



The Honolulu Orchid Society

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April 2023 NEWSLETTER



Den. Yama's Delight 'Momilani' AM HOS
Grower: Jan Takamiya
Awarded at the HOS Meeting
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HONOLULU ORCHID SOCIETY (HOS) APRIL GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING

Date: Wednesday, April 12, 2023

Time/Place: 7:00 pm at Lanakila
Elementary School Cafeteria

Program: "Exploring Maxillaria in
Hawaii"

Speaker: Adam Almeida

Adam Almeida currently serves on the HOS Board of Trustees and is a HOS Probationary Judge. Adam's presentation will be on several species of Maxillaria that are easy to grow in Hawaii.

Beginning in April, HOS is going to do something different by holding a **hands-on workshop** prior to the membership meeting. The workshop will start promptly at 5:30 PM and end at 6:30 PM (Wednesday, April 12)

in the Lanakila Elementary School Cafeteria. The first workshop will teach participants how to plant and care for infant seedlings taken from community pots (compots). The instructors will be **Mel Waki** and **Calvin Kumano**. Those interested in attending the workshop **must** sign up to reserve a seat by sending your name and telephone number to honoluluorchidsociety@gmail.com. The **sign-up deadline is Monday, April 10. The workshop is FREE.** Although the target audience is beginners and inexperienced growers, anyone may sign up for the workshop. All plants, pots, media and other supplies will be furnished by the Society. After completion of this workshop, participants should be familiar with the term compots, how to order them, how to separate the plants from the compot, how to plant them, the types of media to use and how to care for the plants in their infant stage. The workshop is hands-on so participants can expect to get their hands dirty. If there is enough interest, other workshops will be planned and announced later. Call or text Mel Waki at (808) 391-0144 if you have any questions.

PRESENTATION AT APRIL 2023
HONOLULU ORCHID SOCIETY MEETING

EXPLORING MAXILLARIA ORCHIDS IN HAWAII



WITH
ADAM ALMEIDA

7:00 PM Wednesday, April 12, 2023
Lanakila Elementary School Cafeteria
717 N. Kuakini Street, Honolulu

www.honoluluorchidsociety.org

Great Silent Auction-A Big Hit



The Society's **Great Silent Auction** held at last month's meeting was an overwhelming success. More than 50 people attended the event which was co-chaired by **Ben Kodama, Jr.**, and **Brad Lau**. The plants that were donated by more than 17 nurseries statewide and by members and friends were high quality and garnered top prices. Several plants received bids of \$100 or more. Nearly all of the

plants received at least the minimum bid price. A handful of community pots that did not receive bids were retained for planting at a future workshop. The few remaining plants that did not receive bids were sold by a live auction conducted by **Mel Waki**. All in all it was a fun event with many happy faces leaving the Lanakila Elementary School Cafeteria that evening. Besides the co-chairs, all of the Society's Board Members and several Society members played key roles in making the auction a success. It was a great team effort. The auction including the country store sales made more than \$6,000, the most ever for the event. These monies will be used to fund workshops and other educational programs of the Society.

Mahalo to All Who Made the Auction a Success

Thank you to the following nurseries who donated plants and orchid related items for the auction: **Akatsuka Orchid Gardens**, Volcano HI; **Carmela Orchids**, Hakalau HI; **H&R Nurseries**, Waimanolo HI; **Hawaii Hybrids**, Hilo HI; **Hawaii Pacific Orchids**, Waianae HI; **Hilo Orchid Farm**, Hilo HI; **Island Sun Orchids**, Kea'au HI; **Kalapana Tropicals**, Kurtistown HI; **Kodama Orchid Nursery**, Waianae HI; **Newman's Nursery**, Kea'au, HI; **Orchid Eros**, Mountain View HI; **Penny's Orchids**, Waianae, HI; **S&W Orchids**, Waianae HI; **Shogun Hawaii**, Kea'au, HI; **The Orchid Works**, Hakalau, HI; **Tropical Orchid Farm**, Haiku HI; and **Winning Orchid**, Mountain View HI.

Appreciation is also extended to the following members and friends who brought orchids, plants, food items and miscellaneous items for the auction and County Store: **Amjad Ahmad**, **Carol De Witt**, **Bob and JoAnn Higuchi**, **Walter and Ruby Hiraishi**, **Calvin Kumano**, **Jackie Lai**, **Kate Leonard** and **Ian Sandison**, **M&P Orchids (Mel and Pam Waki)**, **Karen Nagamine**, **Nuuanu Orchids (Dale Miyasaki)**, **Olomana Orchids, Inc. (Peter Neifert)**, **Kathy Sakuda**, **Ryan and Lyndsey Sakuda**, **Sandalwood Orchids (Margaret Lin)**, **Darryl Sugawa**, **Holly Sullivan**, **Jan Takamiya**, **Lynda Takara**, **Ann Tokairin**, **Ellen Tanoura**, **Karen Torigoe**, **Sandie Torigoe**, **Charlotte Yamamoto** and **Larry Yamamoto**.



