



The Honolulu Orchid Society

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**Honolulu Orchid Society Display
2023 Honolulu Orchid Society Show
October 13-14, 2023, Washington Middle School**

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HONOLULU ORCHID SOCIETY (HOS) NOVEMBER GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING

Date: Wednesday, November 8, 2023

Time/Place: 7:00 PM, Lanakila
Elementary School Cafeteria

Program: "Orchid Judging 101"

Speaker: Robert Moffitt

Robert Moffitt, an Accredited Judge with the Honolulu Orchid Society (HOS) and American Orchid Society, will cover the HOS judging system including trophy and merit judging; the merit point scoring system; categories of judges (student, accredited, etc.); how long it takes to reach those levels; and what judges look for when awarding orchids.

At the end of the presentation, those in the audience will get an opportunity to judge an orchid plant using the judging guidelines presented by **Moffitt** and scoring sheets used by the judges.

Members are encouraged to bring their blooming orchid plants for the Plant Culture Table. As in past in-person meetings, people in attendance will be given an opportunity to select the best plants in the **Novice Category** (up to 4 years growing orchids) and the **Masters Category** (more than 4 years growing orchids). Voting for the best will be based on flower appearance, fragrance, uniqueness or overall plant growth. Prizes will be given to the two top vote-getters in each category.

The **Mini Country Store** will be closed. The Country Store workers are still recuperating from the very busy and successful country store sales at the 2023 Honolulu Orchid Society Orchid Show.

The popular Refreshment Table will be open. Anyone wishing to share any goodies may bring them to the meeting.

Honolulu Orchid Society Meeting

Orchid Judging 101

With
Robert Moffitt
HOS & AOS Accredited Judge

7:00 PM Wednesday
November 8, 2023
Lanakila Elementary
School Cafeteria

Open to the Public

For more information visit
www.honoluluorchidsociety.org

Welcome New Member

- **Deborah Putnam**, Honolulu
Welcome to the Society. We look forward to meeting you at our meetings.

Monetary Donations

- **Tanya Lam**, San Jose, CA
- **James Keach**, Lihue, Kauai
Thank you for your generous monetary donations.

Mahalo Nui Loa

Thank you, **Tom Mirenda**, for taking us on a magical journey to Ecuador: a land of orchids and innovation. It was thrilling to see orchids in their natural habitats and learn that you were in the country to receive an honor. We learned about your host, the nursery Ecuagenera, and its new projects and programs. Your travels are inspiring and we always enjoy your stories of the orchids and culture of the country you visit.

Thank you to **Mel Waki** for providing the giveaway plants at the October HOS meeting. The winners were allowed to choose from a variety of blooming-size plants. We hope to see these plants in bloom at future HOS meetings.

2023 Honolulu Orchid Society Show Wrap-Up

The Honolulu Orchid Society's 2023 Annual Show transformed the Washington Middle School Cafeteria into images of a "***Festival of Orchids***" as interpreted by each of the displays. The **Aiea Orchid Club's "Harvest Festival"** took 1st Place of the Guest Displays; the **Kunia Orchid Society's "Mardi Gras"** took 2nd Place and the **Windward Orchid Society's "Celebrating Cinco de Mayo"** took 3rd Place. The **Honolulu Orchid Society** celebrated the "***Obon Festival***" in its display. The Best Individual Display by **Calvin Kumano Orchids** created a "***Fall Harvest of Orchids***". The Miniature Display constructed by HOS Members **Jackie Lai** and **Jo Ann Higuchi** reflected "***Joy in Fairyland***".

A very special thanks go to the guest Societies/Club for putting up their displays and the many individuals who brought blooming orchid plants and props to display at the Show. There would be no show without their participation.

A Big Mahalo to Washington Middle School principal **Michael Harano** and **staff** for hosting and supporting the Honolulu Orchid Society Show.

Special mahalo to **Kathy** and **Bert Sakuda** for their sponsorship of the Show.

