

The Honolulu Orchid Society

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August 2022 Newsletter



Honolulu Orchid Society August Zoom Meeting

"Orchids of the
North Star State:
Native Orchids of
Minnesota"

**Presented by
Jed Smith**



**WEDNESDAY
AUGUST 10, 2022
MEETING STARTS 7:00 PM**

**YOU MUST REGISTER TO ATTEND
THE ZOOM MEETING. REGISTER BY
AUGUST 9, 2022.**

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Honolulu Orchid Society General Membership Meeting

Date: Wednesday, August 10, 2022

Time/Place: Beginning at 7:00 p.m. through Zoom Video Conference

Program: "Orchids of the North Star State: Native Orchids of Minnesota"

Speaker: Jed Smith

HOS member, Librarian, and member on the Board of Trustees **Jed Smith** will share his presentation "Orchids of the North Star State: Native Orchids of Minnesota". An introduction to some of the native orchids of Minnesota, including the State flower! Yes, orchids grow in Minnesota, too! Growing in different habitats and being able to survive the bitter cold winters, these are not your normal store-bought orchids.

You must register to attend the meeting. Register in advance for this meeting by Tuesday, August 9, 2022. Click on the Poster above or **HERE** to register. After registering, you will receive a confirmation email containing information about joining the meeting.

The meeting is open to the public.

Mahalo Nui Loa

Mahalo to all who attended last month's virtual membership meeting "**Catch of the Day plus Basic Orchid Care**" presented by **Roy Tokunaga** through Zoom. Thank you, **Roy** for sharing your Catch of the Day presentation of the many different orchid plants that are now flourishing due to the use of reverse osmosis water and pure rainwater. Truly amazing to see all the blooming flowers and growth. We also were consumed with the vast information provided to care for and grow orchid plants as novice beginners and long-time hobbyists. Your knowledge is totally appreciated. Thank you, **Ben Kodama, Jr.**, for obtaining 10 plants for the plant giveaway prior to the end of the July 2022 General Membership meeting.

Mahalo Life Member **Joan Harris** for donating various orchid books from your library to Honolulu Orchid Society's library.

HOS Orchid Show in October

The COVID pandemic put a damper on our lifestyle during the past two-three years and the Honolulu Orchid Society's Annual Orchid and Plant Show was placed in suspended animation.

Like the phoenix, HOS will host the rebirth of its **Orchid and Plant Show on Friday, October 7 and Saturday, October 8, 2022**, at the **Washington Middle School Cafeteria** from 9 am to 4 pm. This **FREE** event will feature plant and orchid sales, displays from orchid societies, individual displays, make and take craft workshops and orchid culture workshops.

Volunteers will be needed! Please help our society continue to raise funds to support our mission to nurture orchid culture and educational activities for the community. **Details will be forthcoming.**

Results of 2023 Officers and Board of Trustees Election

Thank you members who voted through Survey Monkey and mail-in ballots . Elections Chair **Robert Higuchi** announced the results of the voting at the July General Membership and are shown below:

Officers

President:	Bradley Lau	Treasurer:	Jackie Lai
1st Vice President:	Melvin Waki	Recording Secretary:	Hongwei Li
2nd Vice President:	Katherine Sakuda	Correspondence Secretary:	Carol De Witt
3rd Vice President	Rylan Chong**	Past President:	Ruth Chun

Board of Trustees

<u>2023*</u>	<u>2024*</u>	<u>2025</u>
Adam Almeida	Linda Inouye	Skyler Inter**
JoAnn Higuchi	Marisa Maemori	Benjamin Kodama, Jr
Robert Higuchi	Jed Smith	Matthew McKnight III**
Jan Takamiya	Charlotte Yamamoto	Ingelia White

* Trustees serve three-year terms through the years shown. Trustees for 2023 and 2024 were elected in prior years.

**New HOS Board members.

The Officers and Board of Trustees will be sworn into office at the **2023 Annual Meeting** in January 2023. We look forward to the membership attending the Society's first meeting of the new calendar year. More information will be forthcoming.

Jan Takamiya resigned from her position as a trustee. We thank Jan for her service on the Board of Trustees and wish her well in her endeavors. **President Brad Lau** announced that the Board voted **Matthew McKnight III** to fill the trustee position immediately.

Welcome New Member

We welcome our newest HOS Member **Jean Sun Shaw** of Honolulu. Thank you for joining.

2022 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 2022 Orchidist of the Year. Nominations need to be submitted by Monday, October 31, 2022, to give the HOS Board ample time to review and make a selection on Tuesday, November 8, 2022.** Submit written justification that showcase the individual's outstanding attributes that qualifies the person as Orchidist of the Year 2022. **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.

SVO Group Purchase

Fred Clarke's May presentation on "Cycnoches, Mormodes, Catasetums Recent Trends" generated enthusiasm among members for a group purchase, so in early June, an order was placed with **Sunset Valley Orchids (SVO)** for Fred's Cattleya species and hybrids and a few Catasetum hybrids.

