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Dendrobium amabile 'Jules' CCM HOS
Displayed by Gary Moniz, Mililani
June 2015 Aiea Orchid Show

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HONOLULU ORCHID SOCIETY (HOS) OCTOBER GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING

Date: Wednesday, October 11, 2023

Time/Place: 7:00 PM, Zoom Video Conference

Program: "Ecuador: A Land of Orchids and Innovation "

Speaker: Thomas Mirenda

Tom Mirenda recounts his visit in June for the 30-year anniversary of Ecuagenera, a fantastic and innovative company growing and propagating a huge array of Ecuadorean and worldwide orchid species and hybrids. Learn about the botanical gardens featuring a myriad of orchids and tour the countryside in search of wild orchids.

You must register in advance for this Zoom meeting. Click [HERE](#) to register. After registering, you will receive a confirmation email containing information about joining the meeting. The public is more than welcome to attend the meeting.

The flyer features a dark blue background with a yellow diagonal stripe. At the top, it says "Honolulu Orchid Society" in yellow. Below that is a yellow pill-shaped button with "ZOOM" in white. The main title "VIDEO PRESENTATION" is in large white letters, followed by the subtitle "Ecuador: A Land of Orchids and Innovation" in white. A circular inset photo shows a man (Thomas Mirenda) smiling in a greenhouse. To the right of the photo, the date "WEDNESDAY October 11, 2023" and time "TIME 7:00 PM" are listed with calendar and clock icons. Below that, the speaker's name "SPEAKER Thomas Mirenda" is shown. At the bottom, a dark blue pill-shaped button says "REGISTER NOW" in white.

Mahalo Nui Loa

Thank you very much **Dr. Ingelia White** for your informative presentation on "Community Service at Kuhi La'au - Tropical Plant and Orchid Identification Facility at Windward Community College" at our September general membership meeting via Zoom. It was great to learn about the different resources that are available to identify plants and how to submit a plant to be identified.

The community involvement and educational impact associated with this facility by allowing people to submit plants for identification and having college students aid in the identification was a delight to see! Hopefully members will utilize this wealth of knowledge and amazing facility.

A special thank you to **H&R Nurseries** and **Bradley Lau** for providing the giveaway plants for the September HOS meeting.

Honolulu Orchid Society Show

Our show is about to begin! **Kathy Sakuda** and **Adam Almeida** are the co-chairs of the Show at the Washington Middle School Cafeteria.

Please continue to help spread the word of our Show.

Adam Almeida is chairing the setup of HOS's display. **Setup is on Thursday, October 12, from 9 AM to 2:00 PM.** The theme for HOS's display is "**Obon Festival of Orchids**". Volunteers are needed to help put up the display. More importantly we need your blooming orchid plants. If you have plants for the display, bring them to the Washington Middle School cafeteria **before 10:00 AM.** You can help by having the plants staked and placed in suitable pots or containers so the plants can stand on their own.

We can use greeneries such as ferns, assorted greens, Pele's hair, ti leaves, rhaps palms, Song of India cuttings, and assorted bromeliads to fill-in open spaces of the display.

We can also use props such as Japanese paper fans and lanterns, Japanese paper screens, yakuta and happi coats to accentuate the **Obon Festival** display theme.

There will be a Table Display for miniature orchids. **JoAnn Higuchi** and **Jackie Lai** are co-chairing the setup of the **Miniature Orchid Display**. To qualify as a Miniature, the natural height of a plant growth from the base to the top of the plant must not exceed 7 inches, and the natural length of a leaf must not exceed 7 inches. When registering the plant, you must indicate that the plant is for the Miniature Display. There will be cash prizes for the best miniatures in the Miniature Display.

Festival of Orchids
THE HONOLULU ORCHID SOCIETY

October 13 & 14, 2023

Orchid Show & Plant Sale
Friday-Saturday*
9:00 am - 4:00 pm
*Plant Sale closes at 3 pm Saturday

Admission is free!

Washington Middle School
1633 South King St

scan for Show details

honoluluorchidsociety.org

Orchid Culture Sessions - free! ♦ Country Store ☞ Plant Doctor

HOS will be operating a **Country Store** at the Show and is soliciting donations. The Store can use the following:

- Baked Goods (assorted cookies, breads, brownies, and snacks)
- Fresh Fruits/Vegetables (lemons, limes, starfruit, squash, and herbs)
- Jams and Jellies
- Arts and Crafts, Usable "White Elephant" goods, vases, glassware, and orchid books.
- Plants
- Ceramic planters, hangers, and gardening tools.
- Saleable household "treasures" .

The Country Store will NOT accept used clothing and linens.

Donations should be dropped off at the Country Store designated area in the Washington Middle School Cafeteria on Wednesday, October 11. from 10:00 AM to 11:30 AM and on Thursday, October 12, from 10 AM to 2 PM. Donations will also be accepted during the Show on Friday.

