



Kunia Orchid Society Newsletter

January 2019

Edited by Tanya Cobbin

***** IMPORTANT UPCOMING EVENTS *****

- ❖ General Meeting will be February 5th at 7:00pm at Mililani Ike Elementary School
- ❖ In February, we welcome back Scot Mitamura to help us prepare for our orchid show in March. Scot is the orchid horticulturist with the Honolulu Botanical Gardens where he maintains the orchid collection and runs the conservatory. He will be demonstrating how to groom and prepare our plants for our March show. If you have a plant that Scot can work on, please bring it to the meeting. He will try to use members plants to demonstrate the best way to show our plants!
- ❖ COUNTRY STORE WORKDAY
Saturday March 9 is our annual Workday for the Country Store. We'll be assembling wooden baskets, counting clips, mixing and bagging potting material and a lot more. 8:30am to 12pm at the container behind the Leilehua Gym. Lunch will be provided
- ❖ Visit us on our new website : <http://www.kuniaorchidsociety.com/>

***** A Message From Our President *****

Wow, what a fantastic annual meeting and celebration. I received many comments about the program this year and how it was better than ever. In particular, we recognized the efforts of all the committees and their respective members and I thought that was particularly rewarding. We just need to take time to remember how much effort we (YOU) all do during the course of a year -it is awesome indeed. Ken Ching worked really hard in putting it all together and deserves special recognition and thanks for his tireless efforts – THANK YOU KEN!!!!!!

As previously noted, the BOD collectively has been tasked with performing the function of putting on our 2019 KOS Show. We have been meeting to continue our planning and we are on track. We now have all the vendors lined up and several workshops to prepare for the Country Store. The show is really an ALL HANDS EVENT and clearly our biggest effort all year. Please find a spot where you can help - we need YOU ☺.

Thanks so much for all of your efforts. All of our activities make the club more rewarding than ever. Great Effort and Great Job and thanks so very much.

HAPPY NEW YEAR and
Aloha!
Bob

Next Society General Membership Meetings

- 7:00pm on Feb. 5th at
Mililani Ike Elem.

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INPUTS FOR NEWSLETTER DUE
BY THE 20th OF EVERY MONTH

To Tanya Cobbin
active members

OFFICERS & BOARD OF DIRECTORS

PRESIDENT- Bob Speer
VICE PRES. – Dennis Bunda
SECRETARY–Tanya Cobbin
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Tips for Orchid Shows 2019

We'll have the exact dates for all the Oahu Orchid Shows – 2019 in our next issue. With our upcoming Kunia Orchid Show in March, a renewed commitment or implementation of your New Year's Resolutions needs to begin now to prepare your orchids for display at one of our orchid shows or for our Monthly KOS Plant Commentary.

The busy holidays are over so it is time to get back and tend to our orchid collection. As orchid plants will not bleed for us overnight, we need to do the important things now so we can reap the blooming rewards during the course of 2019.

If you are not one of the few orchid hobbyist that religiously, day in and day out, tend to their collection, let's start watering our plants on a schedule, fertilizing them weakly, weekly, guard against fungus problems and get rid of those pesky slugs and snails. When you see a flower spike emerging, determine when staking is appropriate. If you want to preserve a bloom a little longer for the show, try to bring them to a less sunny area.

Kunia Orchid Show – March 22, 23, 24

Windward Orchid Show – March 22, 23, 24 (same weekend as Kunia)

Aiea Orchid Show – Usually in June

Ewa Orchid Show – Usually in July

Honolulu Orchid Show – Usually in October

2019 Annual Meeting and Banquet

To the delight of 130 members and guests, this year's Annual Meeting and Banquet was held at one of our favorite places to gather, Hale Ikena, on the grounds of Fort Shafter. The weather was great and it was wonderful to see everyone at the start of the new year.

Our Master of Ceremonies, Dale Mahi, welcomed the gathering and carried us from one item of business to another. Bob Speer, President of the Kunia Orchid Society, presented the Annual Report and Summary of 2018. Pauline Lindberg inducted the new officers and directors. Thank you to Shirley Head and Jan Takamiya for their tribute to our dear member and friend Callman Au. Thank you Eugene Cabilao for the blessing. Prior to the meeting and during brunch we were entertained by one of our members, Lance Takamiya. He sounded better than ever.

Charles and Pauline Lindberg, life-time members, did the honors of recognizing various committees and members that made special contributions to KOS this past year. It takes a lot of time and effort to run a large orchid society like KOS. Along with these observances, was a tribute to every KOS members' contribution to the Society.

Some of our very fortunate members were able to win the beautiful centerpieces obtained from Stan and Carmela Watanabe and also lucky number prizes. Everyone was able to take home a beautifully decorated mini phaleanopsis.

Special guests included Nolan Tokuda, Athletic Director of Leilehua High School, his wife Dani and daughter Tatum. We are so grateful for the good working relationship we have at LHS. Representing KTM-Enjoy Products were owner Kamei Lac and her assistant Carrie Tandal. We appreciate KTM-Enjoy Products who has donated boxes and boxes of goodies each year for us to use at our Show.

We appreciate the efforts of the activities committee for planning this special event and all the helpers that contributed. Henry and Penny Hattal, again got us our leis.

Please if you have time to be included in one of our working committees, call Ken Ching...or he will call you. Hope to see you all throughout this year and the next.

