



Kunia Orchid Society Newsletter

July 2017

Edited by Tanya Cobbin

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

- ❖ The next KOS general meeting will be Tuesday, August 1st at 6:30 pm at Mililani Ike Elementary School.
- ❖ August Meeting Topic: Mounting Orchids to Wood Pieces = Learn how to mount orchids to wood pieces from Kunia Orchid Societies' Lifetime Members and orchid experts. Hilda and Bill Takamatsu have been growing and producing award winning orchids for over 35 years. Windward Orchid Society awarded them Orchidist of the Decade (2001-2012). They are very active in several orchid clubs and Bill was past president of the orchid species club (Lahui Okika Society) until very recently. Hilda worked at H & R Nursery in Waimanalo for over 35 years. Bill had a furniture refinishing business, retired from C.S. Wo & Sons and then worked part time at H & R Nursery. They picked up a wealth of knowledge from their work experience at H & R Nursery and networking with orchid experts throughout the years. Bill met Hilda when she was working in her mom's okazuya, which gives proof to Hilda's motto that the way to a man's heart is through his stomach. It was Hilda's love of flowers that got them into orchids. As a child her mom grew and sold cut flowers. Her mom gave her the Japanese name Hanayo which means "flowers". Their other passion was ballroom dancing in which they danced and taught for over 20 years. Orchids, ballroom dancing and Hilda's delicious cooking kept them together for over 65 years. If you're lucky you might just learn a few dance steps or tips on growing award winning orchids from Kunia's living treasures.

Next Society General Membership Meetings

- **6:30pm** on **Aug 1st** at **Mililani Ike Elem.**

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

INPUTS FOR NEWSLETTER DUE BY THE 20th OF EVERY MONTH

To Tanya Cobbin

155 active members

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

Hi Folks,

Congratulations to our "Show Display Committee", aka SDCOM. Our team did a great job in setting up the KOS display at the Ewa Show and (not surprisingly) took first place as well as being awarded the Hiroshi Kojima Perpetual Trophy. Additionally, Larry Yamamoto earned special recognition with the best single paphilopedilum in the show! A special thanks to all who helped, and in particular, Aileen Ching and Inez Brunson for leading the charge. Great job – something for all to be proud of indeed.

Secondly, 20 of us have our bags packed and are on our way to the Big Island Safari. Ken Ching has been working really hard to put this trip together and we have a great agenda ready to enjoy. Thanks Ken!!!! This will be fun!

Finally, we continue to work on many projects in support of our Society. There is room to help in all of these areas and in particular, we need to work on developing a Publicity Committee (I'm thinking the name "PUBCOMM" could have some interesting opportunities!?). 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



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Kunia Orchid Society



Our First Place Display at the Ewa Orchid Show

Orchid Mounting Class

We need your help so we can take full advantage of the Orchid Mounting Class instructions at our regular monthly meeting on August 1. If you have these tools, please bring them: pointed nose plyer for bending light gauge wire and a medium/large scissors for cutting nylon for ties. Besides your tools, all other materials will be provided to each member.

For any member that already has some mounted orchid plants, bring them so that we can see what different types of orchids do well by being mounted. If you prefer to bring your own orchid plant to mount that evening, that is fine also.

Mounting orchids is a great way of raising orchids. We think you will enjoy learning this different orchid growing technique.

Well Represented at the Ewa Orchid Society Show

Thank you to our Show Design Committee for guidance and members who brought plants and helped with our KOS display. The theme was "Back in Da 50's" so we had an old phonograph/radio as our main attraction and supplemented with a lot of great memorabilia from that era. If you were there to see it, you would have had a blast back to the past.

We were so fortunate to be honored as the 1st place winner of the Display Award and presented with the Hiroshi Kojima Perpetual Trophy. The competition between orchid societies was very keen and all the displays were beautiful. You'll get to see the actual trophy at our next regular monthly meeting.

A big appreciation to members who brought blooming orchid plants, greenery, props and helped with the setup and takedown: Jan Takamiya, Inez Brunson, Angie Leu, Gerald Miyasato, Suzanne Yamada, Larry Yamamoto, Leland Nakai, Noelle Sutherland, Mick McAndrews, Carolyn McAndrews, Henry Hattal, Warren Inaba, Priscilla Laboguen, Aileen Ching and Ken Ching.

Recognized by the judges of the American Orchid Society were: Penny's Orchis LLC for Best Flowering Specimen (*Dendrobium Samurai*), Ken & Aileen Ching for Best Semi-Terete Vanda (*Vanda Herbert Kurihara*), Noelle Sutherland for Best Oncidium (Bnfd. Gilded Tower 'Mystic Maze'), Ken & Aileen Ching for Best Cymbidium (Cym. Hawaiian Gold 'Nelia'), Ken & Aileen Ching for Best Multi-floral Paphiopedilum (Phrag. Living Fire), Larry Yamamoto for Best Single Flower Paphiopedilum. An AOS Merit Award was awarded to Leland Nakai for *Vanda Albert Roguenant 'Nakai'* HCC 77 points. Congratulations to all!

The last orchid show of the year will be the Honolulu Orchid Society (HOS) Show at the Washington Middle School on October 13-15. It's not too late to begin taking better care of our orchid plants. We hope you'll be able to join us there and 'Rep the KOS'!



Congratulations KOS!



Some of our KOS members at the Ewa Orchid Show



July Meeting Minutes

Guest Speaker Alyn Nishioka gave us tips on photographing orchids. For example the use of background colors to create contrast. For a light orchid using a dark background such as a black plastic bag can bring out the colors and details of a plant. Trying close ups on one flower versus taking pictures of a whole plant can emphasize different characteristics of a plant.

Update on Claire Adachi – she is doing better and is back at home.

Plant Culture Award Winners

Ascocentrum miniatum
-Leland Nakai



Dendrobium wassellii
-Hilda Takamatsu



Dyakia hendersoniana
-Larry Yamamoto



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

Tanya Cobbin (oatmeal chocolate bars), Carolyn McAndrews (jello, cookies), Daniel Head (Drinks/fruit), Suzanne Yamada (fried mini manapua), Mary Lou Lee (chicken wings), Walter Kawaa (pound cake), Aileen Ching (brownies), Ken Ching (pineapple), Linda Bonifacio (sponge cake), Sandy Lum (sushi rice), Amy Teves (grapes), Martha & Dan (drinks, cookies), Karen Gollero (Filipino dessert), Lilia Severs (Pansit & crackers), Laura Figuera (sponge cake muffins), Dennis Bunda (Filipino dessert), Bernie Cunningham (pastry), Inez Brunson (Biko).

Callman Au's Super Elite Honohono Orchid Class:

The Honohono class has reached its quota. We are now taking backups in case someone cannot attend the class. A backup list will be circulated for the last time at our regular monthly meeting on August 1. The class is scheduled for August 12.

Callman's address is 95-244 Kupuku Circle, Mililani. From Kamehameha Hwy and the Mililani McDonalds: it is the first right turn going towards the golf course clubhouse. Please be ready for the instructions to begin promptly at 9:00am and break for lunch around noon. Lunch will be provided but we ask that at least six students bring some kind of dessert for the class and instructors.

Please bring a pointed nose pleyer for bending light gauge wire, an orchid pruner or shears, and paper and pen for taking notes. If you don't have any, perhaps we can share tools. Dress comfortably for Honohono hands on work.

We hope you all will learn a lot and become our future Honohono growing experts.

KOS MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION

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

Name: _____ Date: _____

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

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| <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: _____

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