



Kunia Orchid Society Newsletter

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A Message from Our President

Aloha Kunia Orchid Society Members & Friends,

To an orchid club that is sponsoring their annual orchid show and the accompanying plant sales, it is the most special event of the year. It is the club's opportunity to gather some of the best blooming orchids on the island, display them in various guest arrangements and provide orchid education classes to everyone.

We would like to thank the Aiea Orchid Club for inviting us to participate in their most recent show that was held on June 14 & 15. It is always a challenge for our members to submit their show quality blooming orchids to the scrutiny of certified orchid judges, various orchid club members and the general public. We thank all of our members and associates who were able to share their blooming orchids. There were winners of special recognition and cash prizes that were honored at this event. If you supported the Kunia Orchid Society in any way at the show, I would consider you as one of our valued event winners. Months before the show we got to practice what orchid skills we learned by grooming our plants prior to the show. At the show we learned more how to set up an orchid display, we got to know more about many of our new members, we enjoyed having lunch together, and sharing the time together during the course of this two-day event was special.

We appreciate all those who helped plan and join us at our monthly meetings and other events, those that bring food and refreshments to our meetings and events, Brad Lau who heads our monthly plant commentary at our general meetings, those that bring blooming plants for us to appreciate and everyone who is a supporter of the Kunia Orchid Society.

Mahalo!
Ken Ching



Upcoming
General Membership Meeting
7:00 pm, July 2, 2024
Mililani Ike Elementary
Cafeteria

July Activity Honohono Potting



There is a Chinese proverb "A journey of a thousand miles begins with a single step".

We hope that the planting of your Honohono keiki will someday result like Dawn Furumoto's gorgeous mature Honohono plant.

See article within for tips on tools to bring to participate in this activity. Everyone will go home with their very own baby Honohono orchid plant that you've potted yourself.

I Don't Have Space to Raise Orchids!

If this is your reason that you cannot raise any orchids, perhaps due to living in a condominium building, townhome or have a tiny yard? Have you considered raising miniature orchids? If space is at a premium, try entering the miniature orchid world. In most local orchid shows, there is an award for the best miniature orchid. At the Aiea Orchid Club Show there were three miniature orchid awards. The criteria for their miniature orchid category stated, "The natural height of the plant (excluding flowers above the leaf) must not exceed 7" and the natural width of the leaf span must not exceed 7". Where would I go to purchase miniature orchids? Local orchid nurseries, plant outlets, private collectors, special orchid society shows or special events and on-line are possible sources.

These are some of the miniature plants at the Aiea Orchid Club Show.





Novice Division
 Ons. Catatante Jefery and Amanda Spangler



Intermediate Division
 Cattleya Hybrid Dale Mahi



Masters Division
 Paph. malipoense Doug De Moss

*Kunia Orchid Society
 Plant Culture Winners!*



Master Division
 Oncidium Hybrid Noelle Sutherland



Intermediate Division
 Den. Waianae Profusion Suzanne Yamada

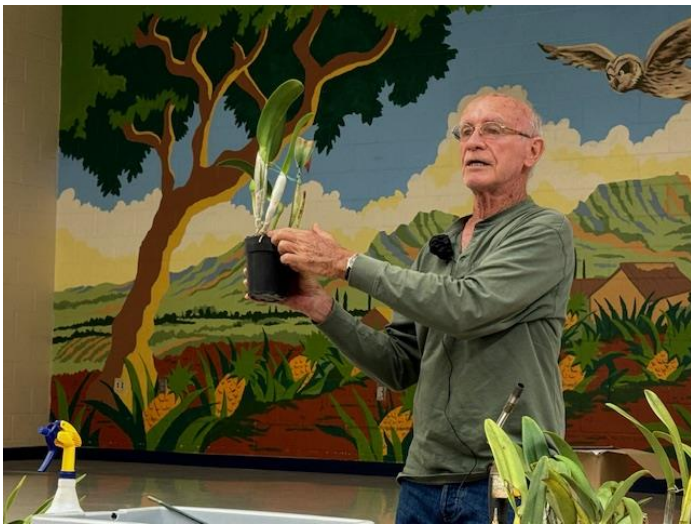


Novice Winners
 Phal. Hybrid Maria Tucker

Demonstration On How to Repot Orchids

At Our June general meeting, we were privileged to have Doug DeMoss, a long-time orchid grower here in Hawaii, share with us his techniques in repotting orchids. He brought several orchid plants that were overgrown, removed them from their current plastic pots and repotted them with fresh media into a slightly larger pot. Some signs that an orchid needs repotting is when the orchid has outgrown its pot or when the orchid bark goes bad. To aid in removing a plant that needs repotting, Doug waters the plant thoroughly prior to repotting. If assistance is needed in removing the roots that are sticking to the pot, he uses a scalpel (metal tool). His bark of choice is Orchinata, a New Zealand bark that breaks down slowly. Because it breaks down slowly, he sometimes reuses the bark to repot orchids a second time with the same bark.

Thanks, Doug, for your repotting tips!



The day before the meeting, he watered the plants thoroughly so they could be easily removed from the current pot.



