



Kunia Orchid Society Newsletter

October 2017

Edited by Tanya Cobbin

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

- ❖ The next KOS general meeting will be Tuesday, **November 7th** at 7:00 pm at Mililani Ike Elementary School.
- ❖ November Meeting Topic: Attention KOS members, don't miss our November 7, 2017 monthly meeting. Speaking to us will be Roy Tokunaga, a partner in H & R Nursery. He is a foremost authority on orchids and also a judge for the American Orchid Society as well as the Honolulu Orchid Society. He will be speaking about what's flowering, what's new, and a little on fertilizer and pest control for the backyard orchid grower. He will also bring a lot of orchids to sell below market prices. He does not usually sell retail, but mostly to nurseries and the majority to the mainland. Come ready to buy orchids!! He will give you background on the orchids he brings and how to best care for them.

Next Society General Membership Meetings

- **7:00pm on Nov 7th** at **Mililani Ike Elem.**

- **7:00pm on Dec 5th** at **Mililani Ike Elem. School**

INPUTS FOR NEWSLETTER DUE BY THE 20th OF EVERY MONTH

To Tanya Cobbin

160 active members

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

I am pleased to announce that we have great progress to report in developing an excellent slate of candidates for our November election coming up next week. Ken Ching and several of the Directors worked really hard to encourage others to consider helping with the administration of our great society – the results of their effort are noted below. Well done!

In another area of great news, our expertise was evident once again as our display came in second at HOS show last week. Amazing! Cindy and Jan led the SDCOM and along with inputs from more than 30 others, did a great job. Let them know how much they are appreciated. Something to be proud of indeed. Well Done!

Finally, we continue to work on many projects in support of our society. Publicity, Education, Food, Membership, Show.....and several others are in need of continued support and/or development. Please check in your calendar and resource pocket and see what you can help with. 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!!! ☺

OFFICERS & BOARD OF DIRECTORS

PRESIDENT- Bob Speer
VICE PRES. - Ken Ching
SECRETARY-Tanya Cobbin
TREASURER- Dale Mahi
SERGEANT AT ARMS - Paul Mahi
EX-OFFICIO - Amy Teves

DIRECTORS

Warren Inaba
Dianna Tabaj
Kim Ishii
Gerald Miyasato
Dennis Bunda

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You'll have a chance to elect your new officers for 2018 at our monthly general meeting on November 7, 2017. The following members were appointed by President Bob Speer to form the Nomination Committee: they are Ken Ching, Dale Mahi, Paul Mahi, Tanya Cobbin & Warren Inaba. The Nomination Committee has received nominations for these members, for the designated office, and have received their consent to be part of the election. However, additional nominations can still be accepted up until the election night. Our By- Laws require that consent from the nominees shall be obtained before they are included on the ballot. The Nomination Committee welcomes any additional nominees for our election as early as possible. Please don't wait till November 7.

Following is a short description from each of our nominees:

PRESIDENT

- Bob Speer - I originally was introduced to orchids in 1992 and joined KOS in 2001. My first elected position was a member of the Board of Directors of KOS in 2008. Since that time I have served as a Director, Vice President, Treasurer, and more recently as the President. I am thrilled and excited with the progress we have made during the past year and hope we can continue similar kinds of growth and enjoyment. I believe in our mission of helping our members and the public learn about the culturing of orchids. I would be honored to continue as the President of KOS.
- Ken Ching - I love collecting all kinds of orchids and trying to keep them alive. Aileen thinks I kill more orchids than I bring for display at the shows. I have a passion to learn as much as I can about orchids. I attend the KOS and the HOS monthly meetings and try to learn as much as I can from many other orchid hobbyists and nursery owners that I know. My top priority will always be to provide many orchid learning opportunities for our members and the interested general public.

VICE-PRESIDENT

- We are currently looking for nominations.

TREASURER

- Sherry Hunt - I have been a Mililani resident for 25 years and have enjoyed attending the KOS shows with family and friends. As I have recently retired from a career as an Independent Adjuster, I look forward to learning more about orchids. I was the treasurer of the Hawaii Insurance Claim Managers Association for 4 of the 8 years that I was a member of that organization. If elected I look forward to serving the Kunia Orchid Society.

