



The Honolulu Orchid Society

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November 2022 Newsletter

HONOLULU ORCHID SOCIETY NOVEMBER MEETING

A THANKFUL HOLIDAY CELEBRATION AND
POT LUCK

Family Fun Night

BE A PART OF THE IN-PERSON FESTIVITIES!

WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 9, 6:30 PM - 9:00 PM

LANAKILA ELEMENTARY SCHOOL CAFETERIA

717 N. KUAKINI STREET

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HONOLULU ORCHID SOCIETY GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING

Date: Wednesday, November 9, 2022

Time/Place: 6:30 p.m. – 9:00 p.m. at Lanakila Elementary School Cafeteria

Program: “Family Fun Night – A Thankful Holiday Celebration and Potluck”

Speaker: Bradley Lau

A-L-O-H-A! “Celebrating the season. Appreciating friends and family. Wishing the best to all this Beautiful Season. Happy Thanksgiving!” November’s General Membership Meeting is our return to In-Person Meetings at the Lanakila Elementary School Cafeteria since 2019. It is happening on Wednesday, November 9, 2022, beginning at 6:30 pm with a **Thankful Holiday Celebration and Potluck**. Reunite with “long time no see” members and meet our new members. A few games are in the makings for a fun evening and prizes. **Mask wearing is optional.**

Bring in a blooming plant for the ***Plant Commentary and Culture Sharing*** session. There will be no HOS Merit Award Judging for the evening.

A short ***business meeting*** will be conducted to elaborate on the current status of the \$10,000 Grant received from the **State of Hawaii Department of Agriculture**; a Group Buy from **Ben Oliveros** of Orchid Eros from Mountain View, Hawaii in December 2022; and information concerning the upcoming **2023 Annual Meeting** scheduled for February 19, 2023, at the **Natsunoya Teahouse**.

Potluck. Bring your favorite food to share.....be it appetizers, side dishes, main entrees, casseroles, soups, desserts, etc. If no can cook, too busy or stressed out to prepare a dish, that's okay--- just bring yourself and enjoy the evening with the rest of your orchid family. Paper goods and beverage will be provided by the HOS Refreshment Committee. Label your utensils and serving dishes you personally bring with your name so that it can be returned to you.

Bring food items between 6:30-6:45 pm to allow time for check in and recording of your entree prior to placement on the buffet tables-- --a 3 x 5 card will be given to you to write the name of your entree and your name which you will then place with your entree on the serving tables-----and to allow time for set-up prior to feasting of all the onolicious foods.

We want to start eating at 7:00 pm.

Guests are more than welcome to attend. There is ample free parking in front of the cafeteria. The festivities and clean up ends by 9:00 pm.



2019-HOS's last Potluck Celebration.

BUT.... WE ASK YOU, TO BE CONSIDERATE OF EVERYONE, IF YOU ARE IN ANY WAY NOT FEELING WELL, PLEASE STAY HOME AND RECOVER FROM YOUR ILLNESS.

Mahalo Nui Loa

Mahalo to all who attended last month's virtual membership meeting "Celebrating Our HOS 2022 Orchid Show" narrated by **Brad Lau**.

It was great to recap our return of HOS' Annual Orchid Show. The turnout was amazing and it was great welcoming the general public to our show once again. Thank you, **Roy Andrade**, for donating dendrobium orchid plants for the plant giveaway prior to the end of the October 2022 General Membership meeting.

Special mahalo to **Bert and Katherine Sakuda** for their generous monetary donation to support the Society's 2022 Orchid Show.

Reviewing the Honolulu Orchid Society Show



Honolulu Orchid Society Display

The Society's 2022 Show transformed the Washington Middle School Cafeteria into images of "Return of the Orchids" as interpreted by each orchid society's floor displays put up by **Kunia Orchid Society** (1st Place) and **Honolulu Orchid Society** (host) and tabletop displays put up by **Lahui Okika Society (Species Club)** (1st Place) and **Miniatures Display** (2nd Place) and individual tabletop displays put up by **Calvin Kumano** (1st and 3rd Place) and **Kathy Sakuda** (2nd Place).



Kunia Orchid Society Floor Display



Species Club Table Top Display



Calvin Kumano's
Individual Display

A Big Mahalo to the Washington Middle School principal **Michael Harano** and **staff** for hosting and supporting the 2022 Honolulu Orchid Society Show.

Sincerest and warm mahalo to **Lea Takafuji** of Waianae and **Ben Kodama, Jr.**, of Kodama Orchid Nursery for allowing Honolulu Orchid Society to prepare and package the Orchid Mix sold at the show. Warmest aloha and mahalo to **Calvin Kumano** also for being instrumental in preparing all the orchid mix prior to our volunteers showing up to package the mix and for assisting HOS humbly in the background wherever assistance was needed. We appreciate your generosity of time and the use of your facilities and equipment. We also thank **Adam Almeida** and **Ian Sandison** for the use of their pick-up trucks in hauling the packaged mix back to town and for holding the mix in storage prior to the show.