Mahalo to the following members, friends and the Refreshment Committee who brought in a great assortment of goodies to share with those in attendance at the auction – **Sandie Torigoe** – tomato, mozzarella and fresh basil skewers; **Robyn Yoshida** – doughnut holes; **Carol Takayama** – shrimp fried rice; **Hans Kashiwabara** – pumpkin pie; **Carol De Witt** – strawberry mochi and melon mochi; **Jackie Hurd** – gau gee tray; **Kathy Sakuda** – beef broccoli Hong Kong style noodles; **Aileen Ching** – brownies; **Walter Hiraishi** – senbei and Girl Scout cookies; **June Yokomoto** – roasted chicken; **Charlotte Yamamoto** – lilikoi jello squares; **Dorothy Nakama** – apple bars; **JoAnn and Bob Higuchi** – assorted bag chips; **Noelle Sutherland** – butter mochi; **Kate Leonard and Ian Sandison** – fresh green grapes and **Refreshment Committee** – passion orange guava juice, water and fresh green grapes. Your donations are truly appreciated!

Again special thanks to **Ben Kodama, Jr.**, and **Brad Lau** for co-chairing the event. Thank you **Kate Leonard** and **Ian Sandison** for accepting the plant deliveries from the neighbor islands, unpacking, sorting and caring for the plants and then delivering them to the auction. Thank you **Kathy Sakuda** and **JoAnn Higuchi** for managing the Country Store. Thank you **Rob Lau** for taking photos of the auction and sharing the photos with us.

We also acknowledge all who helped with the set up and breakdown and to all of you who were in attendance and supported this fundraiser. If you donated items for the auction and country store or brought refreshments and your name is not listed above, please let us know. We value your support.

More Auction Photos

(Photos taken by Rob Lau)



Aiea Orchid Club Spring Auction

The Aiea Orchid Club will be holding its Spring Auction on Monday, April 24, 2023. If you missed last month's HOS auction and if you want to add more quality plants to your collection, you may want to go to Aiea's auction. Bidding is expected to start at around 7:30 pm in the Aiea Elementary School cafeteria. The Club will also be auctioning or selling baked goods and other food items made by Club members.

There will be **no HOS judging** that evening.

Blooming Orchids and Seedlings
plus Baked Goods and Other Goodies

AIEA ORCHID CLUB SPRING AUCTION



Plants
donated by
Members &
Nurseries

Baked Goods
by Members

APRIL 24, 2023

AIEA ELEMENTARY SCHOOL CAFETERIA

Meeting Opens 7:00 PM
Approximate Auction Hours: 7:30 PM to 8:00 PM

Open to the Public

HOS Mini Country Store

Beginning in May, a mini country store will be in operation during the monthly in-person meetings at the Lanakila Elementary School cafeteria. Donations of baked goods, snacks, jams, jellies, fruits, and fresh vegetables will be accepted and sold before the meeting starts and during the refreshment break. Food items should be individually packaged and wrapped. Only cash and checks will be accepted for payment. More information on the mini country store operations will be provided in next month's newsletter.

Welcome New Members

- Steve Calvin, Pearl City
- Ron Falter, Honolulu
- Josie & Wade Gesteuyala, Kaneohe
- Allison Guard, Honolulu
- Catherine Hess, Honolulu
- Stephanie Murdock, Honolulu
- Christopher Myers, Kailua
- Peter Neifert, Kaneohe
- Marleen Silva, Honolulu
- John & Jacqueline Tapia, Honolulu

Monetary Donors

- Bruce, Inez & Ursula Brunson
- Kenneth & Aileen Ching
- Stephanie Murdock
- Leland Nakai
- Peter Neifert
- John & Jacqueline Tapia
- Stanley & Jane Takata

Your donations are greatly appreciated.

Note Card of Acknowledgement from Agripharmatech Team **February 19, 2023**

Dear Brad, Mel and HOS Officers,

Thank you very much for your annual donations since 2019 to Dr. Inge White Endowed Scholarship. We have since built the Endowment, which generates interest to provide the scholarships to our Agripharmatech students. Two students received the scholarships in Fall 2021. Three students received scholarships in Fall 2022. We hope there will be four students or more to receive our scholarships in Fall 2023.

Mahalo nui loa for your support,
Agripharmatech Team:

Prof. Emeritus, Dr. Ingelia White, Dr. Hongwei Li, Dr. Teena Michael

In the same card, a Note from Ingelia White and Mel White

I have been coming to HOS membership monthly meetings since 1974 as student of Dr. Yoneo Sagawa. He picked me up to drive to the meetings. I have built my deep connection with HOS ever since. I became HOS Trustee from early 2000 to date (served as HOS Librarian, and HOS Program Officer for some years during that time also).

