



Kunia Orchid Society Newsletter

February 2018

Edited by Tanya Cobbin

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

- ❖ The next KOS general meeting will be on March 6th at 7:00 pm at Mililani Ike Elementary School Cafeteria.
- ❖ Our speaker for February is Roy Tokunaga. He will be back speaking on what's blooming at his nursery and what you can expect when you visit his nursery for the March Orchid Safari on March 10th.
- ❖ If you are attending the Orchid Safari – more info in newsletter – please send info to Warren that you are attending.
- ❖ Visit us on our new website : <http://www.kuniaorchidsociety.com/>
- ❖ Work Day for Country Store: At Leilehua HS at the containers behind the gym. From 9am- noon. Lunch will be provided. Please bring long nosed pliers to help bend wire.
- ❖ If you have any unused show tickets bring to the next general meeting for redistribution
- ❖ Appreciation Luncheon Sign Ups – please see Ken or Mick

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

There are so many exciting plans and activities in development and so much great energy – Fantastic! Of course we are in the final stages of planning for the SHOW, and everything is on track. Mick and Carolyn are masters at planning and the Show Committee is truly an amazing support group. Currently we have 22 vendors lined up and are trying to set up a table whereby members can sell a few of their own orchids to the Country Store with follow-on sales to the Public. The show Committee has been busy with plans for another great show coming up in just 4 weeks.

The Publicity Committee has formed and has developed a number of wonderful initiatives to enhance our publicity with a real focus, of course, on promoting the Show. Several newspapers, radio talk shows, flyers, mail-outs and, most importantly, the establishment of a new website ...www.kuniorchidsociety.com..... Check it out! The website is not completely populated yet, and we are seeking fully developed inputs including, pdfs, word docs, and pictures especially orchids with their names. Help make our website fantastic!

Lastly, the Finance Committee also met and finalized plans for our 2018 budget, which was approved at the BOD meeting on February 10th. In addition to our meeting we conducted an excellent training workshop for the new BOD members . The Committee recommended spending down some of cash reserves and most of this will be spent on KOS activities. Stand by for a more robust calendar in 2018.

Finally, don't forget about the Thomas Miranda presentation on the 24th at 3:00 – you won't want to miss this presentation! GREAT JOB AND WELL DONE TO ALL!!! ☺

Aloha!
Bob

Next Society General Membership Meetings

- **7:00pm** on **March 6th** at **Mililani Ike Elem.**

- **11:00am** on **April 14th** for **Appreciation Luncheon at Oahu Veteran's Center**

INPUTS FOR NEWSLETTER DUE BY THE 20th OF EVERY MONTH

To Tanya Cobbin

137 active members

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Orchid Growing Tips of the Month – Scot Mitamura

March is already here. This means that our Spring Show is only three weeks away. Not only are we busy with our committees preparing to host the show, but we must also start preparing our orchids for our super large display. Start grooming and staking whatever orchids that are coming into bloom, we are going to need a whole lot to fill our display. Make sure that they do not have any bugs; if they do, you will surely want to spray them. Pull out weeds and treat for slugs too; these are things that we do not want to share! Stake up, trim back or remove old and damaged stems and leaves to isolate and enhance the focus on the flowers. Start propping up and separating flower buds, using bamboo stakes and wires. Keep budded orchids out of the rain, as it will spot the flowers and shorten their lives.

Honohono alert! Hopefully by now the early bloomers for our show are all budding. This is a critical time because the flower thrips and Bulbul birds like to feed on them. I usually hit them (the buds, not the birds) with an insecticide upon initiation and again two weeks later. This should keep both critters at bay and allow you to have some beautiful fragrant flowers for the show. Keep these out of the rain too.

Need help Staking Your Plants for the KOS Show?

If you are having difficulty, or not sure how to stake your orchid plants to properly display at our up-coming KOS Show, you will surely want to bring them early to our meeting on March 6.

Carmela Watanabe has graciously agreed to provide assistance in staking one of your plants. Carmela has a lot of practice staking many of their plants that are sold at Costco. Depending on how many plants will be brought in that evening, she will help as many members as possible. We also welcome other members that have experience to join in and help.

We will be using the time prior to our meeting (6:15-6:45) for the mini-staking class. Please bring your bamboo stakes, clippers, and tie wires for the project. Please contact Ken Ching, 808-228-2800, with any questions.

New One of a Kind Exhibit at the Kunia Orchid Show - Ken Ching

The Bonsai Club's decision to take a break from the Kunia Orchid Show this year will provide another opportunity for our members to display some of their *other* backyard plants.

We want all our members to bring out their prize orchids for our "Orchid Display" and bring your other unique and beautiful plants to grace our new "FROM OUR MEMBERS BACKYARD" Exhibit. If we get 20 members to bring 1 or 2 of their best other plants, we will fill the area that the bonsai club usually occupies.

Beatrice Tano and her committee will have more to announce about this one of a kind exhibit at our next meeting. Start prepping your orchids and significant other plants now to add to the fun and excitement of the fascinating KUNIA ORCHID SHOW 2018!

