



The Honolulu Orchid Society

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HONOLULU ORCHID SOCIETY MONTHLY NEWSLETTER No. 2021-09



“We’re Back! Update on Honolulu Orchid Society Judging Program”

Presented by
Brad Lau

We are happy to resume our Honolulu Orchid Society judging program. Learn about the judging process and help celebrate the awarded plants. We will discuss tips on how to select and prepare your plants.

HONOLULU ORCHID SOCIETY ZOOM MEETING

7:00 PM, Wednesday, September 8, 2021

OPEN TO THE PUBLIC

Must register in advance to join the meeting

Click here to register: **REGISTRATION**

Deadline for registration is Tuesday, September 7, 2021

Visit the HOS website at www.honoluluorchidsociety.org

September 2021 Electronic Newsletter

HOS welcomes members of all Orchid Groups and the public to the September 2021 General Membership meeting.

On August 21st the Honolulu Orchid Society (HOS) held its first in-person orchid judging event since February 2020 at the Lanakila Senior Center. Monthly HOS judging events are scheduled for the remainder of 2021. **Brad Lau**, President of HOS and an Accredited HOS Judge, will review what occurs at the judging session and provide some valuable tips on selecting and preparing your plants for judging. He has been growing orchids for more than 15 years and likes species and cooler growing orchids. **Brad** lives in Mililani with wife **Linda Inouye**. They have three children and two grandchildren.

THIS YEAR’S HOS SHOW IS CANCELED!

Just in case you missed the news, it was announced last month that our Annual Orchid Show and Plant Sales that was scheduled for October 15-17, 2021, at the Washington Middle School Cafeteria has been canceled due to COVID-19. Hopefully, we will come out stronger next year. In the meantime, continue to enjoy your plants at home, stay strong and healthy, and please follow the COVID guidelines regarding mask wearing, social distancing and hand washing. Take care and keep safe.

MAHALO NUI LOA

Mahalo to all who attended last month's virtual membership meeting "**Dendrobium Spatulata Culture**" presented by **Roy Andrade** through Zoom. Thank you **Roy** for sharing your knowledge and know how to care for this particular genera of dendrobiums. It's really fascinating to see their own unique personalities and color variations. YES! We definitely would like to have a virtual tour of your collection of orchids.

Thank you **Ben Kodama Jr** for donating the orchid plants for the giveaway at the end of the program.

Mahalo to **Sharilyn Nitta** of Honolulu for your generous monetary donation to HOS.

CONDOLENCES

Let us take a moment of remembrance for member **Goro Sulijoadikusumo** who passed in August 2021 from a surfing accident. HOS extends our deepest sympathy to his **wife Lisa Abbott**, his children and other family and friends. **Lisa**, also a member of HOS, is a regular attendee at the Society's Zoom meetings and an active participant in the Society auctions.

NEW MEMBERS

We welcome our newest 2021 HOS Members: **Craig Shigeta** of Mililani, **Cheng Wei Chou (Johnny)** of Honolulu, **Charmaine Canaday & Steven Pang** of Wahiawa and **Tara Alipio** of Lafayette, Indiana (attending Windward Community College).

2021 ORCHIDIST OF THE YEAR NOMINATIONS

Time sure flies. We need to start thinking.....do you know who of our current membership should be Orchidist of the Year? **Nominations are now being accepted for 2021 Orchidist of the Year. Nominations need to be submitted by Tuesday, October 31, 2021 to give the HOS Board ample time to review and make a selection on Tuesday, November 9, 2021.** Submit written justification that showcase the individual's outstanding attributes that qualifies the person as Orchidist of the Year 2021. 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.

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Electronic Newsletters

To save on postage and reproduction costs and keeping with "Go Green" initiatives, HOS will no longer mail paper copies of newsletters except to members who do not have email addresses.

HOS ORCHID JUDGING RESUMES



HOS Judging Team and Service Committee at Lanakila Senior Center

Pictured left to right: Jan Takamiya, Kate Leonard, Mel Waki, Brad Lau, Linda Inouye, Kathy Sakuda, Carol De Witt, Eddie Peltier and Ian Sandison (missing Ruth Chun and Dale Miyasaki)

The **Honolulu Orchid Society's** first Orchid Judging of 2021 was conducted at the Lanakila Senior Center on Saturday, August 21. Sixteen plants were brought in and registered for judging. All the plants were screened and five were judged and received awards by the Judging Team. The awarded plants are shown on the next page.

The next HOS Judging Session will be held on Saturday, September 18, 2021 at the Lanakila Senior Center. Members and guests are encouraged to bring their orchid plants for judging. You do not need to be a member of HOS to have your plants judged.

