



# Kunia Orchid Society Newsletter

## April 2023

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*Edited by Denise Stewart*

### A Message from Our President

Aloha Kunia Society Members and Friends,

It was a new experience for me to be our speaker at our March general meeting. I am glad I had a chance to share with you some of the media selection and repotting techniques that I have learned from many fellow orchid growers in the past 15 plus years. Because of the higher elevation and cooler temperatures of Wahiawa and Mililani, where a lot of our members live, I recommended to those in attendance that growing Cymbidiums and Dendrobium nobile in this area could be a distinct advantage. The warm tolerant varieties of Cymbidiums may grow good in most parts of the island but the cooler growing ones (that are big and have some beautiful coloring) should do better in Mililani and Wahiawa. For some outstanding Cymbidiums, I have purchased some of my plants from Jennifer Snyder and Bob Harris of Orchid People in Kamuela on the Big Island. They were one of our stops for one of our Big Island Orchid Safaris in the past. You can find various types of Dendrobium nobile at orchid shows, Kawamoto Nursery and Penny's Orchids. Most of our Dendrobium nobile that you see for sale come from the Big Island nurseries where the temperatures get pretty cool. When they arrive on Oahu, many of the plants are full of buds and flower well. The longer they are kept, many of them decline in flower count. I think the cooler weather of Mililani and Wahiawa might produce some better blooming Dendrobium nobile than in other parts of Oahu.



**Welcome to the show!**

I was able to attend the Windward Orchid Society's Orchid show the weekend of March 17, 18 & 19 at the King Intermediate School cafeteria. After many years in the adjacent King Armory Gym, the show was moved to the school's cafeteria at a tremendous financial saving. It was very well organized, and the attendees seemed very anxious to buy orchid plants in an orchid show setting. The first day, there was an abundance of plants to buy but by noon the second day, many of the plants were sold and replacement stock did not seem to be available. That was good for the vendors, selling out is better than having a lot of plants unsold, but not so good for the buyers. Perhaps due to the



**The Best In Show!**  
**Dimea polybulbon CCE/AOS**  
**Owner: Larry Kamiya, Windward Orchid Society**  
**Also won: Best Miniature, Best Species, Best Flowering Specimen Plant.**



smaller venue, the society chose to have one orchid display sponsored by the Windward Orchid Society but with other societies invited to display their blooming orchids in this one big display. There was some discussion about promoting this concept for other shows on Oahu in the future. It was a lot of fun to meet and chat with many fellow orchid hobbyists that I had not seen for a while. I thought it was a successful show and I am glad I attended.



**Many beautiful blooming orchids from the Windward Orchid Society and other orchid societies are in one united display. Possible concept for future orchid shows?**

We will have another hands-on activity at our April general meeting on April 4. We will be repotting several types of orchids in the hope that our members will gain more experience repotting orchids, be able to take them home to nurture, thrive and hopefully bring them back for future plant sales to raise money for our societal requirements. One of the plants we will be repotting is *Maxillaria tenuifolia* with the coconut cream pie scent. I have a giant plant that Bill Takamatsu will help me divide so we can have a whole bunch of plant divisions to plant.

Don't forget our upcoming May 6, plant sale at the former Dot's banquet facility and parking lot. Please look to possibly donate orchid plants (especially if they are blooming), backyard plants, items for our "white elephant sale," food and baked items. The main feature of the day will be the sale of blooming *Phalaenopsis* plants in bud, opening just in time for Mother's Day and beyond. We are in the process of developing our KOS membership so that we can once again have our beloved Annual KOS Orchid Show. Until then, we plan to conduct smaller fundraisers to meet our society's orchid education goals. Our officers and board of directors meet often, thinking of ways to sustain a successful orchid society. Please help when you can by supporting our education and fundraising efforts. We cannot do it without each one of you.

Mahalo,  
Ken Ching



## KOS General Membership Meeting

April 4, 2023, 7:00PM  
Mililani Ike Elementary School

### Maxillariella tenuifolia

Hands on experience: Potting & re-potting

This large plant will be divided into many divisions for you to pot and take home. Other plants we may be working on this evening is Den. Burana Horny, Honohono, Dendrobium Enobi Purple.

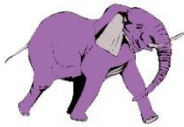
Bring your own cutting tool: Such as a clipper or pruning scissors.



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## Orchid & Plant Sale!