In July, **SVO** released a new catalog of Catasetum alliance hybrids and other new orchids. We heard Fred had received several hundred orders within a few days, so HOS quickly gathered orders from members and placed the group order on July 23. This order of 120 plants shipped on Monday (July 25), arrived on Oahu the next day, and were picked up by **Ben Kodama, Jr.**, after they cleared Agriculture inspection on Tuesday. **Brad Lau** picked up several trays full to distribute Thursday (July 28), while the rest were available for pickup at Ben, Jr.'s, nursery in Waianae. The collage of photos below show members picking up their plants at various pickup locations.



Hawaii's climate is very suitable for *Catasetum* orchids, and Fred provides care instructions on his website. His catalog lists 3" potted orchids a few years old, as well as mature divisions with 3 or 4+ bulbs. Fred also sells flasks with 25 to 40 small young plants per container. The 3" potted orchids will take a few years to mature and grow larger and stronger.

Brad ordered a *Catasetum* hybrid in June and in a few short weeks the plant adjusted and a new flower spike emerged which is now growing strong.

Catasetum hybrids are grown from seed so flowers can be different from plant to plant. For members who participated in the group purchase, please share your photos and stories as the plants bloom.

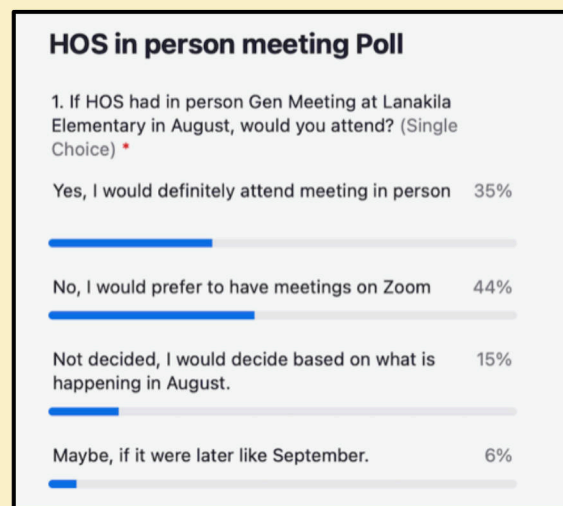
Mahalo to **Fred Clarke** and **Ben Kodama, Jr.**, for making our HOS group order possible and to Fred for extending a generous discount on the plants along with a good rate on shipping and paperwork fees. It's very exciting for our members to enjoy new orchids.

Condolences

Long time **Pacific Orchid Society** past President **Ted Green** departed and crossed over to a peaceful rest. Let us take a moment of remembrance for him. Ted was 101 years old when he passed away recently. Ted interacted with the Honolulu Orchid Society for many years when HOS and the Pacific Orchid Society jointly published the Na Okika O Hawaii orchid journal. HOS extends our deepest sympathy to his wife and family.

Interesting Results

During the July meeting, Brad Lau conducted an informal Zoom poll on in-person meeting for August. 80 percent of the attendees voted. The results were quite interesting.



Although Zoom meetings remain very popular, there is some talk of beginning in-person meetings at the Lanakila Elementary School cafeteria beginning in September. More definitive information will appear in the September newsletter.

HOS T-Shirts and Polo Shirts

Due to numerous inquiries by HOS members, the “Retro” design T-shirt/Polo/Tank tops will be offered again through pre-sale orders. Standard colors are white, blue, green, black, red, and purple. More information and pre-sale order forms will be provided later. Prices will be in the \$10 to \$15 range with Polo Shirts being the most expensive.

HOS Official Website

Visit the HOS website (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. Members may contribute to the site by sending their info to hos@honoluluorchidsociety.org.

Mark Your Calendar

August Board of Trustees Meeting. The HOS Board will meet through Zoom video conference on **Tuesday, August 9, 2022**, at 7:00 PM.

September 2022 General Membership Meeting. **Wednesday, September 14, 2022**, beginning at 7:00 pm. Venue: Zoom or in-person meeting at the Lanakila Elementary School cafeteria. Guest Speaker and Program – to be announced.

September 2022 HOS Orchid Judging. The Honolulu Orchid Society Judging Panel will be judging at the **Lanakila Senior Center on Saturday, September 10, 2022**. Anyone may bring orchid plants for judging. Plants need to be dropped off between 9:30 AM and 10:00 AM to be registered.

Orchid Judging

The Honolulu Orchid Society’s monthly orchid judging was conducted at the Lanakila Senior Center on Saturday, July 9 2022. Nine plants were registered for judging. All the plants were screened and three were judged and received awards by the Judging Team. The awarded plants are shown below.

