



Kunia Orchid Society Newsletter

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A Message from Our President

Aloha Kunia Orchid Society Members & Friends,

Due to the rise in COVID-19 cases in Hawaii, renewed restrictions will be in force till September 22, 2021. We will monitor the situation and how it will affect our future Kunia Orchid Society meetings and activities. Despite constant challenges during the past 18 months we are grateful that we are still able to learn and enjoy our blooming orchids together.

Through the great efforts of our Education Committee, we've had excellent presenters at all of our monthly Zoom meetings. We have been able to see and visit with each other and I always look forward to the excitement when the lucky numbers are called at the end of each meeting. Thanks to Jan Takamiya who regularly arranges a way to get the plants to all the winners. We especially appreciate the all the donors of orchid plants. Your donations help make our meetings fun to be at and hopefully we can learn from growing different types of orchids. If any of you have appropriate orchid plants that you would like to donate for our lucky number giveaways, please give our EDCOM a call.

For our members that are unable to join our monthly zoom meetings, our monthly newsletter has been a source of great learning and joy. I learn a lot from Brad Lau's articles and other contributors. Thanks to those of you who share pictures of your blooming orchids in our newsletter. We've had some problems getting newsletters to every member. Most of you receive the newsletter by email but we do need to send some newsletters out by regular mail. If you or anyone that you know has not received the monthly newsletter, please contact our KOS Newsletter Editor Denise Stewart at denityler@sbcglobal.net or myself at Cell: (808) 228-2800. It is a benefit that all our KOS members should receive. Thank you, Denise, for compiling a newsletter that I always find delightful to receive.

We are seeking nominations for our new slate of 2022 officers and some expiring term board of directors. Please submit your nominations to Bob Speer Cell: (808)551-7652. Also, if you are willing to serve our society in some manner, we can always use your help.

Please take good care of yourself and your family. Until we see each other on the Zoom.

Aloha,
Ken Ching

General Meeting Topic September 7, 2021 at 7:00PM Orchid Housemates: Tips and Tricks for Growing Orchids Indoors.



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. 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.

KOS Orchid Repotting Activity

About a month or two ago, Henry & Penny Hattal asked if KOS would be interested in accepting some orchid plants that needed repotting? They wanted to clear an area of their nursery for other plants.

An announcement was made at our last meeting for volunteers, and we set a date. On Saturday, August 21, 9 members traveled to Penny's Orchids in Waianae. We started at around 12:30 and got through about 5:00 pm. For those not familiar to pulling orchids from pots with old media and weeds, and replacing them

with new pots, it was

hard work. Thank you for Laura Figuiera for donating the new plastic pots, Gerald & Rebecca Miyasato for donating the fine bark, perlite and zip ties, Ken & Aileen Ching for the medium orchid bark and Henry & Penny for the Den. Burana Horny orchid plants.

The challenge ahead is to provide them with sufficient watering and nutrients so that new roots can emerge, and plants will

bloom. We ended up repotting about 370 plants. It would be great if we can be successful with a good percentage of them. That's a lot of plants for our future plant giveaways or plants we can sell for the societies treasury. Those that attended got to see the back roads of Waianae, enjoy learning about repotting dendrobiums and fun working together.

Thank you, Sherry Hunt, Marilyn Inouye, Laura Figueira, Gary McCurday, Karen & Milton Yamamoto, Wendell Takase, and Aileen & Ken Ching for donating your time for the benefit of KOS. We may have another activity like this in the future if another batch of orchids are offered again to us.



Kunia Orchid Society

Kunia Culture Table

hosted by
the Education Committee

**Send your labeled
photos to:**

kuniaorchidsociety808@gmail.com

by Sept 3, 2021

Reminder for September Culture Table:

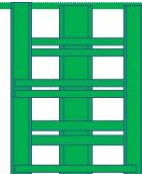
The Kunia Education Committee invites you to submit photos for the September Meeting Culture Table, where members can share their recent or currently blooming orchids on zoom.

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 to coordinate sharing.



Kunia Orchid Society Member's Corner



Henry & Penny Hattal



Henry & Penny Hattal

- Kunia Show vendors
- Past President of Kunia
- Orchid Vendor: KCC, Fort Street, Mililani, Kailua, Kapolei, Hawaii Kai



Den Penny Hattal
AM HOS 1997



← Ric Toshie Aoki
'Penny's Luck' HCC AOS



Den Bulleninum 'Penny's Luck'
2018 CCM HOS
4560 flowers & 520 buds on 95 clusters
on 26 upright canes

Get your plants ready!

By Brad Lau

2019 was the last time for any judging of orchids in Hawaii. We are happy to announce that both Honolulu Orchid Society (HOS) and American Orchid Society (AOS) judging programs have restarted with monthly dates set and they welcome your plants (details at the end of this article).

Our Kunia monthly meetings featured a plant culture table display by members who shared outstanding plants worthy of judging. While our members enjoyed the monthly mini orchid shows, there was no ability to formally judge the plants and give them the recognition deserved.



Current KOS monthly newsletters feature past awarded plants grown by members and offers great examples of excellent plants. If a plant has won an award and continues to grow well, it can only win another award by scoring higher. If a plant is awarded and propagated by division or keiki, the award title follows that plant via plant tag.

Recognizing excellence in orchid growing and culture is the mission of judging programs and while we can't hold in person shows and meetings, we can provide opportunity to bring out your wonderfully grown blooming plants.