It is regretfully that I have to resign from serving the HOS as a Trustee due to my husband illness last June. My husband, Melton White and I, however, will continue support HOS. Please accept our donation (\$1,000) and gratitude to HOS.

Aloha,
Ingelia White and Mel White
February 19, 2023

Honolulu Orchid Society (HOS) Library

With the Orchidaceae family being ranked as one of the largest families of flowering plants, it comes to no surprise that there is an incredible amount of orchid-related resources. Printed media, such as books and magazines, are an indispensable source of knowledge in any topic, including orchids. The Honolulu Orchid Society has gathered an impressive collection of orchid-related printed media over the years through the generosity of members, non-members, libraries, botanical gardens/arboretums, and other non-profit organizations.

Most of the materials are available to checkout for at-home reading and members are more than welcome to checkout these materials online under the HOS website [Orchid Resources](#) page. Not sure what to read? Send an email to the [HOS Librarian](#) asking for assistance and he will send you a list of recommendations.

Looking Ahead
HOS General Membership
Meetings

- May 10–**Eddie Peltier**, *Phalaenopsis schilleriana*, in-person meeting at Lanakila Elementary School Cafeteria
- Jun 14–**Fred Clarke**, *Spotted & Splashed Cattleyas*, Zoom Video Conference, early 6:30 PM start
- Jul 12–**Leland Nakai**, *Vanda falcata*, in-person meeting at Lanakila Elementary School Cafeteria
- Aug 9–**Roy Tokunaga**, *Catch of the Day*, in-person meeting or Zoom Video Conference
- Sep 13–**Dr. Inge White**, *Orchid ID Lab and Orchid Library at Windward Community College*, in-person meeting at Lanakila Elementary School Cafeteria
- Oct 11–**Tom Mirenda**, *Topic to be determined*, in-person meeting at Lanakila Elementary School Cafeteria
- Nov 8–Open
- Dec 13–**Holiday Pot Luck**, in-person gathering at Lanakila Elementary School Cafeteria

Calendar of Events for April

- **Saturday, April 8**
HOS Monthly Judging
Lanakila Senior Center
- **Tuesday, April 11**
HOS Board of Trustees Meeting
Zoom Video Conference
- **Wednesday, April 12**
Workshop and HOS Meeting
Lanakila Elementary School Cafeteria
- **Monday, April 24**
Aiea Orchid Club Spring Auction
Aiea Elementary School

Oahu Orchid Shows

- **Aiea Orchid Show**
June 9 and 10
Aiea Elementary School Cafeteria
- **Honolulu Orchid Society Show**
October 13 & 14
Washington Middle School Cafeteria

2023 HOS Committee Chairs

<i>Awards Committee</i>	Melvin Waki	<i>Show Committee</i>	Kathy Sakuda
<i>Service Committee</i>	Carol De Witt		Adam Almeida
<i>Program Committee</i>	Jed Smith	<i>Library</i>	Jed Smith
<i>Finance Committee</i>	Jackie Lai	<i>Elections Committee</i>	Bob Higuchi
<i>Publication Committee</i>		<i>Refreshment Comm</i>	Charlotte Yamamoto
<i>Newsletter</i>	Carol De Witt		Dorothy Nakama
<i>Na Okika</i>	Marisa Maemori	<i>Google Workspace</i>	Linda Inouye
<i>Website</i>	Linda Inouye		
<i>Social Media</i>	Matthew McKnight, III		
<i>Publicity Committee</i>	Kathy Sakuda		
	Adam Almeida		
<i>Membership Comm</i>	Charlotte Yamamoto		

Honolulu Orchid Society Judging

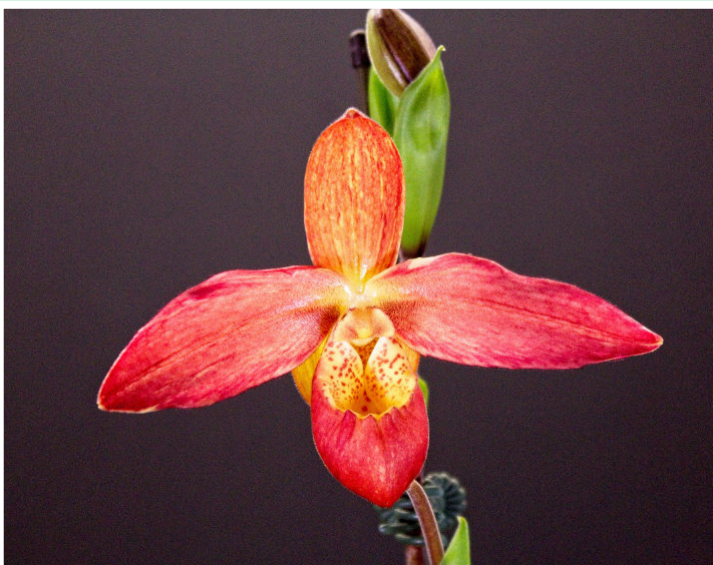
Saturday, March 11, 2023, Lanakila Senior Center. 10 plants were registered for judging. All plants were screened. 4 plants were selected for judging and were awarded. One of the plants, Brassia Rex 'Waiomao Spotless' was given a First Class Certificate (FCC), the highest award that can be given by the Honolulu Orchid Society Judges. The awarded plants are shown as Award Nos. 2023-15 through 2023-18 on pages 9 and 10.

