



Kunia Orchid Society Newsletter

September 2024

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A Message from Our President

Aloha Kunia Orchid Society Members & Friends,

We appreciate the support and efforts that every member has contributed to the Kunia Orchid Society. You voted for our current officers and board of directors for 2024. You will have an opportunity to also serve if you wish to accept a nomination for the coming year, 2025. Mahalo to our society leaders who prepare for our monthly general meetings, for conducting our annual show and plant sale at Leilehua High School, and fund raising and KOS promotions throughout the year. We appreciate all of our members whose annual enrollment dues and donations help to fund our educational activities, meeting facilities expenses and insurance costs.

If you haven't been able to personally attend our monthly general meetings recently, we certainly miss you. We've had some great speakers and we have had some outstanding hands-on orchid repotting activities these past months. We have had fun learning together and adding to our orchid collections from our repotting sessions. Now, the real test of our learning experience is if we can keep our plants alive, grow healthy orchid plants and see if we can get them to bloom to their potential.

We invite you and your friends to join us on the first Tuesday of every month at the Mililani Ike Elementary School cafeteria at 7:00 pm. We look forward to another "show" activity at the Honolulu Orchid Society Show in October. We would appreciate displaying your blooming orchids and invite volunteers to help set up our display. We will be participating in the Mililani Orchid Club's Craft and Plant Sale in November. We would appreciate your contribution of plants and items to sell at this event. Besides supporting the Mililani Orchid Club, it is a chance to promote orchid education in the surrounding area.

We look forward to seeing you on September 3, at our next general meeting. Scot Mitamura will be our guest speaker to help us prepare our blooming orchid plants for the HOS Show in October or for any showing of your blooming orchids for other events.

Mahalo,
Ken Ching

**Upcoming
General Membership Meeting
7:00 pm, September 3, 2024
Mililani Ike Elementary
Cafeteria**

Preparing Your Blooming Orchids for a Show



Scot Mitamura

Scot has has a bachelor's degree in Horticultural Technology from the University of Hawaii and has been on the orchid expert for the past 35 years at Foster Botanical Gardens. Scot has instructed us before on preparing our blooming orchids for the show. Our new members will be amazed at the various techniques that can be used to show orchid blooms better. And with the Honolulu Orchid Society Show coming up next month, we can start to implement the ideas Scot will share with us immediately.

Thank You Calvin & Mel

Our August Meeting Featured Guest Speakers with an Activity

We enjoyed a fantastic evening having fun and learning to repot 3 different orchid types. After brief instructions, everyone in attendance was able to repot two smaller orchids from community (com) pots using sphagnum moss. For some, it was the first time using this type of media. The largest plant was repotted using bark. So, everyone went home with the addition of 3 new orchid plants for their collection.



A big "Mahalo" to **Harry Akagi and Roy Tokunaga** of H&R Nurseries for providing plants at a bargain price and donations of com pots for our night's activity. Thank you to the team of Calvin & Mel for sharing your time and knowledge for the benefit of our KOS members. You guys worked so well together.

We missed our members who were not able to attend our August meeting. We look forward to seeing you at our September meeting.

The Honolulu Orchid Society 85th Annual Orchid Show & Plant Sale
October 11 & 12, 2024 at Washington Middle School
Set up for our KOS display is on Thursday, October 10, at 9:00 am



We need your blooming orchid plants, supporting greens and Hinahina. If you have any of these needed items, or would like to help with the set up on Thursday at 9:00 am and take down on Saturday afternoon around 4:00 pm, please call our show chairman Suzanne Yamada (Cell) 808-206-4758 to volunteer.

To help with our display, no experience is needed. Members who have done it before will be there to assist new volunteers. It is a great way to become more familiar with our fellow KOS members and to meet members from other Oahu participating orchid societies. Lunch will be provided.



Inis Brunson wrapping an plants in our display.



Noelle, Suzanne & Cindy putting the finishing touches.



Larry Yamamoto placing orchid plant in display.

Fund Raising Event Coming In November

The Mililani Orchid Club's Craft & Plant Fair

November 16, 2024 – Mililani Mauka Elementary School – 8:00 am to 2:00 pm

To raise additional funds for KOS and to promote another orchid education source in Mililani, Central Oahu and in the surrounding areas, we will be supporting the Mililani Orchid Club that has this event annually.

Please help us by contributing extra backyard plants of any kind, baked goods, non-perishable foods such as pickled items, fresh fruits,, vegetables, saleable flowers, etc. We want to put the word out now so everyone can prepare ahead of time. A little bit of something from everyone will make many fun things for customers to buy and take home.



We will need volunteers to help staff our booth and to talk to customers about another orchid education source. For donations and to volunteer working at our KOS booth, contact Ken Ching, (Cell) 808-228-2800 or sign up at our general meetings in September and October.

We will be more than a vendor at this event, we want to offer orchid education at this event and for the future.



Featured Speaker for September Meeting

Scot Mitamura

Topic: Preparing Your Blooming Orchids For The Show

Scot has been growing orchids since he was 12 years old.

He has a bachelor's degree in horticultural technology from the University of Hawaii and he has been on Foster Botanical Gardens as the orchid expert for the past 35 years. Scot has instructed us before on preparing our blooming orchids for the show. Some of us have received his instructions before but need a refresher. Our new members will be amazed at the various techniques that can be used to show orchid blooms at their best.

With the Honolulu Orchid Society Show coming up next month, we can start to implement the ideas he will share with us immediately.



Staking a tall Vanda with a bamboo stake and ties.



Scot gives Diane Hamamoto a tip on presenting a Cattleya flower.



Gently manipulating a Cattleya flower bud to turn a certain way.

Kunia Orchid Society Plant Culture

Novice Division (0 - 5 years)



Diane Hamamoto
Aerides Lawrenceae



Paulette Morimoto
Dendrobium bracteosum



Linda Kurihara
Encyclia (Prosthechea) Radiata



Denise Overson
Ons. Wildcat 'Golden Red Star'



Jane Ching
Cattleya Hawaiian Passion Carmela



Max Nonies
Miltonia

Intermediate (6 - 10 years)



Suzanne Yamada
Den Hawaiian Punch



Dale Mahi
Vanda Hybrid



Noelle Sutherland
Bllra Big Shot "Pink Leopard"

Master (11+ years)

KOS General Membership Meeting,

September 3, 2024, 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.



Kunia Orchid Society – 2024 Membership Application

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

Tax Deductible Donation, if any:

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

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