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**Honolulu Orchid Society Display at the 2024 Kunia Orchid Show
Leilehua High School Gymnasium
March 22-23, 2014**

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HONOLULU ORCHID SOCIETY APRIL GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING

Date: Wednesday, April 10, 2024

Time/Place: 7:00 pm to 9:00 pm,
Lanakila Elementary School
Cafeteria

Program: Hands On Workshop:
Basic Concepts for Planting Orchids

Instructors: Melvin Waki and
Calvin Kumano

This free workshop will cover many of the basic principles for planting orchids. The instructors will review the common potting tools and supplies that are essential for orchid potting. They will discuss the different media commonly used to plant orchids and will demonstrate how to make your own media. They will demonstrate the repotting of *Phalaenopsis* using two types of media: bark mix and New Zealand Sphagnum moss. Using the basic principles, the audience will be given an opportunity to plant their own orchids under the watchful eyes of the instructors and their helpers. All plants and supplies will be furnished. The workshop will end with a question and answer session.

The **Plant Culture Table** will return for the April meeting. Members are encouraged to bring their blooming orchids to the meeting to share with the audience. As in the past, plants on the Culture Table will be divided into the Novice Category (up to 4 years of growing orchids) and the Master's Category (more than 4 years of growing orchids). The audience will be given the opportunity to view the plants and vote on the plant in each category they liked the best based on the flower appearance, fragrance uniqueness or overall plant growth.

The **Mini Country Store** will be closed for the April meeting but will return in May.



Hands On Workshop
“Basic Concepts for Planting Orchids”
Instructors: Mel Waki & Calvin Kumano



7:00 PM, Wednesday, April 10, 2024
Lanakila Elementary School Cafeteria
OPEN TO THE PUBLIC
Plants and supplies to be provided by the
Honolulu Orchid Society
Visit the HOS website at:
www.honoluluorchidsociety.org

The Great Silent Auction Made People Happy

The Society's **Great Silent Auction** held at last month's meeting was a tremendous success.

Approximately 60 people attended the event which was co-chaired by **Matthew**

McKnight III and **Brad Lau** and assisted by **Ben Kodama, Jr.** 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 generated about \$4,000 of revenue after expenses. The funds will be used to support the Society's orchid education and outreach programs during the year.

There were many outstanding plants of all types of species and varieties. Many were in bloom.

Almost all of the plants received bids in excess of the upset prices. A few plants that did not receive bids were sold by a live auction. All in all, it was a fun event with many happy faces leaving the Lanakila Elementary School Cafeteria that evening.

Thank you to the following nurseries who donated plants and orchid related items for the auction: **Akatsuka Orchid Gardens**, Volcano, Hawaii; **Carmela Orchids**, Hakalau, Hawaii; **H&R Nurseries**, Waimanalo, Oahu; **Hawaii Hybrids**, Hilo, Hawaii; **Hilo Orchid Farm**, Hilo, Hawaii; **Island Sun Orchids**, Kea'au, Hawaii; **Kawamoto Orchid Nursery**, Honolulu, Oahu; **Kodama Orchid Nursery**, Waianae, Oahu; **Newman's Nursery**, Kea'au, Hawaii; **Orchid Eros**, Mountain View, Hawaii; **Penny's Orchids**, Waianae, Oahu; **S&W Orchids**, Waianae, Oahu; **Shogun Hawaii**, Kea'au, Hawaii; **Tropical Orchid Farms**, Haiku, Maui; and **Winning Orchids**, Mountain View, Hawaii.



Appreciation is also extended to the following members and friends who brought orchids, plants, food items and miscellaneous items for the auction and Country Store: **Carol De Witt, Bob & JoAnn Higuchi, Ruby & Walter Hiraishi, James Keach (in behalf of CTAR), Calvin Kumano Orchids (Calvin Kumano), Jackie Lai, M&P Orchids (Mel & Pam Waki), Matt's Botanics (Matthew McKnight III), Miyasato Orchids (Gerald Miyasato), Jocelyn Mokulehua, Karen Nagamine, Nuuanu Orchids (Dale Miyasaki), Olomana Orchids (Peter Neifert), Katherine Sakuda, Sandalwood Orchids (Margaret Lin), Jed Smith, Lynda Takara, 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:

Ken & Aileen Ching, Ron Falter, Josie Gesteuyala, Elaine Higa, Bob & JoAnn Higuchi, Walter & Ruby Hiraishi, Jacqueline Hurd, Doris Leong & Graydon Southard, Beaudine Ma, Tessie Miller, Lynda Miyata, Karen Nagamine, Shu Nalo, Kathy Sakuda, Holly Sullivan, Lynda Takara, Sandie & Karen Torigoe, Charlotte Yamamoto, and June Yokomoto. Your donations are truly appreciated.

Welcome New Members

- **Greg and April Lee, Kailua**
- **Barry Reder, Oceanside, CA**

Welcome to the Society. We look forward to meeting you in person and seeing you at our events.

Again, special thanks to **Matthew McKnight III** and **Brad Lau** for co-chairing the event and **Ben Kodama, Jr.**, for assisting them. Thank you, **Ben, Brad and Matthew**, for also 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.

