



Kunia Orchid Society Newsletter

May 2017

Edited by Tanya Cobbin

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

- ❖ The next KOS general meeting will be Tuesday, **June 6th** at 6:30 pm at Mililani Ike Elementary School.
- ❖ June Featured Speaker: **June Featured Speaker:** Erin Bishop will be speaking on “Invasive Species.” Erin has been the Outreach Specialist for the Oahu Invasive Species Committee since 2013. The Oahu Invasive Species Committee (OISC) works to prevent the establishment of new alien pests, controls incipient pests on public and private land, and educates the community about the threats of invasive species. Please come and learn what you can do to help eliminate these pests.
- ❖ **June Meeting Activity:** Phalaenopsis Hands-on Experience. At our June meeting each member will be able to repot 2 phalaenopsis plants and taken them home. Instructions will be given prior to the start of the activity.
- ❖ **Reminder:** For the Plant Display area, there will be two classes (Novice and Master). There will be a maximum of three awards per class per meeting. To facilitate plant commentary and discussion, owners are asked to call Brad Lau at (808) 295-8062 to submit the name of plant by noon of the meeting day.

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

Hi Folks,

The great planning efforts by The Education Committee continues to bring exciting new opportunities for all of us – I am so grateful for their work and enthusiasm. In particular, the Hilo Orchid trip for Jul 27, 28, and 29 is really taking shape and there are 20 people now singed up – FANTASTIC INDEED! Let’s keep the good times rolling.

Recently the Board of Directors met to finish some our budget planning for the year. A considerable budget surplus for this year in addition to that of previous years resulted in approvals for:

1. Increasing our contribution to Leilehua High School to \$5,000
2. Authorizing the start of a college scholarship fund for \$4,000 (pending set up with another 501c3 organization)
3. Authorizing a \$100 offset for the Hilo trip to all who were members before May 11, 2017
4. Authorizing \$1,500 to purchase new KOS t-shirts

Claire Adachi remains hospitalized with high hopes of being releases soon. As a result we are continuing with efforts to establish a “Display Committee” which would ideally be composed of several members willing to help with the setup of our KOS display at 4 different shows during the year. Please tell Ken if you can help.

Mahalo,
Bob

Next Society General Membership Meetings

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

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To Tanya Cobbin
151 active members

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Claire's Getting Better Our long time dependable Show Chairman, Claire Adachi is recuperating at the Pu'uwai O Makaha Nursing Home. She's already been there for 3 weeks. When we last saw her on Mother's Day she seemed in pretty good spirits and doing better. What makes her happiest is the home cooked food brought to her often by her daughter that lives across the street at the nursing facility. We wish her a speedy recovery.

Please notify our officers or board members when you are aware of any of our members that are not doing well. Encouragement and a visit may do wonders to lift one's spirit.

Aiea Orchid Show:

We've been invited to participate in the 36th annual Aiea Orchid Show, which will be held on June 9-11, 2017 at the Aiea Elementary School Cafetorium, 99-370 Moanalua Rd, Aiea. Prep your plants now, bring them to the display set up on Thursday, June 8th at 10 a.m. to be a part of our beautiful, one-of-a-kind display. Breakdown is Sunday, June 11th at 3pm. Please notify Aileen Ching, show display chairman for this event, if you are planning on bringing orchid plants or if you are able to provide supporting greenery as part of the display. The display set-up usually takes between 2-3 hours. Come with comfortable work clothes and enjoy the atmosphere. Everyone is invited to help and learn. Lunch and drinks will be provided by our club.

2017 KOS Hilo Education Tour: Update

We would be happy to include you on this interesting and rewarding tour of 9 different orchid nurseries in and around Hilo from July 27-29. Plans are being made to visit Orchid People, a cymbidium orchid nursery in Kamuela on our last day. We have 18 members that have already expressed an interest in going. The \$100 tour expense offset is being offered to attendees who have been KOS members before May 15, 2017. Please contact Ken Ching with questions or assistance in setting up your personal tour arrangements.

Display Design Committee Staff Needed

We are now seeking a few members to comprise a new Display Design Committee. In the past we've had just a chairperson but we are now seeking a chairperson and committee members. We participate in 4 orchid shows each year: Kunia Show in March, Aiea Show in June, Ewa Show in July and Honolulu Orchid Show in October. It is awesome to be able to represent our society at these events with some very well grown orchid in a beautiful exhibit. You'll also get to meet other orchid club members from all over Oahu. We are looking for members that would like to learn to display our orchid at the scheduled shows. Planning by the Display Design Committee is done in advance of the show; if there is a show theme, necessary props are gathered or created. The event is promoted at our monthly meeting and through our newsletter, a time for the registration of orchids and set up time is announced, lunch for member volunteers is arranged, and a take-down time at the conclusion of the show is determined. Set up is on a Thursday morning and take down is on a Sunday afternoon.

At the show, the chairperson and committee will instruct assisting members how to prepare and handle the plants, set up the plant stands, where to place the plants, and help with the finishing touches of the display. At the conclusion of the show, the Display Design Committee and KOS members are available to take down the display.

All this may seem a little overwhelming for someone that hasn't done it before but it gets easier with additional experience and practice. The bulk of money orchid societies need to fund their activities each year is obtained by sponsoring an orchid show. It's a fun activity and a way to help each other raise funds to promote the knowledge of orchids among their members and community. If you would like to be a part of this important committee, please contact Ken Ching for more information.



May Meeting Minutes

Larry delivered great orchid tips for beginners. His advice: keep it simple, patience, and using local knowledge.

We continue to look for new members for our refreshment committee. Please see Madonna or other board members if you are interested in helping out.

We also had 12 new members join the society that night.

Plant Culture Award Winners

Master Division

Den. Chrysotoxum

-Aileen & Ken Ching



Phrag. Fliquet

-Larry Yamamoto



Encyclia Borincana

-Bill & Hilda Takamatsu



Ascofinetia Cherry Blossom 'Carmela'

-Leland Nakai



Novice Division

Alcra. Pacific Nova 'Hilo Stars'

-Warren Inaba



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

Carolyn McAndrews (dessert), Linda Bonifacuo (jello), Aurora Bueno (bread), Inez Brunson (coconut cake), Cindy Fuentes (pound cake), Fran Ishida (deluxe greens), Bea Tano (somen, salad), Larry Yamamoto (sushi platter), Jose (cake), Lilia Severs (pansit), Merry Zevenbergen (apple pie), Ellen Cabacungun (tres deleche cake), Diane Hamanto (cookies), Noelle Sutherland (beanie weanies, fig and apricot mui), Phyllis Johnson (lobster chips).