The following additional people are specially recognized for their noteworthy contributions to the Show:

- **Kathy Sakuda** and **Adam Almeida** for co-chairing the Show.
- **Carol De Witt** who did so many tasks to keep the Show on track—not just manpower but recruiting, scheduling and coordinating volunteers, cooking and working on lunch and hospitality duties, soliciting trophy donations, sending letters to donors, serving as the chair of the Service Committee and other tasks that are too numerous to list here.

- **Lea Takafuji** and **Calvin Kumano** for allowing the Society to use their facility and equipment in Waianae to prepare and package the Orchid Mix sold at the Show. The dozen volunteers who showed up in Waianae to package the orchid mix and **Kate Leonard** and **Ian Sandison** for providing the refreshments. **Adam Almeida** for transporting the packaged orchid mix to Washington Middle School.
- **Marisa Maemori** for designing the Show Poster and publishing the Show Program. **Kate Leonard** for proofing the Show Program before publication.
- Plant registration volunteers: **Jed Smith, Lisa Abbott, Ruby Chan, Beaudine Ma, Marisa Maemori, and Emily Lau.** It's a work assignment that not everyone can do.
- **Van Tran** and **Rob Lau** for serving as photographers for the Show.
- The **24 Trophy Donors** who donated funds to purchase prizes (gift certificates) for the best flowering plants in various categories at the Show. The Trophy Donors are listed on the [Show Program](#) which is on the HOS website.
- The **Honolulu Orchid Society Judges** and **members of the Service Committee** who worked tirelessly on Thursday night to select merit awards and trophy and display winners.
- **Dr. James Keach** from the University of Hawaii College of Tropical Agriculture and Human Resources (CTAHR) who served as the Plant Doctor and **Dexter Sugimoto, Shaelin Hashimoto, Tiffany Ho** and **Glen Leon Guerrero** who represented the State Department of Agriculture.
- The **nine vendors** who sold at the Show.
- The more than **55 individuals** who volunteered their time to work in various capacities and times at the Show.
- **Walter Hiraishi, Larry Yamamoto** and **Roy Tokunaga** for being instructors of the culture classes at the Show. The classes were very well attended and received.
- The **numerous people** who donated baked goods, foods, plants and other items to the **HOS Country Store.** Special thanks to **H&R Nurseries** for their generous donations of community pots.
- The **generous members** and **friends** who brought food that were enjoyed by the volunteers.
- **Brad Lau, Adam Almeida** and **Sean** and **Kris Tajima** for hauling and offloading all the greens brought from **Williette Wong's** home for the display to **Doug Meller's** place at the end of the Show. Thank you **Doug Meller** for providing a new home for the plants.
- The 2023 HOS Show Committee who worked tireless to make the Show a success. Besides the co-chairs Kathy and Adam, the committee included Plant Sales: **Mel Waki**; Treasurer: **Jackie Lai**; Layout: **Mel Waki** and **Brad Lau**; Awards: **Mel Waki**; Registration: **Linda Inouye** and **Brad Lau**; Orchid Culture Program: **Kathy Sakuda**; Publicity, Overall media coverage: **Marisa Maemori, Kathy Sakuda, Adam Almeida,** and **Matthew McKnight III**; Show Program Publication: **Marisa Maemori**; Manpower: **Carol De Witt**; Hospitality: **Charlotte Yamamoto, Dorothy Nakama, Lynda Takara, Sandie Torigoe** and **Carol De Witt**; HOS Display: **Adam Almeida**; HOS Sales Table: **Kathy Sakuda** and **JoAnn** and **Bob Higuchi**; Membership: **Kathy Sakuda**; Clean-up: **HOS Members** and **friends** present at breakdown.

