

The Honolulu Orchid Society

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January 2022 Newsletter

Ring in the New Year! ✨

A virtual meeting via Zoom to welcome 2022

Honolulu Orchid Society's Annual Meeting

plus

"My Orchid Secrets Revealed"

by Mel Waki



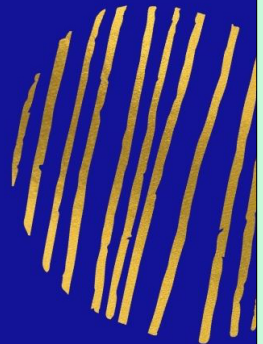
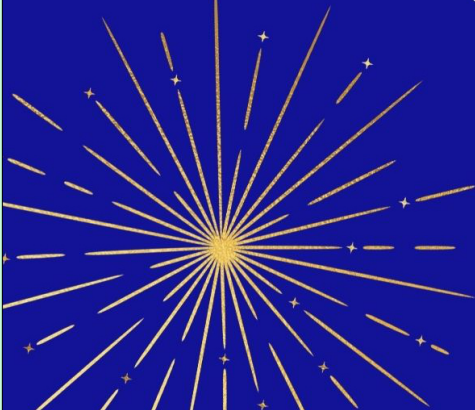
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Wednesday, January 19, 2022

Click here to register ✨

Limited to HOS Members & invited guests

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Happy New Year to All!

We welcomed 2022 with a downpour of blessings from the heavens to nourish and allow our orchids to flourish. We hope you had a joyous holiday with your family and friends. We wish you all a prosperous new year, good health and positive energies. We look forward to new challenges in the world of orchids and continued support from all members.

The January 2022 Annual Meeting will take place virtually through Zoom on the **third Wednesday, January 19, 2022 at 7:00 pm** and **NOT** on the second Wednesday, January 12.

All HOS members are invited to celebrate the start of the New Year and to install our Officers and Trustees for 2022. After a short business meeting, **Mel Waki** will reveal some of his orchid culture secrets. We will recap the year, then announce our Orchidist of the Year, have a Photo Show and Tell and do a **flowering plant giveaway for all those who attend. This meeting will be limited to HOS members and invited guests.**

Please register in advance for this meeting by Tuesday, January 18, 2022.

Mahalo Nui Loa

Mahalo to all who attended last month's virtual membership meeting "**Honolulu Orchid Society's Annual Holiday Party**" through Zoom. The holiday festivities were planned and hosted by **Brad Lau** and **Linda Inouye**. It was great seeing all the festive and creative holiday hats and headgears. We were assigned to breakout rooms and each person shared their Earliest Memory of An Orchid which was then summarized by a representative in the group. We had to guess the title of Christmas Songs from a given phrase within the song – you can listen to Christmas music all day long and miss knowing what the title of the song is, but our top winner was **Kate Leonard** – Congratulations **Kate!** She guessed all of the titles which was an amazing feat. Bingo was also played and Guess Who the name of person in the provided young-un picture. Show & Tell of orchid photos from members was shared. Orchid plants were prizes for some of the games and Grand Prize Giveaway were two photos donated by **Dave Furumizo** awarded to **Bob Higuchi** and **Jed Smith**. It was a fun, and enjoyable evening.

Monetary Donations

Mahalo to **Dave Furumizo** and **Melvin and Pamela Waki** of Aiea HI; **Jacqueline Hurd, Sharon & George Hurd** of Kapolei HI; **Ingelia and Melton White** of Kaneohe HI; **Jan Titgen, Ruth Chun, Carol De Witt** and **Charlotte Yamamoto** of Honolulu HI; **Bradley Lau** and **Linda Inouye** of Mililani HI; and **Andrew S. Okada** of Makawao HI for your generous 2021 and 2022 monetary donations to HOS.

New Member

We welcome our newest HOS Member **Terri Mathew** of Ewa Beach HI. Thank you for joining.

Condolences

Let us take a moment of remembrance for member **Hilda Takamatsu** who passed on December 17, 2021. She is a long-time member of Honolulu Orchid Society and many other orchid societies. She generously volunteered her time during our annual shows and shared her knowledge of orchids to all. She will be sorely missed, and the HOS extends our deepest sympathy to her husband **William Takamatsu** and family.

We also need to take a moment of remembrance for new HOS member **Keith Higuchi** who passed on December 23, 2021. He joined HOS in March 2021. Our deepest sympathy is extended to his family.

Recipe of the Month

Shoyu Pork

(From Kau Kau to Cuisine An Island Cookbook, Then and Now by Arnold Hiura (Recipe by Derek Kurisu)(Photo by Rae Huo and Dawn Sakamoto Paiva))

Ingredients

5 pounds pork belly (or boneless pork shoulder roast, cut in half)
1 cup shoyu
1 cup sugar
1 cup pineapple juice
5 slices fresh ginger



Directions

In a deep pot, cover pork with water and boil for 1 hour. Discard water and rinse pork. Slice pork into 2-inch pieces and, in the same pot, combine with remaining ingredients. Bring to a boil and continue to simmer, about 45 minutes, until tender.

