



# *Kunia Orchid Society Newsletter*

## *October 2021*

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*Edited by Denise Stewart*

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

Aloha Kunia Orchid Society Members & Friends,

Another big thank you to our Education Committee for providing another excellent education presentation at our last Zoom Meeting. Most of us have some outdoor space to grow orchids but for some condo dwellers there may be no outdoor space available. Thanks for some interesting tips on growing orchids indoors. So, if you don't have outdoor space, don't despair, you can still grow some orchids indoors.

We have been fortunate to have received orchid plant donations from both individuals and orchid nurseries for our lucky number spins at the conclusion of each meeting. Again, this past meeting, we were fortunate to receive orchid donations from Carol & Reid Kawamoto of Kawamoto Orchid Nursery. Lucky number winners received Blc. Fuchs Orange Nugget 'Lea.'

The most important event of the year will be taking place at our November meeting. We will be able to vote for officers and board of directors for the new year. Nominations are now being welcomed by our nomination committee of Bob Speer, Laura Figueira and myself. If you would like to nominate someone you feel would be of great benefit to our society's leadership, or if you would like to volunteer your personal service, please contact our nomination committee. You would need the approval of the candidate that you are nominating. One key position, we are struggling with is our new treasurer. Please think hard of someone that you could nominate for this position.

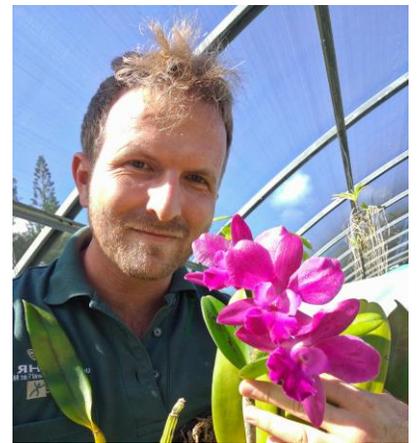
On a sad note, I was informed that Claire Adachi, a former KOS member, passed away. She led our show display setup for our club for many years. Our thoughts and prayers go out to her and her family.

As we grow older, we must pass the orchid torch of knowledge and leadership to our younger members. Don't wait too long, learn as much as you can from our veterans while they are still here with us.

Aloha,  
Ken

**Upcoming  
General Membership Meeting  
via Zoom Video Conference  
October 5, 2021, at 7:00 pm**

**NOTE: Input for August  
Newsletter is due by  
October 20, 2021  
Send to  
[denityler@sbcglobal.net](mailto:denityler@sbcglobal.net)**

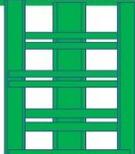


### **Orchids at Singapore's Gardens by the Bay**

Dr. James Keach (he/him) is the Kaua'i Assistant Extension Agent for Ornamental Crops with the University of Hawai'i. His background is in plant breeding: developing new cultivars and forms of flowers and edible crops through traditional breeding techniques. In this capacity he has worked with a range of crops, including impatiens, sweet potato, taro, squash, peas, and many more. Prior to returning to Hawai'i he headed an Orchid Improvement and Education project with Gardens by the Bay in Singapore.



# Kunia Orchid Society Member's Corner



## Bill & Hilda Takamatsu



Den Bill Takamatsu



- H&R Nurseries employees
- LaHui O'kika (species Club)
- Show Vendors
- Workshops and Society Speakers
- Miniature Display



**Cattleya skinneri 'Tsurue'**

CCM HOS April 1984

36 inches in diameter, in 8" cement pot



Bct Hilda Takamatsu

## Kunia Orchid Society Kunia Culture Table



hosted by  
the Education Committee

**Send your labeled  
photos to:**

[kuniaorchidsociety808@gmail.com](mailto:kuniaorchidsociety808@gmail.com)

**by Oct 1, 2021**

### Reminder for October Culture Table:

The Kunia Education Committee invites you to submit labeled photos for the October meeting Kunia Culture Table, where members can share their recent or currently blooming orchids on zoom.

We welcome members to speak about their photos and blooms and encourage positive discussion and sharing.

Sister societies are welcome to share their blooms too! Please contact [kuniaorchidsociety808@gmail.com](mailto:kuniaorchidsociety808@gmail.com) to coordinate sharing.

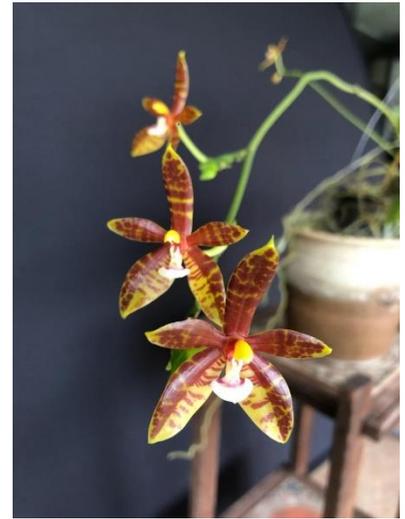
## Happiness is an Easy-Care Plant! By Brad Lau

It's a dream come true to have a few orchids that are super easy care. How can you spot one? No matter what you do for watering, sunlight, fertilizing, or how you pot them or don't repot them, they still seem to grow, thrive, and bloom.

How is that possible? It could be as simple as finding the right location which provides what the plant needs. The plant gets enough of the essentials to meet its requirements and has good traits and tendencies that allow it to grow well. However, it also means that it's not getting neglected, starved or crowded out. Given a favorable spot in your shade house, the plant is not fussy and rewards you with regular long-lasting flowers and maybe multiple times a year.

