



The Honolulu Orchid Society

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HONOLULU ORCHID SOCIETY MONTHLY NEWSLETTER No. 2021-11



***“Highlights of Tokyo Dome International
Orchid Shows 2015, 2016 and 2019”***

by Calvin Abe

plus

***Special Auction of Orchids
Donated by HOS Members***

HONOLULU ORCHID SOCIETY ZOOM MEETING

7:00 PM, Wednesday, November 10, 2021

OPEN TO THE PUBLIC

Must register in advance to join the meeting

Click here to register: [REGISTRATION](#)

Deadline for registration is Tuesday, November 9, 2021

Visit the HOS website at www.honoluluorchidsociety.org

November 2021 Electronic Newsletter

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

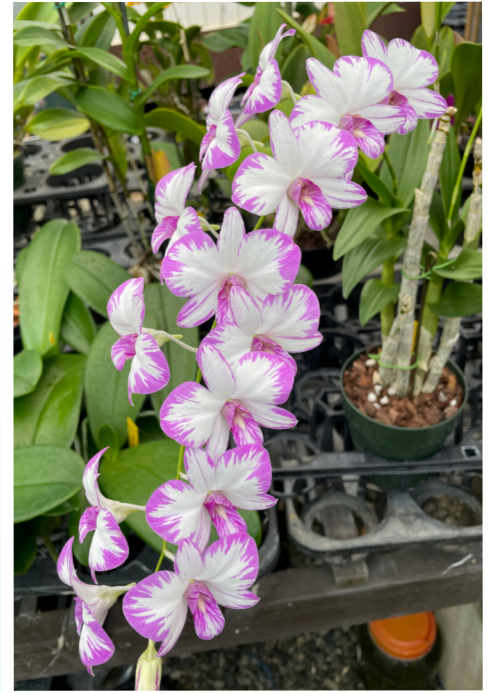
We invite you to join us for this presentation by Honolulu Orchid Society member **Calvin Abe** who is a retired teacher and a great photographer. **Calvin** shares a beautiful video tour of the **Tokyo Dome Orchid Shows** from 2015, 2016 and 2019. Let's enjoy the many elaborate displays and award-winning orchids featured at these shows and peak into the setup process of assembling thousands of orchids to create a spectacular event. We look forward to his comments and a question and answer session that follows.

Let's give him a warm aloha!

Special Year-End Auction!

Following the Video Presentation by **Calvin Abe**, there will be a **Special Auction** of orchid plants donated by **Walter Hiraishi, Ben Kodama, Calvin Kumano, Kate Leonard and Ian Sandison, Mel Waki and Larry Yamamoto**. Some plants rescued from **Lokoea Farms** will also be included. As of this writing, more than 40 plants are scheduled to be auctioned off. The plants are flowering size. Many have flowers or buds. The auction will be limited to those who live on Oahu or off-islanders who can make arrangements with someone to pick up their plants on Oahu. HOS will not ship plants.

Some of the Plants to be Auctioned at Wednesday's Meeting



MAHALO NUI LOA

Mahalo to all who attended last month's virtual membership meeting "**Warm Growing Oncidinae and How to Choose Them**" presented by **Glen Barfield** through Zoom. Thank you **Glen** for sharing your vast descriptive knowledge and beautiful photos of Oncidinae. We also thank you for sharing your tips for growing these orchids.

Mahalo to HOS member **Dave Furumizo** for his generous donation to support two Student Membership Scholarships for calendar year 2022. The membership scholarships were awarded in a drawing to **Paula Duke** and **Jordan Seguin**, who are attending Windward Community College in Kaneohe, Hawaii.

Mahalo to HOS president **Brad Lau** for providing an instructional "How-to" for the free Vanda plants we received last month. We are all going to strive to make the Vandas grow and hopefully we will be able to share our "first blooms" sometime next year.

Plastic Pots, Trays and Shade Cloth for Sale

HOS member **Ann Geschwandtner** closed her orchid business in Punaluu and has assorted used trays and pots for sale. See last month's newsletter for photos of the pots and trays that are for sale. She also has shade cloth for sale. **TEXT ANN GESCHWANDTNER AT (808) 623-8701 TO PLACE YOUR ORDER AND MAKE ARRANGEMENTS FOR PICK-UP OR DELIVERY.**

Mark Your Calendar

November 2021 Board of Trustees Meeting. The Board will meet through Zoom Video Conference on Tuesday, November 9, 2021 at 7:00 PM.