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.

Name Tags Now Available at Meetings

Name tags will be available for all members and guests who attend the general membership meetings. Pick up your name tags from **Sandie Torigoe and Karen Torigoe** who will be maintaining the name tags and sign in/print your name in the attendance logbook. Be sure to return the tags to them at the end of the meeting. Studies show that name tags increase the ease of identification, help communication, and improve interaction among members. As a side note, a name tag should preferably be worn on the right-hand side (from the wearer's perspective).

HOS Display at the Kunia Orchid Show Is a Winner

The **Kunia Orchid Show and Plant Sale** was held on Friday, March 22, 2024 and Saturday, March 23, 2024 at the Leilehua High School Gymnasium. It was a very nice show that was very well attended. Congratulations to **Kunia Orchid Society President Ken Ching** and their members and volunteers for putting on a successful show after a four year absence. The Honolulu Orchid Society participated by putting up a floor display that was selected First Place Large Floor Display (\$150 cash prize).

A big mahalo to all who turned out to put up and take down the HOS display at the Show. Thank you, **Jed Smith**, for chairing the display setup. **Jed, Brad Lau, and Adam Almeida** helped create the initial set-up of the display along with **Kathy DeMoss and June**



Yokomoto who wrapped the plant pots with black cloth. A big thanks go to **Doug DeMoss, Josie Gesteuyala, Carol De Witt, Linda Inouye, Kathy Sakuda, Charlotte Yamamoto, Jackie Lai, Jackie Hurd and JoAnn Higuchi** who also helped complete the “Chinese Zodiac Year of the Dragon” themed display.

The HOS display had more than 55 orchid plants. Thank you **Brad Lau and Linda Inouye, Doug DeMoss, Josie Gesteuyala, Mel and Pam Waki, Calvin Kumano, Jed Smith, Kathy Sakuda, Matthew McKnight III, Walter Hiraishi, George and Judy Hidano, Williette Wong, June Yokomoto, Calvin and Sherry Abe, Adam Almeida, Sandie Torigoe, Carol De Witt, Kathy Sakuda, Jackie Hurd, Karen Nagamine, JoAnn Higuchi, and Jackie Lai** for sharing their blooming orchid plants, greeneries and props in the display.

Thank you to our “chefs” **Charlotte Yamamoto, Kathy Sakuda, Jackie Lai, JoAnn Higuchi and Jed Smith** who prepared a great meal for the working crew who helped set up the display. The menu consisted of Hawaiian style BBQ pulled pork with sweetbread rolls, tossed greens with assorted salad dressings, apple jello, lemon cupcakes, and red and green seedless grapes. **Jed and Carol De Witt** provided bottled water and soft drinks.

If you assisted at the Show but your name is not listed above, please see **Carol De Witt** at the next General Membership meeting and a correction will be made in next month's newsletter. We want to be sure that you are recognized for your services.

Trophies were presented to the following plants in the HOS display:

Best Lavender Vanda

V. Beeva 'Carmela', Owner: Brad Lau

Best White Dendrobium

Den. Thomas Warne 'Whitecaps' AM/CCM HOS, Owner: Doug DeMoss

Best Lavender Dendrobium

Den. Burana Pearl 'Hawaiian Splash', Owners: Mel and Pam Waki

Best Multi-Flowered Slipper Orchid

Paph. St. Swithin, Owner: Doug DeMoss

The Windward Orchid Show

The **Windward Orchid Society's 41st Annual Spring Show** "There's No Place Like the Windward Side" was held on Friday, Saturday, and Sunday, March 22 to 24, 2024, at the King Intermediate School Cafeteria in Kaneohe.

The turnout was very strong, and vendors were pleased with the enthusiastic crowd. Congratulations to Show Chairs **Susan Lim** and **Sheron Harwood**, and all of the volunteers and members for their work putting on a successful orchid show and event for the Windward Oahu area.

Condolences

We are sad to announce the passing of **Evelyn Akamine** who has been a member of the Honolulu Orchid Society for several years. She attended our membership meetings on a regular basis and volunteered her services during our orchid shows in the Country Store. Evelyn passed away on March 18, 2023. Private services were held for her.

The Honolulu Orchid Society extends its sincerest sympathy to Evelyn's husband, family and friends.

HOS Membership

You may renew or join online at www.honoluluorchidsociety.org. The portal accepts credit card payment for membership dues. Click [HERE](#) to go to the HOS membership join/renew portal.

Thank You Letter from Windward Community College



UNIVERSITY of HAWAII*
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Office of the Chancellor

March 12, 2024

Honolulu Orchid Society, Inc.
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Aloha,

Thank you for your kind gift to Windward Community College's Dr. Inge White Endowed Scholarship fund. Your generosity as we celebrate 50 years of Windward Community College is greatly appreciated. Together, we have raised over \$750,000 in student centered aid this year, changing lives for generations to come! Through the support of generous donors over our 50 years, WCC has grown to serve our community academically through programs like Veterinary Technology, and our new Hawai'i Conservatory for the Performing Arts, as well as through new supportive services like our food pantry, Hānaiaulu Childcare Center and Meals with a Mission daily free lunches.

