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Gram. Scriptum 'Son of Grasshopper' CCM HOS
Exhibitor: H&R Nurseries
Awarded at the Aiea Orchid Show
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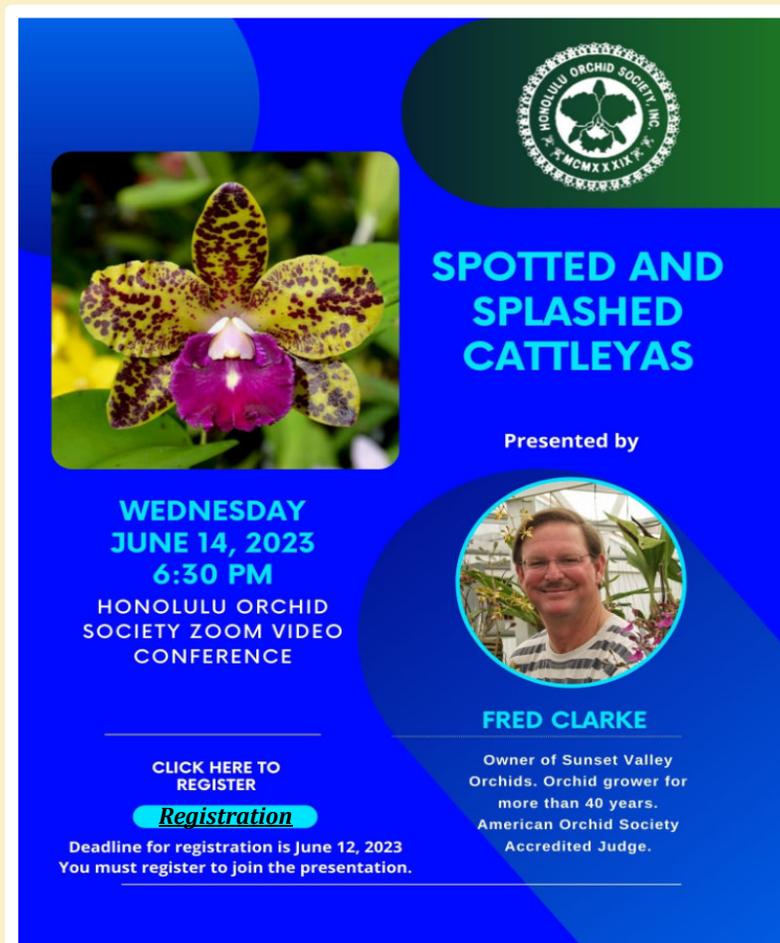
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HONOLULU ORCHID SOCIETY (HOS) JUNE GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING

Date: Wednesday, June 14, 2023
Time/Place: 6:30 PM Hawaii
Standard Time (HST) via Zoom
Video Conference
Program: "Spotted and Splashed
Cattleyas"
Speaker: Fred Clarke

Fred Clarke of Sunset Valley Orchids in Vista, Calif. will take us on a detailed look at the latest developments in the breeding and growing of these colorful flowers. Fred has been growing orchids for 42 years and has been hybridizing for 38 of those years.

The meeting via Zoom will be starting at 6:30 PM HST, 30 minutes earlier than the usual starting time for HOS meetings. You must register to join the meeting. The deadline for registration is Monday, June 12, 2023. You may register for the meeting [HERE](#).



**SPOTTED AND
SPLASHED
CATTLEYS**

Presented by

FRED CLARKE

Owner of Sunset Valley Orchids. Orchid grower for more than 40 years. American Orchid Society Accredited Judge.

**WEDNESDAY
JUNE 14, 2023
6:30 PM**

HONOLULU ORCHID SOCIETY ZOOM VIDEO CONFERENCE

[CLICK HERE TO REGISTER](#)

Registration

Deadline for registration is June 12, 2023
You must register to join the presentation.

HOS Mini Country Store

The **Mini Country Store** will resume operations during the in-person monthly meetings at the Lanakila Elementary School cafeteria in July, August and September 2023. Donations of baked goods, snacks, jams, jellies, fruits, fresh vegetables and craft items will be accepted and sold before the meeting starts and during the refreshment break. Food items should be individually packaged and wrapped. Only cash and checks will be accepted for payment. Donations should be brought in by 6:30 pm for pricing and set-up by the Country Store workers.

