



# The Honolulu Orchid Society

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## July 2023 NEWSLETTER



Honolulu Orchid Society Display  
at the 2023 Aiea Orchid Show  
Aiea Elementary School Cafeteria  
June 9 and 10, 2023

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## HONOLULU ORCHID SOCIETY (HOS) JULY GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING

**Date:** Wednesday, July 12, 2023


**Time/Place:** 7:00 PM, Lanakila  
Elementary School Cafeteria

**Program:** 'Neofinetia (Vanda)  
falcata"

**Speaker:** Leland Nakai

**Leland Nakai** has been growing orchids since the late 90s, an interest sparked by meeting Penny Hattal selling orchids downtown. He has grown many different orchids and learned that Vandas grow best for him. With the large growing nature of most Vandas, he decided to look into growing the much smaller Vanda falcata. This famous little orchid proved to be more manageable and better suited to him. Come join us as he presents a more in-depth look at this popular little Japanese orchid.

The public is more than welcome to attend the meeting and participate. There is ample parking in the school parking lot. Refreshments will be served.



HONOLULU ORCHID SOCIETY MEETING

**Vanda falcata**

PRESENTED BY LELAND NAKAI

7 O'CLOCK IN THE EVENING | JULY 12 | LANAKILA ELEMENTARY SCHOOL CAFETERIA

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### HOS Mini Country Store

The **Mini Country Store** reopens! The store will open its doors during our in-person meetings at Lanakila Elementary School Cafeteria during the months of July, August, and September 2023. We like trying different food preparations and really encourage voluntary donations from the membership and friends and need to have items brought in by 6:30 pm for pricing and set up by the Country Store workers. We accept donations of baked goods, snacks, jams, jellies, fruits, fresh veggies, (have food items individually packaged/ wrapped), and craft items too. Items may be purchased prior to the start of our meeting and during the refreshment break. We encourage the membership and friends present at our in-person meetings to be a CUSTOMER and to PLEASE patronize the Country Store. Only cash and checks will be accepted. All proceeds from the country store sales will be used for the HOS educational program. Your support is greatly appreciated. Please bring your family and friends. See you soon!!!

## **Mahalo Nui Loa**

Thank you, **Fred Clarke**, for your presentation on Spotted and Splashed Cattleyas. It was a great experience learning about the different species used to create these desirable traits in Cattleya breeding. The vast variations in the flowers of Slc. Cosmic Future was a vibrant surprise to the viewers and a hybrid to look forward to seeing more in the future. We are excited to see more of your hard work through the amazing hybrids you create.

A special thank you to the generosity of **Kate Leonard** and **Ian Sandison** for their sponsorship of Fred Clarke's talk at the June HOS general membership meeting.

A special thank you to the generosity of **Brad Lau** for his donation of giveaway plants of various orchid species and hybrids at the June HOS general membership meeting. The winning members were allowed to choose one of the selections.

## **Aiea Orchid Club's 39<sup>th</sup> Annual Show and Plant Sale**

The Aiea Orchid Show was held on Friday, June 9, 2023 and Saturday, June 10, 2023 at the Aiea Elementary School cafeteria. The Honolulu Orchid Society participated by putting up a floor display that was selected First Place Best Society Display (\$150).

Appreciation is acknowledged to all who turned out to give support to the HOS. Thank you, **Jed Smith** for chairing the display setup. **Jed** and **Mel Waki** helped create the initial set-up of the display along with **Sandie Torigoe** and **Karen Torigoe** who helped wrap the pots with black cloth. We

also thank **Matthew McKnight III, Adam Almeida, Walter Hiraishi, Brad Lau, Linda Inouye, Ian Sandison, Kate Leonard, June Yokomoto, JoAnn and Bob Higuchi, Charlotte Yamamoto, Jackie Lai, Dorothy Nakama, Kathy Sakuda** and **Carol De Witt** for helping to complete the "Chinese Zodiac Year of the Rabbit" themed HOS display and breaking down the display along with **Ruby Hiraishi, Eddie Peltier, Ben Kodama, Jr.**, who also helped with the breakdown.

We also thank **Kate Leonard** and **Ian Sandison, Doug DeMoss, Matthew**

**McKnight III, Walter Hiraishi, Brad Lau** and **Linda Inouye, Pam and Mel Waki, Jan Takamiya, Dave Furumizo, Carol De Witt, Nuuanu Orchids, Gerald Miyasato, Kodama Orchids, Sandie Torigoe, Karen Torigoe, Williette Wong, and Bob and JoAnn Higuchi** for sharing their blooming orchid plants, greeneries and props in the display. The HOS display had more than 70 blooming orchid plants.

