

HONOLULU ORCHID SOCIETY MONTHLY NEWSLETTER No. 2020-10

HOS GENERAL MEETING

Date: Wednesday, October 14, 2020
Time/Place: 7:00 p.m. through Zoom Video Conference online
Program: Honohono Culture Options
Speaker: Calvin Kumano and Jan Takamiya

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Honolulu Orchid Society's October 2020 General Membership Meeting is being held through a different venue since we are not able to physically meet together. We will be meeting, listening and interacting with our special speakers, Calvin Kumano and Jan Takamiya, through Zoom Video Conference online.

Calvin Kumano has won numerous awards and trophies for his beautiful and well grown orchid plants. Besides growing orchids in his backyard, and at the nursery in Waianae, he serves as President of the Aiea Orchid Club and Orchid Society of Manoa and is a member of HOS.

Jan Takamiya received her first hono cuttings from neighbors when she and her family moved to Mililani. Several years later received aphyllum from neighbor down the street. Plants have always been my thing...they are beautiful and they facilitate people connections... 🌸...this is what I love about the orchid societies. Jan has also received several awards for her beautiful orchid plants she grows. She is a member and is on the Board of Trustees of HOS.

Together they will give an interesting slide presentation look at culture variations between vendor (Waianae) and backyard (Mililani) growing considerations for Den. anosmum and related pendant Dendrobium species and hybrids, known collectively in Hawaii as Honohono. They will cover drought care as well as other aspects of culture. A handout for this presentation is included in this newsletter. Please have it with you when you attend the meeting.

Guests are more than welcome.


Members and guests who wish to attend must register for the meeting by October 13, 2020 at:

https://us02web.zoom.us/meeting/register/tZEvf6urzlrHN309_RIVG862QzsPXRXXJZ

After registering, you will receive a confirmation email containing information about joining the meeting.

Lucky number door prizes will be given out at the end of the meeting. Winners must be present to win.

Some HOS members did not provide a current email address when they renewed membership for 2020 possibly because they do not have a computer or did not want to share their address. There is more information being provided electronically and we would like to share the info with you. Members who have provided an email address, but need to update it also need to contact HOS. Please contact Carol De Witt at seabreeze808@outlook.com or call her at 597-4087 to provide your email address or to update your information.

 **HONOLULU ORCHID SOCIETY'S 81ST ANNUAL SHOW AND PLANT SALES IS CANCELLED!** We will not be able to host our annual show in October 2020 at Washington Middle School due to the circumstances we are all experiencing with COVID 19. Hopefully we will come out stronger next year and rules and regulations will be established for future public functions at the school. In the meantime, continue to enjoy your plants at home, stay strong and healthy, and please wear your masks when out and about to protect yourselves and others from this pandemic situation and wash your hands and don't touch your face! Take care! Keep safe!

MAHALO NUI LOA

Mahalo Julia Douglas for your great presentation of "Traditional uses & conservation strategies of epiphytic orchids in Oaxaca, Mexico". Her pictorial presentation of her visit to and research at Oaxaca was very inspirational. We wish her well on her conservation project to reintroduce *Prosthecia karwinskii*.

Mahalo to the **membership** for continuing to being safe and taking care of your health during these trying times we are experiencing with this coronavirus. We appreciate your patience and understanding and one day we will once again be able to gather and enjoy our membership meetings.

2020 ORCHIDIST OF THE YEAR NOMINATIONS. Do you know any of our current membership who qualifies as Orchidist of the Year????? Nominations are now being accepted for 2020 Orchidist of the Year. Nominations need to be submitted by Monday, November 30, 2020 to give the HOS Board ample time to review on Tuesday, December 8, 2020. Submit written justification that showcase the individual's attributes of outstanding and unselfish service and valuable contributions to the Society that qualifies the person as Orchidist of the Year 2020. Mail to Honolulu Orchid Society, P O Box 558, Honolulu HI 96809-0558 Attn: Orchidist of the Year; or email to our President, Brad Lau at bradlau23@gmail.com.