Refreshments for February

A reminder for members that signed up for February refreshments back in December, please bring some 'goodies' to our meeting. If you didn't sign up, but would like to bring something, contact Madonna Thomson our Refreshment Chairperson (808)232-5963. We'll have a refreshment signup sheet available at our next meeting for signups for the rest of the year.

Pictures from our Annual Meeting



Lance Takamiya provided the entertainment



Madonna and members gathering their brunch.



Brian and Jun with their orchid treasures.



Our Activities Committee



Ingrid, Lois(hiding), Cindy, and Lori choosing the best orchids



2019 KOS Officers and Directors



Bob with special guests Kamei Lac and Carrie Tandal of KTM- Enjoy Products

What's your Microclimate? - Brad Lau

Ever heard that the area you live in plays a huge role in your success with growing orchids? No surprise that by living in a valley or at higher elevations you get better air flow with cooler weather and more moisture. A microclimate is a distinctive climate of a small local area and can be different in as little as half a mile away. Of the 14 possible climate zones in the world, Hawaii has 10. This is because of various elevations with valleys and mountains and wet or dry weather patterns we see on the windward and leeward sides of each island. Orchids have adapted to many of the same microclimates although most are tropical and subtropical. However, if an orchid grows in the wild above 6000 feet it will likely need cooler weather than we can easily provide.

Light can also be tricky unless you have a shade house where you can control how much sunlight gets to your plants. During the winter the sun is less intense and out for fewer hours so adjusting shade cloth to allow for more light can be helpful. In the summer adding more shade may help. If you are in a drier area on the leeward side of the island you likely be closer to sea level, see less rain and have hotter weather. Providing some shade with more frequent watering and staying away from intermediate or cooler growing orchids may help. However, if you have only a few plants that like the cool you can find a place for them in a protected area that gets good ventilation like on a patio. Just watch the plant and see how it is growing and if it blooms. Many of Kunia Orchid Society members live in Wahiawa and Mililani which are at higher elevations and enjoy cooler weather with passing rain. There can be more moisture in Mililani Mauka than in the older areas of Mililani.

Finally, in your own yard you will find some areas offer more sunlight (south facing) or more shade (under trees or near bushes). In general morning sun facing east is less strong than afternoon sun. Not many orchids do well with full sun but some like Vandas, can be trained to tolerate more light. Just watch their leaf color as leaves turn more yellow in sunny areas. A light green is a good color. Winter is a good time to move plants into more light while in summer they need more shade. In the end you can make small adjustments in your growing area to favor orchids but some microclimates definitely make your job easier.

A Tribute to Callman Au
(June 25, 1931 – November 28, 2018)

Since 1974, when Callman joined the Kunia Orchid Society, he has blessed us with his untiring efforts and extreme dedication. He started raising orchids, especially the honohono orchids because his mother liked the sweet fragrance.

Callman served in almost every capacity in the Kunia Orchid Society, most notably his outstanding tenure as KOS Show chairman with Frances and his many wonderful Honohono orchids. He may be most remembered through for his sweeping and cleaning up after meetings.

Over a span of approximately 20 years, give or take a few, Callman and Frances helped develop the Kunia Orchid Show into what it is today. They took the reigns from previous KOS show chairman at the rustic Kunia Gym and grew it into one of the largest and most enjoyable shows one can attend for free.

There will definitely be something missing from the Kunia Orchid Show this year. Callman and Frances will not be there selling their sweet blooms at the Au Honohono Booth, in the front left corner of the gymnasium.

Over a long period of time, Callman has shared his knowledge and his techniques at growing Honohono Orchids. His classes on growing Honohono orchids were never exclusively shared with just the KOS members, he conducted classes for other societies and anyone interested. The cost for class materials and the graduation luncheon that immediately followed were often picked up by Callman and Frances.

We will certainly miss our boy, Callman. Just like a planned short visit to Callman's house, we could go on for hours telling stories about him. Ever generous with his earthly possessions, his time telling jokes. Aloha Callman!

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Our website is noted in announcements is up and running. Additionally, Denise Stewart has accepted the challenge to manage the website and be our "WEBMASTER".....fantastic in deed. Hence, we (she)are (is) looking for content to upload to the site. We need pictures of orchid winners and their owners, articles to post, and general information that fits in one of the pages/sub-pages below. PLEASE provide your inputs in a format that is ready to post – i.e., a completed article that is not too long – we want people to read/see it and to provide timely information. Thanks!!!!

Sections that could use input:

Gallery, Awards, Winner Circle, Sponsors, Vendors, Orchid Doctor, Orchid Tips, Videos, Resources, Our History

KOS MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION

Mail to: Kunia Orchid Society P.O Box 893956 Mililani, HI 96789

Name: _____ Date: _____

Address: _____

Street _____ City _____ State _____ Zip Code _____

Phone No. _____ Cell Phone: _____

Email Address: _____

I am interested in volunteering for the following(check all that apply):

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Membership | <input type="checkbox"/> Finance Committee | <input type="checkbox"/> Annual Banquet |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Annual Show | <input type="checkbox"/> Workshops | <input type="checkbox"/> Show Appreciation Party |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Board of Directors | <input type="checkbox"/> Web Page Management | <input type="checkbox"/> Other _____ |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Show Displays | <input type="checkbox"/> Education Committee | |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Hospitality | <input type="checkbox"/> Holiday Party | |

Amount Enclosed: _____

Make Check Payable to: Kunia Orchid Society

Membership - \$20