Thank you to our "chefs" **Jackie Lai, JoAnn and Bob Higuchi, Charlotte Yamamoto, Dorothy Nakama, Kathy Sakuda, and Brad Lau and Linda Inouye** who prepared a



Karen and Sandie Torigoe wrap pots with black cloth. Carol De Witt looks on. Photo by Linda Inouye.

great meal for the working crew who helped set up the display. The menu consisted of beef stew, Bob's BBQ kalua pork, rice, tossed fresh vegetable salad, sweetbread rolls, apple jello, mango bars, assorted bagged chips and bottled water.

if you assisted at the Show but your name is not listed above, please see Carol De Witt at the next General Membership meeting and a correction will be made in next month's newsletter. We want to be sure that you are recognized for your services.

Trophies were presented to the following plants in the HOS display:

**Best White Dendrobium:**

Den. Thomas Warne 'Nuuanu' displayed by Doug DeMoss

**Best Flowering Specimen Plant (Dorothy T. Oka Memorial Trophy):**

Den. Thomas Warne 'Nuuanu' displayed by Doug DeMoss

**Best Lavender Dendrobium:**

Den. victoriae-reginae displayed by Kate Leonard & Ian Sandison

**Best Multi-Flowered Paphiopedilum**

Paph. Susan Booth 'Pupukea' displayed by Doug DeMoss



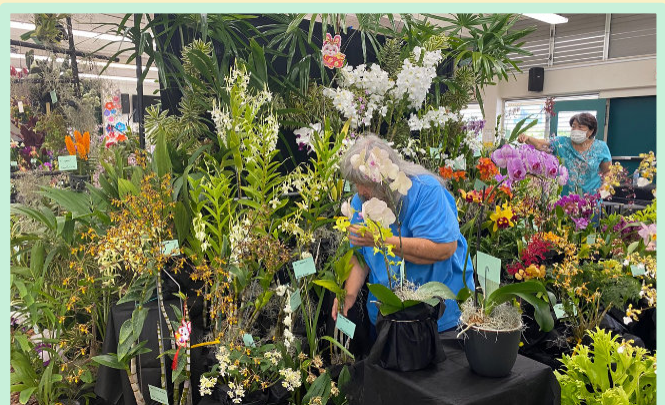
Kate Leonard describes a mounted dendrobium to Adam Almeida and Walter Hiraishi. All photos on this page were taken by Linda Inouye.



Kathy Sakuda passes a wooden crate to Jed Smith. Bob and JoAnn Higuchi and Karen Torigoe are the background.



Kathy Sakuda rearranges the greens while Sandie Torigoe looks on. Jed Smith in background ponders next move.

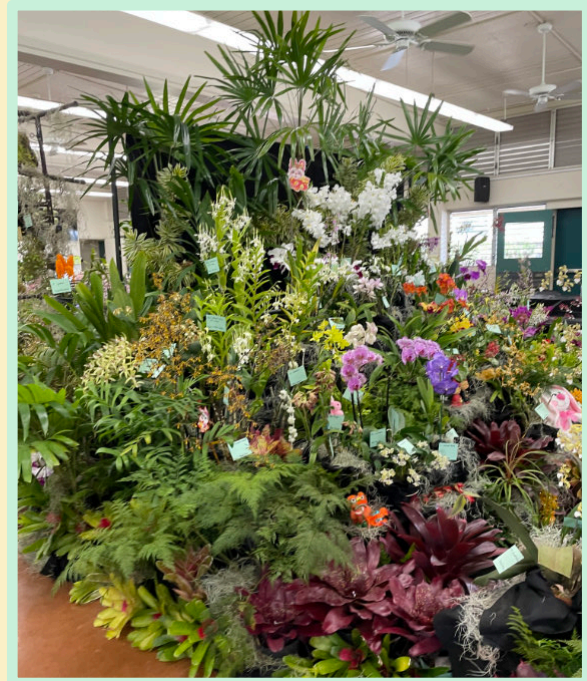


Carol De Witt finds a place for a dendrobium. Sandie Torigoe is in the background. .

# Honolulu Orchid Society Display

## 2023 Aiea Orchid Show

Photos by Kathy Sakuda



The display setup was chaired  
by Jed Smith.

## Group Purchase from Sunset Valley Orchids

Earlier President Brad Lau had announced that we were planning a HOS Group Buy with SVO orchids expected with their new catalog release on July 3.

We just found out that due to cloudy weather the plants need more time to grow and mature so the HOS group buy is now moved to July 24. We will keep our members informed in the next few weeks.

## Election of 2024 Officers and Board of Trustees

Members are encouraged to attend the July 12, 2023 HOS meeting to participate in the election of the 2024 Officers and Board of Trustees. A quorum of 30 members is needed to conduct business.

