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MAY 2024 NEWSLETTER



**Best in Show, 2024 Kunia Orchid Show, March 22-23, 2024
Dendrobium amethystoglossum 'Penny's Luck' AM/CCM HOS
Exhibited by Henry & Penny Hattal**

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HONOLULU ORCHID SOCIETY APRIL GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING

Date: Wednesday, May 8, 2024

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

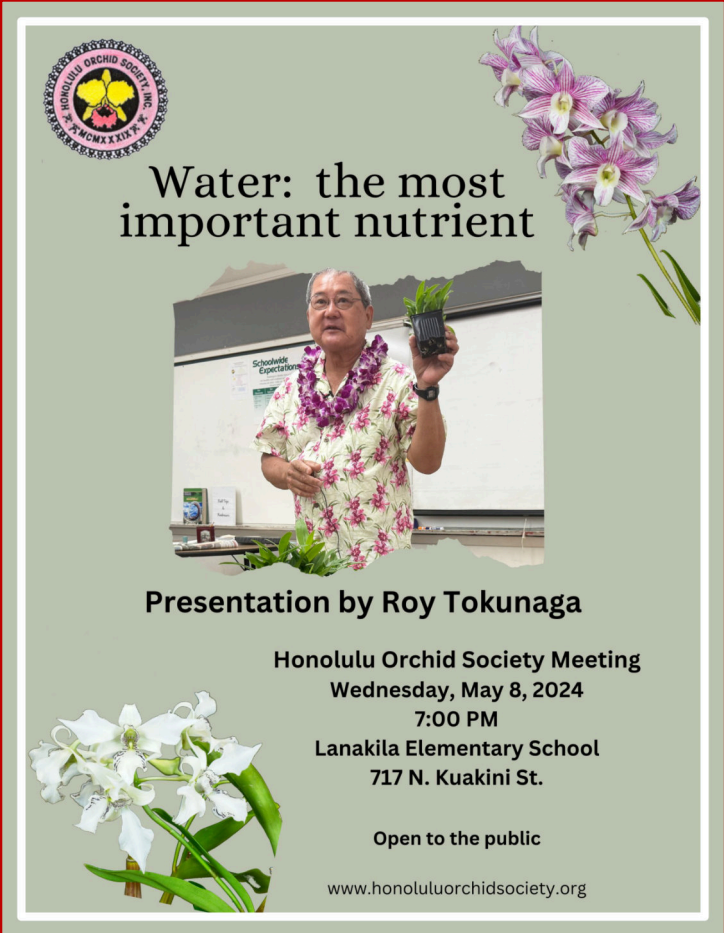
Program: Water: The most
important nutrient

Speaker: Roy Tokunaga

Roy Tokunaga will be explaining in detail why water is the most important nutrient to successfully grow and bloom orchids. His goal is to spread the word so everyone can benefit.

The **Plant Culture Table** will be open for the May 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 best based on flower appearance, fragrance, overall plant growth or uniqueness.

The **Mini Country Store** will also be open for the May meeting. The **Store** will accept donations of baked goods, snacks, jams, jellies, fruits and fresh vegetables. Items should be individually packaged and wrapped. Donated items should be brought before 7:00 PM for pricing and set up by the Country Store workers. A limited number of new plastic pots (4-inch, 5-inch, 6-inch, 8-inch, 1-gallon and 3-gallon size) will be available for purchase. Items may be purchased prior to the start of the meeting and during the refreshment break. We encourage the membership and friends to patronize the Country Store. Only cash and checks will be accepted.



Water: the most important nutrient

Presentation by Roy Tokunaga

Honolulu Orchid Society Meeting
Wednesday, May 8, 2024
7:00 PM
Lanakila Elementary School
717 N. Kuakini St.

