



# The Honolulu Orchid Society

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## May 2023 NEWSLETTER

**C. violacea h.f. semialba 'Icabaru' AM HOS**  
Exhibitor: Pam Waki  
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# HONOLULU ORCHID SOCIETY (HOS) APRIL GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING

**Date:** Wednesday, May 10, 2023

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

**Program:** "Phalaenopsis  
schilleriana, "Paru'Paro" the  
Pink Butterfly Orchids of the  
Philippines

**Speaker:** Joseph 'Eddie' Peltier  
Garcia

At the age of 4 years old in 1961 **Eddie Peltier's** interest in orchids began its journey. He has been growing orchids from his grandparents' hobbyist nursery (Rabago Orchids) since then in Hawaii. He has traveled the world and his knowledge of orchids is extraordinary. **Eddie** is a HOS Probationary Judge. He will give a presentation on Phalaenopsis schilleriana, Paro'Paro - the Pink Butterfly Orchid of the Philippines in conjunction with other indigenous broad petal Phalaenopsis species of the Philippines.

Prior to the General Membership Meeting and Eddie Peltier's presentation, HOS will be holding a **hands-on workshop** on honohono culture. Participants will be planting honohono seedlings and be given lessons on how to best make keikis from canes that have just flowered. The workshop will start promptly at 5:30 PM and end at 6:30 PM (Wednesday, May 10) in the Lanakila Elementary School Cafeteria. The instructors will be **Mel Waki** and **Calvin Kumano** with assistance from **Jan Takamiya**, **Walter Hiraishi** and **Brad Lau**. Those interested in attending the workshop **must** sign up to reserve a seat by sending your name and telephone number to [honoluluorchidsociety@gmail.com](mailto:honoluluorchidsociety@gmail.com). There will be a limited number of seats so sign up early. The **sign-up deadline is Monday, May 8. The workshop is FREE.** Although the target audience is beginners and inexperienced growers, anyone may sign up for the workshop. The workshop is hands-on so participants can expect to get their hands dirty. Call or text Mel Waki at (808) 391-0144 if you have any questions.



*Joseph 'Eddie' Peltier Garcia*

**PHALAENOPSIS SCHILLERIANA**

**"Paru'Paro"**  
**The Pink Butterfly Orchids**  
**of the Philippines**

**HONOLULU ORCHID SOCIETY MEETING**  
**LANAKILA ELEMENTARY SCHOOL CAFETERIA**  
**7:00 PM, WEDNESDAY, MAY 10, 2023**

## Mahalo Nui Loa

Mahalo **Adam Almeida** for your presentation “Exploring Maxillaria in Hawaii”. What a great presentation on Maxillaria, a large and varied orchid genus from Central and South America. Most members are familiar with the coconut orchid, Maxillaria tenuifolia, commonly found in cultivation in Hawaii. It was exciting to learn about the other different species that grow well in Hawaii. Hopefully, we will see more different Maxillaria species grown by our members after enjoying this presentation!

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 April meeting: **Walter & Ruby Hiraishi** – Oshii Sushi; **Bob & JoAnn Higuchi** – Assorted Bag Chips; **Shu Nalo** – Fresh Mountain Apples; **Carol De Witt** – Brownie Choco Crunch Cookies; **Jackie Lai** – Apple Cake; **Anonymous** - Double Nut, Raisin, and Chocolate Chunk Cookie Assortment; **Robyn Yoshida** – Noodles; **Karen Nagamine** – Chocolate Chip Cookies; **Doris Leong, Kamalii Leong & Graydon Southard** – Oreo Lemon Cookies and Okinawan Sweet Potatoes; **Karen & Sandie Torigoe** – Sugared Donuts; **Charlotte Yamamoto** – Tri Color Mochi; **Holly Sullivan** – Tuna Pasta Salad; **Kathy Sakuda** – Beef Broccoli Pan Fried Noodles; **Dorothy Nakama** – Chicken with Chinese Peas and Chocolate Marshmallow Crispy Bites; **Beaudine Ma** – Multi Grain Chips; and **Refreshment Committee** – Fruit Juice and Water. Your donations are truly appreciated!

A cordial reminder to all who bring refreshments in -- please inform our Refreshment/Hospitality Committee of what you bring to share when you drop off your item at the refreshment table.

