



Kunia Orchid Society Newsletter

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A Message from Our President

Aloha Kunia Orchid Society Members & Friends,

HONOLULU ORCHID SOCIETY SHOW

By the time you receive this KOS Newsletter, we will only be a few days away from the first orchid show in "Three Long Years." We have chosen to participate in the show by doing an ambitious floor display and we need every members help to create a successful creation. How can you help? Foremost we need your blooming orchid plants. It seems a lot of our orchid plants may not be blooming in perfect timing for the show. So for those that are lucky to have blooming plants, we really need you to care and groom them for the show. For those that may not have any blooming orchids for the show, we can use some filler greens and some with color, to add to our display and yellow ribbons to enhance our display theme "It's Been 3 Long Years." Please call Aileen Ching (Home: (808) 626-3999) if you have something to contribute.

KOS OFFICERS AND BOARD OF DIRECTORS

Every year our members have the opportunity to nominate and vote for our officers and additional board of directors as needed. We are now accepting nominations for president, vice-president, secretary, treasurer and two new board of directors. Please obtain the approval of your nominees before submitting their names to Karen Yamamoto (808) 225-6743 who is heading the nomination committee.

KOS FUTURE MEETING SCHEDULE

The Covid-19 pandemic has changed the manner in which we were able to continue learning about orchids and keeping in touch with each other these past years. We started with no meetings, then to monthly zoom meetings and this past year zoom meetings every other month. We were hoping, this past year, to be able to hold in-person meetings when a zoom meeting was not scheduled but the Covid-19 concern for our members caused us to decide just to have the zoom meetings. Thank you to our Education Committee for producing our zoom meetings during this extended period of time. We are not scheduling an in-person meeting for October. Our last meeting for the year will be a zoom meeting on November 1. With the ever-improving Covid-19 infection rates and safety concerns, we plan to have our regular, general monthly meetings, in-person at Mililani Ike Elementary School cafeteria beginning in January.

REVITALIZATION OF THE KUNIA ORCHID SOCIETY

It will be a challenge for all of us when we meet again in the new year. We may not have the same members that we were used to seeing in the past. I suspect our initial attendance will not be as impressive as they once were but the Kunia Orchid Society goal of orchid education for our members and the general public will still be present. We call on our current registered members to meet, past members who have not been with us for a while to meet, once again on January 3, 2023. From then on, we hope to include new orchid loving enthusiasts to help fill the ranks of our departed members.

Aloha,
Ken Ching



Honolulu Orchid Show 2022

Show Theme: Return of the Orchids



Dates/Location: October 7 & 8 at Washington Middle School Cafeteria

Show display set up date/time: Thursday, October 6, from 10:00 am to 1:00 pm

We need your blooming orchid plants! Please bring them at 9:00 am for plant registration.

Other items needed: Supporting greens, and other filler plants for the display and yellow ribbons.

Contact Aileen Ching (808) 626-3999 if you have any of the above items to contribute and can help set up.

Our KOS display theme: "It's Been 3 Long Years"

We plan to have a tree in the middle of our display (The Ole Oak Tree) with yellow ribbons hanging from it.

It should be fun!

NOMINATIONS FOR KOS 2023 OFFICERS & 2 ADDITIONAL BOARD OF DIRECTORS

Nominations are now being accepted for:

- 1. President
- 2. Vicepresident
- 3. Treasurer
- 4. Secretary
- 1. Board of Director
- 2. Board of Director



In order to nominate one of our members, the consent of the nominee must be received. Nominations can be made to Karen Yamamoto, cell (808) 225 6743, of the Nomination Committee. Deadline for nominations is October 20, so we can publish the nominations in our KOS newsletter before our November zoom meeting and election. If your current situation does not allow you to assist with the leadership of KOS at this time, please advise Karen if you can help out in other ways. There will be a lot of planning and work to be done for the year 2023 and beyond.

Growing Encyclia Orchids

By Brad Lau



This month I would like to recommend Encyclia orchids as an easy to grow non-fussy beginner orchid. The genus name comes from enkyklein (Greek origin), which refers to the lip encircling a column. A good example is Encyclia cochleata which is known as the cockleshell or clamshell orchid.

You can find about 160 Encyclia species from Florida, Mexico, South and Central America to Argentina. They can vary in size from small to large growing with long slender leaves up to two feet with plump to round pseudobulbs. They can be grown in hanging baskets, mounted or in pots.

They are usually easy to bloom, and some are very fragrant with colors from brown to pale green yellow and contrasting colorful or striped lip. Some think the flowers resemble a clam shape.

Encyclia usually like bright indirect, filtered light slightly more than for Cattleyas. Well drained potting mix such as coarse bark, perlite, lava rock, styrofoam or charcoal can be used. Water thoroughly then let dry out before next watering. In nature they can grow on trees or in damp warm forests.

In the winter months many Encyclia go dormant and need much less water. Resume watering regularly in the early spring when new growth appears. Fertilize from the spring at half strength on a regular basis twice a month.

They can be propagated from splitting a mature plant keeping a group of at least four pseudobulbs. They can also grow into a very large specimen plant with dozens of flower spikes. Good air movement and rain water will help the plant to do it's best. If grown in a hanging basket get a ring that swivels so that the plant can rotate and get light from all angles.

One of my favorites is Encyclia cordigera also known as Epidendrum atropurpureum. It comes in three color forms with flowers up to 3 inches wide. There is a common dark flower with magenta wide





lip, an alba (green with white lip) form and a semi-alba form. The long lasting flowers have a fragrance some describe as rose like. They can grow quite large with pseudobulbs that reach the size of small onions. I always watch for any scale hiding between the pseudobulbs. If growing in a basket you can drop them into a slightly larger basket as they grow.

Pictures

#1 *Encyclia cochleata* (Clamshell orchid) credit: The Spruce/Heidi Kolsky

#2 *Encyclia cordigera* credit: aos.org

#3 *Encyclia cordigera* var. semi-alba credit: aos.org

#4 *Encyclia cordigera* var. alba credit: sloorchids.com



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Arthurara Sea Snake 'Unforgettable'
Ken & Aileen Ching



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