In the June 2023 Newsletter and during the June 14, 2023 membership meeting conducted via Zoom, the Nomination Committee presented the following slate of nominees:

### Officers

President:	Brad Lau
1 <sup>st</sup> Vice President	Melvin Waki
2 <sup>nd</sup> Vice President	Katherine Sakuda
3 <sup>rd</sup> 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.

\*\* 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** also agreed to serve on the Board for 2023 and to be on the slate for the upcoming election.

No additional nominations were received during the June 14 Zoom meeting.

In accordance with the Honolulu Orchid Society By-Laws, the election of the Officers and Trustees shall be by vote of the members present at the July meeting. Bob Higuchi, Election Committee Chair, will conduct the election.

## New Procedures for the Plant Culture Table

Beginning with the July meeting, new procedures will be implemented for the Plant Culture Table. The procedures are intended to incentivize and encourage members to bring their blooming orchids to meetings to share with the other members.

There will be two categories of growers: a **Novice Category** (up to 4 years of growing orchids) and a **Masters Category** (more than 4 years of growing orchids). Members and guests who bring their orchids to the meetings will be registering their plants in either category. Registration forms identifying the owners and plant names will be provided at the meeting. Workers at the registration desk will assist in completing the forms. Members are asked to bring and register their plants before 7:00 pm and to limit the number of plants to 3. Plants in the **Novice Category** will be placed on a separate area from the plants in the **Masters Category**.

After the program and before the refreshment break, the audience will be asked to review all the orchids and vote for the Best in the **Novice Category** and the Best in the **Masters Category**. Members will use their own criteria to select the best plant i.e., flower appearance, flower size, presentation, plant growth, uniqueness, or fragrance.

Details on the voting procedures will be provided at the meeting. There will be limitations. For example, owners of plants will not be able to vote for their own plant nor vote for plants in the category that they are in. Members must vote to participate in the plant give-aways at the end of the meeting.

### Looking Ahead HOS General Membership Meetings

- 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 July

- **Saturday, July 8 (10:00 AM)**  
HOS Judging  
Lanakila Senior Center
- **Tuesday, July 11 (7:00 PM)**  
HOS Board Meeting  
Zoom Video Conference
- **Wednesday, July 12 (7:00 PM)**  
HOS Monthly Meeting (Leland Nakai)  
Lanakila Elementary School Cafeteria
- **Monday, July 24 (7:30 PM)**  
HOS Judging at Aiea Orchid Club Meeting  
Aiea Elementary School Cafeteria

## Honolulu Orchid Society Judging

**Thursday, June 8, 2023, Aiea Orchid Show, Aiea Elementary School Cafeteria.** 251 plants were registered at the Aiea Orchid Show. All plants were screened. 17 plants were nominated for judging of which 10 were judged and awarded. The awarded plants are shown as Award Nos. 2023-30 through 2023-39 on this and the following pages. All award photos were taken by Mel Waki.

**Monday, June 26, 2023, Aiea Orchid Club Meeting, Aiea Elementary School Cafeteria.** 12 plants were brought to the Aiea Orchid Club meeting. 4 plants were selected for screening; none were judged.

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



**Award No. 2023-30**  
**Den. Thomas Warne 'Nuuanu'**  
**CCM HOS (83.5 Pts.)**  
**Owner: Doug DeMoss**



**Award No. 2023-31**  
**Den. Amabile 'Pebbles'**  
**CCM HOS (86.6 Pts.)**  
**Owners: George & Judy Hidano**





**Award No. 2023-32**  
**V. falcata 'Masatoru'**  
**CCM HOS (86.0 Pts.)**  
**Owners: Calvin & Sherry Abe**



**Award No. 2023-33**  
**Coel. pandurata 'DOTTED'**  
**CCM HOS (84.8 Pts.)**  
**Owners: Calvin & Sherry Abe**



**Award No. 2023-34**  
**C. Russell DeMoss 'Kodama'**  
**AM HOS (79.7 Pts.)**  
**Owner: Kodama Orchid Nursery**



**Award No. 2023-35**  
**Rlc. Tainan Gold 'Karen'**  
**FCC HOS (90.5 Pts.)**  
**Owners: Scot & Karen Mitamura**



**Award No. 2023-36**  
**Paph. Susan Booth 'Pupukea'**  
**AM HOS (80.2 Pts.)**  
**Owner: Doug DeMoss**



**Award No. 2023-37**  
**V. garayi 'K & K Furumoto'**  
**CR HOS (78.5 Pts.)**  
**Owner: Dawn Furumoto**



**Award No. 2023-38**  
**Den. QF Makani 'Momilani'**  
**AM HOS (83.3 Pts.)**  
**Owner: Calvin Kumano**



**Award No. 2023-39**  
**C. Pittiae 'Kodama'**  
**CR HOS (79.3 Pts.)**  
**Owners: Scot & Karen Mitamura**

### **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.

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.