## Plant Cultural Winners for April Meeting

At the April Meeting, HOS did something different for selecting winning plants on the Plant Culture Table. In the past, a small panel of 2-3 HOS judges or experienced growers were asked to pick the winners. At the April meeting, everyone in the audience were asked to cast a vote of their choice for plant culture based on flower or plant appearance, fragrance, uniqueness or overall growth. Not everyone in attendance voted but many did.

There were 8 plants on the Culture Table brought in by 6 members. One plant had 5 votes, and four plants were tied for 2nd with 4 votes each. The winning plants were:

- **Coryhopea Woji's Procrastinator** – Owner: Brad Lau
- **Maxillaria tenuifolia** – Owner: Ken Ching
- **Rhyncholaeliocattleya Donna Kimura** – Owner: Jocelyn Mokulehua
- **Dendrobium Stardust** – Owner: Walter Hiraishi
- **Eulophia andamanensis** - Owner: Jed Smith

## Potting Workshop Was Well Attended



A hands-on potting workshop was held prior to the General Membership Meeting on April 12, 2023. More than 30 people attended the workshop which started promptly at 5:30 pm and ended an hour later. The instructors were **Melvin Waki** and **Calvin Kumano** with assistance from **Walter Hiraishi** and **Brad Lau**. Participants took apart community pots and planted the young seedlings into 2-inch clay pots using New Zealand Sphagnum Moss as the media. Participants also wrote their own labels so the seedlings were properly identified. Everyone went home with three different seedlings (Procatavola Key Lime Stars, Grammatophyllum scriptum and Cattleya labiata). Hopefully, with the cultural instructions given to them, we will see the plants in bloom at future meetings.



A big mahalo goes to **Harry Akagi of H&R Nurseries** for donating the community pots used at the workshop.

### Welcome New Members

- **Tina Liu-Tom, Ewa Beach**
- **Kevin Kaipō Sasan & Richard Shields, Honolulu**
- **Brandi Higa, Woodland Hill, CA**

*Welcome to the Society. We look forward to meeting you at our meetings.*

### Monetary Donors

- **Doreen Fujita & Michelle Fukumoto**
- **Brett Schenik**
- **Jean Sun Shaw**
- **Catherine Hess**
- **Germaine Uehara Heslinger & Ruby Uehara (mother)**
- **Sharon Harwood**
- **Alan M Pyle III & Becky Bodenner**

*Your donations are greatly appreciated.*



## Condolences

We are sad to announce the passing of **Janice Uchida** who has been a member of the Honolulu Orchid Society for several years. She spoke at several membership meetings and attended some of our annual banquets. Memorial Services will be held at Hosoi Garden Mortuary, at 6:00 pm on Thursday, May, 11, 2023.

The Honolulu Orchid Society extends their sincerest sympathy to Janice's husband **Raymond** and her family and friends.

## HOS Mini Country Store

Beginning this month, a **Mini Country Store** will be in operation during the monthly 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. Donations should be brought in by 6:30 pm for pricing and set-up by the Country Store workers.

## 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.

## Honolulu Orchid Society Website

Check out the [HOS website](#) which was recently upgraded. The upgrade was funded by a grant from the State of Hawaii Department of Agriculture. Monthly newsletters and current events are posted on the website.

## Kunia Orchid Society Sale

The Kunia Orchid Society will be having a Orchid and Plant Sale on Saturday, May 6. It will be held at the Central Oahu Event Center, 130 Mango Street, which is the former Dot's in Wahiawa. If you plan to go, go early, otherwise you will miss out.



**Kunia Orchid Society**  
**Orchid & Plant Sale!**  
**Saturday May 6<sup>th</sup> 2023**

**White Elephant! Baked Goods!**  
9:00 am to 2:00 pm  
Central Oahu Event Center

Please help KOS by preparing orchid and other backyard plants to donate to the sale. You can also donate baked goods and household items for a White Elephant sale!