We have many excellent growers, and the plants don't stop creating flowers so look through your collection and do some grooming and staking. Each month there are two judging dates. Sometimes the plants bloom at times that aren't the best for showing them but you can get lucky.

The type of judging being offered is called merit judging and is based on only the blooming flower(s) or the culture of the entire plant (all leaves, canes and blooms). There are points scored (by a team of judges) for each plant and awards given for scores of about 77 points or higher on a scale of 100 for flower merit and from about 80 points or higher for cultural merit.

For flower merit, emphasis in scoring is on flower form (25-40 pts.), flower color (30-40 pts.) and flower and stem (20-40 pts.). For a plant that has mostly a showy flower like a Paphiopedilum a full 40 pts for flower form and 40 pts for flower color are scored while a Phalaenopsis scores 25 pts for flower form and 35 pts for flower color, with the remaining points going to flower and stem characteristics.

AOS Merit awards are divided into three levels based on the score (100 point scale): Highly Commended Certificate (HCC for AOS, 75-79 pts), Award of Merit (AM, 80-89 pts) and First Class Certificate (FCC, 90-100 pts). Similarly, HOS has three levels: Certificate of Recognition (CR, 76.6-79.5 pts), Award of Merit (AM, 79.6- 89.5 pts), First Class Certificate (FCC, 89.6-100 pts).



For cultural merit, the entire plant with flowers is scored on growth (40 pts) (optimum growth, size of plant), flowers (50 pts.) (how many flowers, condition of bloom, color), and unusualness or rarity (10 pts). This award largely recognizes the growers ability to raise an overall outstanding plant whether hybrid or species. Flowers do not need to be showy individually, the plant needs to present it's numerous flowers in a visually pleasing manner. AOS has two levels of Cultural Merit awards: Certificate of Cultural Merit (CCM, 80-89 pts) and Certificate of Cultural Excellence (CCE, 90-100 pts). HOS has only CCM for scores of 79.6-100 pts.

There are also other awards. For HOS there are Certificate of Distinctive Character (for unique or distinctive quality) and Award of Quality (group of not less than 12 plants showing improvement over original). For AOS there are many: Certificate of Botanical Recognition, Certificate of Horticultural Merit, Award of Quality, Judges Commendation, and special annual national awards for various classes of orchids from nominations of awarded plants from each region.

A single plant may qualify for both merit and cultural merit awards at the same time. While some criteria overlap a very well grown mature plant with beautiful blooms will attract attention and consideration. At orchid shows these plants usually win best of show or orchid class "trophy" awards.

In order to be eligible for judging by AOS or HOS the plant needs to have a registered name. A no tag orchid cannot be judged but can be entered in an orchid show for a class award. If a plant has not yet been registered (the parent cross is known) then that process needs to be completed (with the Royal Horticultural Society) before the award can be fulfilled.

There are fees with winning each award ranging from about \$25 (HOS members and non-members) to \$40 (AOS members) to \$60 (non AOS members). You get a certificate of the award with score and photograph/digital image. If there is no existing varietal name you may assign a name of your choice which is an honor and treat. AOS awards are published in Orchids magazine and HOS awards are published in their annual Na Okika. Awards can also be found on the orchid award computer database Orchidwiz.

Our Hawaii judges are some of the most experienced in the nation, many with 30+ years. Several judges are active in both HOS and AOS. Historically HOS provided judging for multiple islands but has focused on Oahu judging. AOS has active regional judging centers in Honolulu, Maui and the Big Island, as well as across the US and it's territories. Judging programs do not charge orchid clubs to provide judging services at meetings or shows. Judges are volunteers providing service to our orchid community and pay their own expenses. Judge training may consist of at least 3 years of being a student judge followed by 3 years of probational judge then advancing to accredited judge. It is usually a lifetime commitment.

If you have questions, please let me know or send me some pictures of your plants. I hope you have a better idea of the importance of having judging and greater appreciation of these awards. Our Kunia Orchid Society members grow many beautiful orchids for us to enjoy and provide a knowledgeable resource.

Judging Locations/Dates and Time.

AOS judging at 7pm on the third tuesday night monthly (except for March, July and December) at Higashi Hongwanji Mission Fukuhara Conference Room, 1685 Alan Street, Honolulu across the street from Lanakila Elementary school. For questions contact Roy Andrade via email choke4x4s@hawaiiantel.net.

HOS judging from 10am to noon on the third Saturday monthly (9/18, 10/16, 11/20) at Lanakila Multipurpose Senior Center, 1640 Lanakila Avenue, Honolulu. Plant registration at 930am. If bringing plants contact Mel Waki at (808)391-0144.

Links to Award Programs:

<https://www.aos.org/orchid-awards-judging.aspx>

<https://www.honoluluorchidsociety.org/hos-merit-and-plant-recognition-awards/>

KUNIA CULTURE TABLE



**Rhynchostylis
coelestis Var. Pink
Karen Yamamoto**

Received plant from In-laws. Native to Thailand, Cambodia and Vietnam. This plant is tolerant of cool to warm temperatures. Good bloomer with sweet fragrance. This plant was transplanted last year. This is one of eight plants.



**KOS May General Meeting
Tuesday, September 7, 2021
7:00pm**

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

Meeting ID: 840 6068 5149

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.