



# The Honolulu Orchid Society

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## March 2023 NEWSLETTER



**Dendrobium Love Memory 'Fizz' CCM-HOS**  
Exhibited by Ken & Aileen Ching  
March 2017 Kunia Orchid Show

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**HONOLULU ORCHID SOCIETY**  
**MARCH GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING**



The Honolulu Orchid Society's **Annual Great Silent Auction** is returning to Lanakila Elementary School Cafeteria at 7:00 pm on Wednesday, March 8, 2023. This is the Society's major fund raiser to fund orchid education, outreach programs and Society activities throughout the year.



Plants from **Akatsuka Orchid Gardens, Carmela Orchids, H&R Nurseries, Hawaii Hybrids, Hawaii Pacific Orchids, Hilo Orchid Farm, Island Sun Orchids, Kalapana Tropicals, Kodama Nursery, M&P Orchids, Newman's Nursery, Orchid Eros, Penny's Orchids, S&W Orchids, Sandalwood Orchids, Shogun Hawaii, The Orchid Works, Tropical Orchid Farm, and Winning Orchids** will be available for auction. Dendrobiums, cattleyas, paphiopedilums, phalaenopsis and other genera are expected to be donated.

We are also asking for donations from HOS members and friends. If you plan to donate orchids and other plants or orchid supplies, please give **Brad Lau** a heads up via email to [bradlau23@gmail.com](mailto:bradlau23@gmail.com). This is to help with planning. With or without notice, your last minute plant donations are still welcome at the door.

Please bring auction items and country store items to the cafeteria by 6:30 P.M. for set up. Fill out the HOS 2023 Silent Auction Donated Items form on page 17 of this newsletter or prepare a legible itemized list of the items you bring. Include your name, address, phone number and email address. Blank forms will be available at the auction. Turn in completed forms to **Carol De Witt**.

Auction organizers will place orchid plants and orchid related items on the appropriate auction tables.

**HOS Mini Country Store.** We are asking for donations of baked goods, snacks, jams, jellies, fruits, fresh veggies, (have food items individually packaged/wrapped), craft items and White Elephant items for the Mini Country Store. Items will be priced by the Country Store workers. We are grateful for donations but for this event, we ask that donors pick up any unsold items they brought.

We are only accepting cash and checks to help this worthy cause for the Honolulu Orchid Society. All proceeds from the auction are used for the HOS educational program. Please bring your family and friends. See you at the auction!!!

**The public is more than welcome to attend and participate in the auction.** The Silent Auction is an excellent opportunity to obtain quality plants at bargain prices. Bring boxes and trays to carry out your winning bids. There is ample parking in the School parking lot. Refreshments will be served.

### **Welcome New Members**

- **Clinton Bouchillon**, Kaneohe
- **Damien Flores**, Kaneohe
- **Aleka Galletes**, Kahuku
- **Tania Goode**, Honolulu
- **Karen Gutierrez**, Kailua
- **Henry & Penny Hattal**, Waianae
- **Janet Malapit**, Honolulu
- **Stacie & Reid Okumura**, Mililani
- **Louise Ross**, Lahiana
- **Jamie-lee Sedeno**, Waimanalo
- **Casey Simzer**, Honolulu

***Thank you all for joining HOS!***



## Annual Meeting and Banquet

The Honolulu Orchid Society held its Annual Meeting and Banquet at the Natsunoya Tea House on Sunday, February 19, 2023. 94 members, guests and friends attended the Banquet. **Melvin Waki** served as the Master of Ceremonies. **Williette Wong** gave the invocation. Attendees enjoyed the buffet lunch that included sushi (3 types), white rice, shrimp and vegetable tempura, hibachi chicken, teriyaki steak, shoyu pork, agedashi tofu, potato salad, oriental salad with dressing, and yakisoba noodles.



Among the attendees were HOS members **Willis and Dora Hauser** of San Antonio, Texas (photo to the right). They timed their vacation to attend the Banquet. **Williette Wong** brought her daughter and relatives and several friends from her Yoga class. The Society's guest list included those who spoke to the Society via Zoom in 2020, 2021 and 2022.



After the buffet lunch, **President Brad Lau**



gave his annual report using Power Point slides to augment his presentation. Brad showed that despite COVID, HOS had a very busy and rewarding year. Treasurer **Jackie Lai** (to the right) gave a Financial Report which





indicated that HOS was financially sound with more than \$70,000 in bank accounts. **Brad Lau** introduced the **2022 HOS Board** of Trustees and commended them for their unselfish service during the past year. Each selected a plant of their choice. Brad then



introduced the **2023 Board** who were installed at the January 2023 General Membership Meeting. A short break in the program was taken for a photograph of the new Board (photo above). Trustee Skyler Inter is missing from the photo.

