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HONOLULU ORCHID SOCIETY DECEMBER 2021 NEWSLETTER

Honolulu Orchid Society
'TIS THE SEASON TO ENJOY YOUR ORCHIDS

*Annual
Holiday Party*

DECEMBER 8, 2021 AT 6:45 PM ONWARDS
MEETING ON ZOOM
CLICK [HERE](#) TO REGISTER FOR THE PARTY

Mele Kalikimaka and Hau'oli Makahiki Hou.....Calendar Year 2021 has been another year of challenges with hopes of a better year in 2022. To lighten the mood let's have a little merry in this holiday season and gather virtually to meet at Honolulu Orchid Society's December 2021 General Membership Meeting as we continue social distancing.

On Wednesday, December 8, 2021, we will start our holiday gathering at 6:45 pm. Breakout Rooms will be available for smaller groups. (You may move between rooms if your software allows).

All are invited to join in the festivities starting with the wearing of a festive holiday hat or headgear which can represent any holiday. Let's celebrate the Holiday Season as we close out 2021 enjoying our virtual gathering playing some games, trivia, Bingo and various giveaways. A special drawing will be held for HOS members. We will also have Show and Tell, so send in photos of your blooming orchid plants. **Email photos to Brad Lau at bradlau23@gmail.com by Monday, December 6 with your name, email and contact phone number.**

MAHALO NUI LOA

Mahalo to all who attended last month's virtual membership meeting "**Highlight Video Tour of Tokyo Dome International Orchid Shows 2015, 2016 and 2019.**" presented by **Calvin and Sherry Abe** through Zoom. Thank you, **Calvin and Sherry**, for sharing your fascinating video of all the beautiful orchids in the displays at the Tokyo Dome. We also appreciate the feedback during the question and answer portion of your presentation.

We also thank **Mel Waki** and **Brad Lau** for their preparation and presentation and conducting of all the great plants donated by HOS members for HOS' Special Year End Auction of 2021. More than 40 plants were donated by **Walter Hiraishi, Larry Yamamoto, Calvin Kumano, Ben Kodama, Mel Waki, and Kate Leonard and Ian Sandison**. Some plants rescued from **Lokoea Farms** were also included.

Mahalo to **Sacha Silva** who donated twenty-six 8"x10" colored prints of the orchid flowers that were awarded this year by the Honolulu Orchid Society Judging Panel. The donation was made in memory of **Dave Furumizo's** mother, **Dolores Imiko Furumizo**, who passed away at the age of 95 in September 2021. The prints have been given to the owners of the awarded plants. (*Note: **Dave** is a very generous HOS member who has donated metallic prints of his seascape photos for future auctions and most recently donated funds to pay the HOS membership fees for two Oahu students. **Sacha** is an Information Technology (IT) Tech at Pictures Plus. The prints were made by Pictures Plus.*)

Mahalo to **Francis Y Okimoto, Lisa Abbott, and Masayuki Otsuji, Holly Sullivan, Katherine Leonard and Ian Sandison, Ted Takahashi, Jackie Lai, and Doreen Fujita & Michelle Fukumoto** of Honolulu HI, **Linda Inouye & Bradley Lau** of Mililani HI, and **Noelle Sutherland** of Wahiawa HI for your generous monetary donations to HOS.

New Members

We welcome our newest 2021-2022 HOS Members: **Jordan Seguin** of Honolulu, **Jordan Heinlein**, and **Barbara Paahao** of Honolulu, and **Margaret Horton** of Haleiwa.

January 2022 General Membership Meeting

The January 2022 Annual General Membership Business Meeting and Installation of Officers and Board of Trustees will take place virtually through Zoom on **Wednesday, January 19, 2021 at 7:00 pm**. Please note that this is the **third Wednesday** and not the second Wednesday. The Program will include the Year in Review, Recognition and Awards, Plant Giveaways and more.