Open to the public

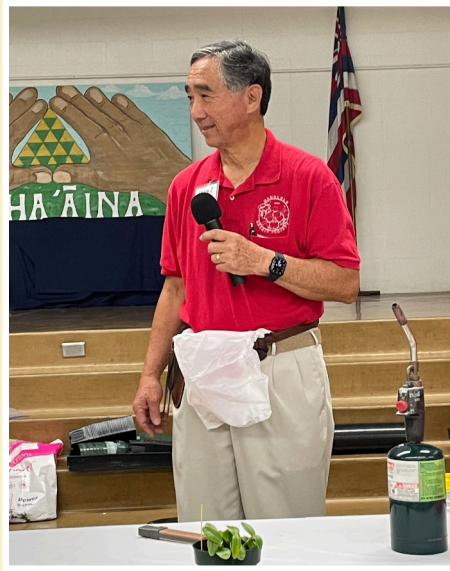
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Welcome New Member

- **Lorelei Fukuda**, Honolulu
Welcome to the Society. We look forward to meeting you in person and seeing you at our events.

Mahalo Nui Loa

Thank you very much **Mel Waki** and **Calvin Kumano** for presenting your unique potting techniques and explaining the items you use and where to purchase them. A special thank you to both presenters for leading the potting workshop and supplying the plants,



pots, media, and plant tags. The members gathered in small groups and each member repotted a few plants. Hopefully, members will bring in these plants at future HOS meetings for the plant culture table!

Thank you to **Brad Lau**, **Matthew McKnight III**, and **Jed Smith** for helping with the potting workshop. Many thanks to **H&R Nurseries**, **Williette Wong** and **Jed Smith** for providing the orchid plants used in the workshop.

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 workshop – **Carol De Witt** – homegrown apple bananas; **Shu Nalo** – brownies; **Josie Gesteuyala** – fresh strawberries; **Tessie Miller** – Nabisco variety pack crackers; **Jackie Lai** – mango bread; **Dorothy Nakama** – toffee ruffles and castella cake; **Leanne Tahara** – cookies; **John Shinsato** – andagi & pretzels; **Bob & JoAnn Higuchi** – assorted chips; **Karen Nagamine** – BBQ honey chicken bites; **Walter & Ruby Hiraishi** – strawberry jello; **Marshall Silva** – chocolate chip cookies; **Marleen Silva** – madelines & brownie bites; **Kathy Sakuda** – beef broccoli w/Hong Kong style noodles; **Chris & Doug Meller** – oatmeal jellybean cookies; **Sandie & Karen Torigoe** – fresh apples & mandarin oranges; **Holly Sullivan** – custard pie; **Linda Leong** – macadamia nut shortbread cookies; **Lynda Takara** – lemon blueberry bread; **Colette Young** – white chocolate w/cranberries cookies; **Becky Bodenner & Alan Pyle III** – kettle corn popcorn; **Charlotte Yamamoto** – fuji apple jello and **Refreshment Committee** – water. Your donations are truly appreciated.

We also acknowledge all who helped with the set up and clean-up. If you brought refreshments and your name is not listed above, please let us know. We value your support.

Plant Culture Table at April Meeting

At the April meeting, 25 plants were brought in by members for the Plant Culture Table. 12 plants were in the **Novice Category** (up to 4 years of growing orchids) and 13 plants were in the **Master's Category** (more than 4 years of growing orchids). Due to a lack of time to accept votes from the audience, we thank **Becky Bodenner and Alan Pyle III of Lansdale, Pennsylvania** for their help in the selection of the plant culture winners. Both are HOS members visiting Hawaii for a month long vacation. Their choices for the best in each category based on flower appearance, fragrance, uniqueness or overall plant growth are shown below. The plants for the plant culture winners were provided by **Brad Lau**.

Novice Category



1st Place: Monn. Millennium Magic 'Witchcraft'
Grown by **Shu Nalo**

Masters Category



1st Place: Phal. I-Hsin Pink Spider
Grown by **Calvin Kumano**



2nd Place: Den. Little Sweetscent 'Winnie Lei'
Grown by **Brandon Isokane**



2nd Place: Den. Roy Tokunaga
Grown by **Doug Meller**

Aiea Orchid Show

The Aiea Orchid Show and Plant Sale will be held on June 14 and 15, 2024, at the Aiea Elementary School Cafeteria. The Show is only a little over one month away so members should start grooming their plants and greeneries to put in the display.

The Honolulu Orchid Society will have a floor display at the Show. **Adam Almeida** will be the lead for building the display.

More information about the Show will be in next month's newsletter.



**The 40th Annual
Aiea Orchid Club** (Non-Profit Org.)

ORCHID SHOW

& Plant Sale ~ Free Admission ~

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

Dates : **June 14** (Fri) (9 a.m. ~ 4 p.m.)
& **15** (Sat) (9 a.m. ~ 4 p.m.*), 2024
(* Plant sale closes at 3 p.m.)