ORCHIDIST OF THE DECADE NOMINATIONS. Do you know any of our current membership who qualifies as Orchidist of the Decade????? Nominations are now being accepted for 2020 Orchidist of the Decade. Nominations need to be submitted by Monday, November 30, 2020 to give the HOS Board ample time to review on Tuesday, December 8, 2020. Submit written justification that showcase the individual's outstanding attributes and long standing service that qualifies the person as Orchidist of the Decade 2020. This distinguished service award is to recognize and honor a member who has continuously served for the betterment of advancement of the Honolulu Orchid Society, Inc., in an outstanding manner for the preceding decade. The award will be given once every ten years. More than one Orchidist may be recognized during a decade. Mail to Honolulu Orchid Society, P O Box 558, Honolulu HI 96809-0558 Attn: Orchidist of the Year; or email to our President, Brad Lau at bradlau23@gmail.com.

The Orchidist of the Year 2020 and The Orchidist of the Decade 2020 will be announced at the 2021 Annual Business & General Membership Meeting in January 2021.

CULTURE CONDITIONS	CALVIN KUMANO (WAIANAЕ) ORCHID VENDOR	JAN TAKAMIYA (MILILANI) BACKYARD GROWER
KEIKI CULTURE	After the flowering season, I cut off the canes and mark them and put the cuttings in trays with fine grade fir bark. I try to keep them damp and about a month later keikis start to appear. When the plants have roots of about an inch long, I will repot them into 2" plastic pots with sphagnum moss. It takes about two years before these cuttings begin to bloom. Some may bloom within one year if you are lucky.	Lay cut canes on pea gravel in low light condition and water daily. When roots are about 1" long, pot in 4" square pots. Styrofoam layer on bottom. Orchiata Power Pro size (5), mixed with coarse perlite (1), Promix BX (1/2), chicken manure (1/4). 60-65% shade or indirect light. Once leaves & roots are established, move to 50% shade. They do best elevated on raised benches vs on the ground.
TEMPERATURE/ LIGHT/AIR FLOW	Waianae: The temperature is in the high 80's during the day and low 70's during the night. I have a 70% shade cloth and a solid plastic sheeting below that. There is pretty bright light during most of the day and pretty good air flow.	Mililani 700 ft elevation: Temperature generally in 80s day/60s at night. Occasional dips to mid 50s in winter. 50% green shade cloth 7 feet high; open on 2 sides for air flow. Plants face East (morning sun) but South facing also do well. Day length ranges from 5-8 hours. MUST have SUN to bloom.
MEDIA /WATER	Most of my honohono's are planted in New Zealand Sphagnum Moss in plastic pots. I usually water on Wednesday, Friday and Sunday.	5"-8" plastic pots all with layer of styrofoam on bottom. Larger plants in wooden, ceramic or metal basket with liner of shade cloth or coco fiber. ORCHIATA (size super). Daily morning water from March thru November.
FERTILIZER /NUTRITION	I use Michigan State 13-2-15 fertilizer at least once an month during the growing season. Sometimes I do twice a month when the plants are actively growing during the summer. When I transplant or repot my plants, I use some nutricote 13 - 13 - 13 fertilizer plus AG-10 dolomite.	Island Supreme granular 8-8-8 every 3 months(Last treatment in September 1). MSU 1/2 tsp weekly from March-May. 1 tsp May-thru Nov. High phosphorous fertilizer (10-30-10 bloom booster or Jack's 10-30-20) weekly in November. Growth enhancer (4 drops/gallon) or Em-1 with fertilizer. Top dressing: Dolomite, fertilizer, promix BX every spring. Microplex and chicken manure option with caution.
DROUGHT	I usually water less in November, December and January. This is normally when the plants go into their dormant stage. I increase watering and fertilizing when the new growths start to appear in February.	Decrease watering to every other day from December (Thanksgiving) until buds develop. This mimics South East Asia summer conditions. Resume daily watering and fertilizing weekly once buds are well formed to support keiki and flower development.
HANGING STYLES	I plant the Keiki's in 2", 3" and 4" plastic pots with New Zealand Sphagnum Moss and put the in trays on the bench. I find that it is easier to water and fertilize. Also if I need to fungicide or insecticide. I let them grow on the bench until November and then I will begin to hang them with hangers that I make and let them drape down before the leaves drop off and the buds appear.	3 prong wire hanger on plastic pot, with 25 degree tilt by shortening the top prong by 1" (per Callman Au) Shorten two top prongs for square wooden baskets; Use small link chain or heavy gauge wire for very large baskets. All hang on 1" horizontal EMT, best against wall or house or darkened back organized growth/bloom. Weight on tip of cane.
PEST CONTROL	Sometimes if your plants are too dry, you might have problems with mealy bugs. You can spray with alcohol or acephate. You can also use horticultural oil. You also might have problems with thrips during the growing season as the like to suck on the new emerging leaves. The new leaves will turn brown and dry up if you don't take action right away. Also when the buds begin to form, you need to spray them when they first appear and then again one week later to keep the thrips from attacking them.	Buggeta every 2 weeks 1 pellet per pot. Horticultural oil 2T/gallon) if needed, in cool of late afternoon or early morning. Occasional problem with thrip in leaf whorl; sting and rotting of cane. Brown spots on leaf from over watering or not allowing dry cycle. Systemic pesticide & fungicide and oil in December before drought and again when buds emerge. Constant weeding. Sentinel bird repellent (sonar).