**Brad Lau** announced that **Jed Smith** (on the left) and **June Yokomoto** (on the right) were selected as ***Orchidists of the Year for 2022***. They



both received an Orchidist of the Year Certificate and \$100 cash for their outstanding service to HOS.

Brad also gave several **Special Recognition Awards**. **Williette Wong** was recognized for her long years of service to HOS. She received a Certificate of Appreciation and a special Phalaenopsis floral arrangement. Mei Lin, Williette's daughter, helped carry the floral arrangement (photo on the left).







Brad also recognized **Carol De Witt, Kathy Sakuda, Linda Inouye, Marisa Maemori, Ben Kodama, Jr., and Melvin Waki** with Special Recognition Awards (photo on the left). They each received Certificates and plants of their choice.

First Vice-President **Melvin Waki** handed out his special **Attaboy Achievement Award** to **Brad Lau** for his outstanding performance as President of the Society. Mel gave the **Attagirl Achievement Award** to **Linda Inouye** for supporting Brad. Besides

certificates, Mel gave Brad and Linda two blooming Cattleya species plants (photo to the lower left).

The Banquet ended with drawings for orchid plants and more than 25 bento boxes prepared by the Natsunoya Tea House staff. HOS purchased \$1,500 worth of plants for the Banquet. In addition, **H&R Nurseries, Walter Hiraishi and Calvin Kumano** donated plants and **David Furumizo** donated a colored metallic print. **Kathy Sakuda** with assistance



from **Carol De Witt** called out the lucky winners. The Board members helped distribute the plants. Each attendee received at least two plants, many of which were in bloom. **Amjad Ahmad** won the blooming white honohono donated by **Walter Hiraishi**. **Evelyn Akamine** and **Andy Miyasato** won the two blooming Den. Forty Niner 'Susan' donated by **Calvin Kumano**. **Marshall Silva** (upper right photo) won the specimen size Den. Royal Chip donated by **H&R Nurseries** and **Carol Takayama** (lower right photo) won the metallic print donated by **David Furumizo**. The Banquet ended on a beautiful sunny day at 2:30 PM. Everyone collected their winnings, said their goodbyes and went home with smiling faces.





## **Mahalo Nui Loa**

Mahalo to the members, guest family and friends who attended the Annual Meeting and Banquet. Your presence truly enhanced the spirit of good friendship among the attendees. Thank you **Brad Lau** and **Linda Inouye** for chairing the Annual Banquet Committee; **Carol De Witt** for sending out the invitations and collecting the banquet fees; **Ben Kodama, Jr.**, for coordinating the plant purchases; **Kate Leonard** and **Ian Sandison** for receiving, unpacking and nurturing the purchased plants from the Big Island; and **JoAnn Higuchi** for finding and recommending the Natsunoya Tea House. Thank you **Roy Tokunaga (H&R Nurseries)**, **Calvin Kumano**, **Walter Hiraishi** and **Melvin Waki** for donating plants for the banquet. Thank you **Dave Furumizo** for donating the metallic print and giving a cash donation to purchase additional plants for the Banquet. Thank you **Walter Hiraishi** (guacamole bean dip with tortilla chips), **Carol De Witt** (organic Jack's Cantina Salsa), **Jackie Lai** (boiled peanuts), **Kathy Sakuda** (assorted bag chips), **Doug Meller** (local grown sweet tangerines), **JoAnn & Bob Higuchi** (almond cookies), **Sherry & Calvin Abe** (fried mochi), **Lynda & Russel Takara** (brownies and fruit & nut bars), **Robyn Yoshida** (Liliha Bakery coco puffs), **Sandie & Karen Torigoe** (Mikey's Best cornflake cookies and lemon crunch cookies) and **Williette Wong** (Matilde Vicenzi Italian fine pastry assorted cookies) for bringing pupus for everyone to snack on before the buffet lunch. Thank you **Carol De Witt** for making the "diabetic friendly" party chex favors that adorned the tables for everyone to take home. Thank you **Rob Lau** for being the photographer at the Banquet. All the banquet photos in this newsletter were taken by Rob. And thank you to the **Natsunoya Tea House staff** for the wonderful service, outstanding hospitality and delicious food.