Welcome New Members

- Adam & Norma Padua, Pearl City
Welcome to the Society. We look forward to meeting you at our meetings.

Monetary Donors

- Beverly Haid & Sue Hillmann
Your donations are greatly appreciated.

Mahalo Nui Loa

Mahalo **Eddie Peltier-Garcia** for your presentation “Phalaenopsis schilleriana, “Paru’Paro” the Pink Butterfly Orchids of the Philippines”. What a wonderful trip you took us on as we learned more about this gorgeous Phalaenopsis species! With silver-streaked foliage, this orchid is beautiful both in and out of bloom. Being that Phalaenopsis hybrids are popular among many orchid aficionados, it was a joy to learn about one of the species that has a huge part in these hybrids’ genetic background. Hopefully, we will see the beautiful, branched spray of flowers common for this species in one of the shows!

Mahalo **Eddie Peltier-Garcia** for providing 12 blooming phalaenopsis plants you purchased from **Calvin Kumano** and to **Walter Hiraishi** who also provided 12 honohono plants for plant giveaways at the end of Eddie’s presentation.

Thank you to the crew of the Mini Country Store, **JoAnn and Bob Higuchi, Kathy Sakuda, Kesha Teranishi** and **Matthew Scarfone**, for setting up and selling items sold at the HOS Mini Country Store and to the following members who donated goodies to sell: **Jackie Lai** - 10 bags peanuts, 4 mango bread loaves; **Charlotte Yamamoto** - 6 trays butter mochi; **JoAnn Higuchi** - 5 banana bread loaves, 6 dozen chocolate chip cookies; **Katherine Sakuda** - 6 bags banana butter mochi, 6 bags energy bars, 5 sashiko dish towels; and **Ryan and Lyndsay Sakuda** – mother of pearl inlaid jewelry box, 3 grocery bags, and 1 wooden decoration.

Mahalo to the following members, friends and Refreshment Committee who brought in a great assortment of goodies to share with those in attendance at our May meeting – **June Harden** – 2L Coke and 2L Coke Zero; **Ron Falter & Lynda Miyata** – Madeleine Mini Cakes; **Josie Gesteuyala** – Red Velvet and M&M Rainbow Chip Cookies; **Colette Young** – assorted Trail Mix bags; **Kathy Sakuda** – Beef Broccoli Pan Fried Noodles; **Jed Smith** – Homemade Almond Brittle; **Bob & JoAnn Higuchi** – assorted Bagged Chips; **Robyn Yoshida** – Noodles; **Karen Nagamine** – Chocolate Macadamia Nut Cookies; **Walter & Ruby Hiraishi** – Kurome Bara Sushi Rice; **Linda Leong** – C-Mui & Asst Nuts; **Sandie & Karen Torigoe** – Teri Beef Maki Sushi; **Lynda Takara** – Brownies with Walnuts; **Dorothy Nakama** – Seasoned Edamame; **Charlotte Yamamoto** – Cold Cuts Shish Kabobs; **Kate Leonard & Ian Sandison** – Salted Any Kine Mixed Nuts; **Anonymous 3X** – Kirkland Double Nut, Oatmeal Raisin, Chocolate Chunk Cookie Assortment; Nabisco Nutter Butter Peanut Butter Cookies; and Trader Joe’s Olive & Herbs Mixed Nuts & Olives; **Alyn Pyle III & Becky Bodenner** – Honolulu Cookie Company Mini Guava Bites, Chocolate Chip Macadamia Nut Mini Bites, and Lemon Mini Bites; and **Refreshment Committee** – POG Fruit Juice and Water. Your donations are truly appreciated

The HOS would like to thank **Dave Furumizo** for donating 'Orchids' magazines and **Williette Wong** for donating orchid books and magazines to the Society. We greatly appreciate these generous donations, as they help enhance the orchid knowledge to be found in the HOS Library. It is through donations like these that the HOS can provide access to its members a source of orchid-related resources. As a reminder, most of the materials are available to checkout for at-home reading and members are more than welcome to checkout these materials online under the HOS website Orchid Resources page. Not sure what to read? Send an email to the HOS Librarian Jed Smith (hos@honoluluorchidsociety.org) asking for assistance and he will send you a list of recommendations.