Honolulu Orchid Society

SHOW & PLANT SALE

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Show Opening
9:00 AM, Friday, Oct 13, 2023



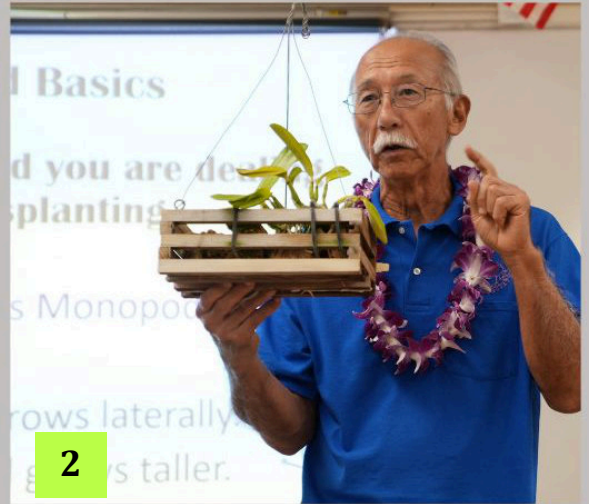
Displays

1. Aiea Orchid Club
2. Kunia Orchid Society
3. Miniature Display
4. Calvin Kumano Individual Display
5. Windward Orchid Society

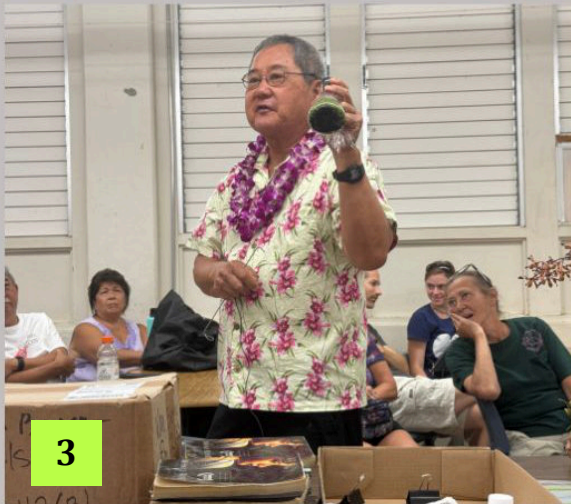




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Show Lectures

1. Walter Hiraishi - "Getting to Know Dendrobiums"
2. Larry Yamamoto - "Orchids for Beginners"
3. Roy Tokunaga - "Catch of the Day with Intro to Orchids"





Happy Buyers





Busy Vendors





Judging



Happy People



Lunch Crew



Orchid Mix Volunteers



2023 Orchidist of the Year

This award is to recognize and honor a member or members for outstanding and unselfish service and valuable contributions to the Society. This award can be presented to a member only once. A list of prior Orchidists of the Year can be found on the HOS website and is available [HERE](#). Note that prior to 1972, this award was known as “Orchid Man of the Year.”

The **deadline for nominations has been extended to Wednesday, November 22, 2023**. The HOS Board of Trustees makes the selection. Members may submit written nominations to the Honolulu Orchid Society, P. O. Box 558, Honolulu HI 96809-0558 attn: Orchidist of the Year or may email the nomination to President Brad Lau at bradlau23@gmail.com. Nominations should include a summary of the individual’s outstanding attributes and contributions to the Society.

Looking Ahead HOS General Membership Meetings

- Nov 8–**Robert Moffitt**, *Judging 101*, in-person meeting at Lanakila Elementary School Cafeteria
- Dec 13–**Holiday Pot Luck**, in-person gathering at Lanakila Elementary School Cafeteria
- Jan 20, 2024–**Annual Business Meeting and Installation Banquet**, Natsunoya Tea House, 11:00 AM

Calendar of Events for November 2023

- Wednesday, November 8 (6:30 PM Doors Open; 7:00 PM Meeting Starts)
HOS Monthly Meeting (Robert Moffitt)
Lanakila Elementary School Cafeteria
- Saturday, November 11, 2023 (9:30 AM Plant Registration; 10:00 AM Judging)
HOS Judging
Lanakila Senior Center
- Tuesday, November 14 (7:00 PM)
HOS Board Meeting
Zoom Video Conference
- Monday, November 27 (6:45 PM Plant Registration; 7:30 PM Judging)
HOS Judging at Aiea Orchid Club Meeting
Aiea Elementary School Cafeteria

HOS Membership

The 2023 calendar year is ending in less than two months. Current membership expires December 31, 2023. We look forward to new and renewed memberships. New members who join now through December 31, 2023, will be included in the 2024 HOS membership roster which will be good until December 31, 2024.

