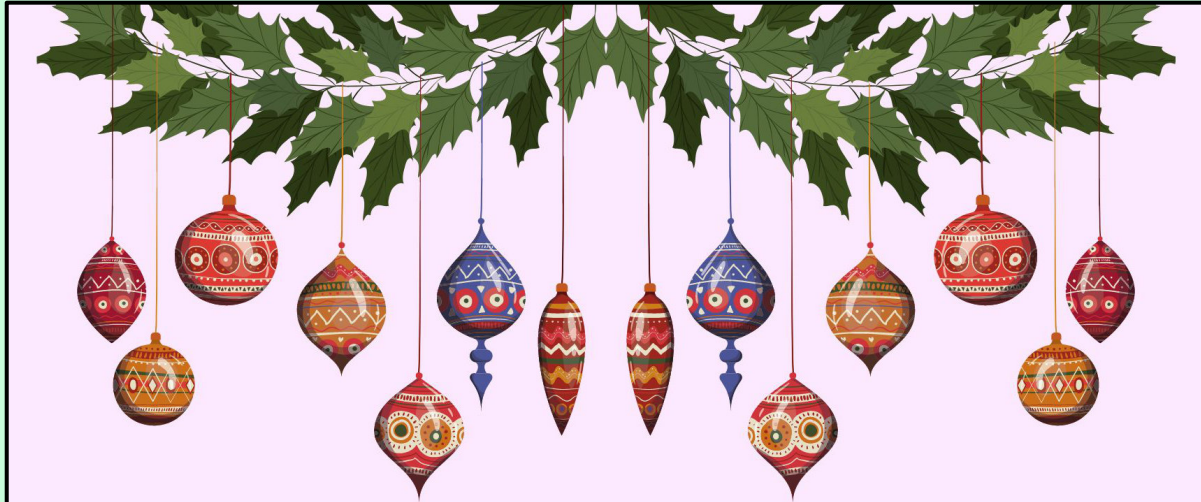


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December 2022 Newsletter



To all of our members and friends

MERRY
Christmas!

*from the Officers and Trustees
of the
Honolulu Orchid Society*



HONOLULU ORCHID SOCIETY GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING

Date: Wednesday, December 14, 2022

**Time/Place: 7:00 p.m. – 9:00 p.m. at
Lanakila Elementary School Cafeteria.
Doors open at 6:30 p.m.**

Program: “Winning Awards”

Speaker: Ben Oliveros

A-L-O-H-A! Mele Kalikimaka.....Have a safe and enjoyable Christmas holiday. Spend time with your family and don't forget your orchids. They need your love and care too.

December's In-Person General Membership Meeting at the Lanakila Elementary School Cafeteria, 717 North Kuakini Street, Honolulu, HI, is happening on Wednesday, December 14, 2022. Doors open at 6:30 p.m. The meeting starts at 7:00 p.m. Mask wearing is optional and Social Distancing is recommended.

Owner-operator **Ben Oliveros of Orchid Eros** on the slopes of Kilauea Volcano on the island of Hawaii is our special guest speaker this month. He grew up and spent 12 years as a commercial grower in Atlanta, Georgia, before following his passion and moving his family to commercially grow orchids on the Big Island 18 years ago. He came with 500 breeding plants and has expanded his nursery stock to 40,000 plants.

Ben's "**Winning Awards**" presentation shares his strategies for getting American Orchid Society (AOS) Awards and how to grow cattleyas to their full potential. He recently won four of the American Orchid Society annual awards.

Check out Ben's website at www.orchideros.com.

Let's give Ben a big welcome to Honolulu!

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

Guests are more than welcome to attend. There is ample free parking in front of the cafeteria. The meeting ends at 9:00 pm.

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.

Meetings in 2023. We will open the New Year with a Zoom Conference meeting on January 11, 2023. The program will be announced later. The 2023 Officers and Trustees will be installed during the meeting. On Sunday, February 19, 2023, the Society will be having a luncheon meeting at the Natsunoya Tea House. The luncheon will replace the normal second Wednesday of the month general membership meeting.



Mahalo Nui Loa

November Meeting. Mahalo to all who attended last month's "*A Thankful Holiday Celebration and Potluck*" at the Lanakila Elementary School Cafeteria. It was great seeing everyone! There was a tremendous amount of *onolicious* food brought in for the potluck. Everything was so good! Thank you all for sharing! The list of those who brought food, dessert and other goodies is currently misplaced, but when it is found, recognition will be acknowledged. Apologies to all. Thank you, **Brad Lau**, for being our MC for the night. Thank you **Kathy Sakuda** for providing the Thanksgiving games. Thank you to **Ruth Chun** for her generous donations of dolomite, sphagnum moss, and assorted plastic pots. Thanks to **Jed Smith** for folded metal wire pot hangers, and to **Ben Kodama, Jr.**, for plant culture winner award plants and extra plant giveaways. Photos of the celebratory evening are shown on the next pages. Photos were taken by **Mel Waki**.