Pre-price your donations if possible. If you are unsure of prices, the country store volunteers will do the pricing. To make things go smoother, prepare an itemized list of your donations with your name, mailing address and phone number for turn in at the time you bring in your items to the Country Store.

Thank you to those who have volunteered to help at the Show.

Feel free to contact **Carol De Witt** at 808 597-4087 or email her at seabreeze808@outlook.com should you have questions about your assigned shift. Carol will accept phone calls until 9:30 PM. Leave a message with your name and phone number if she doesn't answer.

Lunch will be provided for all who volunteer to work at the show.

Workers check in with Carol at least 30 minutes prior to the start of their shift.

Morning shift workers will eat when called during their shift and afternoon shift workers will eat prior to start of their shift.

Plant Doctors will be at the Show. Bring your problem plant(s) in a sealed plastic bag and look for Plant Doctors **James Keach** and **Hannah Lutgen** at the Hawaii State Department of Agriculture table. Information that would help is the name of your plant, the symptoms that you are observing, the environmental growing conditions, and the location where it grows. Pictures are also helpful.



Show Schedule at a Glance

Wednesday, October 11, 2023

9:00 AM-2:00 PM Set-up Washington Middle School Cafeteria (Volunteers)

10:00 AM-11:30 AM Donation drop off for Country Store

Thursday, October 12, 2023

9:00 AM-2:00 PM Plant registration

9:00 AM-2:00 PM Display set-up (Orchid Societies and Volunteers)

10:00 AM-2:00 PM Donation drop off for Country Store

2:00 PM-9:00 PM Sales area set-up (Vendors & Country Store Helpers)

5:00 PM-9:00 PM Orchid and Trophy Judging (HOS Judges and Service Committee)

Friday, October 13, 2023

8:00 AM-9:00 AM Sales area set-up (Vendors & Country Store Helpers)

9:00 Show opens

9:00 AM-12:30 PM Showtime (Day 1 Shift 1 Volunteers)

10:00 AM Orchid Culture Class, *Getting to Know Dendrobiums with Walter Hiraishi* (open to the public)

12:30 PM-4:00 PM Showtime (Day 1 Shift 2 Volunteers)

1:00 PM Orchid Culture Class, *Orchids for Beginners by Larry Yamamoto* (open to the public)

4:00 PM Show Closes Day 1

Saturday, October 14, 2023

8:00 AM-9:00 AM Restock sales area (Vendors & Country Store Helpers)

9:00 AM Show reopens Day 2

9:00 AM-12:30 PM Showtime (Day 2 Shift 1 Volunteers)

10:00 AM Orchid Culture Class, *Catch of the Day and Intro to Orchids by Roy Tokunaga* (open to the public)

12:30-4:00 PM Showtime (Day 2 Shift 2 Volunteers)

3:00 PM Plant sales close

4:00 PM Show Ends

4:00 PM-5:00 PM Dismantling of displays and cleanup (Society members and Volunteers)

2023 Orchidist of the Year

Nominations are still open for Honolulu Orchid Society's **2023 Orchidist of the Year**.

This award is to recognize and honor a member or members for outstanding and unselfish service and valuable contributions to the Society. This award can be presented to a member only once. A list of prior Orchidists of the Year can be found on the HOS website and is available [HERE](#). Note that prior to 1972, this award was known as "Orchid Man of the Year."

The **deadline for nominations is Tuesday, October 31, 2023**. The HOS Board of Trustees makes the selection. Members may submit written nominations to the Honolulu Orchid Society, P. O. Box 558, Honolulu HI 96809-0558 attn: Orchidist of the Year or may email the nomination to President Brad Lau at bradlau23@gmail.com. Nominations should include a summary of the individual's outstanding attributes and contributions to the Society.

Donation

- **Otgonbayar Chimeddorj and Abraham Shragge**

Thank you for your generous monetary donation.

Welcome New Members

- **Otgonbayar Chimeddorj & Abraham Shragge**, Honolulu
- **Perla L. Alvarez**, Honolulu
- **Robbin & Harry Jew**, San Francisco, California

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

Looking Ahead HOS General Membership Meetings

- Oct 11–**Tom Mirenda**, Ecuador: A Land of Orchids and Innovation, Zoom Video Conference
- Nov 8–**Robert Moffitt**, *Judging 101*, in-person meeting at Lanakila Elementary School Cafeteria
- Dec 13–**Holiday Pot Luck**, in-person gathering at Lanakila Elementary School Cafeteria
- Jan 20, 2024–**Annual Business Meeting and Installation Banquet**, Natsunoya Tea House, 11:00 AM

Calendar of Events for October 2023

- Tuesday, October 10 (7:00 PM)
HOS Board Meeting
Zoom Video Conference
- Wednesday, October 11 (7:00 PM)
HOS Monthly Meeting (Tom Mirenda)
Zoom Video Conference
- Thursday, October 12 (9:00 AM-9:00 PM)
Setup and Judging for Orchid Show
Washington Middle School Cafeteria
- Friday & Saturday, October 13 & 14 (9:00 AM to 4:00 PM)
Honolulu Orchid Society Show
Washington Middle School Cafeteria
- Monday, October 23 (7:00 PM)
HOS Judging at Aiea Orchid Club Meeting
Aiea Elementary School Cafeteria

Honolulu Orchid Society Judging in September 2023

Saturday, September 9, 2023, Lanakila Senior Center. Twelve plants were registered for judging. All of the plants were screened. Four plants were judged and awarded. The awarded plants are shown as Award Nos. 2023-52 through 2023-55 this and the following pages.