None of this could have happened without our supportive community.

Mahalo nui loa i kou 'ōpū ali'i! Thank you for having the heart of a chief and using this to build up our college and community!

Respectfully,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to be 'Ardis Eschenberg'.

Ardis Eschenberg, PhD
Chancellor

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Honolulu Orchid Society Judging in March 2024

Saturday, March 9, 2024, Lanakila Senior Center. Twenty-one plants were registered for judging at the Lanakila Senior Center. All of the plants were screened. Four plants were judged and awarded. The awarded plants are shown below and page 9 as Award Nos. 2024-14 through 2024-17.

Thursday, March 21, 2024, Kunia Orchid Show, Leilehua High School Gymnasium. 255 plants were registered at the Kunia Orchid Show. All of the plants were screened and six plants were judged and awarded. Two plants received two awards, an Award of Merit and a Certificate of Cultural Merit. The awarded plants are shown as Award Nos. 2024-18 through 2024-25 on pages 10 through 12.

Monday, March 25, 2024, Aiea Orchid Club Meeting, Aiea Elementary School Cafeteria. There was no HOS Judging at the Aiea Orchid Club meeting since judging was conducted four days earlier at the Kunia Orchid Show.

Photos and descriptions of the HOS Awards for 2024 and prior years are available in the [Award Gallery](#) of the HOS Website.



Award No. 2024-14
Den. Minooka 'Almost Got Away'
AM HOS (82.7 Pts.)
Owner: Nuuanu Orchids



Award No. 2024-15
C. Prism Palette 'Mischief'
CCM HOS (85.1 Pts.)
Owners: Scot & Karen Mitamura



Award No. 2024-16
C. Chyong Mil 'Springtime'
AM HOS (81.0 Pts.)
Owners: Scot & Karen Mitamura



Award No. 2024-17
Rlc. Karen's Gold 'Medallion'
AM HOS (80.9 Pts.)
Owners: Scot & Karen Mitamura



Award No. 2024-18
Den. Thomas Warne 'Whitecaps'
AM HOS (81.3 Pts.)
Owner: Doug DeMoss



Award No. 2024-19
Den. Thomas Warne 'Whitecaps'
CCM HOS (82.0 Pts.)
Owner: Doug DeMoss

Award No. 2024-20
Den. amethystoglossum 'Penny's Luck'
AM HOS (81.0 Pts.)
Owners: Henry & Penny Hattal



Award No. 2024-21
Den. amethystoglossum 'Penny's Luck'
CCM HOS (83.0 Pts.)
Owners: Henry & Penny Hattal



Award No. 2024-22
Rrm. Come Along 'Pam'
AM HOS (80.0 Pts.)
Owners: Mel & Pam Waki



Award No. 2024-23
Phal. Ox Purple Lade 'OX-1716'
AM HOS (83.0 Pts.)
Owner: Calvin Kumano



Award No. 2024-24
Den. Adora Nishii 'Riley'
AM HOS (82.0 Pts.)
Owners: Jeremy Domingo



Award No. 2024-25
Den. capituliflorum 'Maddison'
CCM HOS (81.0 Pts.)
Owner: Ken & Aileen Ching

Calendar of Events for April 2024

- **Tuesday, April 9, 7:00 PM**
HOS Board of Trustees Meeting via Zoom
- **Wednesday, April 10, 7:00 PM (doors open at 6:30 PM)**
HOS Meeting, Planting Workshop, Lanakila Elementary School Cafeteria,
- **Saturday, April 13, 10:00 AM**
HOS Orchid Judging, Lanakila Senior Center; Plant registration: 9:30 AM to 10:00 AM
- **Monday, April 22, 7:00 PM to 9:00 PM**
There will be no HOS Orchid Judging at the Aiea Orchid Club Meeting, The Aiea Orchid Club will be having its annual Silent Auction.

Recipe of the Month

Cherry Cheesecake Dip

by Jen Cincyshopper (cincyshopper.com)

Dips are perfect for appetizers, potlucks, office parties, etc. Most everyone is short on time during the holiday season. So having quick and easy no bake ideas is perfect. Be sure to add this dip to your list of quick and easy potluck ideas.

This super easy Cherry Cheesecake Dip makes for a perfect appetizer. Serve them with graham crackers, Nilla wafers, or even pretzels. No baking is involved and you can make this delicious dip in just a few minutes time.

Ingredients

- 8 oz softened Cream Cheese
- 3.75 oz 1/2 jar Marshmallow Creme
- 8 oz thawed Cool Whip
- 2 cup Cherry Pie Filling

Instructions

1. Whip together cream cheese and marshmallow creme until blended.
2. Add in Cool Whip and mix to combine.
3. Spread into a dish and top with pie filling.
4. Refrigerate till ready to serve.



One comment: I ended up making two sticks of cream cheese, one large cool whip and one large thing of the fluff, and a large can of cherry comstock. I figured any leftover ingredients would either be consumed alone or wasted.