



Kunia Orchid Society Newsletter

June 2017

Edited by Tanya Cobbin

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

- ❖ The next KOS general meeting will be Tuesday, **July 11th** at 6:30 pm at Mililani Ike Elementary School.
- ❖ It's Thursday night at the Kunia Orchid Show, there's still some activity going on in the Leilehua Gymnasium as final touches are being made for the show opening on Friday morning. But who is that man checking out the displays and carrying away prize winning orchid plants? Well that man is Alyn Nishioka, KOS Member and guest speaker for our July meeting, and he is only taking the plants as far as the stage where he carefully studies every angle before snapping his camera. Alyn is an orchid photographer of more than 40 years who captures the images of the best plants in the show. Throughout the run of the show you can find Alyn, a long time KOS Show vendor, doing business as OrchidsNParadise. He's been growing orchids for more than 30 years and lists his mentors as Robert Aoki and Roy Tokunaga...well taught...achieving both AOS and HOS awards for some of his orchids. Alyn is a native of Oahu, graduating from Kalani High School, who also spent some time on the Big Island. The topic for Alyn's presentation on July 11 is "Photographing Orchids For the Beginner". Don't miss this opportunity to see orchids through the lens of a true orchid enthusiast!

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

Hi Folks,

This has been a wonderful month of fun and activities and more importantly, more participation from our members in several different areas. In particular we established a new "Show Display Committee", aka SDCOM, to help fill the gap formerly held by Claire Adachi while she recuperates a bit more. This group did a great job in setting up the KOS display at the Aiea show, and is busy preparing for the impending Ewa Show. Great job and thanks for your efforts.

Secondly, we are in the final stages of planning for our Safari to the Big Island and at this point we have 23 who are planning to come! As we have noted before, this is an excellent educational event with the opportunity to see how many of the professional orchid farms do their magic in growing orchids. Additionally, it is a great way for each of us to share our stories of success with our orchid experience. This will be fun!

Finally, we continue to work on projects in support of our Society. There is room to help in all of these areas – the Directors cannot do it alone so if you have a willingness to contribute, please let me or Ken Ching know and we will coordinate the inputs.

GREAT JOB AND WELL DONE TO ALL!!!!

Mahalo,
Bob

Next Society General Membership Meetings

- **6:30pm** on **July 11th** at **Mililani Ike Elem.**

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

INPUTS FOR NEWSLETTER DUE BY THE 20th OF EVERY MONTH

To Tanya Cobbin

151 active members

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Kunia Orchid Society



A special presentation to Leilehua High School Athletic Department

Plant Commentary For July Meeting

Since Brad Lau, our orchid specialist, will not be able to attend our July meeting, we will be conducting a “Show & Tell” plant commentary at our next meeting. Each member that brings a plant will be able to share a brief history and experiences they’ve had in raising their plant. We may have different growing conditions so it would be interesting to know under what light, climate, elevation, watering cycle, media, fertilizing & other growing practices the plant is being raised. This is a great chance for us to share and gain additional orchid knowledge from one another.

KOS Thanks Leilehua High School

On June 30th, a special representative group from KOS presented Mr. James Toyota, Athletic Director of Leilehua High School, with a check for \$5,000. The check was in appreciation for the use of the school’s gymnasium for our annual KOS Orchid Show, the help of the student-athletes in preparing the facilities for the show, their participation during the show, and cleaning up at the conclusion of the show. The KOS representatives were Bob Speer (President), Mick McAndrews (KOS Show Co-Chairman), Carolyn McAndrews (KOS Show Co-Chairman), Callman Au (Past KOS Co-Chairman), Frances Au (Past KOS Co-Chairman) and Ken Ching (Vice President).

KOS and Leilehua High School, in particular the Athletic Department, have been cooperating partners for the past ten years ever since we had to vacate the old Del Monte facility in Kunia. James Toyota has gone out of his way on many occasions to make us feel very welcomed at the school’s gymnasium, from allowing us to use his office to count our receipts to personally cleaning the restroom facilities so we could save on additional expenses. He was very instrumental in supporting KOS and the student-athletes of Leilehua the best he could. We appreciate all the cooperation rendered to us by Mr. Toyota, his staff and students over the many years. Besides being able to show our appreciation to him and the school today, we got to wish James a happy retirement from the DOE. Today was his last day on the job.

