



Kunia Orchid Society Newsletter

February 2025

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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Aloha Kunia Orchid Society Members & Friends,

The next few months will be exceptionally busy as we conduct our monthly general meetings with a guest speaker and preparing for our annual show. Thanks to our officers and board of directors who are conducting the planning and taking the lead for various facets of the show.

We are not a large organization so we must depend upon every member to contribute to the successful operation of our society. We appreciate when everyone can periodically contribute some refreshments for our meetings, plants to share in our Plant Commentary, help in cleaning up after each meeting, getting to know our new members, making both new and old members feel comfortable at our meetings, and participating in our various events.

Our biggest challenge of each year is when we present to the public, the Kunia Orchid Show which we sponsor with the Leilehua High School Athletic Department. We have one and a half days to set up for the show and two days of the actual show. Visitors come from mainly Wahiawa, the North Shore, the rest of Central Oahu but also from other parts of Oahu and outer islands too. If you are retired or can take some time off from work, your help at the show would be greatly appreciated. Please contact one of our show leaders to sign up to work at our biggest event of each year. We need as many of you to sign up as possible so we can have adequate staffing and also it will help us with the planning of our lunches.

I look forward to your attendance at our February and March general meetings on the first Tuesday of each month and enjoy working with each other at our Kunia Orchid Society Show & Plant Sale in March. Help us put on a good show for the public in promoting the learning and appreciation of orchids.

Aloha,

Ken Ching

President

General Membership Meeting
Millilani Ike Elementary
School Cafeteria
February 4, 2025, at 7:00 pm



February Speaker

Sheron Harwood
How I Saved My Orchid
Collection

Sheron is a long-time grower of orchids and avid promoter of the love of orchids, especially on the Windward Side of Oahu. She has an interesting personal story that she would like to share with you that will provide excitement if your orchids may not be doing too well. If time permits, she will also demonstrate her successful technique of repotting Phalaenopsis using a cork medium from used wine bottles. This is another wonderful presentation to help you grow more beautiful orchids. Don't miss this fun opportunity.

KUNIA ORCHID SHOW PLANNING

Where: Leilehua High School Gymnasium
[1515 California Ave, Wahiawa, HI 96786](#)

When: Show Prep: Wednesday, March 19, 2025, at 5:00 p.m.
 Set Up: Thursday, March 20, 2025, 9:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.
 Show Days: Friday, March 21, 2025, 9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.
 Saturday, March 22, 2025, 9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.



We need every member's help to share the load of putting on a successful and fun show. If you can help, please contact the appointed leader and volunteer for the days and times that you can help. Thank you very much!

1. Country Store - Dawn Furumoto (808) 372-5000
2. Publicity - Laura Figueira (808) 255-9695
3. Floor Layout/Setup - Suzanne Yamada (808) 206-4758
4. Donations & Awards - Suzanne Yamada (808) 206-4758 & Denise Stewart (818) 679-2369
5. Vendors - Ken Ching (808) 228-2800
6. Entrance & Exit Area - Joy Ann Long (808) 671-4210
7. Plant Holding Area - Aileen Ching (808) 626-3999
8. Food - Dale Mahi (808) 753-6227
9. Security - Randy Kurihara (808) 464-8542 & Max Nonies (808) 542-8085
10. Host/Hostesses (Display & Vendor Areas)
11. Membership Information – Denise Stewart (818) 679-2369
12. Classes at Show - Ken Ching (808) 228-2800
13. Show Finances - Laura Figueira & Gary McCurdy (808) 255-9695
14. Arrange for HOS Judges - Ken Ching (808) 228-2800
15. Invitations to Orchid Societies & Exhibitors - Ken Ching (808) 228-2800
16. Sign Placement in Community - Paul Mahi (808) 358-0330 & Ken Ching (808) 228-2800
17. Mahalo Plants (Judges & Helpers) - Ken Ching (808) 228-2800
18. Placement of Show Awards in Displays -
19. Photographer - Ed Sawada



HOW TO MAKE A WOODEN BASKET FOR ORCHIDS?