Group Purchase from TOF

The Honolulu Orchid Society would like to thank **Jeff Parker** and **Kathy Klett** from **Tropical Orchid Farm (TOF)** in Haiku, Maui for offering HOS members a special group purchase. Also a big mahalo to **Ben Kodama, Jr.**, for accepting the 98 plants, sorting and distributing to 22 members. The plants were delivered to Kodama Orchid Nursery on May 3 and distributed to most members on Saturday, May 6.

This group purchase featured many larger unique or rare orchids and some in very low quantity. Members were thrilled to add to their collections and look forward to growing these orchids and see them flower.



Brad Lau (right) picking up his Group Purchase plants from Ben Kodama, Jr.



Eddie Peltier (left) picking up his Group Purchase plant from Ben Kodama, Jr.

Plant Cultural Winners for May Meeting

At the May Meeting, everyone in the audience was asked to cast a vote of their choice for plant culture based on flower or plant appearance, fragrance, uniqueness or overall growth. Not everyone in attendance voted but many did.

There were 8 plants on the Culture Table brought in by 7 members. The first, second and third place winning plants are shown below.



1st Place

Den. Bohemian Rhapsody
Exhibitor: **Jan Takamiya**
(pictured above with her plant)

2nd Place

Den. x usitae
Exhibitors: **Mel & Pam Waki**

3rd Place

Den. lindleyi
Exhibitors: **Brad Lau & Linda Inouye**

New procedures for the Plant Culture Table will be discussed in next month's newsletter. A special category for novice growers is planned. Stay tuned.

New Faces on HOS Board

On May 9, 2023, the HOS Board of Trustees elected **Sandie Torigoe** to fill a vacancy on the Board. Her term runs through the end of 2025. **Lynda Takara** has also agreed to serve on the Board for 2023 and to be on the slate for the upcoming election. The HOS Board will take up the vacancy at its June board meeting. While the Board gains two new Trustees, **Skyler Inter** has resigned her position as a 2025 Trustee. Her position currently remains vacant.

Honohono Workshop A Big Hit

A hands-on potting workshop was held prior to the May General Membership Meeting. More than 35 people attended the workshop which started promptly at 5:30 pm and ended an hour later. The instructors were **Melvin Waki** and **Calvin Kumano** with assistance from **Jan Takamiya**, **Walter Hiraishi** and **Brad Lau**. Instructions were given on the “*Kumano Method*” for making keikis from stems of honohono plants. Participants brought their own honohono plants that had flowered and were taught when, where and how to cut



the old stems. The cut stems were then placed on fine Orchiata bark in 4-inch plastic pots. If water and shade are provided, each cut stem should produce a keiki; some maybe two.



Honohono stem cuttings placed on layer of fine bark. Keikis should appear in 2-3 months.

The workshop concluded with participants planting honohono keikis donated by Calvin Kumano and H&R Nurseries. The keikis were planted with New Zealand sphagnum moss in 2-1/4 inch plastic pots. Dolomite and nutricote were added and labels were written to identify the honohono hybrids.

Condolences

We are sad to announce the passing of **Glenn Kogachi** of **Kogachi Orchids** on Monday, May 15, 2023. Glenn was a member of the Honolulu Orchid Society and a vendor at our orchid shows for many years. He will be sorely missed.

The Honolulu Orchid Society extends its sincerest sympathy to Glenn's family and friends.

Aiea Orchid Show

The Aiea Orchid Show will be held on Friday, June 9 and Saturday, June 10 at the Aiea Elementary School Cafeteria. The Honolulu Orchid Society will be putting up a floor display at the Show. Members should be grooming their plants and greeneries to put in the display. The theme of the display is "*The Chinese Zodiac Year of the Rabbit*". Prop ideas include Rabbits (stuffed animals, toys, figurines, etc.), Chinese decorations, Chinese lanterns, etc., to enhance the display with our theme. Setup for the HOS display will be on Thursday, June 8 beginning at 9:00 am. Let's all work together to make this a great display.

Please stake your plants and if you need to, please place them in a larger pot so the plants can stand alone without falling over when placed in the display.

Please bring your plants, greeneries including hinahina, and props by 11:00 am on Thursday to give the Set-up Committee ample time to complete the display before 3:00 pm. Register your blooming orchid plants with the Show Registration Desk before leaving your plants with the HOS Set-up Committee. Label your plants and props with your name so they are returned to you at breakdown. The Set-up Committee can use your help if you are free that day and at breakdown (4:00 pm) on Saturday. Lunch will be provided for those that stay to help with the display set-up. If you have any questions, call or text **Carol De Witt** at (808) 597-4087.