December 2021 General Membership Meeting. The December meeting will take place virtually through Zoom on Wednesday, December 8, 2021 at 7:00 pm. Program - Holiday Celebration.

Save the Date: The **January 2022 Annual Meeting and Installation** of Officers and Trustees will be on the third Wednesday, January 19, 2022 instead of our normal second Wednesday of the month General Membership meeting. More information to follow later.

HOS Official Website

www.honoluluorchidsociety.org Visit the HOS website for periodic updates. Subscribe to the HOS website by inputting your email address in the subscribe block. 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 hos@honoluluorchidsociety.org.

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.

HONOLULU ORCHID SOCIETY JUDGING

The **Honolulu Orchid Society** conducted orchid judging on Saturday, October 16, 2021 at the Lanakila Senior Center. Fourteen plants were brought in and registered for judging. All the plants were screened and five were judged and received awards by the Judging Panel. The awarded plants are shown below and continues on the next page.

The final two **HOS Judging Sessions** of the year will be held on **Saturday, November 20, 2021** and **Saturday, December 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**. A maximum of 10 people can be in the room at one time. Those bringing plants to HOS Judging sessions 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 (808 391-0144)** or **Brad Lau (808 295-8062)**.



***Rodriguezia bracteata* 'Devotion' CCM HOS**
Owner: Jan Takamiya



***Cattleya Hawaiian Polka Dot*
'Blue Leopard' CR HOS**
Owner: Scot & Karen Mitamura



***Dendrobium Anucha Flare 'Kogachi'* CR HOS**
Owner: Jan Takamiya



***Rhyncholaeliocattleya Momilani Beauty*
'Lynne' AM HOS**
Owner: Calvin Kumano



***Rhyncholaeliocattleya (Beverly*
Blietz x Beaufort Gold)
'Karen' AM HOS**
(Provisional award pending registration of
hybrid)
Owner: Scot & Karen Mitamura

ORCHID TIP OF THE MONTH BY SCOT MITAMURA

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

I am currently training new personnel at work, and I am finding it difficult for staff to take me seriously. We recently cut a dying leaf of our largest Corpse Plant or *Amorphophallus titanum*. The saw used was not sterilized, and the 100-pound corm quickly melted into a mushy, stinky, bacterial infection.

This reminded me to stress the importance of sanitation and the sterilization of all our orchid tools and supplies. Not only for viruses, but for bacteria and fungal infections too. The best way to sterilize is heat. I use a Bernzomatic self-igniting propane torch. There are other methods, but heat is your best bet.

Pruners should be sterilized for around 3-4 seconds, making sure that all moisture is dissipated from the pruner blade. This goes for pruners, saws, potting sticks, plant/flower stakes and any other utensil that is used on the orchid. Also, don't forget a clean tabletop. I work on a pile of old newspapers changing sheets after each plant.

How about those dirty hands? Yes, they need to be washed with soap and water after every plant! If you are reusing pots, please sterilize them in a ten percent household bleach solution and soapy water for at least fifteen minutes (I do it overnight so the roots get softer) and remove all roots with a green scouring pad. After scrubbing, dip them in fresh water and let them air dry. Do not leave any old roots as they can possibly infect a new orchid.

Whenever we groom, or re-pot an orchid, we are like a doctor doing surgery. He would never consider re-using a dirty scalpel! Viruses are really tricky, and because of Covid 19, we are now familiar with the term asymptomatic (meaning without symptoms). Viruses are often asymptomatic but can still cause irreversible damage to the plant by causing a lack of vigor, poor growth, and poor flowering. The same virus that may be asymptomatic on one orchid could be devastating on another, causing crippled growth, color breaks on the flowers, and eventual death of the plant.

There are two main viruses that affect orchids, Cymbidium Mosaic (CMV) or Odontoglossum Ringspot (ORSV). You can test your orchids by taking a leaf sample to the University of Hawaii or purchase home test kits from Agdia. I don't do much testing other than when I am working with the virologists at UH. I know folks that test every orchid coming into their collection, making sure that none of them are virused, but this gives them a false sense of security as one can only test for two viruses.

There are many more lurking out there, and viruses have the ability to go from one species of plant to another. We have discovered that Watermelon Mosaic (WMV) is responsible for Vanilla Necrosis (VNV) in Tahiti and Samoa, and yet we found it here in Hawaii, on *Den. anosmum* (honohono).

