



Kunia Orchid Society Newsletter

August 2017

Edited by Tanya Cobbin

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

- ❖ The next KOS general meeting will be Tuesday, **September 5th** at 6:30 pm at Mililani Ike Elementary School.
- ❖ September Meeting Topic: September Meeting Topic: Pruning Trees and Shrubs. Carol Kwan has a diverse background. She worked for many years in construction as an engineer before becoming a Certified Arborist in 2003 and working as a consultant with her own business. Her specialties include tree protection and preservation plans, monitoring of trees during construction, arborist reports and recommendations, diagnosis, and tree risk assessments.

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

What a fantastic trip to Hilo! Once again, the educational opportunities were abundant and we all learned a great deal. Some of the information was passed out at the last meeting on August 1st along with a number of plants.....with more to come. Congratulations to Henry and Penny for all the work to set up the tours at several orchid farms, and to Ken Ching for working all the details. We all had a great time and nobody got lost!

I just checked the calendar and noticed we are quickly approaching September. This means we are at the point of developing a new slate of Officers and Directors for the annual election which will be held in November. If you have any interest and/or talents that can be helpful to our Orchid Society, please let me or Ken Ching know so we can prepare for this important event.

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!!!!

Mahalo ----Bob Speer

KOS SEARCHING FOR OLD REDWOOD OR CEDAR FENCE BOARDS

Each year we rip and cut old redwood, or cedar, fence boards into pieces and reassemble them into hanging orchid baskets to sell in the Country Store. Yes it's a while before the 2018 Show...but better to be searching now. So, if you are replacing your fence or spot someone in your neighborhood putting up a new fence, please try and save the old fence boards. We'll gladly recycle them into orchid friendly baskets. And, we will pick up the boards! If you can help, please call or email Mick or Carolyn McAndrews, mickhawaii@twc.com, carolynhawaii@twc.com, 808-342-0251, 808-342-4105. Mahalo McAndrews.

Next Society General Membership Meetings

- **6:30pm** on **Sept 5th** at **Mililani Ike Elem.**

- **7:00pm** on **Oct 3rd** at **Mililani Ike Elem. School**

INPUTS FOR NEWSLETTER DUE BY THE 20th OF EVERY MONTH

To Tanya Cobbin

158 active members

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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At right – Mother and daughter make a great team at the honohono orchid class.

Hui Ekika o'Kunia

Kunia Orchid Society



Callman, Frances and Assistants



Larry helping Merv and Sandy

Callman Au's Elite Honohono Orchid Class

Thanks to Callman, Francis, and their dedicated group of instructors and assistants. You helped inspire the 25 students attending the class that someday they will succeed in growing beautiful Honohono orchids.

Frances said, "Callman always loved Honohono Orchids and wanted to bring back the culture of this orchid." Through the years, Callman has developed his own unique style of growing and was always willing to share the knowledge that he had acquired with anyone who was interested in learning and listening to him. But he never insists you do it his way, "if your way works, that's okay too."

There is a feeling that many of the attendees of the annual KOS Orchid Show are drawn to this event every year to catch the sweet scent of the honohono orchid. Those that want to prolong that gratification will often buy a flowering plant from the show to take home to their family.

Newly certified students, members of KOS who have benefited from Callman's Honohono class in the past, remember that your present and future success will be a living testament to the gift sharing by this always giving man.

Thanks to KOS and the Education Committee for sponsoring such an excellent event.

Newbie goes on Orchid Safari

Cymbi...What? Nobile?? Onci? Epi...huh? Little did I know that I would be learning a new language as I excitedly ventured out on the Hilo Orchid Safari, a truly educational experience that I would not have been privy to without KOS!

With eleven nurseries to visit and learn from, the twenty-plus eager orchid lovers started early each day – a 5am flight on Thursday, July 27 and 7:30am kick off time on Friday and Saturday with no rest for the late sleepers! Jewels of information on raising orchids were shared at each nursery, including impressive technology that helps to control temperature, humidity, and sunlight; true inspiration to step up our game as backyard orchid growers. As variety is the spice of life, the variety of orchids truly added an abundance of spice to our safari. We were in orchid heaven!