### **Monetary Donors**

- **Calvin & Sherry Abe**
- **Anonymous Donor**
- **Walter Hiraishi**
- **Jacqueline Sharon & George Hurd**
- **Doris Leong, Kamalii Leong & Graydon Southard**
- **Dr. Ingelia White & Melton White**
- **Williette Wong**

***Your donations are greatly appreciated.***

## **Results of "Show Us Your Orchid Photos" Forum Contest**

**MC Melvin Waki** announced the winners of the ***Show Us Your Orchid Photos Forum Contest*** at the Annual Banquet. Fifteen members who participated in the contest and attended the banquet received their prize—a seedling of Pcv. Key Lime Stars, a B. nodosa hybrid bred by **Roy Tokunaga** of H&R Nurseries. They were **Evelyn Akamine**, **Rylan Chong**, **Carol De Witt**, **Calvin Kumano**, **Brad Lau**, **Georgia Lyman**, **Matthew McKnight**, **Doug Meller**, **Karen Nagamine**, **Shu Nalo**, **Kathy Sakuda**, **Marshall Silva**, **Jed Smith**, **Sean Tajima** and **Lynda Takara**. **Dale Miyasaki** and **Amy Teves** also participated but did not attend the Banquet. All of the participants were entered in a drawing for three blooming orchids. The winners for the blooming orchids were **Shu Nalo**, **Dale Miyasaki** and **Doug Meller**. Shu and Doug were given blooming cattleyas at the Banquet. The orchid seedling and blooming cattleyas were donated by **Melvin Waki**.



## More Banquet Photos

(Photos taken by Rob Lau)





## Condolences

We are sad to announce the passing of **Ruth Chun** who was Honolulu Orchid Society's President from 2011 through 2016 and served on the HOS Board of Trustees as Past President from 2017 through 2022.

An HOS Accredited Judge since 2005, Ruth was elevated to HOS Master Judge in 2022 for her 17-plus years of service. She served on the HOS Awards Committee providing mentorship and guidance for student and probationary judges. Ruth was Editor of the Society's publication, *Na Okika O Hawaii: The Hawaii Orchid Journal* from 2002 through 2006, and contributed to the Society's publication before and after that time.

Over the years, Ruth served on the Board in several officer positions and contributed to the Society in numerous ways including helping with the auction and arranging speakers for the Show. She was selected as Honolulu Orchid Society Orchidist of the Decade in 2020. HOS extends its deepest sympathy to her family.



## Membership

A friendly reminder—all 2022 memberships have expired. Thank you to all of you who renewed your memberships, and a warm welcome to our new members for 2023.

If you forgot to renew, it's easy to join or renew on the Honolulu Orchid Society website. The portal accepts credit card payment for membership dues. You can even sign up online and mail a check if you prefer. Click [HERE](#) to go to the HOS membership join/renew portal. Annual Regular membership is only \$25; Associates \$5; Students \$10.

If you prefer to mail in your membership dues, you may do so using the application form on page 16 of this newsletter.

## Calendar of Events

- **March 8**  
**HOS Meeting–Great Silent Auction**  
**Lanakila Elementary School Cafeteria**
- **March 11**  
**HOS Monthly Judging**  
**Lanakila Senior Center**
- **March 14**  
**HOS Board of Trustees Meeting**  
**Meeting via Zoom**
- **March 17-19**  
**Windward Orchid Show**  
**King Intermediate School Cafeteria**
- **March 27**  
**HOS Judging–Aiea Orchid Club Meeting**  
**Aiea Elementary School Cafeteria**

**Visit the enhanced HOS website: [www.honoluluorchidsociety.org](http://www.honoluluorchidsociety.org)**

**Letter of Acknowledgement from Catholic Charities Hawaii**  
**dated January 30, 2023**

Dear Brad and Honolulu Orchid Society Members:

On behalf of the Lanakila Multi-Purpose Senior Center, I want to thank you for your generous donation of \$500.00. It is because of people like you that the Center is able to continue fulfilling its mission to keep seniors healthy and active through recreational, exercise, education, health promotion and health screening, and community service activities. Through the senior center experience, we strive to keep Kupuna well in body, mind and heart.

Lanakila Multi-Purpose Senior Center continues to provide a diverse array of programs because of your generosity and support. Thank you for investing in the Center's future and for partnering with us to make a difference. May your gifts of kindness return to you in abundance!