# HOS Judges Judging at the Aiea Orchid Show

Photos by Linda Inouye



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# 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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## Orchid Tip of the Month by Scot Mitamura

Our summer solstice has arrived and so has our summer weather. Why is this important, well, it is the time of year when our day length is the longest. This creates a huge impact on our orchid culture.

With the long days, most of our orchids are doing much of their annual growth. This growth, along with the warm temperatures and typical trade wind weather, makes the irrigation demands for our orchids much greater. Not providing enough water can really stunt the growth of your orchids and will negatively affect your flowering.

The correct watering schedule constantly changes and we must continuously observe the drying rates of our orchids. Watering should be done as the orchid begins to dry from the previous watering. Try not to let the media dry completely, this would make the media hydrophobic, so repeated watering must be done to ensure a wetting of the whole root ball.

Even with my irrigation system, I like to hand water my orchids very heavily, repeatedly, and from all directions, especially from underneath. While I'm doing this, I can notice the orchids that have fallen down, ones that need re-potting, ones that have weeds, ones that have insects, and ones that may be sick or doing poorly.

Needless to say, watering takes up a lot of my time, but it's my time to connect with my orchids. If you want to be a good grower, spend time with your orchids. I became a really lousy orchid grower when I fully relied on my irrigation system.

Since the orchids are growing so much, it makes sense that we should be providing adequate fertilizer. Even if you are fertilizing with a timed-release fertilizer, your orchids will benefit from added water-soluble types of fertilizer during this time of the year. I am not particular to the types of fertilizer, I just use what I have.

Years ago, with the recommendation from a fertilizer company, I tested many different formulas on a batch of mericlone (tissue cultured) cattleyas, 100 similar sized orchids for each formula. After three years the difference was negligible! I did not grow a large enough test group to see the results.

So, the lesson learned for most of us small growers, is to fertilize with just about anything, something balanced or for flowering and you can't go wrong, but do something!

Let's take advantage of our long days and maximize the growth of our orchids which in turn will maximize their flowering. We are going to need them for the upcoming shows!

Aloha,  
Scot

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# Recipe of the Month

## Cherry Pie Bars

By Alyssa Rivers (therecipecritic.com)

Cherry pie in the best form possible: cherry pie bars! You can whip up a whole pan of these bars in minutes using cherry pie filling. They're pretty, easy to make, and always a hit to serve! And these cherry pies have everything I love about cherry pie but in an easier bar form! It's like biting into cherry pie AND cookies. These bars are incredible — they're soft, chewy, flavorful, and the glaze on top is the perfect finishing touch. Serve these with a scoop of vanilla bean ice cream for the ultimate dessert!

**Prep Time:** 20 minutes **Cook Time:** 35 minutes **Total Time:** 55 minutes  
**Course:** Dessert **Cuisine:** American **Servings:** 26 bars **Calories:** 204 kcal

### Ingredients

- 1 cup butter softened
- 2 cups sugar
- 4 eggs
- 1 tsp vanilla extract
- 1/4 tsp almond extract
- 3 cups all-purpose flour
- 1 tsp salt
- 2 each 21-ounce cherry pie filling

### Glaze

- 1 cup powdered sugar
- 1/2 tsp vanilla extract
- 1/2 tsp almond extract
- 2 Tbs milk

### Instructions

Preheat the oven to 350 degrees Fahrenheit. Spray pan spray on a 15x10x1 pan and set aside. Cream together butter and sugar. Add eggs and beat well. Beat in extracts.

In a separate bowl combine the flour and salt. Add the flour mixture to the creamed mixture. Mix until combined.

Spread 3 cups of batter on the bottom of the prepared pan. Top with the cans of cherry pie filling, spreading evenly across the batter. Drop dollops of the remaining batter as evenly as you can over the top until all the batter has been used.

Bake for 30-35 minutes or until toothpick comes clean. If using a 9x13 pan instead, the cooking time may end up being quite a bit longer to get a toothpick to come out clean. Cool completely.

Whisk together the glaze ingredients and drizzle over the cooled bars.

**NUTRITION:** Calories: 204kcal Carbohydrates: 31g Protein: 2g Fat: 8g Saturated Fat: 5g Cholesterol: 44mg Sodium: 162mg Potassium: 28mg Fiber: 1g Sugar: 20g Vitamin A: 255IU Calcium: 9mg Iron: 0.8mg

