

# The Honolulu Orchid Society

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## April 2022 Newsletter



### Orchid and Exotic Plant Food



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Full-Balanced Organic Fertilizer w/ Trace Minerals

## NEW ORGANIC FERTILIZERS FOR ORCHIDS AND OTHER EXOTIC PLANTS

Presented by



### JASON PATRICK

Agropharmatech, Bio-Production and Analytical Scientist. Founder of Sustainable Nutes.

**WEDNESDAY  
APRIL 13, 2022  
7:00 PM**

HONOLULU ORCHID SOCIETY  
ZOOM VIDEO CONFERENCE

**CLICK HERE TO REGISTER**

Registration

Deadline for registration is April 12, 2022

## Honolulu Orchid Society General Membership Meeting

**When:** Wednesday, April 13, 2022

**Time/Place:** 7:00 PM through Zoom Video Conference

**Program:** *New Organic Fertilizers for Orchids and Other Exotic Plants* by **Jason Patrick**.

Jason, founder of **Sustainable Nutes**, will present his approach in producing organic liquid fertilizers for orchids, exotic plants, fruits, vegetables, and herbs. Sustainable Nutes' fertilizers provide macronutrients and micronutrients for plants to promote healthy growth, development, and flowering. These fertilizers are made in Hawaii and are 100% eco-friendly.

**You must register to attend the meeting.** Click on the registration link on the poster to register.

**The meeting is open to the public.**

## **Urgent Call – Orchid Display Set-up**

### **Honolulu Orchid Society to Display Orchids in “Bloom Garden & Art Festival**

For the first time since our October 2019 show, the Honolulu Orchid Society will present a floor display of blooming orchids. **How exciting is that!!!** Our orchid display will be part of the **Bloom Garden & Art Festival at Ward Village**, which will also feature a bonsai display, and many plant and flower vendors, as well as handmade pottery and handcrafted items, and workshops.

### **Plants & Volunteers Needed**

We are looking for your blooming orchid plants. We invite all members of orchid societies and hobbyists to kokua your support by bringing in your blooming orchid plants to place in the display. We are also looking for volunteers to help with the display set-up. We need greeneries (ferns, bromeliads, Pele’s Hair and any other plants in pots) to fill in open spaces. Since Sunday is Easter, we will use Easter props in the display too. If you want to loan us your Easter theme prop, please **make sure your name and phone number are on the item.**

### **Thursday, April 14. Display Set-up and Judging**

**Where:** In the **former Pier 1 space located at 1150 Auahi Street**. You’re at the correct entrance for display set-up and plant registration when you see **Genki Sushi and Crazy Shirts** across the street.

**Plant Registration:** 9:00 am to 11:00 am

All plants brought and registered will be showcased in the display (to be completed by 3:30 pm), and have the opportunity to be judged

**HOS Judging:** 5:00 pm to 9:00 pm,

### **Friday & Saturday, April 15 and 16**

Bloom Festival open to the public, 10:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.

### **Saturday, April 16, 4:00 pm**

Festival closes and display is taken down. Participants who bring plants and props need to pick up their plants and props.

### **Points of Contact:**

Brad Lau–telephone (808) 295-8062; email: bradlau23@gmail.com

Mel Waki (HOS Judging)–telephone (808) 391-0144; email: melwaki@gmail.com

## MAHALO NUI LOA

Mahalo to all who attended last month's virtual membership meeting "**Latouria Dendrobiums**" presented by **Ian Sandison** through Zoom. Thank you, Ian, for sharing your slide presentation of awarded Latouria Dendrobiums and the family line of Dendrobium Roy Tokunaga each with its own unique flowering. We also enjoyed your "Taking a Peek at Some Species and Hybrids in Our Growing Area" video tour of your backyard showcasing your Latouria Dendrobiums and your Reverse Osmosis Watering System. We are impressed! Thank you, **Mel Waki**, for videotaping Ian's presentation of his and Kate's orchids in their backyard. Thank you, **Ian Sandison** and **Kate Leonard**, for providing the plant giveaways for March.

## Monetary Donations

Mahalo to **Phil Uyehara** of Honolulu HI; **Glenn Kogachi** of Waianae HI; **Charmaine Canaday** of Wahiawa HI; and **Katherine & Robert Sakuda** of Honolulu HI for your generous monetary donations to HOS.

## New Members

We welcome our newest HOS Member **Phil Uyehara** of Honolulu HI, **Scot Mitamura** of Kaneohe HI, and **Amy Teves** of Mililani HI. Thank you for joining.

## AGRIPHARMATECH FUND RAISING EVENT

**Date and Time:** April 27, 2022, 10:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.

**Location:** Windward Community College, Hale Imiloa lanai

**Program:** Six students will present their project product. Bento prepared by the instructors will also be sold. Come out and support this fundraiser.

