plant off and put into a small pot with sphagnum moss.

If your mother plant completely dies off but a basal keiki remains it can grow into a new plant, just trim away dried up leaves or roots and eventually repot as the media breaks down to give room for new roots to grow.

Keiki's usually like some shade until they grow larger. They can thrive in pots, mounted, or in baskets if they are kept moist between waterings that allow them to dry out. Sometimes you get a new leaf growth with no roots on a flower spike or cane. This is fine, just let it grow larger and eventually new roots may grow. If the roots grow too long, they may be damaged with repotting or you can gently place it in a basket or mount to a board with roots pointing into air.

Multiple keikis can be potted together, just be sure to monitor growth and repot if they get too tight, the media breaks down or roots get overgrown. I usually like to write the date of the Keiki on the new tag. It is a time of celebration when new life forms in my garden. Keiki plants are hardy and usually grow rapidly. I like to place them in an area that gets more attention, and I always watch for pests like snails that attack the tender growth.