Opportunities to make friends, act goofy and bond, abounded throughout the safari. Breakfast woke us up and got us going, lunch was a treat IF we stopped for it and dinners were always the highlight of the day with great food and talk story. Each nursery allotted time for picking out orchids for purchase from the many green houses, encouraging discussion on the features of the orchid and sometimes friendly haggling over an orchid plant. Time we spent in our assigned cars were intimate and entertaining with snacks and forever laughter. With the flexibility afforded us, we demanded that our schedule allow for time to stop to stop and sample Hilo specialties and purchase omiyage. We sampled Honoka's malasadas and walked through some real country open markets! Mochi from Two Ladies Kitchen extended our trip with memories of Hilo as we devoured our mocha after we got home. The three days were a great combination of listening, learning and laughter.

I look forward to my next safari with KOS....Great experience, great people! Thank you KOS!

Submitted by Suzanne Yamada



(left) The whole group at Carmela Orchid. (Middle) Jeff Newman, Newman's Nursery, explains features of his extensive nursery. (right) Noelle with a handful of winners!

Plant Culture Award Winners

Novice Category = Rlc. Mem. John Yee 'Halona' (Warren Inaba), Grt. Rosy Jewel (Traci Kusaka)

Master Class = Blc. Fort Watson 'Mendenhall' (Larry Yamamoto), Den. Hibiki x Laevifolium (Brad Lau), Cym. Milton Carpenter x Red Beauty 'Princess Frederika' (Noelle Sutherland)



Orchids in the Hawaii Tribune Herald

The Tribune Herald mentioned that orchid growing in Hawaii is facing tough times and calls for hybridization of orchids to create a specialty market of Hawaii-Grown Orchids that can compete with International sellers.



Special Thanks for those who brought refreshments to our August meeting:

Carolyn & Mick McAndrews (Jello and Hummingbird Cake), Gabe & Mavis Hernandez (Chips & Salsa, strawberries, grapes), Amy Teves (fried chicken), Suzanne Yamada (soba vegetable salad), Diana & John Tabaj (banana bread), Noelle Sutherland (pineapple pecan pistachio pudding), Dale and Paul Mahi (vegetable tray & water), Don Minatoya (pound cake), Aileen and Ken Ching (Banana bread).

September Refreshmen Sign Ups

Just a reminder that the following members have signed up to bring refreshments: Beverly Camara, Tanya Cobbin, Nancy Arakaki, Susie Hipolito, Esther Cabrerros, Carolyn McAndrews, Phyllis Johnson, Angie Leu, Paul Mahi, Linda Inouye, and Diane Hamamoto.

We ask that you bring your refreshments around **6:15pm** because we will be trying a new meeting schedule by having refreshments before the formal meeting starts. We would like to have refreshments ready by 6:30pm. Mahalo!

Honolulu Orchid Society Show – Coming Soon in October

The Honolulu Orchid Society Show is right around the corner. It is scheduled for the weekend of October 13-15, 2017 at the Washington Middle School cafeteria (1633 South King St, Honolulu). Set up time is on Thursday, October 12, from 9:00am. The show theme is 'World of Orchid.'

What does this mean to you as a KOS member? It's time to spend precious time watering, feeding and caring for your orchids so come show time, you can display your blooming orchids in our club's display. Those that can help with plants and assistance, please notify one of our show design committee members. This is the last orchid show for Oahu this year until our KOS Show in March 2018. If you would like details of the rules and regulations for the show, Ken Ching, can email you a copy.



Jennifer at Orchid People instructing repotting



Joy, Laura and Kimo working on their plants at honohono class

Welcome to our Newest Members

Sherry Hunt

KOS Membership Application Forms

It's not time yet to re-register for 2018 but we would like you to complete a new KOS Membership Application form (see below) with your most current information. Tanya Cobbin, secretary, will then use it to update our member files.

With the desire to increase member participation, and with the upcoming elections for our 2018 officers and board of directors, completing the 'Interest in Volunteering' portion of the application form would be very helpful. **If we share the many KOS responsibilities, hopefully we can all have more fun and satisfaction with everyone's involvement.**

Please turn in your updated KOS membership Application form at our September meeting. Our Membership Committee will be at our normal entrance area to receive your completed forms and make extra ones if needed. If you cannot attend, please send the information to Ken Ching at Kching@castlecooke.com or 95-1011 Kihene St, Mililani HI 96789 as soon as you can. This information is important to our continued success. Mahalo!

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**