We encourage people to renew or join online using the membership portal on the Honolulu Orchid Society website. The portal accepts credit card payment for membership dues. Click [HERE](#) to go to the HOS membership join/renew portal.

If you prefer to mail in your membership dues, you may do so using the application form at this [LINK](#).

Honolulu Orchid Society Judging in October 2023

Thursday, October 12, 2023, HOS Show. 260 plants were registered and displayed at the Honolulu Orchid Society Show. All of the plants were screened. Three plants were judged and awarded. One plant received 2 awards. The awarded plants are shown as Award Nos. 2023-60 through 2023-63 on this and the following pages.

Monday, October 23, 2023, Aiea Orchid Club Meeting, Aiea Elementary School Cafeteria. Three plants were brought to the Aiea Orchid Club meeting. The plants were screened. None were judged.

All Award photos and descriptions for 2023 and prior years are available on the **Award Gallery** of the HOS Website.



Award No. 2023-60
Pcv. Golden Peacock 'Orange Beauty'
CCM HOS (88.3 Pts.)
Owners: Mel & Pam Waki



Award No. 2023-61
Pcv. Golden Peacock 'Orange Beauty'
AM HOS (82.5 Pts.)
Owners: Mel & Pam Waki



Award No. 2023-62
Gom. Radicans 'Nicky'
CCM HOS (90.4 Pts.)
Owner: Barbara Tamashiro



Award No. 2023-63
Rlc. Haadyai Delight 'Bangprom Gold'
FCC HOS (90.8 Pts.)
Owners: Mel & Pam Waki

Looking Ahead to December Meeting

The holiday spirit is fast approaching. Before we know it, Thanksgiving will be here just as Halloween just passed by.

The December General Membership Meeting will be an in-person gathering at the Lanakila Elementary School Cafeteria on Wednesday, December 13, 2023, starting at 6:30 pm. It will be the Society's annual Holiday Celebration and Potluck. Everyone should start thinking of what favorite food they would like to share be it appetizers, side dishes, main entrees, casseroles, soups, or desserts. Don't worry if you're too busy or stressed out to prepare a dish; that's okay--- just plan on bringing yourself and enjoy the evening with the rest of your orchid family. The Committee is already thinking of the games to play. Paper goods and beverage will be provided by HOS Refreshment Committee.

More details will follow in next month's newsletter.