## ORCHID JUDGING

Merit Judging by the Honolulu Orchid Society (HOS) Judging Panel was conducted at the Lanakila Senior Center on Saturday, March 19, 2022. Twenty-two plants were brought in and registered for judging. All the plants were screened and fifteen were judged and received awards by the Judging Panel. Photos of the awarded plants are shown on the next pages.

The next HOS Judging session will be held on Thursday, April 14, 2022, at the Bloom Garden & Art Festival at Ward Village. HOS members and members of all Orchid Groups and the public are encouraged to bring their orchid plants for the orchid display that will be constructed on Thursday morning, April 14, 2022. Judging of plants in the display will be held on Thursday evening. You do not need to be a member of HOS to have your plants judged.

There will be no HOS Judging on Saturday, April 16, 2022 at the Lanakila Senior Center.

Honolulu Orchid  
Society  
Merit Awards

March 19, 2022

Judging at  
Lanakila Senior Center



Rodrumnia Love Bird 'Pam' AM HOS  
Owners: Mel & Pam Waki



Rodrumnia Cover Up 'Pam' AM HOS  
Owners: Mel & Pam Waki



Lysudamuloa Red Jewel 'Hilo Girl' CR HOS  
Owner: Nuuanu Orchids



Vanda Tokyo Blue 'Sapphire' CCM HOS  
Owner: Jan Takamiya

A photograph of a Vanda Tokyo Blue 'Sapphire' orchid. The plant features long, arching, bright green leaves and several clusters of vibrant purple flowers with white centers. The background is black.



Bulb. fascinator 'Purple Haze' AM HOS  
Owner: Jan Takamiya

A photograph of a Bulb. fascinator 'Purple Haze' orchid. The plant has long, narrow, green leaves and a single, large, dark purple flower with a long, slender, drooping lip. The background is black.



Rlc. Bill Blietz 'Emerald Dream' AM HOS  
Owners: Scot & Karen Mitamura



Rlc. Roy Manmoto 'Volcano Queen' AM HOS  
Owners: Scot & Karen Mitamura



(Rth. Carolina Golden D'Or x Ctt. Aussie Sunset)  
'Amazing Flame' CR HOS  
Owners: Scot & Karen Mitamura



(Rlc. Beverly Blietz x B. digbyana)  
'Nalo Mint' AM HOS  
Owners: Scot & Karen Mitamura



Den. johnsoniae 'Roy Tokunaga' AM HOS  
Owners: Kate Leonard & Ian Sandison



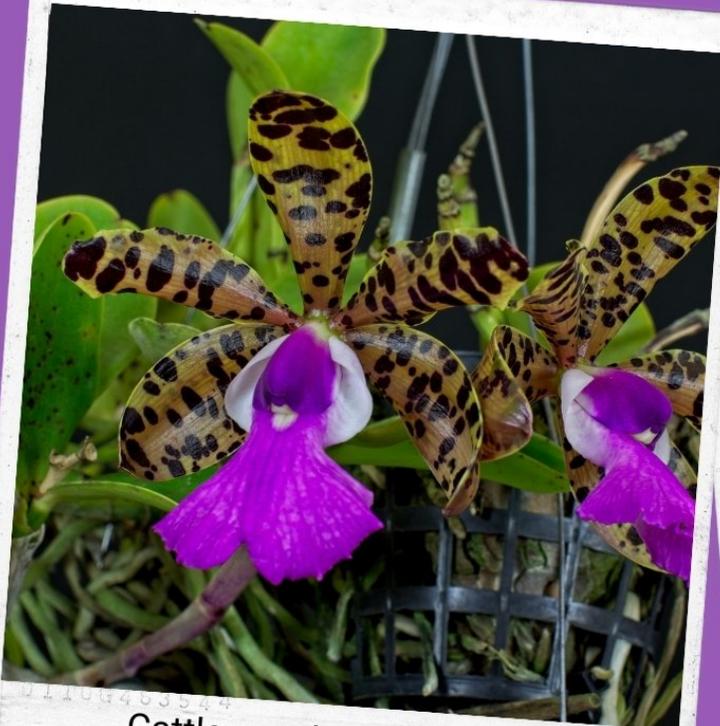
Phrag. Memoria Estelle Getty  
'Pacific Heights' AM HOS  
Owners: Kate Leonard & Ian Sandison



Phrag. Fox Valley Fireball  
'Fire Hole River' AM HOS  
Owners: Kate Leonard & Ian Sandison



Phrag. Ouaisne  
'Pacific Heights' AM HOS  
Owners: Kate Leonard & Ian Sandison



Cattleya aclandiae CR HOS  
Owners: Calvin & Sherry Abe



Dendrobium Joyce Kelly  
'Pacific Heights' AM HOS  
Owners: Kate Leonard & Ian Sandison

## **2022 HOS Membership**

Thank you to those who have renewed their membership for 2022. We appreciate your continued support.

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.

## **Mark Your Calendar**

**April Board of Trustees Meeting.** The Board will meet through Zoom Video Conference on Tuesday, April 12, 2022 at 7:00 PM.

