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HONOLULU ORCHID SOCIETY (HOS) DECEMBER GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING

Date: Wednesday, Dec 13, 2023

Time/Place: 6:30 PM, Lanakila
Elementary School Cafeteria

Program: Family Fun Night- A Holiday
Celebration and Potluck

Mele Kalikimaka and Hau'oli Makahiki Hou...2023 is coming to a "close". We invite our members, families and friends to our **Family Fun Night**. It's a good time to reflect on all the wonders and events we have experienced during 2023 and share with one another the spirit of the holiday season. Besides the food, there will be plant give-aways and bingo and other fun games that will be part of the **Family Fun Night** festivities.

Bring your favorite food to share—be it appetizers, side dishes, main entrees, casseroles, soups, and desserts. If you cannot cook or are 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 drinks will be provided by the HOS Refreshment Committee. Label your utensils and serving dishes with your name so that they can be returned to you at the end of the evening.

Bring food items between 6:15-6:30 PM. A note card will be given to you to write your name and the name of your entree which will be placed with your entree on the serving table. **We hope to start eating by 6:45 PM.**

Those arriving early should be aware that the school's after school care program may still be in session and the parking stalls in front of the cafeteria may be coned off. **Please be respectful of the safety of the children and folks picking up the children.**

Guests are more than welcome to attend. The festivities will end by 9:00 PM.

There will be **no plant commentary and culture table judging** for this evening.



Monetary Donations

- **Doreen Fujita & Michelle Fukumoto**, Honolulu
- **Tod Takahashi**, Honolulu

Thank you for your generous monetary donations.

Welcome New Members

- **Zoe Malia Ozoa Loos**, Honolulu
- **Lynda Miyata**, Honolulu

Welcome to the Society. We look forward to meeting you at our meetings.

Mahalo Nui Loa

Thank you, **Bob Moffitt**, for your 'Judging 101' presentation at the November HOS meeting. It was fun to learn more about the orchid judging processes and rules. Having the members practice what they learned with a practice judging session was fantastic and well enjoyed by the members. Hopefully some members will be interested in becoming a judge after seeing your presentation! Contact **Mel Waki** at melwaki@honoluluorchidsociety.org should you have an interest in becoming an orchid judge.

A special thank you to **Mel Waki** for bringing the giveaway plants to the November HOS meeting. The plants were leftovers from the potting workshops that were held earlier this year and Mel had been caring for them since then. All members went home with nice, healthy plants of their choice.

Mahalo to the following members, friends and Refreshment Committee who brought a great assortment of goodies to share with those in attendance at our November meeting - - **Shu Nalo** – black grapes and mini apples; **Walter Hiraishi** – Maebo's won ton chip Cookies and almond cookies; **Charlotte Yamamoto** – black grapes and cornbread; **Hans Kabashiwabara** – Maui onion potato chips; **Josie Gesteuyala** – cold somen salad; **Kate Leonard** and **Ian Sandison** – pulled pork sandwiches; **Kathy Sakuda** – beef broccoli with Hong Kong style noodles; **Dorothy Nakama** – chow mein; **Karen Torigoe** and **Sandie Torigoe** – Ritz crackers and corn chips with dip; **Beaudine Ma** – Lay's kettle chips; **Karen Nagamine** – popcorn; **Holly Sullivan** – pumpkin pie and whipped cream; **Bob** and **JoAnn Higuchi** – assorted bagged chips; and **Refreshment Committee** – passion orange guava juice and water.

HOS Membership

2023 membership expires on December 31, 2023. 2024 membership renewals and new memberships are now being accepted. New members who joined after October 1, 2023, will be included in the new calendar year 2024 HOS membership roster which will be good until December 31, 2024.

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 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.

Annual Installation Banquet

The Honolulu Orchid Society will be holding its **Annual Installation Banquet** at the **Natsunoya Tea House** beginning at 11:00 AM on Saturday, January 20, 2024.

The cost will be \$25.00 for HOS members and \$35.00 for non-members.

Valet parking at the Natsunoya Tea House is \$8.00 (pay the parking attendant). There is very limited on-street parking. Car pooling is highly recommended.

The banquet will be a lunch buffet with the following menu:

- Bara Sushi and White Rice
- Oriental Salad
- Agedashi Tofu
- Shrimp & Vegetable Tempura
- Hibachi Chicken
- Shoyu Pork
- Steamed Fish
- Nishime
- Potato Salad
- Hot Green Tea and Water



There is an option to purchase a Vegetarian Bento for the same price. The bento consists of: cone sushi/yasai sushi, mixed green salad, cold somen, kabocha nitsuke, spicy nasubi, miso nasubi, tofu patty, namasu, kinpira yasai. Contact Carol De Witt if interested. She can be reached at (808) 597-4087 or by email at seabreeze808@outlook.com.

