



# Kunia Orchid Society Newsletter

## January 2018

Edited by Tanya Cobbin

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

- ❖ The next KOS general meeting will be on February 6<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 pm at Mililani Ike Elementary School Cafeteria.
- ❖ Every year in mid-February, Japan's largest orchid show is held in Tokyo, the Japan Grand Prix International Orchid Festival. An estimated 3,000 orchid species, varieties and hybrids can be seen any given year. Come, listen and enjoy our own Jan Takamiya as she shares her personal orchid pictures and her breath-taking experience at this super event. Friends, family and public are always welcome.

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

What a wonderful Annual Meeting! I was so pleased to see such a large turnout – we had the largest group ever with 135 attendees who managed to be happily stuffed with the outstanding brunch at Hale Ikena. Well done to the Annual Planning Committee which included Diane Hamamoto, Lori Black, Mav Hernandez, Karen and Randy Quon, and of course led by Ken and Aileen Ching. Fantastic indeed. Please talk to them personally to express your (and my) appreciation. It was truly a great event.

On a similar note the Show Committee is in full swing with preps for another great show. Needless to say, this is essentially an “All Hands Event” with a great deal of planning and effort for the 5 days of our show. There are two aspects to the concept of “All Hands”. Of course, the amount of effort to set up and execute the show is incredible – there is a job and need for everyone which makes our show so great. The second part, however, is for everyone is to help advertise the event. The Publication Committee is working hard to broaden our exposure so more of the public can come. We also all have a part in this by passing out tickets and inspiring your friends and acquaintances to come and see the spectacle

Finally with respect to the show, we have a special event this year and are planning to have a special speaker to talk about orchids. Thomas Mirenda has global expertise with orchids and has worked for the Smithsonian Institute in DC. He has retired and is now living on the Big island. He will be our guest speaker at the Show on Saturday afternoon – you won't want to miss this presentation!

Finally, we continue to work on many projects in support of our society. Publicity, Education, Food, Membership, Show, Finance, etc. If you have the will and time to help, please let me or Ken Ching know and we will coordinate the inputs.

GREAT JOB AND WELL DONE TO ALL!!! 😊

Aloha!

Bob

**Next Society General Membership Meetings**

- 7:00pm on Feb 6<sup>th</sup> at Mililani Ike Elem.

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**INPUTS FOR NEWSLETTER DUE BY THE 20<sup>th</sup> OF EVERY MONTH**

To Tanya Cobbin

130 active members

**OFFICERS & BOARD OF DIRECTORS**

**PRESIDENT**- Bob Speer  
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## Orchid Growing Tips of the Month – Scot Mitamura

Winter began on December 21. But it seems like it's been here for a while. Fortunately, our day length increases every day, which is great for our orchids. With this constant rainy weather, it is imperative that you try to keep your orchids dry and disease free.

The higher you grow your orchids the better. Keep them at least 18" above the soil line. This is what is called the splash zone, where fungus/bacteria and other soil-borne pathogens like nematodes can infect your orchids. Keeping your plants above 18" can greatly assist you in growing beautiful orchids. Of course, sanitation is important, so pick up all dead leaves and flowers.

## A Fun Annual Meeting

- Ken Ching

Preparations for this event started a couple months ago, but now the committee in charge of putting this event together was able to get started for real around 8 am on Sunday, January 7<sup>th</sup>. We were able to enter our meeting area early and started preparing the dining tables, orchids, music, and registration table.

Thank you everybody for coming early, we were able to start our check in by 9:30am and though there was a lot of friendly greetings that had to take place, we were able to start almost on time.

The first part of our program included the Annual Report and year in review by President Bob Speer, minute of silence for members we lost last year, installation of new officers and directors by Gabriel Hernandez, invocation by Virginia Cabilao and then brunch.

Before our meeting, during brunch and after our meeting, we were entertained by Lance Takamiya. Lance is a KOS member and was happy to come out with his first CD in 2017. We all thoroughly enjoyed his soothing music.

