



KAIMUKI ORCHID SOCIETY

JANUARY 2019



Happy, Happy New Year!
We wish you all the best.
Great work to reach your fondest goals,
And when you're done, sweet rest.

We hope for your fulfillment,
Contentment, peace and more,
A brighter, better new year than
You've ever had before.

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YEAR IN REVIEW—2018 appeared to zip by without regard to any particular notice. Starting with the Installation Banquet in January, several great presentations by Jan Takamiya, Mel Waki, Randy Tajima, Scot Mitamura, Roy Andrade, Roy Tokunaga, and several hands-on sessions that allowed anyone willing to experiment with potting, mounting, and presentation preparation activities. Highlight of the year was participation in the Honolulu Orchid Society Show in October after a long hiatus from show participation by KOS. Lisa Abbott organized and lead a group of volunteers that brainstormed, experimented, and finalized a display design that secured top recognition in the table top display category. "Try this, try that, more color, place plants here, no there" were norms. All volunteers demonstrated that hard to describe but recognizable "can do" enthusiasm in preparing for and setting up the display. It was also difficult for the volunteers to contain their beams of pride in not only finding that their efforts were well recognized but also knowing that each and every individual had unselfishly participated as part of a team and pulled off an incredible feat! A Great Year!

DECEMBER MEETING (Tuesday, December 4, 2018) - The annual Christmas potluck was great success. Beyond a few announcements on membership renewals and the upcoming Installation Banquet, the evening was devoted to commaradiery, good fun, and an awesome variety snacks, main dishes, and desserts for consumption. Michele had everyone's attention and full participation with always exciting and challenging bingo games. Jan Nogawa snagged the big prize of the night, a fully decorated and lighted table top Christmas tree donated by Jenny Maii. It was truly a great time as members and guests both reacquainted and made new friendships and continued the fellowship that has become a hallmark of KOS. Thanks to all who made this a most enjoyable evening.

JANUARY MEETING (Tuesday, January 8, 2019) - As the first day of the New Year coincided with our normal first Tuesday monthly meeting schedule, our first meeting of 2019 will be next Tuesday on the 8th. Included in the program plan are some hands on activities that address a number of common things that are encountered when tending to your plants. As with most folks, each of your newly elected officers and Board member volunteers have had very busy schedules during the holidays and as such, have their work of managing KOS cut out for themselves. Program planning is always a challenge particularly at the start of the year, with a good amount of resource devoted to the forthcoming banquet. As we did not have any Culture Award activity at the December potluck meeting we are looking forward to having as many folks as possible bring their plants for show and sharing.



Honohono - 2018
Jan Takamiya

Come and join us, 1st Tuesday every month, 6:00 p.m., Kilauea Recreational Center, Kilauea Regional Park, Kaimuki.
KOS is a non-profit organization with an objective of fostering interest in the culture and enjoyment of orchids.

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ANNUAL DUES - As a gentle reminder please be advised that annual membership renewals are due for 2019. Fees are: \$25 for Regular Membership, \$15 for Associate Membership (spouse, significant other, child, same household), \$15 for Part Time Membership (essentially for folks that reside in Hawaii for only a portion of the year and live at other locations during the balance). A membership renewal form is attached. Please submit this form with your payment. Payments can be mailed to the KOS P.O. Box (see Pg. 1 of this newsletter) or brought to the next meeting. Thank you.

INSTALLATION BANQUET - The annual Installation Banquet is set for 4:00 p.m., Sunday, January 20, 2019 at the Ala Wai Golf Course Club House. This is the annual event where individual recently elected to serve as KOS officers and Board members are formally installed for the calendar year. Banquet fees are: \$25 for all members and \$30 for guests. A banquet sign up form is attached (includes membership renewal data) for you use. Please submit this form with your payment. Please be aware that this a late afternoon event, a variation from prior year lunch time events. Included in the activities will be a silent auction, items for raffle, and a plant for each attendee. Program chairperson Paula Fukuda and her volunteers have been working diligently to make this a great event. If you have anything that you would like to contribute for the silent auction or the drawings please contact Paula, Michele, or any of the other officers. Any volunteer assistance is also welcome. Sign up deadline for banquet attendance is January 13, 2019.

CULTURE AWARD - No Culture Award activity for the December 2018 meeting

In Memoriam

Les Kawamoto - Mr. Kawamoto, the owner of Kawamoto Orchid Nursery passed away in September of 2018. Mr. Kawamoto was a great friend of KOS, providing members access to a wide variety of plants. Mr. Kawamoto could usually be found manning the retail outlet at the nursery deep in Palolo Valley. His always friendly smile and greeting made for enjoyable visits whether looking for a simple gift plant or something special. Mr. Kawamoto is survived by wife Carol; son Reid; daughters Kristi and Nicole. KOS extends its sympathy to the family of Mr. Kawamoto.

Callman Au - Mr. Au, a retired school teacher, realtor, and orchidist extraordinaire, passed away in late November. A member of the Mililani Mauka and Kunia Orchid Society, Mr. was renown for his culture of the popular honohono orchid and always willing to share his knowledge of and enthusiasm for the culture of this species. His sessions on honohono culture were comprehensive, clear, easy to follow, and popular. It was suggested that he enjoyed sharing his knowledge of orchid growing with anyone interested more so than the actual growing of his orchids. However, this was never obvious to anyone fortunate enough to attend one of his sessions. KOS extends its sympathy to the family of Mr. Au.

ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS - Christmas Potluck - A big mahalo to all attendees who contributed to the Christmas potluck dinner. There was a very nice variety of selections for all to enjoy. Thank you also for folks that contributed prizes for the games. A special mahalo to Michelle and Guy Watanabe for opening their home for the event. **2018** - Thank you to all the folks who come early to each meeting to help set up and then stay afterwards to take down and store tables and chairs and tidy up the area before leaving. Thanks to all who participate in the Culture Award activity. While the activity is somewhat competitive, what is more important is your willingness to share your handiwork with fellow members. Sharing, along with the comprehensive commentary by our AOS judges (thank you AOS judges) provides encouragement to everyone to continuously pursue excellence in the culture of our plants. Thanks to everyone for a great year!

UPCOMING EVENTS: a) January 2019 General Meeting; Tuesday, January 8, 2019, 6:00 p.m., b) Annual Installation Banquet, Sunday, January 20, 2019, 4:00 p.m., Ala Wai Golf Course Club House, c) February 2019 General Meeting; Tuesday, February 5, 2019, 6:00 p.m.