Monetary Donations. A Big Mahalo to **Jackie Lai, Katherine Sakuda** and **Robert Sakuda, Annie Song, Robyn Yoshida** and **Jan Titgen**, all of Honolulu and **James Keach** of Lihue, Kauai, for your generous monetary donations. Your donations are greatly appreciated.

Plant Cultural Award Winners

The following plants were the winning orchids from the Plant Culture Table during the November 9, 2022, meeting:

- 1st Place–Cycd. Taiwan Gold 'Orange' grown by **Karen Nagamine**
- 2nd Place–Brs. warszewiczii 'Waki' grown by **Joshua Tom**
- 3rd Place–Ctsm. Melana Davison grown by **Jed Smith**

Welcome New Members

We welcome our newest HOS Members **Amber Parry** (last name corrected), **Annie Song** of Honolulu, **Robert and Lauren Vitello** of Pearl City, **Geoff Wilson** of Germantown, TN, and **Ruby Chan** of Honolulu. Thank you for joining the Society.

2023 Membership

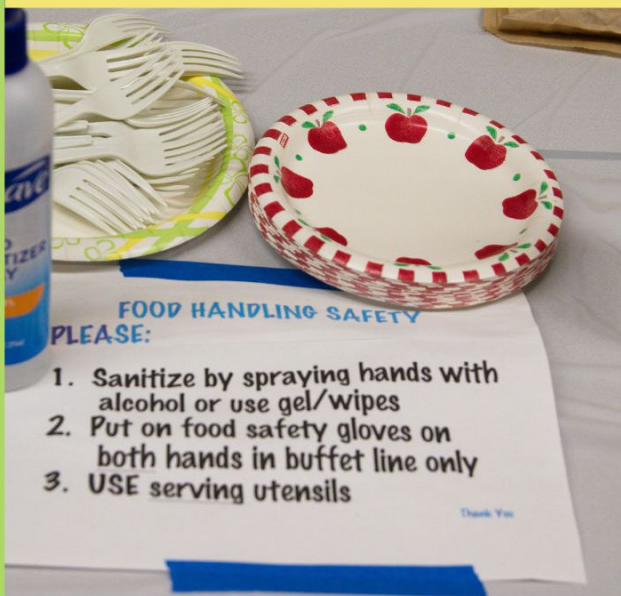
The 2022 calendar year is ending in less than a month! **Current membership expires December 31, 2022.** We look forward to renewed and new memberships. We encourage people to renew or join online using the membership portal on the Honolulu Orchid Society website. The portal accepts credit card payment 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 at the end of this newsletter.

New members who joined during the period October 1, 2022, through December 31, 2022, are included on the 2023 membership roster. Your membership will be good until December 31, 2023.



Sweet Memories
HAPPY CELEBRATION
NOV. 9, 2022









This was the Society's first in-person meeting since March 2020. The food, companionship and program were enjoyed by all. Everyone went home with something.

Condolences

Another member departed and crossed over to a peaceful rest. Let us take a moment of remembrance for member **Elizabeth J. Lee**, 84, who passed away on November 10, 2022, in Las Vegas, Nevada. She was a life member of the Honolulu Orchid Society. HOS extends our deepest sympathy to her family. A celebration of life for Elizabeth will be held Wednesday, December 21, 2022, at 9:30 a.m. at Borthwick Mortuary Maunakea Chapel, 1330 Maunakea Street, Honolulu.

Mark Your Calendar

December 10, 2022 HOS Orchid Judging. The Honolulu Orchid Society Judging Panel will be holding its last judging of the year at the **Lanakila Senior Center on Saturday, December 10, 2022.** Anyone may bring orchid plants for judging. 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).

December 13, 2022 Board of Trustees Meeting. The HOS Board will meet through Zoom video conference on **Tuesday, December 13, 2022,** at 7:00 PM.

January 11, 2023 General Membership Meeting. The January 2023 General Membership Meeting will take place via Zoom on **Wednesday, January 11, 2023,** beginning at 7:00 pm. The Program will be announced later. The 2023 Officers and Board of Trustees will be installed during the meeting.

February 19, 2023 General Membership Meeting. The February 2023 General Membership Meeting will take place at the Natsunoya Teahouse beginning at 11:00 AM on **Sunday, February 19, 2023.** More information about this meeting will follow. This meeting will replace the normal second Wednesday of the month meeting date.

March 8, 2023 General Membership Meeting. An in-person Silent Auction will be held at the March 8, 2023 meeting at the Lanakila Elementary School Cafeteria.

Orchid Judging

Congratulations to **Kate Leonard** for her elevation to Accredited Judge status. Her promotion from Probationary Judge to Accredited Judge was unanimously approved by the HOS Board of Trustees on November 8, 2022.

The Honolulu Orchid Society conducted judging at the Lanakila Senior Center on Saturday, November 12, 2022. Eight plants were registered for judging. All the plants were screened and three were judged and received awards by the Judging Team. The awarded plants are shown on the next page.