SECRETARY

- Tanya Cobbin - Tanya is a graduate of Mililani High School in 2006 and a University of Hawaii-Manoa alumna. She works as a science teacher at Waipahu High School. Her love for orchids stems from her love for science and all growing things. She hopes to learn more about orchid culture to live up to her grandmother's ability in growing and caring for orchids.

BOARD OF DIRECTOR – AT LARGE

- Dawn Furumoto - I joined KOS five years ago because my handful of orchids desperately needed attention. I'm still no expert, and continue to rely on KOS meetings and education programs to learn. Having worked in the Country Store at each annual KOS Orchid Show, I've come to truly appreciate all that KOS has to offer. Currently I am working at the Bank of Hawaii in downtown Honolulu. I've been there for 37 years and look forward to someday retiring so that I can focus on my orchids.
- Dale Mahi – My name is Dale Mahi, I'm married to Paul Mahi. I have lived in Wahiawa for almost 34 years. I am the mother of 3 and grandmother of 5. I have been with KOS for about 2.5 years and have had the honor to serve as the treasurer for the year 2017. As I step down as your treasurer, I would be honored to continue to serve our club as a Board of Director. Mahalo
- Laura Figueira - A Hilo native, I graduated from Saint Joseph High School, attended the University of Hawaii's Hilo Campus and graduated in 1972 from the University of Hawaii's Manoa Campus with a Bachelor of Arts degree in Psychology. When it was time to get a job, I started my career in the tourist industry, then on to positions with the State of Hawaii, and ultimately with many years on the staff of several prominent politicians until I retired in March of 2017. I am a member of the Sunset Beach Community Association, North Shore Chamber of Commerce, several Portuguese organizations and most recently, the Kunia Orchid Society.
- Suzanne Yamada - An educator for 34 years. I retired as a principal in December 2015. I served the Dept. of Education as a teacher, district resource teacher, vice principal and principal in several schools in the Leeward District. My experiences have afforded me opportunities to work and meet the educational and sometimes social needs of children and parents. The best thing about retirement is that I get to pursue my love of flowers. Joining the Kunia Orchid Society has truly been a blessing.

A Salute to Fern Fernandez

I am a friend of Fern & Kim Fernandez. A few weeks ago, I thought of the hundreds of Fern's orchids that Kim was now stuck with. I called her and asked if she wanted to get rid of them. Her answer to me was 'I want to carry on Fern's legacy.'

Orchids was not the only legacy that Fern left us. He began filling pages of his legacy beginning on March 1, 1931 when he was born in Wahiawa. He told me he spent part of his youth on Kauai and served his country in several military conflicts. The wounds on his body was a testament of his involvement in combat.

It would take many pages to share the experiences of learning about orchids from Fern. He allowed us many opportunities to improve. Fern and I seem to share some similar traits and personalities. If he were here today, I think he would share thoughts in a manner similar to this. It is a modified version of a poem by Mrs. Lyman Hancock.

When I'm Gone

When I come to the end of my journey
And I travel my last weary mile
Just forget if you can, that I ever frowned
And remember only the smile
Forget unkind words I have spoken
Remember some good I have done
Forget that I ever had heartache
And remember I've had loads of fun
Forget that I've stumbled and blundered
And sometimes fell by the way
Remember that I have fought hard battles and won,
ere the close of the day
Then forget to grieve for my going
I would not have you sad for a day
But in summer just gather some flowers (orchids)
And remember the place where I lay.
And come in the shade of evening
When the sun paints the sky in the West.
Stand for a few moments beside me
And remember only my best.

Let us all strive to create the best legacy we can leave for this world to cherish. Love our families, help those that are in need, try to live a better life, and strive to fulfill God's plan for all of us on this Earth and in the hereafter.