HOS Official Website

Visit the the HOS Website at www.honoluluorchidsociety.org for the latest updates of Society activities. The website now includes a **Sharing Our Orchids Gallery** which has all 195 issues of the **Sharing Our Orchids Through Photos Bulletins** that were published from March 2020 through September 2021. You can subscribe to the HOS website by inputting your email address in the subscribe block. When you subscribe, you will get immediate notification of any new posts on the website. Members may contribute to the site by sending any news or articles to hos@honoluluorchidsociety.org.

HONOLULU ORCHID SOCIETY JUDGING

The **Honolulu Orchid Society** conducted orchid judging on Saturday, November 20, 2021 at the Lanakila Senior Center. Nine plants were brought in and registered for judging. All the plants were screened and five were judged and received awards by the Judging Panel. The awarded plants are shown below and continues on the next page.

The final **HOS Judging Session** of the year will be held on **Saturday, December 18, 2021** at the Lanakila Senior Center. Members and guests are encouraged to bring their orchid plants for judging. You do not need to be a member of HOS to have your plants judged.

Everyone entering the Lanakila Senior Center **must wear a mask**. Those bringing plants to the Judging session will be advised to drop off their plants at the entrance to the Lanakila Senior Center, and return later to pick up their plants. Plants need to be dropped off between 9:30 AM and 10:00 AM to be registered. If there are any questions, call **Mel Waki (808 391-0144)** or **Brad Lau (808 295-8062)**.



Rhyncholaeliocattleya Princess Teresa 'Princess Michiko' AM HOS (80.3 Pts.)
Owner: Scot & Karen Mitamura



Rhyncholaeliocattleya (Toshie Aoki x Robert's Choice)

CR HOS (78.0 Pts.)

Owner: Scot & Karen Mitamura

(Provisional award pending registration of hybrid)



Phragmipedium China Dragon 'Spring Creek'

CR HOS (78.3 Pts.)

Owners: Kate Leonard & Ian Sandison



Fredclarkeara After Dark 'Twilight'

CR HOS (78.7 Pts.)

Owner: Nuuanu Orchids



Rhyncholaeliocattleya (Prada Green Deluxe x Beverly Blietz)

CR HOS (78.9 Pts.)

Owner: Scot & Karen Mitamura

(Provisional award pending registration of hybrid)

ORCHID TIP OF THE MONTH BY SCOT MITAMURA

*(This article appeared in the December 2021 Newsletter of the **Windward Orchid Society** and is reprinted with the approval of **Scot Mitamura** and the **Windward Orchid Society**.)*

December 21 is the start of winter and is our shortest day of the year.

This is important because our orchids react to the changes in our sunlight's day length and intensity. This determines the changes we must make in our orchid culture. We must also factor in changes in our local and global weather. The National Oceanic and Atmospheric Association (NOAA) is predicting a La Nina event happening this winter.

For us in Hawaii, it normally means a wetter than average December through February. This could mean a challenging few months for us. I have already begun to cut back on my watering schedule. I have also incorporated some preventative fungicide during my foliar spray routine. This will help to minimize fungal infections in the wetter months to come. It is important to be proactive and preventative, instead of reactive to a bad Phytophthora (Black Rot) outbreak. I have seen the devastation and experienced myself, the catastrophic effects of a major outbreak.

While Phalaenopsis and complex Paphiopedilum are spiking and beginning to bloom, other orchids are happy to be left alone. Pay attention to some of our species, these short days tell them to go into dormancy. So of course, they don't want to be fed or watered much, and if you bother them, some of the finicky ones may die on you. If you don't see any new growth or flower spikes, it's alright to just leave them alone!

Honohono (Den. anosmum and their hybrids), probably will not die on you, but if you are at sea level and don't get a cool spell, you may experience poor flowering during wet winters. I rest mine from December to February, this mimics the weather from their native lands. If resting orchids are too much trouble, then I would suggest growing your orchids hanging, in pots, baskets, or mounted. This way the roots are allowed to dry quickly and you can avoid the dreaded Black Rot.

Another big issue during wet weather is mollusk damage. There are a plethora of different snails and slugs that can cause severe and permanent damage to our orchids. These are nocturnal and feed on our orchids while we sleep. Especially after a dry spell, a good rain will wake everyone up and the feeding and breeding frenzy begins.