Our sincerest and warm mahalo to the **25 trophy and award donors** who made it possible with their generous donations to recognize and award a trophy for the outstanding "best" flowering orchid plant categories throughout the 7 displays, the **50+ individuals** who volunteered their time and services and to all the **orchid societies** and **sellers/vendors** who rendered their hard work, time and generous support to make Honolulu Orchid Society's 2022 Orchid Show a success. We express our heartfelt appreciation to all those who donated various items, baked goods, and other foods to the **HOS Country Store** and to those who also brought in foods which was enjoyed by all volunteers. You each served willingly in the assignment given and we truly appreciate your dedicated help.

Special thanks to our Show Committee: Co-chairs: **Kathy Sakuda** and **Adam Almeida**; Plant Sales: **Mel Waki**; Treasurer: **Jackie Lai**; Layout: **Mel Waki** and **Brad Lau**; Awards: **Mel Waki**; Photographer: **Dave Furumizo**; 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**; Manpower: **Carol De Witt**; Hospitality: **Charlotte Yamamoto, Dorothy Nakama, and Carol De Witt**; HOS Display: **Adam Almeida**; HOS Sales Table: **Kathy Sakuda** and **JoAnn** and **Bob Higuchi**; Membership: **Kathy Sakuda**; Clean-up: **members** and **friends** present at breakdown.

The Show Trophies and Awards that were given at the Show are listed on the [Show Program](#) which is posted on the Honolulu Orchid Society website. The website also has a very nice slide show of the Show. The slide show was made by **Linda Inouye** using photos taken by **Dave Furumizo, Mel Waki, Brad Lau** and **Linda**. Click [HERE](#) to see the slide show. The website is being upgraded using funds from the State of Hawaii Department of Agriculture.

Welcome New Members

We welcome our newest HOS Members **Amber Parity** and **Colette Young** of Honolulu. Thank you for joining.

Orchidist of the Year

This award is to recognize and honor a member for outstanding and unselfish service and valuable contributions to the Society. This award can be presented to a member only once. **Nominations are due by Monday, October 31, 2022.** List the individual's contributions and attributes in the nomination write-up.

Mail to Honolulu Orchid Society, P O Box 558, Honolulu HI 96809-0558 Attn: Orchidist of the Year; or **email** to our President, **Brad Lau** at bradlau23@gmail.com.

2023 Membership

The 2022 calendar year is ending in less than two months! Current membership expires December 31, 2022. We look forward to new and renewed memberships. New members who join now through December 31, 2022, will be included in the new calendar year 2023 HOS membership roster which will be good until December 31, 2023.

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 forwarded with this newsletter.

Mark Your Calendar

November Board of Trustees Meeting. The HOS Board will meet through Zoom video conference on Tuesday, November 8, 2022, at 7:00 PM.

November 2022 HOS Orchid Judging. The Honolulu Orchid Society Judging Panel will be judging at the **Lanakila Senior Center on Saturday, November 12, 2022**, and the **Aiea Orchid Club meeting on Monday, November 28, 2022**. Anyone may bring orchid plants for judging at these venues. If there are any questions, call **Mel Waki** (808 391-0144) or **Brad Lau** (808 295-8062).

December 2022 General Membership Meeting. The December 2022 General Membership Meeting will take place at the Lanakila Elementary School Cafeteria on Wednesday, December 14, 2022, beginning at 7:00 pm. The speaker will be **Ben Oliveros**, owner and operator of Orchid Eros on the slopes of Kilauea Volcano, Mountain View, Hawaii Island. Ben will be speaking on "Winning Awards". His program will go into his strategies for getting awards and how to grow cattleyas to their full potential. His orchids have won numerous awards from the American Orchid Society. Check out his website at www.orchideros.com.

Orchid Judging

The Honolulu Orchid Society conducted judging at the Honolulu Orchid Society Show at the Washington Middle School Cafeteria on Thursday, October 6, 2022. 15 plants were nominated for judging. All the plants were screened and 5 were judged and received awards by the Judging Team. The awarded plants (Nos. 2022-66 thru 2022-70) are shown below.

Judging was also conducted at Aiea Orchid Club's in-person meeting at the Aiea Elementary School on Monday, October 24, 2022. 11 plants were brought to the meeting; 4 were nominated and discussed for judging; 2 were judged and awarded. The awarded plants (Nos. 2022-71 and 2022-72) are shown below.