Me ke aloha pumehana,

**Suzanne Chun Oakland**

Program Coordinator

Lanakila Multi-Purpose Senior Center

**Diane M. Terada**

CSS Division Administrator

**Letter of acknowledgement from University of Hawaii Foundation**  
**dated February 2, 2023**

Aloha,

Thank you very much for your generosity.

Your gift is an investment in the mission of the University of Hawai'i – research and education, and the development of the next generation of leaders for Hawai'i and beyond.

As classrooms become virtual and research makes the headlines, our talented faculty and students are leading the way in innovation and community service. Through our commitment and dedication, you are helping ensure their advancement and success.

The continued support of our UH 'ohana allows us to nimbly respond to the needs and challenges of today. Your partnership has never been more meaningful.

Please find your receipt (for **Dr. Inge White Endowed Scholarship** - \$500.00) for tax purposes below. Should you have any questions, feel free to contact Jere Nakamura, Director of Gift Processing, at 808 376-7842 or [Jere.Nakamura@uhfoundation.org](mailto:Jere.Nakamura@uhfoundation.org).

Mahalo nui loa,

**John Han**

VP of Administration & CFO

P.S. Visit [uhfoundation.org/news/publications](http://uhfoundation.org/news/publications) to find out more about the impact that UH has on our communities, our state and our world, thanks in part to your support.

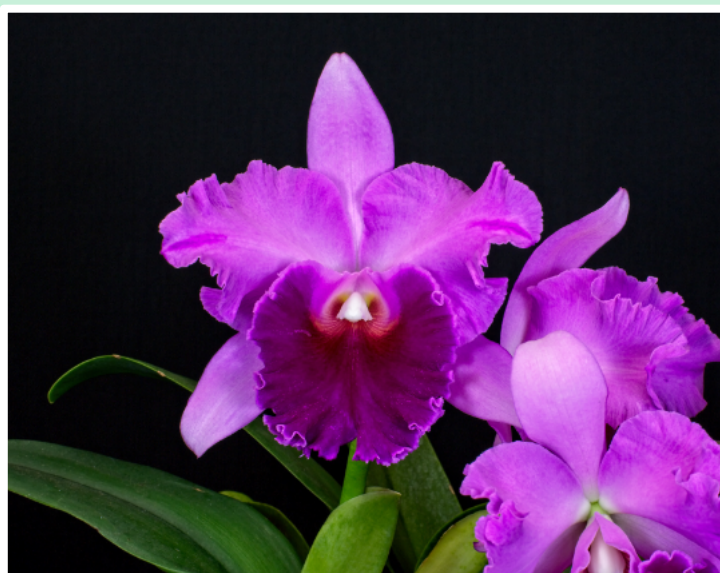


## **Honolulu Orchid Society Judging**

**Saturday, February 11, 2023, Lanakila Senior Center.** 15 plants were registered for judging. All plants were screened. 8 plants were selected for judging and 6 Awards of Merit (AM) and 2 Certificates of Recognition (CR) were given. The awarded plants are shown as Award Nos. 2023-06 through 2023-13 on pages 11 through 13.

**Monday, February 27, 2023, Aiea Elementary School Cafeteria.** 11 plants were registered for judging. 4 plants were brought to the judging room for discussion. 2 plants were judged and one was awarded an AM. The awarded plant is shown as Award No. 2023-14 on page 13.

The Award photos and descriptions are also available on the HOS website at <https://www.honoluluorchidsociety.org/award-gallery/>.