Monday, September 25, 2023, Aiea Orchid Club Meeting, Aiea Elementary School Cafeteria. 13 plants were brought to the Aiea Orchid Club meeting. All plants were screened. Four plants were judged and awarded. The awarded plants are shown as Award Nos. 2023-56 through 2023-59 on the following pages.

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



Award No. 2023-52
Rlc. Siam Red 'Pam'
AM HOS (81.5 Pts.)
Owners: Mel & Pam Waki



Award No. 2023-53
Bulb. Wilbur Chang 'Matty Boi'
CCM HOS (84.0 Pts.)
Owner: Matthew McKnight III



Award No. 2023-54
Spa. Cherry Blossom 'The Queen'
CR HOS (78.7 Pts.)
Owner: Matthew McKnight III



Award No. 2023-55
Den. Formosum 'Pacific Heights'
AM HOS (82.0 Pts.)
Owners: Kate Leonard & Ian Sandison



Award No. 2023-56
Rlc. Sachiko Tsugawa 'Volcano Queen'
AM HOS (82.0 Pts.)
Owners: Mel & Pam Waki



Award No. 2023-57
Rlc. Memoria Ching-Lun Chang
'Karen'
CR HOS (78.7 Pts.)
Owners: Scot & Karen Mitamura



Award No. 2023-58
Rlc. Volcano Classic 'Volcano
Queen'
CR HOS (77.8 Pts.)
Owners: Scot & Karen Mitamura

Award No. 2023-59
Den. Penang Little Magic 'Pacific
Heights'
CR HOS (78.6 Pts.)
Owners: Kate Leonard & Ian Sandison



Recipe of the Month

BBQ Chicken French Bread Pizza

life-in-the-lofthouse.com

There's nothing quite like a fresh loaf of French bread from your local grocer or baker. The crisp crust and fluffy center are a match made in bakery heaven. This new recipe for BBQ Chicken French Bread Pizza will blow your mind on how to use a loaf of bread. No matter how you slice it, this recipe is a winner!

Prep Time: 10 minutes **Cook Time:** 15 minutes **Servings:** 6

Ingredients

- 1 loaf French bread ([or use this homemade French bread recipe](#))
- 1 cup barbecue sauce
- 2 cups shredded Mozzarella cheese
- 1/2-pound cooked, shredded chicken breast (a rotisserie chicken works great for this recipe)
- 1/4 cup sliced red onion
- salt and pepper to taste
- freshly chopped cilantro (optional)

Instructions

1. Preheat oven to 375 degrees F. Line a large baking sheet with parchment paper or foil. Set aside.
2. Slice the loaf of French bread in half, lengthwise. (try to cut it as evenly as possible.) Place the two pieces of French bread on the prepared baking sheet, cut side up.
3. Spread the barbecue sauce evenly over both pieces of bread. Then sprinkle a 1/2 cup of Mozzarella cheese evenly over the barbecue sauce on each side of bread. Top with the cooked shredded chicken and red onion. Sprinkle the remaining cheese all over the tops.
4. Bake for 12 to 15 minutes, or until cheese is melted and bubbly. Carefully, remove from oven and season with salt and pepper. Let pizza rest for 5 minutes before slicing. Top with cilantro then serve. Drizzle additional barbecue sauce on top too. (optional)
Enjoy



Orchid Tip of the Month by Scot Mitamura

After visiting Exotic Orchids of Maui again, I returned completely impressed with their nursery operations. It is so nice ~~to~~^{to} see the results of "doing it right"!

They are located in Haiku, about a mile from the ocean, maybe at 500 ft. elevation. Their hoop style greenhouses align perfectly to take advantage of the breezy Northeast tradewinds and ample sunlight. Even under these perfect conditions they still have circulation fans! The weedblocked covered floors of the greenhouses are spotless, with not a dried leaf or weed to be found. Metal framed and plastic topped benches are high for ease of cleaning and better air circulation. Rainwater is collected and run through UV light for sterilization, and is irrigated when measured humidity levels drop. Fertilizing is run through the irrigation and is measured to the ideal parts per million.

I can go on and on, but I think you get the message. They are a certified commercial nursery that exports their orchids. They completely understand the needs of the orchids and it shows by the quality products they produce.

The things we can learn from this is that, as our knowledge and growing techniques improve, we too can be successful by "doing it right"!

Aloha,
Scot

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