*Time for Spring Cleaning! – check your closets and cabinets for things you haven't used in years such as • Housewares and decorative items • Bakeware, cookware, or storage containers • Dish sets, glass sets, • Small appliances in good working order • Office supplies • Handicrafts, souvenirs, curios • Toys and games!*

## Aiea Orchid Show

The Aiea Orchid Show is on. It will be held on Friday, June 9 and Saturday, June 10 at the Aiea Elementary School Cafeteria. The Honolulu Orchid Society will be putting up a floor display at the Show. The Show is only a month away so members should start grooming their plants and greeneries to put in the display. **Setup for the HOS display will be on Thursday, June 8 beginning at 9:00 am.** Those wishing to put their plants in the HOS display should bring their blooming plants by 11:00 am to give the Set-up Committee ample time to complete the display before 3:00 pm. Register your plants with the Show Registration Desk before leaving your plants with the HOS Set-up Committee. The Committee will need greens, Pele's Hair and props (when the theme is determined). Label your plants and props with your name so they are returned to you at breakdown. The Set-up Committee can use your help if you are free that day and at **breakdown (4:00 PM) on Saturday.**



**The 39<sup>th</sup> Annual**  
**Aiea Orchid Club** (Non-Profit Org.)  
**ORCHID SHOW**  
**& Plant Sale ~Free Admission~**

Location : **Aiea Elementary School**  
99-370 Moanalua Road (maka of Aloha Stadium)

Dates : **June 9** (Fri) & **10** (Sat), 2023

Show Hours & Lectures / Demonstrations Schedule  
(Subject to change)

- **Friday, June 9 (9 a.m. ~ 4 p.m.)**  
11 a.m. Dendrobium Orchid Culture of 5 Different Groups
- **Saturday, June 10 (9 a.m. ~ 4 p.m.)**  
(Plant sale closes at 3 p.m.)  
11 a.m. Cattleya Orchid Culture & General Orchid Culture



## 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 May

- Saturday, May 6  
Kunia Orchid Society Orchid & Plant Sale  
Central Oahu Event Center
- Tuesday, May 9  
HOS Board of Trustees Meeting  
Zoom Video Conference
- Wednesday, May 10  
Workshop and HOS Meeting  
Lanakila Elementary School Cafeteria
- Saturday, May 13  
HOS Monthly Judging  
Lanakila Senior Center
- Thursday, May 18  
Joint HOS/AOS Judges Training  
Zoom Video Conference
- Monday, May 22  
HOS Judging at Aiea Orchid Club Meeting  
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

## Honolulu Orchid Society (HOS) Judging

HOS Judging is conducted on the second Saturday of each month at the Lanakila Senior Center and on the fourth Monday of each month at the Aiea Orchid Club meeting at Aiea Elementary School. Anyone can bring flowering orchid plants for judging. You do not have to be a member of HOS to have your plant judged. Plants judged at the Lanakila Senior Center must be dropped off between 9:30 AM and 10:00 AM. Plants judged at Aiea must be brought to the meeting between 6:45 PM and 7:15 PM. Plants that are awarded are assessed a \$25 processing fee. In return the plant owners receive a certificate and a color photo of the flowers.

## Honolulu Orchid Society Judging

**Saturday, April 8, 2023, Lanakila Senior Center.** 8 plants were registered for judging. All plants were screened. 2 plants were selected for judging and were awarded. The awarded plants are shown as Award Nos. 2023-21 and 2023-22 below.

**Monday, April 24, 2023, Aiea Elementary School Cafeteria.** The Aiea Orchid Club held its Spring Silent Auction. There was no Judging that night.

All Award photos and descriptions for 2023 and prior years are available on the [Award Gallery](#) of the HOS Website.



**Award No. 2023-21**  
**Rth. Izumi Spirit 'Lemon Drop'**  
**CR HOS (78.2Pts.)**  
**Owner: Scot & Karen Mitamura**



**Award No. 2023-22**  
**C. Iris Wong 'White Corsage'**  
**CR HOS (78.6 Pts.)**  
**Owner: Scot & Karen Mitamura**



## Orchid Tip of the Month

### **Orchid Tip of the Month by Scot Mitamura**

May is already here! The last of our rainy season storms should be behind us and our warmer and dryer weather ahead of us. Longer day length, and more days of Trade Wind weather, our orchids will begin to dry much faster. Keep your plants well watered and it's also a good time to fertilize!

This is the beginning of our long growing season for many of our orchids. If you haven't started, this is the prime time to re-pot your HonoHono orchids. The new growths should be emerging from the base of the bloomed stems, as well as the new root system. Cut off the bloomed stems to propagate by cutting them into four inch sections and laying them on top of a tray or pot of potting soil.

New keikis will begin to emerge in a couple of months. Avoid the urge to separate these young plants as they will set back. They are best re-potted next year around this time and their flowering should be the following year. Please grow lots of HonoHonos for our orchid show next year!