**Award No. 2023-06**  
**Rlc. Fritz Nicholas 'Spring Dance'**  
CR HOS (77.0 Pts.)  
Owner: **Josie Gesteuyala**



**Award No. 2023-07**  
**Rth. Coral Gold 'Volcano Queen'**  
AM HOS (80.0 Pts.)  
Owner: **Nuuanu Orchids**



**Award No. 2023-08**  
**Cl. Rebecca Northern Mikabi'**  
 AM HOS (84.0 Pts.)  
 Owner: **Nuuanu Orchids**



**Award No. 2023-09**  
**Paph. Maudiae 'My Love'**  
 AM HOS (80.5 Pts.)  
 Owner: **Matthew McKnight III**



**Award No. 2023-10**  
**Rlc. Momilani Jewel 'Koko Head'**  
 AM HOS (80.3 Pts.)  
 Owner: **Scot & Karen Mitamura**



**Award No. 2023-11**  
**Ctt. Final Blue 'Royal Purple'**  
 AM HOS (81.0 Pts.)  
 Owner: **Scot & Karen Mitamura**





**Award No. 2023-12**  
**Rlc. Sweet Silk 'Vanilla Sky'**  
 CR HOS (78.3 Pts.)  
 Owner: **Scot & Karen Mitamura**



**Award No. 2023-13**  
**Rlc. Samba Jewel 'Ravishing'**  
 AM HOS (80.5 Pts.)  
 Owner: **Scot & Karen Mitamura**



**Award No. 2023-14**  
**Phal. Lioulin First 'Momilani'**  
 AM HOS (84.0 Pts.)  
 Owner: **Calvin Kumano**

## Orchid Tip of the Month by Scot Mitamura

Bring out your February Newsletter, here is the continuation that started last month.....

Other orchids like Oncidium Sharry Baby (Chocolate Orchid), is actually considered an intermediate to cool growing orchid, due to some of its background ancestors being from higher elevations. When we grow them at sea level, they still flower great, but their leaves are all spotted. This is a physiological response by the plant under stress.

Other cooling tricks are to hang your orchids, either mounted, in a basket, or even in a pot. The added air circulation will help keep the orchid cool. Double potting the orchid, allows the outer pot to absorb the heat from the air, while keeping the inner pot and media cool.

Under bench misters or just wetting the ground will raise the humidity and as well as lower the temperature. Growing under lath instead of shade cloth, makes a huge difference in leaf temperature, and of course light colored or reflective shade cloth is much cooler than black.

If you are using black, keep your roof as high as possible keeping the heat away from the plants, and of course the most forgotten key, of great air circulation.

Other benefits from cooler temperature are brighter colors, especially reds. Flowers will get larger, because they will open slower and have a longer time to stretch and open fully. Inflorescence length improves, this is really important for some Cattleyas.

Let's incorporate some of these techniques into our bag of tricks, this will enable us to grow a wider variety of orchids successfully.

Aloha,  
Scot

### **2023 Orchid Shows on Oahu**

- **Windward Orchid Show**  
March 17, 18 & 19  
King Intermediate School Cafeteria
- **Aiea Orchid Show**  
June 9 & 10  
Aiea Elementary School Cafeteria
- **Honolulu Orchid Society Show**  
October 13 & 14  
Washington Middle School Cafeteria

*This article appeared in the March 2023 Newsletter of the Windward Orchid Society and is reprinted with the approval of **Scot Mitamura** and the **Windward Orchid Society**.*



## Recipe of the Month

(from *skinnym.com*; Author: **Alison Borel**)

### **Cocoa Cherry Chia Pudding**

*Packed with powerful nutrients, this healthy treat delivers a delicious pick-me-up*

**Prep Time:** 5 mins   **Resting Time:** 4 hrs   **Total Time:** 4 hrs 5 mins

**Course:** Breakfast, Dessert, Snack   **Cuisine:** Universal   **Keyword:** dairy-free, Gluten-Free, Paleo, Quick and Easy   **Servings:** 8 People   **Calories:** 81kcal

#### Ingredients

- 2 tablespoons cocoa powder
- 3 tablespoons hot water
- 1 1/3 cup coconut milk light
- 1/4 cup cherries
- 1/3 cup chia seeds
- 2 tablespoons maple syrup
- 1 pinch cayenne pepper optional
- 1 pinch cinnamon optional

#### Instructions

In a medium bowl, dissolve cocoa powder in two tablespoons of hot water.

Add remaining ingredients.

Separate into eight little ramekins or keep as is, cover, and refrigerate for up to four hours.

Serve as they are or add extra cherries, toasted nuts, a sprig of mint, chocolate chips, and whipped cream to up the wow factor.

#### Notes

Adding cinnamon and cayenne aid with both weight loss and taste. Additional toppings aren't configured in the nutritional table.







# Honolulu Orchid Society Membership Registration

Membership for Calendar Year 2023

## 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](mailto:hos@honoluluorchidsociety.org).

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Cash Payment \_\_\_\_\_ Total Amt Recd: \$ \_\_\_\_\_

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**HOS 2023 SILENT AUCTION DONATED ITEMS** (check one : ☐ Auction Item ☐ Country Store Item)

Please PRINT your first & last name, complete mailing address including zip code; contact phone number and email address. RETURN THIS FORM TO CAROL De WITT AT THE MEETING. Mahalo!

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Mailing address \_\_\_\_\_

Contact Phone Number (office use only) \_\_\_\_\_

Email Address (office use only) \_\_\_\_\_

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