Award No 2022-66
Den. Sherry Abe 'Pacific Heights'
AM HOS (81.0 Pts.)
Owner: Kate Leonard & Ian Sandison



Award No 2022-67
Phrag. Ouaisne 'Ian Earle'
AM HOS (80.7 Pts.)
Owner: Kate Leonard & Ian Sandison



Award No 2022-68
C. Chyong Guu Swan 'Ruby Lip'
AM HOS (80.3 Pts.)
Owner: Scot & Karen Mitamura



Award No 2022-69
Bulb. clandestinum 'Elizabeth'
CCM HOS (83.3 Pts.)
Owner: Kawamoto Orchid Nursery

Award No 2022-70
Den. Blue Wonder 'Travis'
AM HOS (83.0Pts.)
Owner: Calvin Kumano



Award No 2022-71
Rlc. Sueno de Amor 'Travis'
CR HOS (78.2 Pts.)
Owner: Calvin Kumano

Award No 2022-72
Rlc. Sueno de Amor 'Momilani'
CR HOS (79.3 Pts.)
Owner: Calvin Kumano



Orchid Tip of the Month by Scot Mitamura

Summer is officially over, and Autumn began on September 22. This is a time of change which means that our nights are longer than our days and will be getting progressively longer as we move towards winter. Our temperatures have also started to finally cool off a little. I have already started to notice that my orchids are not drying out as fast as during the summer, so I have begun to slightly cut back on my watering. I also notice more light showers, night and morning, these are the humbug kind that wet only the orchid leaves, but not enough for their roots. If you have an active irrigation system, the constantly wet leaves can be a start of fungal problems, so make the proper adjustments now, before it gets wetter.

This is a great flowering time of the year! The orchids have grown all through spring and summer, and have hopefully stored lots of energy in their plump pseudo-bulbs and stems. Just in time for the Honolulu Show! We should have lots of Cattleyas, Vandas, Oncidinae, and Dendrobiums. But it is a little early for the majority of the Phalaenopsis, Paphiopedilums, Catesetums, and Angreacums. I am expecting to see some great looking displays and some really nice plants.

Don't forget to start staking and grooming your orchids. I begin grooming my Cattleyas a month ahead, by putting the sheathing plants aside, spraying and keeping the area clean and insect free (Flower Thrips can be a disaster on the dark Cattleya flowers). Plus, don't let the rain or water hit the flowers, it can shorten the flower life and spot the dark flowers. I first clean (remove all dry sheaths and inspect for scales), and re-stake the Cattleya stems. Isolating the pseudo-bulbs that will be blooming. This allows me to stake the emerging flower buds away from the leaves. As the buds begin to tilt downwards, I will use my #16 gauge wire stakes, to straighten and separate the buds. This also allows the flowers to open without being impeded by the leaves or other flowers. I stake the large flowers tilted downwards and raise them up only after they have hardened and colored, which takes about three days. Don't stake them upright early or they will flop downwards and look like the old-fashioned Cattleya mossiae. Cattleyas are prime for judging for only around three to seven days. Perfect timing will be the Cattleyas that bloom around the weekend prior. Yes, it is tedious and time consuming, so block out the time to prepare. Always remember that it is the presentation that counts!

It will be late, but this Wednesday night prior to the show set-up will be our general membership meeting. I invite everyone who wants to display orchids to bring it to the meeting that night. I will do my best to demonstrate how to stake the various types of orchids to prepare them for the show. If we have a lot of plants, I can start staking them during the Orchid Doctor session, so come early if you have several plants. We can then hold them overnight and take them to Washington Middle School the next morning. All those wanting their plants staked and put into the show should have them boxed and labeled with your name and phone number. Breakdown will be Saturday afternoon at 4 pm. Let us know if you will be picking them up.

See you at the next meeting.

Aloha,
Scot

Recipe of the Month

(from Barefoot in the Kitchen, Mary Younkin) <mary@barefootinthekitchen.com>

Incredible Pumpkin Mousse

Pumpkin Mousse is creamy, fluffy, melt-in-your-mouth perfection and it is my family's favorite pumpkin dessert.

Prep Time: 15 mins **Cook Time:** 4 mins **Refrigerate:** 4 hrs **Total Time:** 4 hrs. 19 mins

Course: Dessert **Cuisine:** American **Servings:** 8-12, depending on size

Ingredients

- 1 packet unflavored gelatin 2 1/2 teaspoons
- ¼ cup dark rum
- 16 ounces can unsweetened pumpkin puree
- 1 cup sugar
- 2 egg yolks
- ¼ teaspoon nutmeg
- ⅛ teaspoon allspice
- 1 teaspoon cinnamon
- ½ teaspoon ginger
- 1½ teaspoons vanilla extract
- ½ teaspoon kosher salt
- 2 cups heavy cream



Instructions

Sprinkle the gelatin over the rum in a small heatproof cup. Let it soften for a few minutes. While the gelatin softens, combine the remaining ingredients except for the cream, in a large mixing bowl.

Set the cup of softened gelatin in a pan of gently simmering water and stir the gelatin until it has dissolved. While the gelatin is still hot, whisk it into the pumpkin mixture.

Whip the cream to soft peaks and carefully but thoroughly fold it into the pumpkin mixture. Fill (8) 6-ounce ramekins or a large glass bowl. Refrigerate at least 4 hours or overnight. Enjoy!