After brunch we were able to recognize the many members that helped in various committees and assignments throughout 2017: Education committee, Show Design Committee, Membership Committee, Nomination Committee, Refreshment Committee, KOS Show Committee Chairmen Mick and Carolyn McAndrews, Hilo Safari Leader Henry & Penny Hattal, Honohono Class Coordinators Callman & Frances Au, Photographer Edward Sawada, Sound System Coordinator Brian Panee, Outgoing Officers and Board Members, Ex-Officio Amy Teves, Annual Meeting Committee, Special Guests Mrs. Kamei Lac of Enjoy Products, & our longest member Mrs. Mercedes Rabago who joined KOS in 1940.

We had some very lucky numbers that took home the lucky number orchids and the beautiful centerpieces. Everyone enjoyed receiving the two choice blooming orchids, a 2017 special edition KOS glass and gummy pineapples donated by Enjoy Products.

Mahalo to Henry and Penny Hattal who go the leis for us and brought the giveaway orchids from Hilo and the mainland, and to Stan and Carmela Watanabe for providing the centerpieces. Each individual is so important to KOS so we apologize if we missed mentioning any individual or committee. Recognition goes out to all members, friends and family that helped KOS in any way in the past year and beyond.

In total we had 114 members and 22 guests join with us on Happy January 7, 2018! We'd like to see everyone from KOS at our next Annual Meeting(same place) Sunday January 13, 2019.



### Refreshments Sign Ups Needed for February

If you can bring refreshments for our February meeting, please call our Refreshment Committee Chairman, Madonna Thomson at 232-5963 and advise her how you can help this month. Since we begin our regular monthly meetings at 7:00pm with refreshments, it would be appreciated if you can bring your goodies by 6:45. See you on February 6<sup>th</sup>!

### Orchids Received at Annual Meeting

For those that received orchids at the Annual Meeting and did not see a name tag with your plant, we will try to help you identify your plant at the next meeting. Most of the dendrobiums had name tags but we had a problem with some of the Phalaenopsis that did not have name tags. Bring your plant, or take a picture of your plant and flowers and we'll try to match them up with the Phalaenopsis catalog that the plants were ordered from.

### 2018 KUNIA ORCHID SHOW

If you haven't already marked your calendar, our 2018 Orchid Show is March 23, 24, and 25 at Leilehua High School. Show times are 9am to 5pm Friday and Saturday and 9am to 4pm on Sunday. Also reserve Wednesday March 21 and Thursday March 22, 8am to 5pm as the Show set up days. We will need all members to assist during these five days. The opening dinner, for all members is on Thursday March 22 at 5:30pm. So clear your calendars...we need everyone's participation. Lunch will be provided each day for members.

You are hereby designated as a "Publicity Assistant" for the 2018 Kunia Orchid Show! If you haven't gotten your allotment of show tickets yet, we'll have the remaining tickets available at our Feb. 6<sup>th</sup> meeting.

### COUNTRY STORE DONATIONS

Once again it's time to gather your donations for the Country Store. The store will sell all kinds of items including plants (non-orchid), homemade jams and jellies, garden items, garden tools, and miscellaneous stuff. The Country Store is our big fund raiser each year and we need all members to contribute.

### COUNTRY STORE WORKDAY

Saturday March 3 is our annual Workday for the Country Store. We'll be assembling items, counting clips and labels, mixing up and bagging potting material and a lot more. 9am to 12pm at the container behind the Leilehua Gym. It's a fun time to get together, talk story and prepare for the Country Store. Lunch will be provided.

### REDWOOD AND CEDAR FENCING NEEDED

We are looking for used redwood or cedar fence boards to recycle into orchid baskets. So please scan your neighborhood for these type of boards. Call Mick at 808-342-0251 when you spot some...we'll pick them up.

### ORCHID SAFARI 2018 – WINDWARD OAHU

Your KOS Education Committee will host an Orchid Safari on Saturday March 10 to Kawamoto and H&R Nurseries. Here's a great opportunity to purchase some beautiful and rare orchids directly from the growers. And, the plants you purchase will be ready for display in the KOS Display at our annual Show. Safari Leader is Warren Inaba.

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

**Amount Enclosed:** \_\_\_\_\_

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Membership (Jan 1 to Dec 31) - **\$20**