Working from one plant to another, he sterilizes his scissors with the flame of a propane torch.



A newly repotted plant, with fresh media and a slightly larger pot, is good for at least another two years of growth.



If you really want to see what the speaker is saying and doing, it is good to sit up front.

The Aiea Orchid Club Show

Our Hard-Working Set-Up Crew

Mahalo for showing up early to deliver plant stands and poles, wrap pots and place our orchids strategically for an eye-catching display!

Stan Fuentes
Patricia Kawahakui
Tracy Hayashi
Paulette Morimoto
Maria and Ike Tucker
Gary

Christina Enoka
Dawn Furumoto
Ken and Aileen Ching
Noelle Sutherland
Larry Yamamoto

Henry and Penny Hattal
Suzanne Yamada
Linda and Randy Kurihara
Gerald Miyasato
Laura Figueira



Our Efficient Breakdown Crew

Mahalo for efficiently breaking down and cleaning up the area so we all could get home in time for dinner!

Stan Fuentes
Cindy Fuentes
Paulette Morimoto
Laura Figueira

Cathy Ballie
Larry Yamamoto
Gerald Miyasato
Gary

Ken and Aileen Ching
Henry and Penny Hattal
Suzanne Yamada

Aiea Orchid Show

Kunia Orchid Society members came out in force to set up a display for the Aiea Orchid Show. Our pot wrappers enjoyed congeniality as they efficiently wrapped all the green filler plants and orchid pots. Like factory workers, they cranked out all the plants, so they were ready to be placed.... while having fun!!! Our orchid placers scoped the area, placed plant stands, moved orchids and rotated orchids over and over until they were perfectly placed. There were lots of discussion on height, color, type of orchid and space available. It was such an opportunity to learn about orchids. Once all the orchids were placed, the hinahina drapers moved into the display to hang hinahina from orchid pots, giving the display a very tropical look. Larry finished up the display placing bark on the ground as a walking path to the back of the display. Finally, we memorialized this fun activity with a picture of the display with our KOS members participants.

Hard work deserves hardy nourishment. Members enjoyed chili with rice and hotdog plus a healthy salad balanced with desserts to keep us happy, banana bread, cookies, brownies and pineapple.

A very huge mahalo to those members who brought orchids, greens and hinahina. Our display would not have been possible without you!



Aiea Orchid Show Recognition to Kunia Orchid Society Members

Last plant to arrive on the scene was Paulette's Dendrobium which won Best of Dendrobium and a Certificate of Cultural Merit. Carol Kawamoto's Cattleya also received a Certificate of Recognition. The KOS floor display won third place. Ken and Aileen Ching won third place (in mini orchids?). Kudos to all our members!

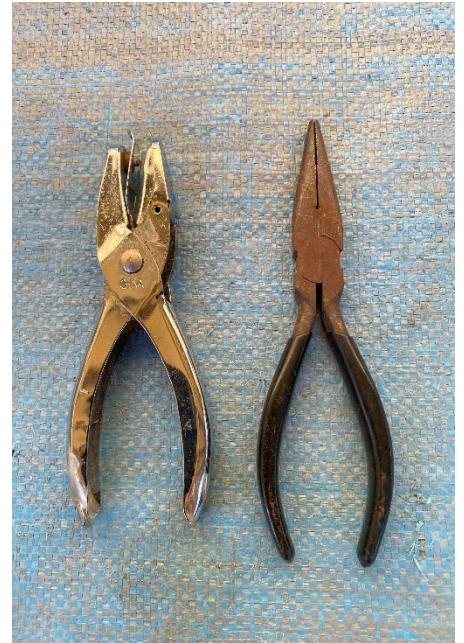


July Meeting Activity - Potting Baby Honohono

Because the Honohono orchid is synonymous with our Annual Kunia Orchid Society Show, we keep encouraging our members to learn to cultivate them. For our meeting on July 2, we plan to have some of our members demonstrate how to prepare a container with a 3-prong wire hanger and then pot a Honohono keiki using bark. Following the demonstration, everyone will be able to prepare their own hanging container and pot their own Honohono keiki. Everyone attending our July meeting will be able to take home their own potted Honohono keiki. Hopefully in another year or two, we will have many Honohono plants in our show display.



We need, as many members as possible, to bring a pointed nose wire cutter pincer to help to cut and bend the wire and attach the 3-prong wire hanger to the pot. If you have a 1/8" hole punch, we need those to make holes in the pot at just the right locations. (SEE SAMPLE PICTURES) Please also bring a cardboard beverage box to minimize the bark from going all over the place when we do the repotting. Help label any tool that you bring to the meeting so we can share the tools with other members. We hope to see you at our July 2, meeting at 7:00 pm at the Mililani Ike Elementary School cafeteria in Mililani Mauka.



KOS General Membership Meeting,

July 2, 2024, 7:00PM

Mililani Ike Elementary School Cafeteria

**Learn how to pot baby Honohono orchid plant.
Read article above on supplies to bring for our activity.**



Kunia Orchid Society – 2024 Membership Application

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

Tax Deductible Donation, if any:

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