Any of the commercial slug baits work fine. Application technique (good even coverage) and follow up are the keys to success. As with controlling any pest, knowing their life cycle is essential for success. It is imperative that a follow up application be done within two weeks. This will kill the second generation as they hatch from the eggs. If you don't do this, you will never get control of the problem.

My biggest problem is the chickens; they love slug/snail bait and will scratch and eat all my bait. I make sure that I apply during the night when they are sleeping and when the slugs/snails are active. Anything left over, forget it, it becomes chicken food.

Fortunately, insect and spider mite infections, become less problematic during the winter months. These are normally small critters and water really disrupts their ability to feed and reproduce. This means we can focus our attention to the fungus and mollusks. During the summer when it is dry, we need to adjust and change our focus to the insects and spider mites.

But once again let's be proactive about it and treat problems before they get bad. Understand this will greatly improve the quality of your orchid collection and your personal satisfaction.

**Aloha,
Scot**

RECIPE OF THE MONTH

Blueberry Compote

(by Ellie Krieger of foodnetwork.com)

Ingredients

2 cups frozen blueberries
3 tbsp water
¼ cup sugar
2 tsp lemon juice

Directions



Combine 1 cup of the blueberries, water, sugar and lemon juice in a small saucepan. Cook over a medium heat for about 10 minutes. Add the rest of the blueberries and cook for 8 minutes more, stirring frequently. Serve warm.

Some Review Comments: (all gave 5 star rating)

Awesome and great on pancakes, waffles, vanilla ice cream, blueberry muffins. Tried it a few different ways and have some tips. As written, the recipe leaves some blueberries largely intact, and the lemon flavor is softened since the lemon juice is added at the beginning. If you prefer a more tart lemon flavor, add the juice near/at the end. Blueberry skins can be a bit bitter, especially if they're a little under ripe. In that case, I add all the blueberries at the beginning, boil them for 18-20 minutes, then strain the compote while it's still warm to get a thick, blueberry sauce that's less bitter.

I made this with slightly more blueberries because I wanted to use what I had all up. I used Truvia sugar sub which was about 1 and ½ tsp. I followed cooking instructions exactly. You can stir infrequently on the first part of cooking. I started the 10 minutes as soon as it bubbled. It was thick by the end of 10 minutes. I added the remaining blueberries and was constantly stirring for the remaining 8 minutes. It was very thick at the end. It didn't even drip off my spatula. This tasted very good.

YUMMY!!! I make this with all kinds of fresh and frozen berries to keep in my fridge for topping yogurt. It makes me smile every time I eat it.

Mark Your Calendar

December 2021 Board of Trustees Meeting. The Board will meet through Zoom Video Conference on Tuesday, December 14, 2021 at 7:00 PM.

Save the Date: The **January 2022 Annual Meeting and Installation** of Officers and Trustees will be on the third Wednesday, January 19, 2022 instead of our normal second Wednesday of the month General Membership meeting.

2022 HOS Membership

2022 HOS MEMBERSHIP – THE 2021 YEAR END IS UPON US! Current memberships expire December 31, 2021. We look forward to your new and renewed memberships. New members who join now will be members for the rest of 2021 and all of 2022.

To join or renew, go to honoluluorchidsociety.org and look for JOIN or MEMBERSHIP in the menu at the top.

You can join/renew by mail or sign up online. Instructions for both are on the website.

To join by mail fill out the **membership form** (click **here** to get the form). Mail it with check payable to Honolulu Orchid Society to:

Honolulu Orchid Society
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If you join online, you have a choice to pay by check or pay by PayPal. PayPal lets you pay by a credit card without having a PayPal account.

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This is one of **Kathy Sakuda's** winnings from an HOS Auction held last year. The plant is currently in bloom, has four flowers (two on each inflorescence), and according to **Kathy** has a wonderful fragrance. The cattleya is Rlc. Blanche Aisaka 'Yuki' FCC AOS. The photo was taken by **Kathy** with her smart phone.