Everyone entering the **Lanakila Senior Center** MUST WEAR A MASK and KEEP SOCIAL DISTANCE. There is a maximum limit of 10 people that can be in the room at one time. THOSE BRINGING IN PLANTS TO THE HOS JUDGING SESSION WILL BE ADVISED TO DROP OFF THEIR PLANTS AT THE ENTRANCE TO THE LANAKILA SENIOR CENTER AND RETURN LATER TO PICK UP THEIR PLANTS. Plants need to be dropped off between 9:30 AM and 10:00 AM to be registered. If there are any questions, call **Mel Waki** (391-0144) or **Brad Lau** (295-8062).

September Board of Trustees Meeting

The HOS Board will meet through Zoom video conference on Tuesday, September 14, 2021 at 7:00 PM.

October General Membership Meeting

The October 2021 meeting will take place virtually through Zoom on **Wednesday**, October 13, 2021 at 7:00 PM. The program will be announced later.

HOS AWARDS ISSUED AUG. 21, 2021



Cattleya Calummata 'Evan' CR HOS
Owner: Jan Takamiya



Cattlianthe Sagarik Wax 'African Beauty' AM HOS
Owner: Scot & Karen Mitamura



Paphiopedilum superbiens 'Pacific Heights' AM HOS
Owner: Kate Leonard & Ian Sandison



Cattleya labiata f. coerulea 'Supernatural' AM HOS
Owner: Scot & Karen Mitamura



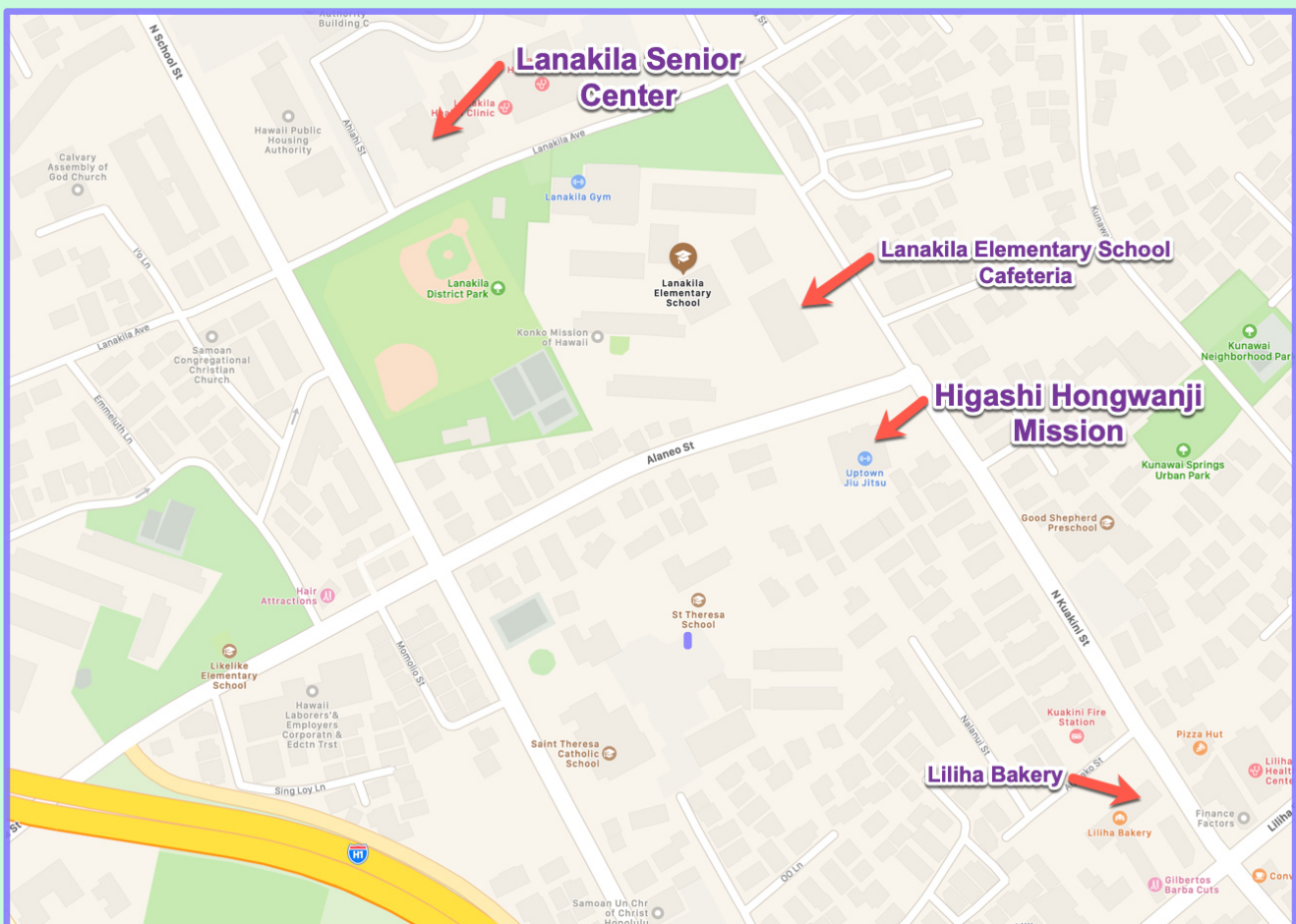
Paphiopedilum (Hilo Green x Hilo Citron)
'Nuuanu Orchids' AM HOS
Owner: Nuuanu Orchids
Provisional award pending registration of hybrid