The Judging Panel also conducted judging at the Aiea Orchid Club's in-person meeting at the Aiea Elementary School on Monday, November 28, 2022. Eight plants were brought to the meeting; one was nominated and discussed for judging; but not judged.



Award No 2022-73
C. Eximia 'Sea God'
AM HOS (82.5 Pts.)
Owner: Scot & Karen Mitamura

Award No 2022-74
Rlc. Nora Dyke 'Karen'
AM HOS (80.0 Pts.)
Owner: Scot & Karen Mitamura



Award No 2022-75
Rlc. Nakornchaisri Delight 'No. 3'
CR HOS (79.0 Pts.)
Owner: Scot & Karen Mitamura

Orchid Tip of the Month by Scot Mitamura

(This article appeared in the November 2022 Newsletter of the Windward Orchid Society and is reprinted with the approval of Scot Mitamura and the Windward Orchid Society.)

Notice the weather change? I hope our orchids survived the several straight days of rain.

At work, I turned off the irrigation for the week and so far have no outbreak of black rot. I will monitor the orchid media and will resume watering only after they have a chance to dry. Remember, shorter, cloudy, and windless days, increases the time it takes for the media to dry.

The National Weather Service predicts a third straight year of La Nina in the Pacific. This generally means a wetter winter season and it looks like it has started early. We are still in hurricane season!

It is important to notice these changes in weather, so we can be proactive instead of reactive in our orchid culture. Personally, I'm enjoying not having to water as much so I can spend more time repotting.

Aloha,
Scot

More on the Society's Enhanced Website

If you have not had a chance to surf the Honolulu Orchid Society's enhanced website, spend some time to take a look at the following new features:

- The orchid awards issued by the HOS Panel of Judges from 2010 through 2022. Photos of these awards can be found in the [GalleryAward](#).
- An interactive [Forum](#) where members can ask questions about orchid culture such as "what's wrong with my plant?" or "what is this orchid?". Members can also post photos of their plants in the Forum's "[Show Us Your Orchid Photos](#)".
- A [Library](#) where members can check out materials such as books, various orchid society publications, orchid magazines, and the Honolulu Orchid Society's publications, *Na Pua Okika* and *Na Okika* with the librarian at the monthly meetings.

Work on the website is being done by a Website Enhancement Committee chaired by **Linda Inouye**. Technical support is being provided by John LeBlanc of Kimeejay, Inc. Funding for the enhancements is provided through a grant from the **State of Hawaii Department of Agriculture**.

If you have any comments, suggestions or questions about the enhanced website, you may provide feedback [HERE](#).

Recipe of the Month

(from Life-in-the-Loft.com)

Loaded Chicken & Potato Casserole

Seasoned chicken and potatoes, baked together, then topped with bacon, cheese and green onion. This is a phenomenal dish!

Prep Time: 20 mins **Cook Time:** 50 mins **Total Time:** 1 hr 10 mins **Servings:** 4-6

Ingredients

- 1 ½ pounds boneless skinless chicken breasts cut in 1 inch pieces
- 5 medium Russet potatoes, peeled cut in 1 inch pieces
- 3 Tablespoons olive oil
- 1/2 Tablespoon paprika
- 1 Tablespoon garlic powder
- 1 teaspoon salt
- 1 teaspoon black pepper
- 2 cups shredded cheddar cheese
- 1/2 cup cooked, chopped bacon
- 2 green onions sliced thin



Instructions

Preheat oven to 400° F. Grease a 9×13-inch baking dish with non-stick spray.

In a large mixing bowl, whisk together the olive oil, paprika, garlic powder, salt and pepper. Add the chicken and potatoes. Stir to coat the chicken and potatoes.

Pour the coated chicken and potatoes in the prepared baking dish, spreading out evenly.

Bake, uncovered, for 45 to 55 minutes, or until internal temperature of chicken is 165 degrees F.

Remove from oven, and sprinkle evenly with the cheddar cheese, chopped bacon, and onion.

Bake another 5 minutes, or until cheese is melted. Let stand 5 minutes before serving. Enjoy with sour cream, if desired.





Honolulu Orchid Society Membership Registration

Membership for Calendar Year 2023 ~~2022~~

Membership

Date _____

- New Membership
 Renewal
 Donation

Member Name

First _____ Last _____

Associate Member Name (Spouse/significant other must be a member)

First _____ Last _____

Address

Street

City State Zip Code

Email Addresses and Telephone Numbers

Member

Email Address Telephone No.

Associate Member

Email Address Telephone No.

Annual Membership Options (USD)

- Regular Membership - \$25.00
 Associate Membership - \$5.00
 Student Membership - \$10.00
 International Regular Membership - \$30.00

Donation (Support the Honolulu Orchid Society with a donation The Society is a 501(c)(3) non-profit. Donations are tax deductible.

\$ _____

Total Due (Membership Fees plus Donation)

\$ _____

Paying by check. Please make check payable to "Honolulu Orchid Society" and mail to **Honolulu Orchid Society, P. O. Box 558, Honolulu, HI 96809-0558.**

If you have any questions, contact us at hos@honoluluorchidsociety.org.

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