Miniature Orchid Plant Display Table at the Aiea Orchid Show. All plants displayed on this table will be considered for the miniature awards. Natural height of plant from the base to the top of the plant (excluding flowers above the leaves) must not exceed 7 inches and the natural width of the leaf span must not exceed 7 inches. Exhibitors must specify at the time of registration that the plant is to be entered in the miniature display.



The 39th Annual
Aiea Orchid Club (Non-Profit Org.)
ORCHID SHOW
& Plant Sale ~Free Admission~

Location: **Aiea Elementary School**
99-370 Moanalua Road (mauka of Aloha Stadium)

Dates: **June 9 (Fri) & 10 (Sat), 2023**

Show Hours & Lectures / Demonstrations Schedule
(Subject to change)

- **Friday, June 9 (9 a.m. ~ 4 p.m.)**
11 a.m. **Dendrobium Orchid Culture**
of 5 Different Groups
- **Saturday, June 10 (9 a.m. ~ 4 p.m.)**
(Plant sale closes at 3 p.m.)
11 a.m. **Cattleya Orchid Culture**
& General Orchid Culture

Election of 2024 Officers and Board of Trustees

The Nomination Committee presents the following slate of nominations for 2024 HOS Officers and Trustees to be voted on in July:

Officers

President:	Brad Lau
1 st Vice President	Melvin Waki
2 nd Vice President	Katherine Sakuda
3 rd Vice President	Rylan Chong
Corresponding Secretary	Carol De Witt
Recording Secretary	Hongwei Li
Treasurer	Jackie Lai
Past President	Vacant

Board of Trustees

<u>2024*</u>	<u>2025*</u>	<u>2026</u>
Linda Inouye	Benjamin Kodama, Jr.	Adam Almeida
Marisa Maemori	Matthew McKnight III	JoAnn Higuchi
Jed Smith	Sandie Torigoe	Robert Higuchi
Charlotte Yamamoto	Vacant	Lynda Takara

* Trustees serve staggered three-year terms through the years shown. Trustees for 2024 and 2025 were elected in prior years.

Looking Ahead HOS General Membership Meetings

- Jun 14–**Fred Clarke**, *Spotted & Splashed Cattleyas*, Zoom Video Conference, early 6:30 PM start
- Jul 12–**Leland Nakai**, *Vanda falcata*, in-person meeting at Lanakila Elementary School Cafeteria
- Aug 9–**Roy Tokunaga**, *Catch of the Day*, in-person meeting at Lanakila Elementary School Cafeteria
- Sep 13–**Dr. Inge White**, *Orchid ID Lab and Orchid Library at Windward Community College*, in-person meeting at Lanakila Elementary School Cafeteria
- Oct 11–**Tom Mirenda**, *Topic to be determined*, Zoom Video Conference
- Nov 8–**Robert Moffitt**, *Judging 101*, in-person or Zoom Video Conference
- Dec 13–**Holiday Pot Luck**, in-person gathering at Lanakila Elementary School Cafeteria

Calendar of Events for June

- Thursday, June 8
Set-up and Judging for Aiea Orchid Show
Aiea Elementary School Cafeteria
- Friday & Saturday, June 9 & 10
Aiea Orchid Show
Aiea Elementary School Cafeteria
- Tuesday, June 13
HOS Board Meeting
Zoom Video Conference
- Wednesday, June 14
HOS Monthly Meeting (Fred Clarke)
Zoom Video Conference
- Monday, June 26
HOS Judging at Aiea Orchid Club Meeting
Aiea Elementary School

Only 4 Months Away



HONOLULU ORCHID SOCIETY ORCHID SHOW

Featuring

Orchid Displays, Vendors, Workshops, Country Store

9:00 AM - 4:00 PM
9:00 AM - 4:00 PM

FRIDAY, OCT. 13, 2023
SATURDAY, OCT. 14, 2023

Washington Middle School Cafeteria
1633 South King Street, Honolulu

FREE ADMISSION

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Honolulu Orchid Society Judging

Saturday, May 13, 2023, Lanakila Senior Center. Nine plants were registered for judging. All plants were screened. 5 plants were selected for judging and were awarded. The awarded plants are shown as Award Nos. 2023-23 through 2023-27 on this and the next page.