Due to the fact that we know that many of you may be interested in including one of your favorite, other than orchid plants in this unique display, please notify Beatrice that you would like to be included in the exhibit. We may have limited space so your notification would really help with the planning beforehand and the setup of the display on Thursday. This is an opportunity for you to be part of a very interesting event. Something like this is rarely seen in any other local orchid show!

KOS HONOLULU SAFARI - Warren Inaba

MARK YOUR CALENDAR FOR OUR KOS HONOLULU SAFARI! We will be traveling to Kawamoto Nursery in Kaimuki and H & R Nursery in Waimanalo on Saturday, March 10, 2018. We will meet in front of Times Supermarket in the Town Center of Mililani by 7:00AM and depart at 7:10AM to Kawamoto Nursery. Our appointment is at 8:00AM. You will have 60 minutes to 75 minutes to browse and buy plants. We will depart for H & R Nursery at approximately 9:15AM and arrive there at 10:00AM. Here, you will have more time to browse and buy plants.

When buying orchids, keep in mind that our Kunia Orchid Show is coming up and we can use all the orchids you have to make our magnificent display. Though we don't qualify for any prizes except individual ones.

Kawamoto Nursery
2630 Waiomao Road
Honolulu, HI 96816
Phone # 732-5808

H & R Nursery
41-24 Hihimanu Street
Waimanalo, HI 96795
Pone # 259-9626

February Meeting Minutes

Treasurer's Report : Beginning balance = \$38,061.39, Expenses \$7,201.81, Deposits \$1,744.00, Closing Balance \$32,603.58.

Jan Takamiya spoke on the Japan Grand Prix International Orchid Festival. It runs a week and was held in the Tokyo Dome. It housed 100,000+ plants with participation from various countries in the displays.

We took a poll on the interest in a workshop series that would detail the history and care of several types of orchids. Thomas Miranda is a special speaker at the KOS show in March and will be speaking on Saturday March 24 at 3 pm. In addition we are preparing for our show with sign-ups to volunteer for the various jobs that are needed to run the show.

Plant Culture Award Winners February

Novice Division

Paph Hybrid
Thelma Siders



Bratonia Hybrid
Mary Lou Lee



V. Deep Blue Seas
Kimo Kuoha



Master Division

Larry Yamamoto
V. Kulwadee Fragrance #17



Ken&Aileen Ching
Dinema polybulbon



Jan Takamiya
Ludisia discolor



Orchid Species Display at the KOS 2018 Show

We're going to celebrate species orchids (native orchids that are the basis of all the orchids we see today). We're putting a separate table display on the gym floor to showcase just species. So if you have some of these orchids in your collection and would like to show them off, you can enter them for this display. All plants entered in the Species Display are eligible for awards.

COUNTRY STORE DONATIONS

Once again it's time to gather your donations for the Country Store. The store will sell all kinds of items including plants (non-orchid), homemade jams and jellies, garden items, garden tools, and miscellaneous stuff. The Country Store is our big fund raiser each year and we need all members to contribute. Members are kindly requested to bring items to the Country Store on Thursday March 22 between 8am and 5pm.

Thank you to everyone who brought refreshments to our meeting: Aileen Ching (tofu salad), Karen Yamamoto (ice cream/cups), Bob Speer (haupia), Ken Vinzant (shrimp salad), Shirley and Ronald Head (avocado), Diane Hamamoto (dessert donuts), Sandy Lum (Canned beef with salsa), Walter Kawaa (madelines), Larry Yamamoto (sushi platter), Jan Takamiya (butter mochi), Mary Lou Lee (sushi), Dawn Furumoto (gauge), Lois Shishido (noodles), Ingrid Greene (cupcakes), BJ Camara, Stella Shiroma (cake mix bars), Claire Adachi (candy)

SPECIAL MEMBER PLANT EXHIBIT AT THE 2018 KOS SHOW

Thank you for participating in this special plant exhibit. To help the exhibit committee to do some pre-show planning, please notify Beatrice Tano, 622-9910, that you plan to include one of your backyard plants in the exhibit. Contact Beatrice with any questions or concerns.

EXHIBIT INFORMATION:

1. A well-groomed plant from your yard
2. If plant, shrub, is too big, perhaps a nice floral arrangement might be appropriate. Only a limited display space is available.
3. Please place plant in a nice planter/vase if possible.
4. Smaller plants may benefit from a plant stand or pedestal.
5. Hanging plants may show better with something to hang the plant on.
6. Bring your plant to the special plant exhibit area on Thursday morning between 9 – 10 am and pick it up at the conclusion of the show.
7. If you have a special or valuable plant, we don't want to lose or damage it in any way. We want something from your backyard that you can exhibit for our visitors' enjoyment without having to worry about it.
Unfortunately, we cannot guaranty the safety or well-being of your submitted item
8. This is a non-judged and non-awarded exhibit.

PARTICIPANT INFORMATION

Name: _____

Cell/Contact Number: _____

Description of item displayed: _____

Plant Name: _____