Lectures & Demonstrations Schedule
(Subject to change) :

- **Friday, June 14, 11 a.m.**
Coelogyne Orchid Culture
(First 25 attendees will receive a plant)
- **Saturday, June 15, 11 a.m.**
**Cattleya Orchid Culture
& General Orchid Culture**

Condolences

We are sad to announce that **Violet Yamaji** passed away on February 8, 2024. She was a strong supporter of HOS and traveled to many Orchid Conferences and Shows. Violet was an Honorary HOS Judge and a Lifetime Member of HOS. Private services were held.

The Honolulu Orchid Society extends their sincerest sympathy to Violet's family and friends.

Thank You Letter from Kunia Orchid Society



April 18, 2024

Honolulu Orchid Society
Attn: Mr. Brad Lau
P. O. Box 558
Honolulu, HI 96809-0558

Dear Brad,

The Kunia Orchid Society would like to thank the Honolulu Orchid Society for participating in our 66th Kunia Orchid Show. Your participation and beautiful display contributed to a very successful show with nearly 2400 visitors in attendance.

Congratulations for winning the 1st Place Large Floor Display Award and many individual orchid plant awards. The high quality of your orchid plants as well as their presentation awed our visitors as they entered the show. Kudos to your display team! We have enclosed a copy of the show program.

Again, thank you for your support at our Annual Kunia Orchid Show. We look forward to your participation next year. Tentative show dates for next year are March 21-22, 2025.

Sincerely,

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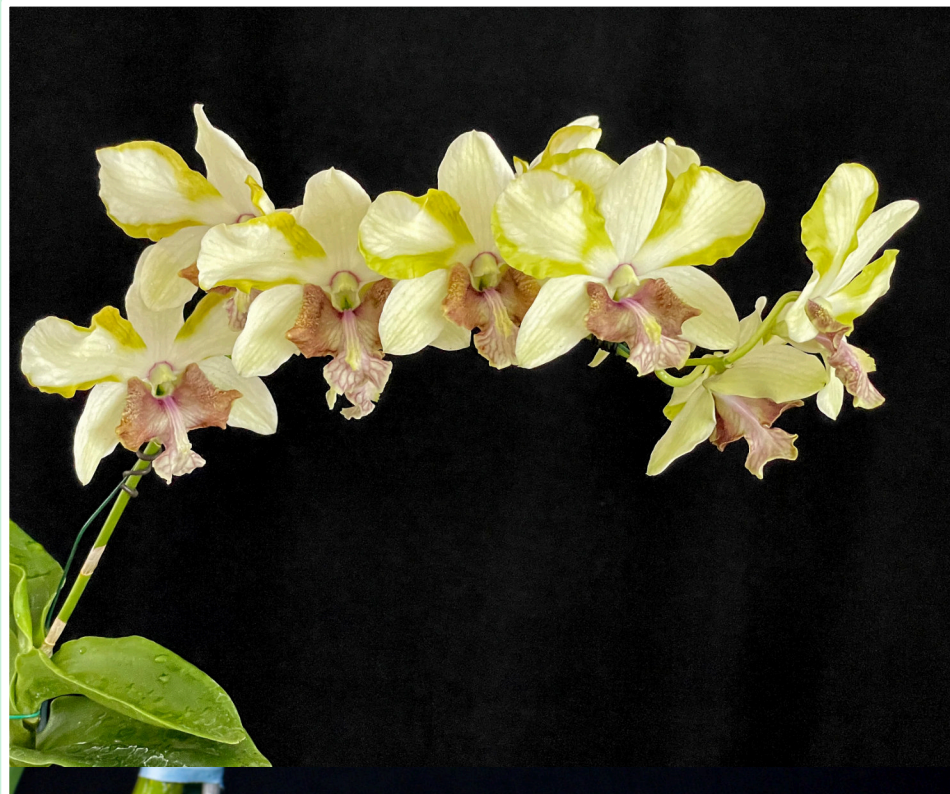
Honolulu Orchid Society Judging in April 2024

Saturday, April 13, 2024, Lanakila Senior Center. Thirteen plants were registered for judging at the Lanakila Senior Center. All of the plants were screened. Seven plants were judged and awarded. The awarded plants are shown below and pages 8, 9 and 10 as Award Nos. 2024-26 through 2024-33.