How do you find one of these orchids? Ask around and see what others grow easily, look around nurseries and take note if you see a well grown plant. Ask questions and get some insight on plants that thrive and ask why.

I have been blessed with growing a few easy plants and I would like to mention one example. I have grown Phal. borneensis for a few years and it does great with whatever I throw at it. I have it in a plastic basket with minimal media. It has grown a good root ball and seems to like rain plus light watering about twice a week. Leaves are fairly long and slender likely to growing in 60% shade. There are eight flower spikes with sequential blooming flowers about 2-3 per spike and more than a dozen total flowers open at once. Spikes are a bit long since flowers keep showing up month after month from late spring into early fall.



Flowers are yellow with brown spots and stripes; it has a delicate yellow column and white lip that flares wide. This species phalaenopsis is from borneo and grows in forests. Hanging high up in the canopy it gets moisture from the high humidity, dew, mist, or rain. It is disease resistant and likes good air circulation with enough space to grow out long leaves and flower spikes in all directions.



I've included a few pictures and you can see that it does take up a few feet of space. Those long flower spikes will continue to have more flowers at their ends. If the spike turns brown, then I cut it off. The cheerful flowers have a waxy substance which helps them last for weeks. And with little to no media I don't need to repot. As the roots leave the basket they just hang downward, or I can weave them back into the basket.

On one of the long spikes there is a keiki growing which is always nice to see. Once the leaf gets large enough and roots are over 2" long it can be cut off to start a new plant. Species phalaenopsis commonly have keikis which are easy to

grow. In my plant there are flowers beyond the keiki so I will wait until the flowers stop growing then pot the keiki when the spike turns brown.

So, look through your collection and see what you might consider an "easy grower" and how it might be doing well in spite of anything you do or maybe because of what you do. I just find it a nice change to have an orchid that is on my side ready to brighten up my day rain or shine.

## KOS YouTube Channel

This is a private YouTube channel to share recorded presentations of our zoom meetings. The beauty of YouTube is that there is no time limit, so you may access the video any time, even months after the event. You should be able to access the video just by clicking on the link.

Orchid Housemates: Tips and Tricks of Growing Orchids Indoors by Johnny Chou & Jed Smith  
<https://youtu.be/VOGLKPvnl6s>



**Johnny Chou** used to have more than 100 orchids and a small greenhouse before moving to Hawaii. He now lives in a tiny apartment in Honolulu and grows mostly phalaenopsis species, some Angraecum, Cattleya, Vanda, and Dendrobium. With an experimenting spirit and online connections, Johnny is figuring out what it takes to grow orchids indoors... a common challenge for many seniors and condo orchid lovers.

**Jed Smith** grew up in a farming community in Minnesota. His love for orchids began right after high school, about 12 years ago. Reading about orchids enhanced his desire to grow them, and upon moving to Hawaii, he learned to grow them indoors, since outdoor spaces were not readily accessible. Jed grows & blooms mainly species with emphasis on terrestrials and Catasetinae.



## KUNIA CULTURE TABLE



**Den. Jacquelyn  
Thomas Uniwai  
Supreme**

Featured at the KOS  
September Culture  
Table

"This was the other plant that I purchased at Watanabe Orchids' back in 1986 when they were located in Mililani (Mari's Gardens). This is a good bloomer! The first blooms were in May and this is the second bloom in August."

**Karen Yamamoto**



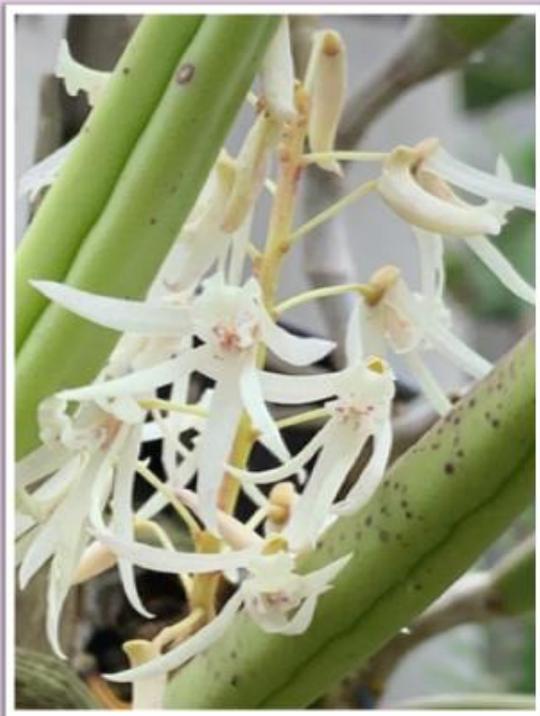
# KUNIA MEMBERS SHARE



Mtssa . Charles M. Fitch AM.AOS.Ken & Aileen Ching



Den. Little Green Apples.Ken & Aileen Ching



*Dendrobium wasselii*. - Karen Yamamoto



V. Suksamran 'Smell'. Ken & Aileen Ching- above

Bulb. Wilbur Chang Bill & Hilda Takamatsu - left

**KOS General Meeting  
Tuesday, October 5, 2021  
7:00pm**

Click [HERE](#) to join meeting

**Meeting ID: 845 1508 1674  
Passcode: No passcode needed**

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](mailto:adam.almeida@gmail.com).

Join us in sharing pictures of your beautiful blooms with our KOS Family. It's easy! Use your cell phone or camera to capture photos of your flowers.

Send them anytime to Denise Stewart at [denityler@sbcglobal.net](mailto:denityler@sbcglobal.net) with your name and plant name. You can also be anonymous if you like.

**We appreciate your membership and support of the KUNIA ORCHID SOCIETY!**