HONOLULU ORCHID SOCIETY (HOS)
NOTICE

HOS Orchid Judging

When: Saturday, September 18, 2021
Time: 9:30 to 10:00 AM--Plant Registration
10:00 AM to Noon--Judging
Location: Lanakila Senior Center
1640 Lanakila Ave., Honolulu, HI

Contact Mel Waki (808) 391-0144
or Brad Lau (808) 295-8062



ORCHID TIP OF THE MONTH BY SCOT MITAMURA

(This article appeared in the August 2021 Newsletter of the Windward Orchid Society and is reprinted with the approval of Scot Mitamura and the Windward Orchid Society.)

Last month we talked about the importance of watering your orchids. This month I would like to talk about a second important point about your orchid cultural triangle.

It is air circulation.

So important, often overlooked, and often confused with other ailments. Most commonly when we have sunburn on our orchid leaves, we normally assume that it is from too intense sunlight, but the reality is heat stress.

Sunlight intensity can vary, in higher altitudes, where temperatures are cooler, you will be able to grow your orchids in much brighter to even full sunlight, but in lower elevation where it is warmer the big determining factor is air circulation. With the cooling effect of good air circulation, you will be able to provide your orchids much more sunlight, equaling to much better growth and flowering. In a glass greenhouse during the summer, failure of a circulation fan, can lead to disastrous symptoms of sunburning or actuality heat stress.

Many folks make the common mistake of adding another layer of shade, cutting down their photosynthesis and orchid growth. Instead, they need to lighten the shade density on the sides of their greenhouses and remove shrubbery or other air blockages for added air flow, with the addition of fans.

Other benefits of good air circulation are less fungal diseases and insect pests. We all notice that when it is windy our orchids dry at a much faster rate, so we need to water more often. This is why it is part of the cultural triangle. Orchids like moisture, but they do not like to stay wet, or we will get chronic fungal infections.

It is the same with insect or spider mite infestations, it is always in the space of our growing area that has poor air circulation. One of the best ways to minimize your use of pesticides is to increase your air circulation.

So, in conclusion, good air circulation is an unacknowledged key to growing good orchids in Hawaii, and we must all try to maximize it for our future success.

Aloha,
Scot



This photo of *Dendrobium tobaense* was submitted by **Lisa Abbott**. She won this plant during the HOS Summer Auction in July. **Lisa** mentioned she was so grateful to bid and win such a beautiful orchid.

RECIPE OF THE MONTH

Bahn Mi (Vietnamese Sandwich)

(Flavors of Aloha Hawaii's Ethnic Foods, Japanese Women's Society of Honolulu 2001)

Ingredients:

4 French rolls or croissants, sliced in half lengthwise
1 cup cooked chicken, turkey, ham or pork, shredded
2 small carrots, cut into julienne
1 turnip, cut into julienne
1 small cucumber, sliced
1 small sweet onion, thinly sliced
1 small bunch cilantro
Mayonnaise, optional
Hot garlic-chili pepper sauce, optional

Marinade:

1/3 cup rice vinegar
1/3 cup lime juice
6 tablespoons sugar
1 ½ teaspoons nuoc mam (fish sauce)
1 clove garlic, pressed or minced



Directions:

Combine marinade ingredients; mix well and marinate carrots and turnips for 4-5 hours. Drain well; set aside.

Spread rolls with mayonnaise, if desired. Fill with shredded meat of your choice then layer with marinated vegetables, slices of cucumber, onion and with a generous amount of cilantro. Add a splash of hot garlic-chili sauce, if desired.

Yield: 4 sandwiches

Old, Old Awards

Over the last 5 months, **Jan Takamiya** has been scanning very old HOS merit awards that are stored on 35mm slides (remember those days). She has scanned, labeled and sorted approximately 1,500 slides into digital format. The awards go back to the 1950s. The scanned images will eventually appear in the **OrchidWiz Encyclopedia** and **HOS website**. The photos on the right show two awards given in 1970.



Den. Alice Gold 'Wayne' AM HOS
Owner: Kazuo Kamemoto



Rhy. gigantea 'Eva' AM HOS
Owner: Kenjiro Kamiya