2017 KOS Hilo Education Tour: Update

Henry & Penny Hattal, our orchid nursery coordinators, have released the days and nurseries we are scheduled to visit in Hilo. Thursday we will be visiting Hilo Orchid Farm, Yamamoto Dendrobiums, Winning Orchids & Newman’s Nursery. On Friday we will be visiting Long Life Orchids, Carmela Orchids, Hawaii Hybrids, & Kalapana Tropicals. Saturday we will be hitting the Hilo Farmer’s Market real early before journeying to Kamuela to visit Jennifer Snyder & Bob Harris at Orchid People and see their Cymbidium orchid nursery. There is the Waimea Homestead Farmer’s Market that is also taking place in their area that day.

We have 23 members so far making the trip and can still accommodate additional members. If you may be interested in going, or have questions, please contact Ken Ching (Cell: 808-228-2800). We will have another short coordination meeting following our July 11th regular meeting.



June Meeting Minutes

Erin Bishop from Oahu Invasive Species Committee gave valuable information on the Little Fire Ant and Coqui Frog. More information about invasive species on Oahu can be found at : www.oahuisc.org.

Plant Culture Award Winners

Master Division

V. Pachara Delight 'Pachara'
-Leland Nakai



Paph. philippinense
-Guy Ransom



Bulb. Lobbii Kathy's Gold
-Brad Lau



Novice Division

Cymbidium Hybrid
-Karen Gollero



Alcra. Pacific Nova
- Diane Hamamoto



Renanthera Kalsom
- Mary Lou Lee



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

Tanya Cobbin (cupcakes), Aileen & Ken Ching (pasta salad), Carol Bottjer (brownies), Thelma Siders (spam musubi), Helen Chow (brownies), Inez Brunson (greek fig preserves with cream cheese), Ben Kodama (blue berry crackers), Lori Black (Ted's Pie), Paul & Dale Mahi (water & apple strudel), Jan Takamiya (fried rice, watermelon), Martha/Dan (Drinks), Laura Figueira (watermelon), Karen Gollero (oranges), Danny & Wendy Govina (coffee).

Honohono Orchid Class:

The fantastic Honohono Orchid Class, that not many orchid lovers get a chance to attend, is now available to you. Callman Au will be offering his complete course of Honohono Orchids on August 12, at his home with the help of his selected staff. Please sign up as soon as possible to reserve your place. We will circulate the official signup sheet again at our next meeting. The classroom can only accommodate 25 students and we already have 12 signed up. There will be a fee to include all plants, supplies and lunch. I understand that your Honohono's are guaranteed to grow another 12" after you complete and incorporate the principles of the class.

Welcome to our newest members!

We would like to welcome our newest members: Daniel Head, Kimo Kuoha, Karen Yamamoto, Karen & Randy Quon, Stanley Fuentes

Ewa Orchid Show: Coming Soon!

The setup date is July 20, and the show dates are July21-23. This show has a theme and it is "Back in Da 50's." So besides plants and supporting greenery, we are going to need some interesting props. If you have some interesting ideas or items to contribute to our display, please notify one of the members of our Show Design Committee. The committee is comprised of Gerald Miyasato, Aileen Ching, Jan Takamiya, Cindy Fuentes (She'll be on vacation), Inez Brunson, Angie Leu, Wilbert Leu and Suzanne Yamada (Newest addition). Please no items of either sentimental or monetary value, it's just for fun.

Basic display preparation will start at 9:00 am at the Ewa Elementary School cafeteria at 91-1280 Renton Road, Ewa. We'd appreciate if you can bring your groomed plants by 10:00 am. The Design Show Committee, with leaders Inez Brunson and Aileen Ching for this show, will be there to guide you through the setup process. We had great participation for the Aiea show and hope we can duplicate another fun activity. Jan Takamiya is coordinating our lunch on Thursday. Breakdown will take place at the conclusion of the show on Sunday at 3:01 pm.

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

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