Coming out of the rainy season, you want to keep a handle on the slugs and snails. Use any of the commercial baits for control, but for maximum control, you should re-apply within two weeks. This will kill the emerging eggs and the second generation. Many folks forget this second application and are never able to get adequate control of the problem.

After the rains, come the weeds! I consider this my worst pest in my collection. Stay vigilant on them and pull them before they seed, otherwise you will be in a battle all summer long. Spray herbicide or pull weeds on the ground and in your surrounding areas too.

Many of the weed seeds are dispersed into the air, so control of all surrounding areas is essential for control. Orchids that are infested with weeds, should be re-potted. The media is probably old and broken down and clogged by the fine feeder roots of the weeds. It is just a lot simpler to just re-pot, plus we are going into the growing season.

New members bring your questions and/or orchids to our next meeting and the orchid doctor (me) will try to answer your questions. If you can't wait, send a photo and email your questions to our email [windwardorchidsociety@yahoo.com](mailto:windwardorchidsociety@yahoo.com). Check our website, [www.windwardorchidsociety.org](http://www.windwardorchidsociety.org), to look at the Orchid ER pages.

See you all at the May meeting!

Aloha,  
Scot

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## Recipe of the Month

### **Homemade Strawberry Sauce**

by **Alyssa Rivers** ([alyssa@therecipecritic.com](mailto:alyssa@therecipecritic.com))

With just 4 ingredients, this recipe is a great way to use up extra summer strawberries. It's an incredible topping for cheesecake, chocolate cake, ice cream sundaes, and angel food cake.

This quick and easy recipe for Homemade Strawberry Sauce is a must-have! This is a great way to use up fresh summer strawberries or to keep the ones you have in the fridge from going bad. I include plenty of tips for making your sauce thinner or thicker and glossier, too!

**Serves:** 8 **Prep Time:** 5 mins **Cook Time:** 15 mins **Total Time:** 20 mins **Calories:** 51 kcal

#### Ingredients

- 1-pound strawberries, hulled and chopped
- 1/3 cup granulated sugar
- 2 teaspoons lemon juice
- 1/2 teaspoon vanilla extract

#### Instructions

1. Combine strawberries, sugar, lemon juice, and vanilla in a medium-sized pot.
2. Cook over medium-low heat for about 15-20 minutes. Stir frequently until the berries release their juices, and the sauce starts to thicken.
3. Remove from heat and allow the sauce to cool on the counter or in the refrigerator. The sauce will continue to thicken as it cools.
4. Serve over ice cream, on pancakes, or enjoy with any dessert!



#### Tips for Making Strawberry Sauce

This homemade strawberry sauce is super simple to whip up. I am going to share a few tips that can help you adjust your sauce to be perfect for whatever you are making.

Add Cornstarch: You can add 1 tablespoon of cornstarch to make a thicker sauce. Just add it in at the same time as the other ingredients and cook as directed. The cornstarch is optional. I love it because it speeds up the process of thickening the sauce and yields a lush, glossy sauce in a matter of minutes. If you leave out the cornstarch, you won't get the same thick sauce and it will take a lot longer to thicken properly (think closer to 20 minutes rather than 5).



Thickening: This sauce will continue to thicken once it's finished cooking as it cools. Keep this in mind while judging whether your sauce is finished or not; when you take it off the stovetop it should be a bit thinner than you want the finished product to be.

Thin Your Sauce: Accidentally cook your sauce too long and make it too thick? No fear, you're not stuck with strawberry jam! Simply add a tablespoon or two more water with the heat on low and cook until the water is nicely combined and the sauce is smooth.

Storing Leftovers: This recipe makes a good amount of homemade strawberry sauce! If you end up with some leftover, here is how to store it.

- In the Refrigerator: Store in an airtight container in the refrigerator for up to 7 days.
- In the Freezer: You can freeze your homemade sauce in a freezer safe container for up to 3 months. Just thaw and enjoy!

### **HOS Membership**

Membership in the Honolulu Orchid Society is a bargain. The annual fee for membership is only \$25.00 for a **Regular Member** plus \$5.00 more for an **Associate** (spouse or child in the same household). There is a special annual rate of \$10.00 for **Students** and \$30.00 for **International** members. The best way to join or renew your membership is to do it online on the HOS website, You can join or renew at this [LINK](#).