The **deadline for reservations is Thursday, January 4, 2024**. Complete and submit the **Banquet Registration Form** at the end of this newsletter with check payment payable to Honolulu Orchid Society or HOS. Mail to HOS Banquet Committee, P.O. Box 558, Honolulu, HI 96809-0558. Reservations will be limited to 100 so people are encouraged to submit their reservations as early as possible. A printable pdf version of the **Banquet Registration Form** is also available [HERE](#).

We can bring in our own pupus and desserts. This is strictly optional but if anyone is interested in bringing pupus or desserts to the banquet, please let Carol De Witt know.

Plant Culture Table at November Meeting

At the November meeting, 14 plants were brought in by members for the Plant Culture Table. Four growers in the **Novice Category** (up to 4 years of growing orchids) brought a plant and four growers in the **Master's Category** (more than 4 years of growing orchids) brought in 10 plants to share. During the Refreshment break, attendees were given the opportunity to view the plants and vote on the plant in each category they liked the best based on the flower appearance, fragrance, uniqueness or overall plant growth. The ballots were counted, and the people's choice are shown below:

Novice Category



1st Place: Aliceara Stellar 'Hoku'
Grown by **Josie Gesteuyala**

Masters Category



1st Place: Rhyncattleanthe McNeil's Blue Valentine
Grown by **Mel Waki**



2nd Place: Clowesetum Amazing Grace
Grown by **Sandie Torigoe**



2nd Place: Cycnoches William Clarke
Grown by **Dale Miyasaki**

Looking Ahead
HOS General Membership
Meetings & Functions

- Jan. 13, 2024, **HOS Orchid Judging**, Lanakila Senior Center (plant registration begins 9:30 AM)
- Jan. 20, 2024–**Annual Installation Banquet**, Natsunoya Tea House (11:00 AM)
- Feb. 10, 2024–**HOS Orchid Judging**, Lanakila Senior Center (plant registration begins 9:30 AM)
- Feb. 14, 2024–**General Membership Meeting, Speaker: Dr. Mike Melzer, Orchid Fleck Virus**, Lanakila Elementary School Cafeteria (doors open at 6:45 PM)
- Feb. 26, 2024–**HOS Orchid Judging**, Aiea Orchid Club Meeting, Aiea Elementary School (plant registration begins 6:45 PM)
- Mar. 9, 2024–**HOS Orchid Judging**, Lanakila Senior Center (plant registration begins 9:30 AM)
- Mar. 13, 2024–**General Membership Meeting, Silent Auction**, Lanakila Elementary School Cafeteria (doors open at 6:30 PM)
- Mar. 25, 2024–**HOS Orchid Judging**, Aiea Orchid Club Meeting, Aiea Elementary School (plant registration begins 6:45 PM)

Calendar of Events for December 2023

- **Saturday, December 9** (9:30 AM Plant Registration; 10:00 AM Judging)
HOS Judging
Lanakila Senior Center
- **Tuesday, December 12** (7:00 PM)
HOS Board Meeting
Zoom Video Conference
- **Wednesday, December 13** (6:30 PM Doors Open)
Family Fun Night–A Holiday Celebration and Potluck
Lanakila Elementary School Cafeteria

HOS President **Brad Lau** (in blue shirt) and Program Chair **Jed Smith** give commentary of the plants on the Plant Culture Table during the November General Membership Meeting.



Honolulu Orchid Society Judging in November 2023

Saturday, November 11, 2023, Lanakila Senior Center. Nine plants were registered for judging at the Lanakila Senior Center. All of the plants were screened. One plant was judged and awarded. The awarded plant is shown below as Award No. 2023-64.

Monday, November 27, 2023, Aiea Orchid Club Meeting, Aiea Elementary School Cafeteria. Seven plants were brought to the Aiea Orchid Club meeting. The plants were screened and one was judged and awarded. The awarded plant is shown below as Award No. 2023-65.

All Award photos and descriptions for 2023 and prior years are available on the **Award Gallery** of the HOS Website.