This was our subject for our first general meeting of the year. Randy Kurihara, one of our new Board of Directors, shared his method of building a wooden basket with us. He was very detailed in explaining the tools that he uses, material and his own created templates for measuring and assembling. Regular hand tools like saws, and drills could be used but it would take much longer, and the results will not be as accurate. Using power equipment will greatly shorten the time and concentration needed to produce a quality basket. To keep the orchid media from falling through the spaces of the basket, Randy uses a screen that he places in the interior of the completed basket. The advantage of planting orchids in a basket is it gives the orchid excellent air circulation and drainage. This is crucial for most epiphytic orchids as they naturally grow on tree trunks and require needed airflow to prevent root rot. The three completed baskets that he brought to show us were made of Red Wood, Sapele & Teak. We are fortunate to have a skilled wooden basket maker in the Kunia Orchid Society. Mahalo Randy for your wooden basket making tips!



Randy offered 3 of his personally made wooden baskets to 3 lucky number winners.

1. Mel Waki chose the one made of Teak Wood.
2. Dale Mahi selected the Red Wood basket
3. Amanda & Jefery Spangler received the one made of Sapele Wood.



Janine Mikasa



*Jocelyn Mokulehua &
Max Nonies*

**Lucky Number
Winners**



We were fortunate to have an orchid plant or orchid plant division for each of the approximately 40 members present to take home to grow. Everyone that attended was a winner!



*Lea Dominci
Rene Harens &*



Linda Kurihara

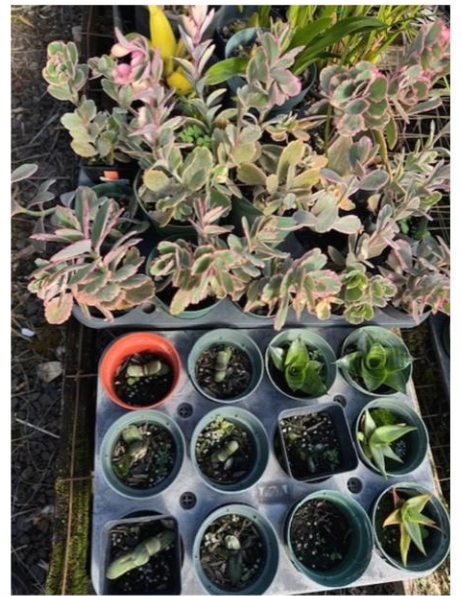


Noelle Sutherland

Growing for Our Show!



These plants are getting bigger and stronger by the week. Hopefully by the middle of March, they will be ready for someone to purchase at our Show. We welcome your donated plants but if you don't have any, perhaps a relative or friend might want to donate something for our special event. Our Kountry Store would welcome other popular items like baked goods and other homemade products.



Kunia Orchid Society Plant Culture Winners!

Master Division



Rlc Penny Jattal 'Penny's Luck'
Henry and Penny Hattal



Ddc. wenzelii
Ken and Aileen Ching

Intermediate Division



Cym, Dutchman's Gold
Dale Mahi



C. Prism Palette
Suzanne Yamada:

Novice Division



Rlc Mem Shirley Byrnes 'NN'
Linda Kurihara



Rhynchostylis Gigantea
Max Nonies



The time has come to renew your Kunia Orchid Society membership for 2025.

To further promote orchid education and activities at our monthly general meetings and in the community, our Board of Directors have instituted a new annual dues program. For 2025, there is a slight increase in our annual membership dues. It is now \$25 for each Member and \$15 for an Associate Member (an Associate Member would be a spouse or partner of a member). There will be a \$15 membership due for students. Our membership dues, along with money generated from fund raising events, pay for the rental of our meeting facility, insurance, educational essentials, meeting supplies and equipment, and special event costs. The success of KOS depends on the contributions of its members through their expertise, knowledge and time sacrificed. We hope that you can lend a hand to benefit our society. Let us know if you are willing.

Mahalo,
Kunia Orchid Society Board of Directors



Kunia Orchid Society – 2025 Membership Application

- ☐ \$25 Annual Membership Dues
- ☐ \$15 Associate Membership (Spouse/Partner of paid member)
- ☐ \$15 Student Membership (Please include copy of student ID)

Tax Deductible Donation, if any:

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

Name: _____ Date: _____

Street Address: _____ City: _____ Zip Code: _____

Home Phone: _____ Cell Phone: _____

Email Address: _____

Talent/Experience (i.e. Finance, Carpentry, Graphics) _____