**HOS Orchid Judging.** The Honolulu Orchid Society Judging Panel will be judging at the Bloom Garden & Art Festival at Ward Village on Thursday, April 14, 2022. Plants that are in the orchid display will be judged.

**May HOS Membership Meeting.** The May General Membership Meeting will be held via Zoom on **Wednesday, May 11, 2022 beginning at 6:30 PM.** The speaker will be **Fred Clarke** of Sunset Valley Orchids in California. His topic will be "**Cycnoches, Mormodes, Catasetums Recent Trends**". The **meeting will start 30 minutes early** because of the time difference between Hawaii and the West Coast.

## **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.

## **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.

## Orchid Tip of the Month

*(This article appeared in the March 2022 Newsletter of the Windward Orchid Society and is reprinted with the approval of Scot Mitamura and the Windward Orchid Society.)*

March is rolling around, and there won't be another spring show again this year. Shucks. I have been having a great winter blooming season, which is turning into a great spring flowering. Lot of beautiful flowers, but no one to show them to, what a dilemma?

Fortunately, the Honolulu Orchid Society has been conducting their monthly judging at the Lanakila Senior Center, normally the third Saturday of the month at 10 a.m. With their invitation (but anyone may bring orchids too), I have been bringing some orchids for judging. We all know this takes special preparation and time to get the orchids award quality.

First and foremost, I need to control the bugs, mainly flower thrips from causing damage to the flowers. This means spraying them early in bud stage and again just before opening. This also means keeping the greenhouse clean and insect and disease free, as best as I can. Try to keep the water off of the flowers too, it can cause spotting on the petals.

Cattleyas can be a humbug because they need to be staked early and adjusted a few times. I first determine the direction that the flowers will face, I will re-stake the plant moving the large leaves out of the way of the flower buds, leaving ample room to space the buds, which allows the flowers to fully open unobstructed.

I normally use #16 galvanized wire (you can also use the heaviest florist wire). With a linesman's pliers, form a rounded V shape on top to nestle the flower stems on. On large flowers, I will stake them downward and allow them to open and harden. Most Cattleyas take two to three days to fully open, color, and harden. Once this happens I re-stake them in a higher position facing the audience. I often use a plastic clip to keep the orchid stem on the wire stake.

During even a gentle transport to the judging site, the flowers could bounce around on the wire stakes and come off, damaging the flowers and display. If the plants are top heavy, I would sleeve them into a slightly larger and heavier pot, this will keep it from toppling during judging. If it falls over, guess where it will fall, on the flowers, thus damaging them!

Then, I will put them into compartmentalized carrying trays, spacing the flowers apart so that they don't rub or touch anything during transport. All of this while facing the flowers forward, if facing towards me while I'm carrying them, they would rub on my opu, damaging again. It seems like I am my own worst enemy but it is rewarding, although time consuming.

It really pays to prepare and display your orchids so that they can look their best, even if you are the only one admiring them. You don't need to take them judging but making your own mini orchid show will keep you challenged and rewarded with your orchid hobby!

Aloha,  
Scot

## Recipe of the Month

# Lemon Poppyseed Muffins

(fm therecipecritic.com by Serene Herrera)

*Lemon Poppyseed Muffins are bright and happy muffins that are loaded with fresh lemon flavor thanks to fresh juice and zest. Tender and moist, these muffins are the perfect breakfast or brunch companion!*

PREP TIME: 10 mins COOK TIME: 18 mins TOTAL TIME: 28 mins EQUIPMENT: Muffin Tin

### Ingredients

¾ cup sugar  
zest 2 lemons  
8 tbsp unsalted butter melted and cooled  
2 large eggs  
½ cup Greek yogurt  
1 tsp vanilla extract  
¼ cup milk  
¼ cup fresh lemon juice  
2 cups all-purpose flour  
½ tsp salt  
2 tsp baking powder  
¼ tsp baking soda  
2 tbsp poppyseeds



### Instructions

1. Preheat oven to 425°F. Line muffin tin with paper liners. Set aside.
2. In a large mixing bowl combine the sugar and lemon zest together to infuse the sugar with the lemon flavor, will be fragrant
3. In the bowl with the sugar combine the melted butter, eggs, Greek yogurt, vanilla, milk, and lemon juice. Stir to combine.
4. In a separate medium size mixing bowl combine the dry ingredients: flour, salt, baking powder, and baking soda. Stir to combine.
5. Add the dry ingredients into the wet and stir just until combined. Then add the poppyseeds and stir to disperse.
6. Scoop about 1/4 cup of batter, or use a large trigger cookie scoop, into the muffin tin. Each muffin cup should be about 3/4 full.
7. Bake at 425°F for 5 mins, then turn the heat down to 350°F and continue baking an additional 14-16 minutes. Don't open the oven door.
8. When baking is finished, muffins will be domed, and a toothpick inserted in the center will come out clean. Remove and allow to cool several minutes before serving.