



# The Honolulu Orchid Society

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## February 2022 Newsletter



YOU ARE INVITED TO CELEBRATE THE

# The World of Orchid Species

PRESENTED BY MATTHEW MCKNIGHT III

7 O'CLOCK IN  
THE EVENING  
VIA ZOOM

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## **Kung Hee Fat Choy! – The Year of the Tiger!**

**Matthew McKnight** is our featured guest speaker for our **February General Membership Meeting**. Matthew grew up on a green onion farm in Waianae, Oahu and collected all kinds of plants as a kid. At the age of 9 years old he saw a beautiful Dendrobium hybrid and that began his love for orchids. Today, his collection consists of a variety of plant species from around the world. His passion is to educate and encourage others to collect more orchid species. We welcome Matthew to share his knowledge of the “**The World of Orchid Species**” that **YOU** can grow great in Hawaii.

You must **register** to join the meeting. Registration deadline is Tuesday, February 8, 2022. Click the link on the cover page to pre-register. The meeting is open to the public.

### **MAHALO NUI LOA**

Mahalo to all HOS members who attended last month's **Annual Meeting** which was held via Zoom Video Conference on Wednesday, January 19, 2022. **Melvin Waki** was the Master of Ceremonies. The following were highlights of the meeting:

- **President Brad Lau** recapped 2021 with slides and photos of the many activities (speakers, auctions, judging, service project and partnerships) undertaken by HOS despite COVID. Brad thanked the speakers, donors and last year's Officers and Trustees for their unselfish services and support.
- **Treasurer Jackie Lai** gave an annual summary of the Society's finances and declared that HOS is in excellent and stable financial condition.
- **Melvin Waki** played a short video of his backyard growing area and revealed to members some of his orchid secrets.
- **Brad Lau** presented HOS donations to the following: \$500 to Washington Middle School (**Principal Michael Harano** was in attendance to receive the donation); \$250 to Lanakila Multi-Purpose Senior Center via Catholic Charities of Hawaii (**Program Coordinator Suzanne Chun-Oakland** was in attendance to receive the donation); and \$500 to the Dr. Inge White's Scholarship Fund (**Dr. Inge White** was in attendance to receive the donation).
- The **2022 Officers and Trustees** were introduced by MC Mel Waki. **Kenneth Ching**, President of the Kunia Orchid Society and HOS member, installed the Officers and Trustees.
- **Linda Inouye** was announced as HOS' **2021 Orchidist of the Year**. 2<sup>nd</sup> Vice President **Kathy Sakuda** summarized Linda's many outstanding achievements during 2021. Linda received a certificate and a \$100 check from HOS.

- **Brad Lau** presented **Special Recognition Awards** to **Jed Smith, Jan Takamiya** and **Kathy Sakuda** and the **Na Okika O Hawaii Editorial Board (Marisa Maemori, Linda Inouye, Mel Waki, Carol De Witt and Brad Lau)**. Each received a special Phalaenopsis Plant.
- **Brad Lau** shared his vision and goals for 2022.
- A lucky number drawing was held at the conclusion of the meeting. **Andrew Okada** won a blooming Phalaenopsis arrangement donated by **Calvin Kumano** and **Joanne Hoota** won a large metallic print created and donated by HOS member **Dave Furumizo**.
- Blooming Phalaenopsis plants were given to all members in attendance at the virtual meeting. The plants were distributed on Saturday, January 22 at the Pearl Kai McDonalds Restaurant in Aiea. The Phalaenopsis plants were purchased by the Society from **Calvin Kumano**.

### Monetary Donations

Mahalo to **Evelyn Akamine** of Honolulu HI; **Stanley & Jane Takata** of Aiea; **Sheron Harwood** of Kailua HI; and **Kenneth & Aileen Ching** of Mililani HI for your generous 2022 monetary donations to HOS.

### CONDOLENCES

Let us take a moment of remembrance for member **Mercedes Rabago** who passed on February 4, 2022 at the young age of 101. She was a **Life-Time Member** of the Honolulu Orchid Society and a member of many other orchid societies. She generously volunteered her time during our annual shows and shared her knowledge of orchids to all. She will be sorely missed, and the HOS extends our deepest sympathy to her grandson **Eddie Peltier** and her ohana.

### New Members

We welcome our newest 2022 HOS Member **Richard Schmidt** of Beeville TX, **Naupaka Hoapili** of Kaneohe HI, **Jada Lucus** of Waipahu HI, and **Killian Hopkins** of Hau'ula HI. Thank you for joining.

### eMail Newsletters

HOS will send newsletters in color via email. If a member has no email address, a black and white copy of the newsletter will be sent via the U.S. Postal Service.



# Honolulu Orchid Society Orchid Judging

When: Saturday, February 19, 2022

Time: 9:30 to 10:00 AM--Plant Registration  
10:00 AM to Noon--Judging

Location: Lanakila Senior Center  
1640 Lanakila Avenue, Honolulu, HI

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

## **Orchid Judging**

The Honolulu Orchid Society Judging that was scheduled for January 15, 2022 at the Lanakila Senior Center was cancelled due to the closure of the Center. Management of the Center decided to temporarily close the facility from January 12, 2022 through January 31, 2022 due to the increasing number of COVID infections statewide.

The Lanakila Senior Center has reopened. HOS Judging will be held on Saturday, February 19, 2022 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.