Serves 8 to 10

Short story behind the recipe

I remember my family receiving pork from the “buta kau kau man” who would come to neighborhood homes and pick up slop once or twice a week. In return, he would periodically bring everybody a piece of pork as a way of saying thanks. That pork was so good – I really looked forward to it! To this day, I love local pork, which is leaner and more flavorful than Mainland pork. This is another recipe I learned from my buddy, George Yoshida. Here on the Big Island, a lot of our plantations grew sugar. But on the other islands, they grew a lot of pineapple. The flavor goes well with pork, so we often use it for cooking with ham or spare ribs. I like to use it for shoyu pork—with the shoyu, it makes a unique flavor and the juice helps tenderize the pork. -DK

2022 HOS Membership

2021 is behind us now and memberships have expired! We look forward to renewed and new memberships for 2022. We thank the members who have already renewed their membership and appreciate your continued support of the Honolulu Orchid Society.

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
P O Box 558
Honolulu HI 96809-0558

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.

We distribute our monthly newsletter to the email address you provide to HOS. We encourage all members who have email addresses to provide your current email info on the membership form.

Orchid Judging

The Honolulu Orchid Society Judging Panel held its last Orchid Judging session for 2021 at the Lanakila Senior Center on Saturday, December 18, 2021. Eight plants were brought in and registered for judging. All the plants were screened and four were judged and received awards by the Judging Team. The awarded plants are shown on the following pages.

The first 2022 HOS Judging Session will be held on Saturday, January 15, 2022 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** and **KEEP SOCIAL DISTANCE**. There is a maximum limit of 10 people that can be in the room at one time. **THOSE BRINGING IN PLANTS TO THE HOS 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).



Cattleya (C.) violacea 'Lea' AM HOS (80.3 Pts.)

Owners: Mel & Pam Waki



Paphiopedilum (Irish Forest x Hsinying Gold) 'Nuuanu Orchids'
AM HOS (83.3 Pts.)

Owner: Nuuanu Orchids
(Provisional award pending registration of hybrid)



Phragmepidium (Phrag.) Acker's Rose River 'Half Moon'
AM HOS (80.5 Pts.)
Owner: Nuuanu Orchids



Warczewiczella (W.) amazonica 'Roy Tokunaga'
CR HOS (79.0 Pts.)
Owner: Jan Takamiya

Orchid Tip of the Month by Scot Mitamura

Yes, our anticipated rainy season has arrived. I hope we have taken preventative measures to mitigate the effects. Even with preventative fungicidal sprays, we need to expect some fungal activity on our orchids.

Continue to keep them as dry as possible making sure that the orchids are allowed to dry between watering. For example, my irrigation system at Foster Gardens has been turned off for about a month already. I only water plants that appear dry or are hanging or mounted. Even if it means checking on weekends and holidays, the collection needs to be cared for.

If an outbreak of Phytophthora (Black Rot) started before the weekend or holiday, imagine the loss of plants that can occur. If you find an orchid that is infected, it needs to be isolated, trimmed of all infected parts, sprayed with fungicide, and kept dry. Keep a close eye on all orchids surrounding the plant in a three-foot area, as they may be infected and are not showing symptoms yet.

This goes the same for Botrytis Spotting on the flowers. Also spread by water and damp humid conditions. Once a flower is spotted, it needs to be removed. If not attended to, it can easily spread to all the flowers in your collection.

Sanitation is so important in controlling fungal and bacterial infections. Pick up all dried leaves and old infected flowers, they are the source of future infections. Believe me, if unchecked, you could be battling this the whole rainy season and possibly losing a good portion of your collection. Unfortunately, I know this from multiple experiences. Please don't let it happen to you!

On the plus side, because I have taken preventative measures like turning off my irrigation, and started spraying fungicide before the rains, I have had very few infections and loss of orchids. All the hard work done during the summer months, the re-potting, fertilizing, and watering, has resulted in much stronger orchids and more numerous blooms this fall and winter.

For Cattleyas, Dendrobiums, and many others, January and February are normally the slowest months for flowers, but not so this year! Just remember with each passing day, the day length is increasing, this will allow your orchids to start building more energy for future blooms. Now if only the sun can come out behind the clouds.

Aloha,
Scot



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eMail Newsletters

To save postage and reproduction costs and in keeping with 'Go Green' initiatives, HOS will no longer send paper copies of newsletters except to members who do not have email addresses.

Mark Your Calendar

Board of Trustees Meeting. The Board will meet through Zoom Video Conference on Tuesday, January 11, 2022 at 7:00 PM.

HOS Orchid Judging. The Honolulu Orchid Society Judging Panel will be judging at the Lanakila Senior Center on Saturday, January 15, 2022. Anyone may bring orchid plants for judging. Plant registration starts at 9:30 AM.

HOS Annual Meeting. The Annual Meeting will be held via Zoom on Wednesday, January 19, 2022 at 7:00 PM. See the front cover for details.

February HOS Membership Meeting. The February membership meeting will be held via Zoom on Wednesday, February 9, 2022 at 7:00 PM. More details on the program and meeting will be in the February HOS Newsletter.