Monday, May 22, 2023, Aiea Elementary School Cafeteria. Seven plants were brought to the Aiea Orchid Club meeting. Three plants were selected for screening; two were judged and awarded. The awarded plants are shown as Award Nos. 2023-28 and 2023-29 on page 11.

All Award photos and descriptions for 2023 and prior years are available on the [Award Gallery](#) of the HOS Website.



Award No. 2023-23
Rrm. Volcano Flare 'Pam'
AM HOS (82.0 Pts.)
Owners: Mel & Pam Waki



Award No. 2023-24
C. Dakao 'Flamea Enami'
CR HOS (78.5 Pts.)
Owner: Matthew McKnight III



Award No. 2023-25
Rlc. Nalo Apricot 'Karen'
AM HOS (82.5 Pts.)
Owners: Scot & Karen Mitamura



Award No. 2023-26
Brs. Datacosa 'Coos Bay'
AM HOS (80.7 Pts.)
Owners: Scot & Karen Mitamura



Award No. 2023-27
Phrag. Devil Fire 'Pacific Heights'
CR HOS (79.0 Pts.)
Owners: Kate Leonard & Ian Sandison



Award No. 2023-28
Rth. Momilani Rainbow 'Momilani'
AM HOS (80.7 Pts.)
Owner: Calvin Kumano



Award No. 2023-29
Den. chrysotoxum var. suavissimum
'Noelle Chung'
CR HOS (78.7 Pts.)
Owner: George & Judy Hidano

General Information about HOS Judging

HOS Judging is usually conducted on the second Saturday of each month at the Lanakila Senior Center and on the fourth Monday of each month at the Aiea Orchid Club meeting at Aiea Elementary School. There will be no judging at the Lanakila Senior Center on June 10, 2023. Judging will instead be conducted at the Aiea Orchid Show.

Anyone can bring flowering orchid plants for judging. You do not have to be a member of HOS to have your plant judged. Plants judged at the Lanakila Senior Center must be dropped off between 9:30 AM and 10:00 AM. Plants judged at Aiea must be brought to the meeting between 6:45 PM and 7:15 PM. Plants that are awarded are assessed a \$25 processing fee. In return the plant owners receive a certificate and a color photo of the flowers.

Recipe of the Month

Strawberry Simple Syrup

<https://barefeetinthekitchen.com/strawberry-simple-syrup-recipe>

Strawberry Simple Syrup is easy to make with just 3 ingredients and it can be used in so many ways!

Course: Condiment, Drinks **Cuisine:** American **Servings:** 24 tablespoons
Calories: 76kcal

Ingredients

- 2 lbs fresh strawberries
- 4 cups water
- 2 cups sugar

Instructions

1. Wash the berries and remove stems. Roughly chop or quarter the strawberries and place them into a medium saucepan. Cover with the water and bring to a boil.
2. Reduce to a simmer and cook the berries for 20 minutes. Carefully skim and discard any foam that rises to the top.
3. After 20 minutes, the berries will be much lighter in color and the water should be a dark pink or red. Place a fine mesh strainer over a second saucepan and pour the strawberry liquid through it.
4. Resist the temptation to press down on the cooked berries to extract more juice. This will make the syrup cloudy. After straining, discard the cooked berries.
5. Add the sugar to the liquid and bring it back to a boil. Stir constantly, until the sugar has dissolved completely. *Skim and discard any foam that rises to the top.
6. Remove from the heat and let the syrup cool completely before transferring to glass jars for storage in the refrigerator. The syrup will last for several weeks.

* If you want a thicker syrup for a topping on pancakes, ice cream or other desserts, simmer the syrup for 5-10 minutes longer until the liquid reduces and thickens further.



Nutrition

Calories: 76kcal | Carbohydrates: 20g | Protein: 0.3g | Fat: 0.2g | Saturated Fat: 0.01g | Polyunsaturated Fat: 0.1g | Monounsaturated Fat: 0.02g | Sodium: 3mg | Potassium: 58mg | Fiber: 1g | Sugar: 18g | Vitamin A: 5IU | Vitamin C: 22mg | Calcium: 7mg | Iron: 0.2mg