Aloha Fern,
By Ken Ching

October Monthly General Membership Meeting Minutes

Henry and Penny Hattal are local orchid growers that also sell at the Sunday Farmer's Market. They gave an informative talk on the flasking and deflasking process of orchid culture. They also brought in a few flasks at different stages in the process. Flasks are made with the small, dust-like seeds of an orchid pod and as the plants grow they are removed and placed into other flasks. The starting flask may have hundreds of tiny plants, but they are reflasked and separated into new flasks to give them more space to grow. The plants will be reflasked about three times and the final flask will have about 20 plants inside. There are flasking services available at the University of Manoa.

Thank you also to everyone who brought in refreshments:

Walter Kawaa, Ken and Aileen Ching, Brian, Ben Kodama, Jan Takamiya, Suzanne Yamada, Pat Luau, Dawn Furumoto, Thelma Siders, Helen Chow, Ken Vinzant, Karen Gollero and any others that may not have singed in.

Winners At the Honolulu Orchid Society Show

Our Kunia Orchid Society participated in the Honolulu Orchid Society Show this past October 13-15, and did very well. Our Show Design Committee consisting of Jan Takamiya, Cindy Fuentes, Inez Brunson, Angie Leu, Wilbert Leu, Suzanne Yamafa, Aileen Ching and Gerald Miyasato created a display centered around the theme of "World of Orchids." Jan & Cindy, our SDCOM lead members for this show, along with all who contributed plants and helped construct the display, earned us the second place and a \$100 cash award. The following members made contributions to the display: Bob Speer, Noelle Sutherland, Leland Nakai, Larry Yamamoto, Stan and Carmela Watanabe, George Ota, Henry and Penny Hattal, Jan Takamiya, Gerald Miyasato, Inez Brunson, Warren Inaba, Wendel Takase, Suzanne Yamada, Angie & Wilbert Leu, Callman & Frances Au, Cindy & Sam Fuentes, Charles & Pauline Lindberg, Brad Lau, Ken & Aileen Ching, and anyone else that helped that I failed to mention.

Congratulations to the following for their plants that received special honors: Jan Takamiya for best lavender vanda. Ken and Aileen Ching for best other color vanda, best bulbophyllum, and best flowering specimen plant, and Gerald Miyasato for best paphiopedilum.

Honolulu Orchid Society Merit Awards were also received by Ken and Aileen Ching for Aer. Punchinello, CCM (85.0pts) and Bulb. Elizabeth Ann 'Buckleberry' CCM (86.0pts) & Gerald Miyasato for Paph. Doctor Jack CCM (79.7pts)

Mahalo to all who participated. We can now rest a little and start caring for our plants in preparation for the next orchid show, our Kunia Orchid Show, March 2018. We hope more members can join us at Leilehua High School.



Show Design Committee with some of the members



Show Design Committee leaders for HOS Show Cindy Fuentes and Jan Takamiya

It's that time of year again!

It's time to fill out renewal of membership forms and payment for 2018. We are also starting to collect registration forms for the annual meeting at Hale Ikena. Checks are highly encouraged. Please put in memo registration or annual meeting.

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: _____

Make Check Payable to: Kunia Orchid Society

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

Renewal (before Jan 1) - **\$15**

Kunia Orchid Society Annual Meeting



Sunday, January 7th, 2018 at **Hale Ikena** on Fort Shafter. Sign-in at 09:45 AM; program from 10:00 AM to 1:00 PM. Cost is \$15 for KOS members and \$35 for guests. Each member will receive at least 4 flowering orchids and each guest will receive at least one. Enjoy a wonderful program, great food from an excellent buffet and many plants and prizes.

Directions to Hale Ikena on Fort Shafter will be provided in the December newsletter. A base decal is not needed, although as an alternate, you'll need a driver's license, car registration, safety check, and proof of insurance is (in lieu of a base decal).

Receipt: _____ (total collected) Date collected _____

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For KOS Staff. Member Names _____ Guest Names _____

No. of members x \$15 = ____ + No. of Guests x \$35 = ____ Total fee _____

Date Collected _____ Cash or Check # _____

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