Monday, March 27, 2023, Aiea Elementary School Cafeteria. 15 plants were brought to the meeting. 4 plants were brought to the judging room for discussion. 2 plants were judged and both were awarded an AM. The awarded plants are shown as Award No. 2023-19 and No. 2023-20 on page 10.

The Award photos and descriptions are also available on the [Award Gallery](#) of the HOS Website.



Award No. 2023-15
Brs. Rex 'Waiomao Spotless'
FCC HOS (90.8 Pts.)
Owner: Calvin Kumano



Award No. 2023-16
Phrag. Walter Schomburg
'Kahalu'u Sunrise'
AM HOS (80.0 Pts.)
Owner: Josie Gesteuyala



Award No. 2023-17
Rlc. Golf Green 'Hair Pig' CDC HOS
Owner: Scot & Karen Mitamura

Award No. 2023-18
Rlc. (Annie Saldana x Tiffin Fry)
'Masterpiece' AM HOS (82.2 Pts.)
Owner: Scot & Karen Mitamura
(Provisional award pending registration of the hybrid)



Award No. 2023-19
Rlc. Arnie's Life 'Momilani'
AM HOS (80.8 Pts.)
Owner: Calvin Kumano

Award No. 2023-20
Den. Paul Paquette 'Waki'
AM HOS (83.0 Pts.)
Owner: Mel & Pam Waki

Recipe of the Month

by Zola Gregory, March 1, 2023
(from food52.com)

Oven-Fried Soy Sauce & Ginger Chicken Thighs

Excerpts from AUTHOR NOTES:

This is my family's favorite chicken recipe and best kept secret (up until this point). We call it "Bama chicken," named after the moniker we affectionately called my great-grandmother by, and whose recipe this happens to be. What makes this chicken so spectacular is its salty-sweet crispy skin. The chicken is first marinated in a mixture of soy, sugar, garlic, and ginger—familiar flavors—but is then coated in flour and placed into a preheated pan filled with oil. The chicken essentially fries itself in the oven and produces the most delectable, crunchy skin without the need for flipping halfway through. For the most flavorful results, I recommend using smaller chicken thighs, if you can find them, and letting them marinate overnight. In a pinch, I've sometimes let the chicken marinate for 45 minutes or so at room temperature right before baking, but the best results always come with more time. —Zola Gregory

Serves: 3 to 6 **Prep Time:** 4 hours 50 mins **Cook Time:** 50 mins

Ingredients

- 3 pounds bone-in, skin-on chicken thighs (about 6 to 8)
- 1/3 cup soy sauce
- 1/3 cup granulated sugar
- 10 to 12 garlic cloves (about 1 medium head), finely minced
- 1 tablespoon fresh ginger, finely minced
- 1/2 cup all-purpose flour
- 1/2 teaspoon kosher salt
- 1/4 teaspoon freshly ground black pepper
- 1/2 cup neutral oil, such as canola or safflower



Directions

1. Make the marinade: Combine the soy sauce, sugar, garlic, and ginger in a large shallow dish or large Ziplock bag. Give the mixture a stir to help the sugar dissolve. Add chicken to the marinade and refrigerate for at least 4 hours or overnight. Turn the chicken over halfway through the marinating time.
2. Add the oil to a 9x13-inch baking dish and place in a cold oven. Heat the oven to 375°F.
3. While the oven is heating, prepare the chicken: Pat the chicken dry and transfer it to a plate. Add the flour, salt, and pepper to a medium-sized bowl and mix briefly to combine. Coat each piece of chicken in flour and gently shake off any excess.
4. When the oven has heated, carefully remove the baking dish and add the chicken pieces to the hot oil—it should sizzle. Return the pan to the oven and bake for 40 to 50 minutes, or until the chicken is golden brown and an instant read thermometer inserted into the thickest part of the meat registers about 185°F. Serve with steamed rice. Store leftovers in the refrigerator in an airtight container for up to three days.