The next judging session will be held at the Lanakila Senior Center on Saturday, August 13, 2022. HOS members, members of all other Orchid Societies and Clubs, and orchid hobbyists on Oahu are encouraged to bring their blooming orchid plants for judging. You do not need to be a member of HOS to have your plants judged.

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).

The Lanakila Senior Center requires visitors to wear a mask and keep social distance. The capacity of the room where judging takes place is limited. Those bringing plants are advised to drop off the plants at the entrance and return later.



Honolulu Orchid Society
Merit Awards
Judged at Lanakila Senior Center
July 9, 2022

Award No 2022-55
Rlc. Momilani Classic 'Lynne'
CR HOS (79.3 Pts.)
Owner: Calvin Kumano



Award No 2022-56
C. dowiana var. Aurea 'Karen'
AM HOS (79.7 Pts.)
Owner: Scot & Karen Mitamura



Award No 2022-57
C. Jackie Stidham 'Blue Lips'
CR HOS (79.5 Pts.)
Owners: Scot & Karen Mitamura

Orchid Tip of the Month by Scot Mitamura

Summer has just begun, but it feels like we have been in it for months now. The temperatures are only going to increase in the months to come. Due to our surrounding ocean's heat, August and September tend to be the hottest months in Hawaii.

Summer is a great time for the orchids to really grow large leaves and pseudo bulbs. This allows the orchids to store lots of energy for later flowering. This can happen provided, that the orchids do not get stressed.

The main sources of summer stresses are, not enough water, not enough fertilizer, and the overheating of our orchids. Long summer days mean hungry and thirsty orchids, by not providing enough fertilizer and water, the orchids begin to stress and shut down, inhibiting their overall growth. It is the same with heat stress, if the orchid gets too warm, it just shuts down and doesn't grow.



The photo shows a dendrobium with the white sunburnt areas and black spotted areas on the leaves. The black spots are not fungal spots, but are actually signs of heat stress. This is very common in Oncidinae, Cattleya, Dendrochilums, and Stanhopeas, just to name a few. Most people will try to control this by putting additional shade cloth on their greenhouses. The main culprit is not the sun itself, but the heat that is being created. Additional shade cloth will work, but it will also be cutting the amount of light, reducing photosynthesis.

Later in the year during the shadier and cooler months, the orchids may become soft with weak stretched out stems and leaves, making them more susceptible to diseases and insects. Air circulation is the often-overlooked key! By providing lots of air movement, you will be able to grow your orchids in much brighter light without heat stress or burning.

Anyone that has grown orchids in a closed greenhouse will know how important fans are. If the power goes out or a fan motor goes down, say goodbye to your orchids. Most of us are growing our orchids outdoors, so try to place them in areas that are nice and breezy (take advantage of our E/NE trade winds) and avoid areas where the air is stagnant. These are areas that the wind is blocked by buildings, or even other plants such as hedges, large trees, and heavy foliage.

Rebecca Northern once said "give your orchids the maximum amount of light, just short of burning". I wish she emphasized air circulation, at the time, I was not smart enough to make the connection.

Let's all try to get ^{the} most out of our warm summer days, by maxing out the growth of our orchids. When you feel hot and lazy this summer, think of your orchids and go out and feed and water them, they will reward you with wonderful blossoms.

Aloha,
Scot

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Recipe of the Month

(fm thepioneerwoman.com Ree Drummond)

BLT Pasta Salad

By Kara Zauberman and Erin Merhar Jul 11, 2022

Prep Time: 25 minutes Yields: 8-10 servings

Ingredients

- 1 12-oz. package bacon
- 1 16-oz. box fusilli or curly pasta
- 1 cup mayonnaise
- 3/4 cup whole milk
- 1 each 1-oz. packet ranch seasoning mix
- Juice of one lemon
- 1/4 cup grated parmesan cheese
- 1/2 tsp ground black pepper
- 1-pint grape tomatoes, halved
- 2 cup thinly sliced romaine lettuce
- 1/2 cup chopped red onion
- 1/4 cup chopped fresh herbs, such as dill and/or parsley



Directions

Cook the bacon in a large skillet over medium heat, turning as needed, until the fat has rendered, and the bacon is golden and crispy, 8 to 10 minutes. (You may need to cook the bacon in two batches, draining the rendered fat from the skillet between batches.) Let the bacon cool to room temperature, then crumble up into bite-sized pieces.

Cook the pasta according to package directions. Drain, rinse with cold water, and let cool.

Meanwhile, in a large bowl, whisk together the mayonnaise, milk, ranch seasoning, lemon juice, parmesan cheese, and black pepper. Add the pasta, tomatoes, lettuce, onion, herbs, and half of the crumbled bacon to the bowl with the dressing. Gently fold together to coat. Top with remaining bacon and serve.

To make the pasta salad the day before, do not stir in the romaine lettuce or bacon until just before serving. This will keep them crunchy and give your salad great texture!