2021 HOS MEMBERSHIP - 2020 calendar year end is coming to a close in about three months! **YUP! SO FAST THE YEAR IS COMING TO A CLOSE!** Current membership expires December 31, 2020. We look forward to new and renewed memberships within Honolulu Orchid Society. Submit the 2021 HOS Membership Application Form which is included in this newsletter; or you may visit the HOS website to download the form.

Please return your completed form with current mailing and other information as requested on the form with your check made payable to Honolulu Orchid Society and mail to HOS Membership Committee, P O Box 558, Honolulu HI 96809-0558. Mahalo! New members who join from late September through December 2020 will be included in the new calendar year 2021 HOS membership roster which will be good till December 31, 2021.

We encourage all members who have email addresses to include your email info on the membership form. HOS has resumed monthly general membership meetings on Zoom.us. Other information pertaining to HOS and the "Sharing Our Orchids Through Photos" featuring beautiful blooming plants from our membership and friends are published digitally too.

REMINDER TO MEMBERS: INFORM HOS OF YOUR NEW MAILING ADDRESS WHEN YOU TEMPORARILY AND/OR PERMANENTLY MOVE; otherwise you will miss receiving your monthly newsletter and yearly Na Okika journal -- download from the HOS website a copy of the HOS membership registration form and submit your change of address to us or inform us through email or a short letter or see Carol @ the meeting. Temporary movers, please inform HOS when you return to your permanent address.



2021 HONOLULU ORCHID SOCIETY MEMBERSHIP REGISTRATION

2020 CALENDAR YEAR MEMBERSHIP EXPIRE DECEMBER 31, 2020

visit HOS website: www.honoluluorchidsociety.org

PUT AN "X" BY THE MEMBERSHIP CATEGORY AND/OR DONATION (add FOREIGN MAIL, IF APPLICABLE)

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PUMPKIN COOKIE DIP (fm Carol De Witt - Recipe from Taste of Home magazine many years ago)(Great recipe during Halloween and Thanksgiving)

- 1 8 oz cream cheese, softened
- 2 (7 oz) jars marshmallow crème or fluff
- 1 (15 oz) can solid pack pumpkin

- 1 tsp ground cinnamon
- ½ tsp fresh grated orange peel
- Homemade or ready-made
Gingersnaps and/or Vanilla Wafers

INSTRUCTIONS:

In large mixing bowl, beat the cream cheese and marshmallow crème or fluff until smooth. Stir in pumpkin, cinnamon and grated orange peel.

Serve as a dip with cookies. Keep refrigerated until ready to serve. Yield: 4 cups

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- 1) Membership Meeting. The HOS general meetings at Lanakila Elementary School Cafeteria are cancelled by the school until further notice due to the Coronavirus concerns. However, we will hold our November meeting on Wednesday, November 11, 2020 at 7 pm through Zoom Video Conference online, in the comforts of our own homes. -- Program - TBD
- 2) October 2020 Officer and Board of Trustees Meeting. The Board will hold their meeting through Zoom Video Conference on Tuesday, October 13, 2020 at 7:00 pm.
- 3) HOS OFFICIAL WEBSITE: www.honoluluorchidsociety.org (VISIT WEBSITE FOR PERIODIC UPDATES). Subscribe to the HOS website by inputting their email address in the subscribe column. When you subscribe, you will get immediate notification of any new posts on the website. Members may contribute to the site by sending their info to honoluluorchidsociety@gmail.com or hos558@yahoo.com.