Monday, April 22, 2024, Aiea Orchid Club Meeting, Aiea Elementary School Cafeteria. The Aiea Orchid Club held its annual Spring Auction. There was no HOS Judging at the meeting.

The next HOS Judging will be held at the Lanakila Senior Center on Saturday, May 11, 2023. Anyone may bring blooming orchid plants for judging. You do not have to be a member of HOS to have your plants judged. Those wishing to have their plants judged should bring their plants to the Lanakila Senior Center between 9:30 AM and 10:00 AM on the day of the judging.

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



Award No. 2024-26
Den. Dragon Eye 'Waki'
AM HOS (83.2 Pts.)
Owners: Mel & Pam Waki



Award No. 2024-27
Den. Dragon Eye 'Waki'
CDC HOS (84.8 Pts.)
Owners: Mel & Pam Waki



Award No. 2024-28
Den. Little Norman 'Nuuanu Orchids'
CCM HOS (85.0 Pts.)
Owner: Nuuanu Orchids



Award No. 2024-29
C. Bella del Caribe 'Nuuanu Orchids'
CR HOS (78.6 Pts.)
Owner: Nuuanu Orchids

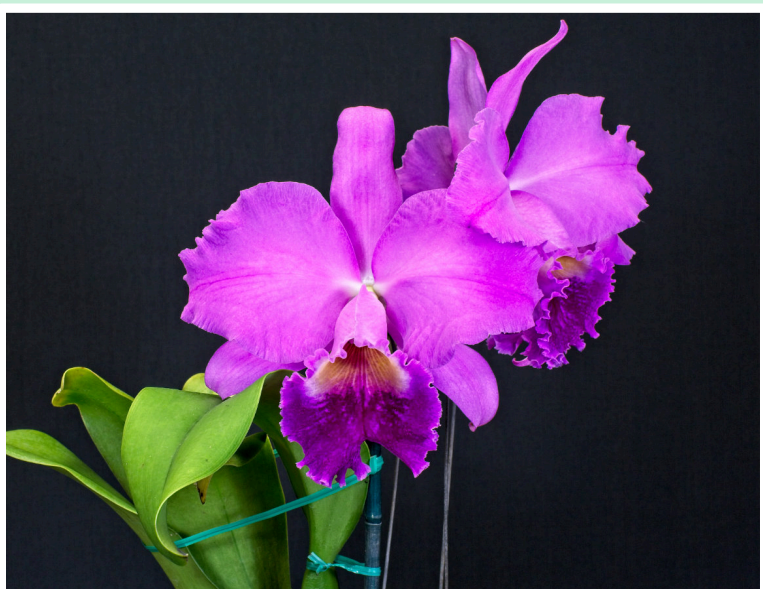


Award No. 2024-30
Rth. Nalo Sunrise 'Cosmic Fire'
CCM HOS (82.8 Pts.)
Owners: Scot & Karen Mitamura



Award No. 2024-31*
C. (lueddemanniana x Irene Finney)
CCM HOS (83.7 Pts.)
Owners: Scot & Karen Mitamura

***Award is provisional pending registration of the hybrid.**



Award No. 2024-32
C. Culminant 'La Tuilerie'
AM HOS (80.7 Pts.)
Owners: Scot & Karen Mitamura



Award No. 2024-33
C. Mari's Song 'CTM-217'
AM HOS (81.3 Pts.)
Owners: Scot & Karen Mitamura

Calendar of Events for May 2024

- **Wednesday, May 8, 7:00 PM (doors open at 6:30 PM)**
HOS Meeting, Presentation by **Roy Tokunaga**, Lanakila Elementary School Cafeteria
- **Saturday, May 11, 10:00 AM**
HOS Orchid Judging, Lanakila Senior Center; Plant registration: 9:30 AM to 10:00 AM
- **Tuesday, May 14, 7:00 PM**
HOS Board of Trustees Meeting via Zoom
- **Monday, May 27, 7:30 PM**
HOS Orchid Judging at Aiea Orchid Club Meeting, Aiea Elementary School Cafeteria; Plant registration 6:45 PM to 7:15 PM

HOS Membership

You may join the Honolulu Orchid Society 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.