We must assume that every orchid could possibly have a virus or some other pathogen and always practice good sterilization. I am now aware about sterilizing before working on all of my plants. It is a good habit to get into. Unfortunately, we do not have a vaccine available to prevent the spread of these viruses. I wonder if a mask could help?

**Aloha,
Scot**

RECIPE OF THE MONTH

Best Pumpkin Cream Cheese Bars

(The Pioneer Woman.com by Erica Kastner Aug 4, 2021)

For the Crust

- 1 $\frac{3}{4}$ cups Graham Cracker Crumbs (about 10-12 whole crackers)
- $\frac{1}{2}$ cup salted butter, melted
- 2 tbsp powdered sugar

1. Preheat oven to 350 degrees F.
2. Place graham cracker crumbs, melted butter, and powdered sugar in a mixing bowl and mix until well combined. Press firmly into the bottom and partway up the sides of the prepared baking dish. (Place in a parchment-lined 8" x 8" square baking pan and press the crust firmly into the bottom of the pan and partway up the sides.)
3. Bake in preheated oven for 10-12 minutes, or until crust is just starting to change color. Set aside to cool completely.

For the Pumpkin Filling:

- 4 tsp cold water
- 1 tsp plain gelatin
- 4 oz weight cream cheese
- $\frac{1}{2}$ cup powdered sugar
- $\frac{3}{4}$ cup pumpkin puree
- $\frac{1}{2}$ tsp cinnamon
- $\frac{1}{4}$ tsp nutmeg
- $\frac{1}{4}$ tsp ginger
- $\frac{1}{8}$ tsp cloves
- 1 pinch salt
- 1 tsp Pure Vanilla extract
- $\frac{3}{4}$ cup heavy whipping cream

1. Place the water in a small saucepan. Sprinkle the gelatin on top. Set aside for 10 minutes.
2. Meanwhile, in a large mixing bowl beat the cream cheese and powdered sugar until smooth. Add pumpkin, cinnamon, nutmeg, ginger, cloves, salt, and vanilla and beat again until smooth.
3. Heat the gelatin mixture over the stove, whisking often, until gelatin completely dissolves. Pour into the pumpkin mixture and beat well.
4. In a separate mixing bowl, beat whipping cream until stiff peaks form. Gently fold into the pumpkin mixture in 3 even additions. Be careful not to deflate the whipped cream too much.
5. Cover with plastic wrap and place in the fridge while you make the topping.

For the Topping

- 4 oz weight cream cheese
- 3 tbsp powdered sugar
- $\frac{2}{3}$ cup heavy whipping cream
- $\frac{1}{4}$ cup chopped toasted pecans

1. In a mixing bowl, beat cream cheese and powdered sugar together until smooth. Gradually add whipping cream. Beat until stiff peaks form.
2. Spread over the pumpkin filling with an offset spatula. Cover with plastic wrap and chill the bars in the refrigerator until they are set, about 4-6 hours. Just before serving, sprinkle with the toasted pecans. Serve chilled.

Notes: You could add a bit a cinnamon to the crust or use cinnamon graham crackers if you like loads of cinnamon flavor. Feel free to substitute walnuts, almonds, or your favorite toasted nuts for the pecans.

Yields 16 servings.



2022 HOS Membership

2022 HOS MEMBERSHIP – 2021 calendar year is coming to a close. THE DAYS ARE ZIPPING BY AND BEFORE WE KNOW IT - - **THE YEAR END IS UPON US! Current memberships expire December 31, 2021.** We look forward to your new and renewed memberships. New members who join now will be members for the rest of 2021 and all of 2022.

To join or renew, go to honoluluorchidsociety.org and look for JOIN or MEMBERSHIP in the menu at the top.

You can join/renew by mail or sign up online. Instructions for both are on the website.

To join by mail fill out the **membership form** (click **here** to get the form). Mail it with check payable to Honolulu Orchid Society to:

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Honolulu HI 96809-0558

If you join online, you have a choice to pay by check or pay by PayPal. PayPal lets you pay by a credit card without having a PayPal account.

Sharing Our Blooms



Rlc. Sueno de Amor 'Lea' FCC HOS

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Owner: Calvin Kumano



Rlc. Siam Red

Owner: Scot & Karen Mitamura