



Kunia Orchid Society Newsletter

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A Message from Our President

Dear Kunia Orchid Society Members & Friends,

We were fortunate to have Leland Nakai, one of our own members share his knowledge and experience about growing Vandas at our August meeting. Leland mentioned that one of the reasons he was encouraged to raise Vandas was that he had success growing them at his home in Mililani. When I first started growing orchids, I found this to be true for me too. I have been collecting various types of Vandas ever since. A tip we learned from Leland is he has better success with his Vandas by placing them in a partially shaded area like under a tree, or under shade cloth but not out in the full sun. Another unique tip is he doesn't use a orchid media for most of his orchids that are in a container. With no media, it does require more frequent watering, and in the hot days of summer, watering twice a day may be necessary. If you haven't been coming out to our monthly general meetings, you are missing out on some great orchid growing information. Helpful information is good but you will still have to practice what you learn.

Coming up in October is the Honolulu Orchid Show. To prepare for this event, I am encouraging everyone to provide extra care to your orchid collection, whether you have 5 orchid plants or 200 plants. Decide on a reasonable orchid watering schedule and fertilize your orchids on a 'weakly, weekly' approach. To show your blooming orchids in the best way possible, we have invited Scot Mitamura back to share what he does to get his prize-winning orchids ready for a show. Before you can display your blooming orchids at a show, you first have to have flowers. Proper orchid care precedes sharing your orchid blooms at either a scheduled show or our monthly meetings. Be sure to join us at our next meeting on Tuesday, September 5.

Thank you, members who have shared, some of your plants as giveaways at our meetings. At our last meeting, we were able to provide each of our attendees an orchid plant donated by Henry & Penny Hattal. The plant was Brassia Rex 'Penny's Luck' named after Penny Hattal. When it blooms, in about one or two years, you will be one of the first to see the blooms of this orchid that they cloned.

I look forward to seeing you at our next meeting.

Ken

**Upcoming
General Membership Meeting
7:00 pm, September 5, 2023
Mililani Ike Elementary
Cafeteria**



How To Prepare Your Orchids for A Show

Scot Mitamura

At the recent Aiea Orchid Show, he & his wife Karen were awarded with the Best White Cattleya, Best Other Color Cattleya, Best of Cattleya, Best of Cattleya & Best in Show.

Don't miss learning from one of the best!



KOS General Membership Meeting,

September 5, 2023, 7:00PM
Mililani Ike Elementary School

HOW TO PREPARE YOUR ORCHIDS FOR A SHOW

Scot Mitamura will share his in knowledge on prepping plants for a show. As well as tips and tricks to make the best of our display for the HOS Show in October.

Hands On Experience

Repotting Max. tenuifolia 'Yamada'
September 5, 6:15 pm before general meeting.
Sign up: Call Ken Ching (808) 229-2800

Can accommodate maximum 10 members, first come first serve.
Purchased this plant around 15 years ago from Allen Yamada, Kapaa, Kauai. We will be repotting cuttings from this big plant.



Maxillaria tenuifolia is one of those orchids that belongs in every collection. The grasslike foliage makes an attractive houseplant even when not in flower. Being a widely distributed species, it is adaptable to a broad range of growing conditions. Also known as the "coconut orchid", this Maxillaria will



perfume the home or greenhouse with its coconut-scented flowers.

It can be grown in all sorts of media including osmunda, fir bark, coconut husk fiber or chunks and of course, fir bark mixes. The paramount quality of the media is that it does not stay consistently wet so sphagnum may be the least suitable choice. Plants should not be watered again until dry, or just approaching dry. Fertilize along with your other orchids every week or two using a half strength solution of balanced fertilizer. Light tolerance is broad for this species, and it can be grown in a bright greenhouse, or with "Phals" on a windowsill.

COMING SOON!
Honolulu Orchid Society Show
October 13 - 14
Washington Middle School Cafeteria
1633 South King Street, Honolulu



KOS display at the Aiea Orchid Society Show



Honolulu Orchid Show Preparation

To encourage our members to regularly water and fertilize their orchids and produce blooms for the HOS Show: Everyone that waters their orchid collection on a schedule and fertilize weakly/weakly (from August 8 to October 2,) will receive a division/keiki from my collection. Shown here is Den. Hawaii Stripes, an H&R cross of Den. Roy Tokunaga x Den. Nida.



Thanks to a donation from Henry & Penny Hattal, everyone that attended our August 1st meeting was able to take home this plant. Commonly called the spider orchid, when these plants bloom for the first time in about 1 to 2 years, the flowers will not have spots the most do, the flowers will be all yellow.

If you were not able to get one of these unique plants, we may still have some available.

Virgina Puzon holding BRASSIA REX 'PENNY'S LUCK'

Kunia Orchid Society Plant Culture Winners!

Class 1 (11+ years)



Brs. Memoria Fritz Boedeker
Ken & Aileen Ching



Ren. Storiei 'Yellow'
Larry Yamamoto

Class 2 (6 - 10 years)



Phal. Cornu-cervi 'Red' x 'Red Star' Dale Mahi

Class 3 (0 - 5 years)



Oncidopsis Onolicious 'Vivid'
Joy Long



Den. tanii
Linda Kurihara

Congratulations to Dawn Furumoto on her award-winning Vanda at the Aiea Orchid Society Show!!



**Merit Award winning plant
Dawn Furumoto's: Vanda garayi (Certificate of Recognition)**



Kunia Orchid Society – 2023 Membership Application

\$20 New Membership (Jan 1 to Dec 31)

Tax Deductible Donation, if any:

\$10 \$20 \$50 \$100 Other \$_____ Total amount enclosed \$_____

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