## HOS Partnership with Lanakila Multi-Purpose Senior Center (LMPSC)

*(Article prepared by Kathy Sakuda)*

For the past year, the Honolulu Orchid Society (HOS) has enjoyed a partnership with the **Lanakila Multi-Purpose Senior Center (LMPSC)** under the directorship of **Suzanne Chun-Oakland** and the **Catholic Charities of Hawaii**. HOS has provided speakers for on-line and in-person classes and LMPSC has provided facilities for monthly orchid award judging. Monthly orchid award judging occurs on the third Saturday of every month from 9:30 am-12:30 pm. This partnership continues for 2022. The following ZOOM workshops for LMPSC have been scheduled:

- Feb 17 at 2pm. **Jan Takamiya** "Introduction to Honohono Orchids"
- April 15 at 2pm. **Brad Lau** "Fragrant Orchids"
- June 17 at 2pm **Brad Lau** "Starting your Orchid Collection"

If you would like to join the above ZOOM sessions, please contact Brad Lau or simply JOIN LMPSC for all the benefits – over 30 different classes and special events. Membership is limited to Seniors (60 years or older) and is FREE. For additional information regarding LMPSC, please go to their website: <https://seniorcenter.us> and <https://www.catholiccharitieshawaii.org/>. HOS is very grateful for the partnership with LMPSC and has made a small donation to Catholic Charities earmarked for LMPSC.

To become a LMPSC member call (808) 847-1322 and ask for the membership specialist **Ms. Iris Hiramoto**. Please note that although membership screening (regulations of the City and County and the Catholic Charities of Hawaii) seems arduous, the membership benefits far outweigh the steps involved. In person interview steps:

- Call Iris Hiramoto at (808) 847-1322 to schedule an appointment
- Take the "Mini Cog" Test (Assessment for memory; about 3 to 5 minutes)
- Take the "Stand" test (Stand up and sit down with arms crossed)
- Fill out the standard City and County form (information requested are emergency contacts and other pertinent medical information)
- Fill out the Catholic Charities Information form
- Update yearly

After your application has been submitted and processed, you will be a member and have access to all the programs.

Please note: **COVID-19 health & safety procedures are REQUIRED to be followed**. These include wearing masks at all times, temperature taken at entrance, submitting contact information and maintaining the 6 feet social distancing.

### HOS Official Website

Visit the HOS website ([www.honoluluorchidsociety.org](http://www.honoluluorchidsociety.org)) 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.

## Recipe of the Month

### **Crustless Spinach Quiche**

*(From tasteofhome.com by Melinda Calverley, Janesville, Wisconsin)*

#### Ingredients

- 1 cup chopped onion
- 1 cup sliced fresh mushrooms
- 1 tbsp canola oil
- 1 pkg (10 oz) frozen chopped spinach,  
thawed and well drained
- 2/3 cup finely chopped fully cooked ham
- 5 large eggs
- 3 cups shredded Muenster or Monterey Jack  
cheese
- 1/8 tsp black pepper



#### Directions

In a large skillet, saute onion and mushrooms in oil until tender. Add spinach and ham, cook and stir until the excess moisture is evaporated. Cool slightly. Beat eggs; add cheese and mix well. Stir in spinach mixture and pepper, blend well. Spread evenly into a greased 9-inch pie plate or quiche dish. Bake at 350 degrees for 40-45 minutes or until a knife inserted in center comes out clean.

## 2022 HOS Membership

Thank you to those who have renewed their membership for 2022. We appreciate your continued support. HOS does not want to lose your membership, but if renewals are not received by March 31, 2022 your name will be removed from the membership roster.

To join or renew, go to [honoluluorchidsociety.org](http://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:

Honolulu Orchid Society  
P O Box 558  
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.

## Orchid Tip of the Month by Scot Mitamura

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We are having a slight respite in our winter rains, but we should still expect more rainy days ahead. Remember we should still keep our plants on the dry side, not only for the rains, but because of shorten day lengths, higher humidity levels, and a lack of drying trade winds.

These are all factors in determining how often you need to water. Of course, if you are growing your orchids hanging or mounted, you can still water them.

This slight dry period will be great for our Hono Hono Dendrobiums. The rains came at the time we should be drying them, but I think if we can keep them dry through this month, we should have a good, but slightly delayed flowering season.

Some of my complex Paphiopedilums have been blooming and my Phalaenopsis are spiking. But the darn Bulbuls are attacking my spikes! This seems to always happen during the winter months when there are not many fruits to feed on.

I need to move my plastic owl from my other greenhouse. Yes, it does work, but the key is to move it on a daily basis. I often spray insecticide and fungicide on the spikes, they don't seem to care for the smell or taste. Reapplication is the key, because as the spike continues to grow, you must spray the new growth.

Another rain related problem is the weeds! It is important to maintain a handle on them and remove them before they seed. Once they seed, new weed seedlings will sprout for months on end. Weeds should be considered as the number one pest in an orchid collection. Once your media is infested, the orchid will need to be re-potted.

Remember being proactive, will save you time in the long run, lets not make more work for ourselves!

Aloha,  
Scot

## Mark Your Calendar

**February Board of Trustees Meeting.** The Board will meet through Zoom Video Conference on Tuesday, February 8, 2022 at 7:00 PM.

**HOS Orchid Judging.** The Honolulu Orchid Society Judging Panel will be judging at the Lanakila Senior Center on Saturday, February 19, 2022. Anyone may bring orchid plants for judging. Plant registration starts at 9:30 AM.

**March HOS Membership Meeting.** The March membership meeting will be held via Zoom on Wednesday, March 9, 2022 at 7:00 PM. More details on the program and meeting will be in the March HOS Newsletter.