Recipe of the Month

Pecan Coffee Cake

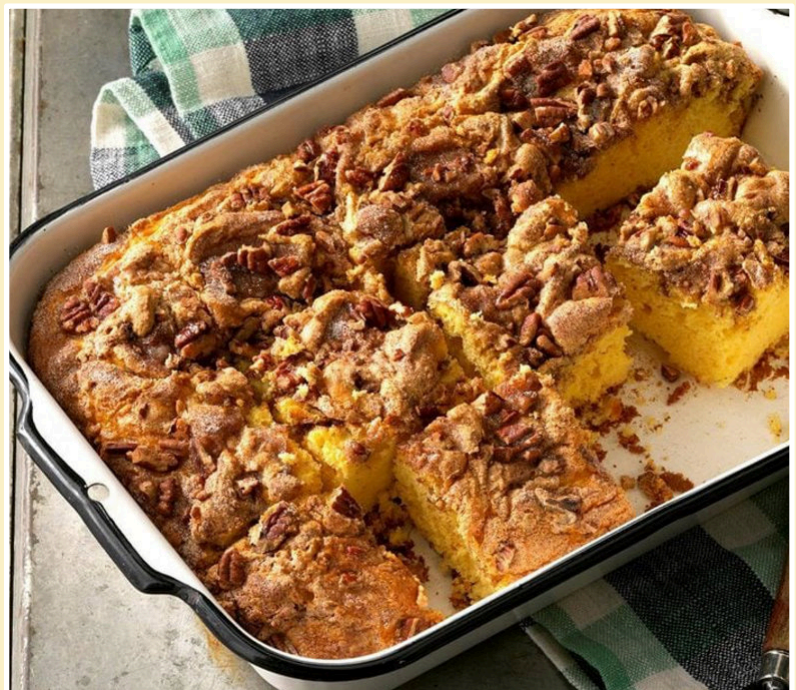
tasteofhome.com

My mom serves this nutty coffee cake for Christmas breakfast each year. The simple recipe is a big timesaver on such an event-filled morning. Everyone loves the crunchy topping. —Becky Wax, Tuscola, Illinois

Prep Time: 15 minutes **Bake Time:** 30 minutes **Servings:** 15

Ingredients

- 1 package yellow cake mix (regular size)
- 1 package (3.4 ounces) instant vanilla pudding mix
- 1 cup sour cream
- 4 large eggs, room temperature
- 1/3 cup canola oil
- 2 teaspoons vanilla extract
- 2/3 cup chopped pecans
- 1/3 cup sugar
- 2 teaspoons ground cinnamon
- 1/2 cup confectioners' sugar
- 2 tablespoons orange juice



Instructions

1. In a large bowl, beat the first 6 ingredients on low speed for 30 seconds. Beat on medium for 2 minutes. Pour into a greased 13x9-inch baking pan. Combine pecans, sugar and cinnamon, sprinkle over batter. Cut through batter with a knife to swirl pecan mixture.
2. Bake at 350° for 30-35 minutes or until a toothpick inserted in the center comes out clean.
3. Meanwhile, in a small bowl, combine confectioners' sugar and orange juice until smooth, drizzle over warm coffee cake. Cool on a wire rack.

Nutrition Facts: 1 piece: 335 calories, 16g fat (4g saturated fat), 67mg cholesterol, 332mg sodium, 44g carbohydrate (29g sugars, 1g fiber), 4g protein.

Orchid Tip of the Month by Scot Mitamura

Another HOS show has passed and I would like to thank all the members that participated by supplying orchids, greens, their labor, and moral support. It takes many members to help put on a display. Special thanks to Susan Lim for being our fearless chairman and taking us out for a great lunch after setting up. It was really great to get to know some of our new members that helped for the first time. I encourage everyone to come out to the next show, it's really lots of fun!

Many of our newer (and even older members) never seem to have any orchids that bloom at the right time for the shows. So, everyone asks me, how do I always seem to have an abundance of flowers? Years ago, many of the commercial orchid nurseries had a plant of the month club. They would send you a budded orchid every month. Usually, these orchids will re-bloom around the same time every year, so in a few years, in theory, you should always have something in bloom. This is a great way to build a good collection. Today, we don't have the companies to do this, but we can all simply apply the same theory. Just go ahead and treat yourself to a blooming orchid whenever you don't have anything in bloom. You can also target orchid show dates and purchase flowering orchids at the shows, building your inventory for orchids that bloom at show times. You also need to always update your collection. Orchids get old, diseased and eventually die. I'm sure that we all have some orchids that don't grow or flower well for our conditions, or sometimes you may even get tired of it. Simply give it away to a new member who would greatly appreciate it, and buy something new.

On November 1st, we have a great opportunity to acquire some new orchids at our annual fund-raising Auction Night! Spread the word about this great event, that is open to everyone. We will have many silent bid items, baked goods and supplies, and open bid items. The club is working hard to put together a nice array of rare and unusual orchids that would surely please everyone. See you all there!

Aloha,
Scot



This article appeared in the November 2023 Newsletter of the Windward Orchid Society and is reprinted with the approval of Scot Mitamura and the Windward Orchid Society. The Auction Night mentioned in the article was held on November 1, 2023 at the Windward Orchid Society meeting.