Award No. 2023-64
Rlc. Goldenzelle 'Lemon Chiffon'
CCM HOS (85.5 Pts.)
Owners: Scot & Karen Mitamura



Award No. 2023-65
Rlc. Momilani Classic 'Callyn #2'
AM HOS (81.6 Pts.)
Owner: Calvin Kumano

2023 Honolulu Orchid Society (HOS) Show

Trophy Results and Photos

The Honolulu Orchid Society website has the 2023 Show Program with the results of the trophies and list of the participants. The website also has many photos of the Show. You can see the Show page [HERE](#).

Recipe of the Month

Chocolate Shortbread Cookies

from www.cookingclassy.com

Chocolate shortbread is made from a simple cookie dough using minimal staple ingredients and it blends together quickly in a mixer. The dough is rolled into log shapes then chilled, after that it's just cut into slices and baked. These cookies are crisp and tender, richly chocolatey and buttery, with the perfect balance of sweetness. And when dipped in a dark chocolate finish they become a sophisticated cookie with exceptional flavor!

Prep Time: 30 minutes **Bake Time:** 16 minutes **Chill:** 1 hour **Ready in:** 2 hours
Servings: 30 cookies

Ingredients

- 1-3/4 cups (248g) all-purpose flour (scoop and level to measure)
- 6 Tbsp (36g) unsweetened cocoa powder or Dutch process cocoa (sift if clumpy)
- 1/4 tsp salt
- 1 cup (226g) unsalted butter, at cool room temperature
- 1-1/4 cups (150g) powdered sugar
- 1-1/2 tsp vanilla extract

Optional Chocolate Coating

- 10 oz. semi-sweet chocolate, finely chopped, melted*



Instructions

1. In a mixing bowl whisk together flour, cocoa powder, and salt.
2. In the bowl of an electric stand mixer cream together butter and powdered sugar on low speed until combined. Increase to medium speed and beat until light and fluffy, about 2 minutes.
3. Scrape down bowl then blend in vanilla extract.
4. Add flour mixture and blend on fairly low speed until it comes together in clumps (it will look sandy at first) then increase speed slightly and mix until dough comes together.
5. Knead dough a few times by hand then divide into two equal portions.
6. Compress and roll each portion into a 5 1/2-inch log. Wrap in parchment paper or plastic wrap and chill 1 hour.
7. During last 15 minutes of chilling preheat oven to 350 degrees. Line two 18 by 13-inch baking sheets with parchment paper.
8. Remove one log of dough from fridge and cut into 1/3-inch thick slices. Align on baking sheet spacing 1 1/2-inches apart.
9. Bake in center of preheated oven until cookies are set, about 11 to 13 minutes.
10. Cool on pan 10 minutes then transfer to a wire rack, leave parchment paper on pans.
11. Once cool, working with one cookie at a time dip half into melted chocolate, shake and let excess chocolate run back into bowl (can scrape bottom of cookie along edge of bowl to remove some chocolate so it's not too thick of a layer). Transfer to cookie sheet lined with parchment and let chocolate set.
12. If desired you can finish with sprinkles but add these shortly after dipping in chocolate before it begins to set and harden. If you used tempered chocolate to dip cookies let the chocolate set at room temperature; if you used untempered chocolate let the chocolate coated cookies set in the fridge.

*** Notes**

- To melt chocolate, you can melt in a double boiler or in the microwave in a microwave safe dish in 30 second intervals at 50% power. Stir well between each until melted and smooth. For chocolate that doesn't bloom follow a tempering method such as this.
- For peppermint chocolate shortbread use 1/2 tsp peppermint extract and 1 tsp vanilla extract. Sprinkle melted chocolate finish with crushed candy canes.



Honolulu Orchid Society Banquet Registration Form

Natsunoya Tea House
Saturday, January 20, 2024, 11:00 AM

Names of People Attending

1. _____
2. _____
3. _____
4. _____
5. _____

Primary Contact

Name: _____

Address: _____

Phone No.: _____

Email Address: _____

Payment

Number of HOS Members _____ x \$25 = \$ _____

Number of Guests _____ x \$35 = \$ _____

Total \$ _____

Make check payable to the Honolulu Orchid Society and mail to:

Honolulu Orchid Society
P.O. Box 558
Honolulu, Hawaii 96809-0558

Call or text Carol De Witt at (808) 597-4087 if you have any questions.

Deadline for Sign-up is Thursday, January 4, 2024

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Date Rec'd: _____ Order # _____ Transaction # _____

Bank: _____ Check # _____ Dated _____

Cash Payment _____ Total Amount Rec'd: \$ _____

Comments: _____