### Saturday May 6<sup>th</sup> 2023



### White Elephant! Baked Goods!

9:00 am to 2:00 pm

Central Oahu Event Center



**Please help KOS by preparing orchid and other backyard plants to donate to the sale. You can also donate baked goods and household items for a White Elephant sale!**

*Time for Spring Cleaning! – check your closets and cabinets for things you haven't used in years such as ♦ Housewares and decorative items ♦ Bakeware, cookware, or storage containers ♦ Dish sets, glass sets, ♦ Small appliances in good working order ♦ Office supplies ♦ Handicrafts, souvenirs, curios ♦ Toys and games!*

Blooming Orchids and Seedlings  
plus Baked Goods and Other Goodies

## AIEA ORCHID CLUB SPRING AUCTION



**APRIL 24, 2023**

**AIEA ELEMENTARY SCHOOL CAFETERIA**

Meeting Opens 7:00 PM

Approximate Auction Hours: 7:30 PM to 8:00 PM

Open to the Public

# KOS MEMBER SURVEY

**\*Your opinion matters and is greatly appreciated. Please complete the following survey.\***

Dear Members:

To plan for future meetings and activities of the Kunia Orchid Society we need your input. The following are a number of possible things we can incorporate in our future meetings and activities. We would like to get your response to these ideas by ranking them according to what you feel is most important to least important. If what you feel is important is not on this list, we definitely want you to add them to the list and rank your proposal with the rest of the existing suggestions. Rank each item with a number, with #1 being the most important item on your wish list, then #2, then #3, and etc. We will then use this information to help with planning for our future meetings and activities.

\_\_\_\_ A. Speakers

It is important to invite speakers to our monthly meetings who can instruct us about orchids. Orchid topics include \_\_\_\_\_

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\_\_\_\_ B. Refreshments

It is important to have refreshments as part of our monthly meeting.

\_\_\_\_ C. Plant Doctor

It is important to me to have a knowledgeable member at our meetings to help me diagnose problems that I might have with any of my orchids. (This could possibly take place a half hour before our meeting begins).

\_\_\_\_ D. Starter Orchid Plants

It is important to me to receive a starter (small) orchid plant at most monthly meetings.

\_\_\_\_ E. Lucky Number give aways

It is important to have some lucky number orchid plants given at most monthly meetings.

\_\_\_\_ F. Oahu Orchid Safari

I would like our society to schedule periodic excursions to local orchid nurseries.

\_\_\_\_ G. Outer Island Orchid Safari

I would like our society to plan periodic excursions (trips), when possible, to outer island orchid nurseries.

\_\_\_\_ H. Member home visits

I would like our society to arrange visits to see how members have set up their individual orchid growing setup.

\_\_\_\_ I. Volunteer/Donations to Orchid Show

It is important for all our members to dedicate time and contribute items to our annual orchid show.

\_\_\_\_ J. Fundraising

To raise funds to operate our society, it is important for me to dedicate time and contribute items for periodic orchid/plant sale events.

\_\_\_\_ K. Volunteer Service to KOS

It is important for me to volunteer for various offices or other needed positions in our society.

\_\_\_\_ L. Hands-On Training

It is important for me to have periodic hands on orchid training, i.e. potting, staking plants, prepping blooming orchids for presentations).

\_\_\_\_ M. Plant Commentary

It is important to have members share their blooming orchids at our monthly meetings w/ commentary on each orchid plant.

\_\_\_\_ N. Prizes for winning orchids

It is important that we offer prizes to our plant commentary activity winners.

**Add other suggestions that you would like to be included and rank them in order of your preference:**

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\_\_\_\_ P. \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_ Q. \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_ R. \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_ S. \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_ T. \_\_\_\_\_

Name of participant (Optional): \_\_\_\_\_

**MAHALO FOR YOUR PARTICIPATION!**

Bring your completed survey to our next meeting **OR** mail your completed responses to:  
Suzanne Yamada  
94-1150 Eleu Street  
Waipahu, HI 96797



The time has come to renew your 2023 Kunia Orchid Society membership!

Last year, your membership dues and donations helped fund our KOS monthly meetings, newsletters and participation in this year's HOS Orchid Show. We are excited to announce that we will resume in person meetings next month!

We plan on reaching out to the community with events and educational opportunities. Until then we appreciate your kokua by completing the membership renewal form found at the end of this newsletter and sending it back with your check. Please encourage any of our past members to join us once again.

Mahalo,  
Kunia Orchid Society Board of Directors



## Kunia Orchid Society – 2023 Membership Application

- \$15 Membership Renewal for all current 2022 paid up members.
- \$20 New Membership (Jan 1 to Dec 31)

Tax Deductible Donation, if any:

\$10    \$20    \$50    \$100    Other \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Complete and mail to: \$ \_\_\_\_\_ Amount Enclosed

Please make Check Payable to: Kunia Orchid Society. Your Cancelled Check will be your receipt. Mail to P.O. Box 893956, Mililani, HI 96789

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