If you prefer to mail in your membership dues, you may do so using the application form at this [LINK](#). Complete the application form and mail with your check made payable to Honolulu Orchid Society to HOS Membership Committee, P. O. Box 558, Honolulu HI 96809-0558.

Monetary Donations

We thank the following people for their generous monetary donation to HOS:

- **Julie Puzon (guest), Honolulu**
- **Chris Matsunaga-Segi, Aiea**

Recipe of the Month

My Mom's Korean Egg Salad

by Justin Lee (simplerecipes.com)

"My mom makes the best..." is common thing food writers say. I reserve the right to make this claim just once: I'm not exaggerating when I say that my mom makes the best egg salad.

Oftentimes when I went to a friend's house for a playdate when I was younger, I was served an egg salad sandwich—it's easy to make and a winner for adults and

kids alike. I accepted and ate the sandwich with gratitude, but I still have a vivid memory of them always lacking something compared to the ones my mom fed us at home.

After I moved away and started cooking for myself, the egg salads that I made were good but never amazing. I prodded my mom for her recipe and was surprised when she revealed her secret: **My mom adds diced apples to her egg salad.** This simple upgrade makes her egg salads a tiny bit sweeter, more balanced, and gives them some needed texture.

How to add apples to your egg salad:

My mom's upgrade can improve any egg salad recipe. All you need to do is incorporate the apples into your egg salad, just like you would add other ingredients like diced celery, chopped red bell pepper, or bacon.

How many apples you add is a matter of taste. For a big batch of egg salad, say eight eggs, my mom uses one big apple. Simply add enough to achieve the sweetness and texture you like.

My mom typically uses a sweeter variety of apples, such as Gala or Fuji. You could go for Honeycrisp, Red Delicious, Golden Delicious, or Pink Lady apples. If you want to use up the fruit you already have on hand, that works too! This isn't rocket science.

Here's my mom's tip for preparing the apples: You're going to make a saltwater bath using a ratio of one teaspoon of kosher salt for every cup of water. For a large apple, you'll need one cup of salt water.

Then, peel the apple and cut it into 1/4-inch cubes. Add the diced apples to the salt water to soak for about 10 minutes, drain well, and mix into your favorite egg salad recipe.



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My mom told me to tell you to resist the temptation to rinse the apples after you soak them in the salt water. The mild salt flavor that lingers on each piece will help season the egg salad even more in the best way possible. The salt brine also prevents the apples from browning too quickly.

Though I suspect you'll eat all of your egg salad with apples right away because it'll be delicious, if you have leftovers, store it tightly covered and refrigerated for up to five days.

Orchid Tip of the Month by Scot Mitamura

As we come into the month of May, we welcome a change in our weather. I think we have seen the last of our winter style 'Kona' storms and are now transitioning into our warm summer months. This means we should expect to increase our watering and fertilizing. Many orchids are sending out new growths and roots, and the plants are hungry! It is during this time that the plants use the long days to grow and store energy for flowering later in the year. This is also a good time to repot many of your orchids. Anything that has not been repotted for two years or more should be considered. In time the media becomes "toxic" to the plants. Organics in the media are broken down and mushy, holding excessive water. Humic acid is formed during decomposition, so your media becomes lower in pH or more acid. Soluble salts begin to build up from fertilizing and our municipal water. It is the white crusty stuff you see on the rim and drainage holes of the pot. There is also very little air space in your media, because as your plant sends out new growths, each growth has its own set of roots, so it becomes root bound. Now your old roots start to die, then it sets off a chain reaction, and soon your beautiful specimen plant has rotted and died. It sounds like I'm talking from many years of experience. I have killed more plants than I would like to admit to (don't tell Karen). If we had a dead plant label contest, I think I would be a hard guy to beat. So please don't be me!

So let's start to notice plants with active new roots and start repotting them during this growing season. In fact, many of your Hono Hono, Den. anosmum, and their hybrids should be finished blooming, so now is the time to repot them and plant to out the one year old keikis. This will give you a long growing season to get your stems long for next year. Yes, it's a busy time, but extremely rewarding, with the pay-off being an abundance of beautiful flowers!

Aloha, Scot

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