



# KAIMUKI ORCHID SOCIETY

## FEBRUARY 2019



**Valentine's Day**, also called **Saint Valentine's Day** or the **Feast of Saint Valentine**, is celebrated annually on February 14. Originating as a Western Christian feast day honoring one or two early saints named Valentinus, Valentine's Day is recognized as a significant cultural, religious, and commercial celebration of romance and romantic love in many regions around the world, although it is not a public holiday in any country.

**JANUARY MEETING (Tuesday, January 8, 2019)** - The first meeting of the year came and went in a flash. With many folks recovering from holiday celebrations, President Michele and event coordinator Paula Fukuda addressing details on the then forthcoming installation banquet, a short demonstration on how to employ swivels for your hanging plants, assistants attending to collection of dues and banquet reservations, and a comprehensive review and analysis of our Culture activity plants, the evening slipped by in no time. Actually a pretty amazing picture if one visualizes all the moving parts that make for a meeting. Luckily we have President Michele who keeps everything organized and running. So thank you Michele and mahalo to all those who tend to the details without fanfare. Thanks also to Craig Nakahara for the comprehensive review of the Culture activity.

**FEBRUARY MEETING (Tuesday, February 5, 2019)** - Our February meeting will be a hands on session with a slight variation from the norm. First, we will have some crumatum plants (the pigeon orchid also known as the 'one day wonder') for setting on a variety of mounts. This is generally the normal format of a hands on activity. You are also however, invited to bring a plant (the variation) that you want to repot or have assistance in repotting. If you elect to bring a plant please also bring a clean replacement pot. We will have some media, fertilizer, tools, plant tags, etc. We intend to also provide a general program plan for upcoming months. And as always please share your plants in the Culture Award activity. Again, the value of this exercise is not carting off the category prize, but sharing your plant so that everyone can learn some of the do's and don't of plant culture by example. For example, advice rendered regarding a recent category winner was that the plant: 1) needed to be repotted and 2) needed fertilizer. Not the most elegant of plants, but it did allow for some sound advice.

**INSTALLATION BANQUET**— The annual Installation Banquet held on Sunday, January 20, 2019 at the Ala Wai Golf Course Club House was great event. And while the installation of officers to serve the Society in 2019 is the primary purpose of the event, the informal aspects such as the delicious meal, desserts, camaraderie, and flowers made for a very enjoyable time for all who attended. The flowers alone would have been sufficient to insure sign up for next year's event. Thanks to Michele and Steph Miwa for securing and retrieving the awesome phals from Carmela Orchid Nursery. Thanks also to all who helped in the storing and then transporting of the plants to the event site. A big mahalo to event coordinator Paula Fukuda who made things happen in spite of many challenges. The highlight of the event was the recognition of Lisa Abbott as the 2018 Orchidist of the Year, the Society's most prestigious award, for her leadership in returning KOS to the orchid show circuit at the Honolulu Orchid Society's show in October. All attendees received at least one flowering phal. Similar plants as well as many contributed items were hot ticket items in the raffle activity. Thanks to all who donated yummy desserts and the various items for the raffle. Lastly, thank you to all the volunteers who tended to the details that make for a very successful event.

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**Flowers, good food, good friends, great time!**

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**ANNUAL DUES** - Please make sure that you are up to date on your 2019 membership renewals, \$25 for Regular Membership, \$15 for Associate Membership (spouse, significant other, child, same household), \$15 for Part Time Membership. 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.

### JANUARY 2019 MEETING CULTURE AWARD

Plant commentary provided by AOS judges. Congratulations to all awardees.



1-5 Yrs. (No Entries): Above from other category, Owner not identified.



6-10 Yrs, Otaara Hidden Gold (Ctna. Why Not x Blc. Richard Mueller; Owner: Alan Maii



11+ Yrs. - Blc. Lawless Owner: Linda Leong



KOS (No Entries): Above from other category; Owner: Paula Fukuda

### ORCHIDIST OF THE YEAR

It is with distinct pleasure that the KOS Board recognizes Lisa Abbott as the 2018 Orchidist of the Year. Her work to have KOS re-enter the orchid show display participation circuit was exemplary. She and her band of volunteers spent many hours conceptualizing and testing different concepts and ideas to best reflect the theme of the show, "Orchids By the Sea". Some ideas could not be implemented for a variety of reasons. Some fell flat. But in the end, an ocean wave of phals breaking onto a beach with sand, shells, glass balls, fish nets, and other shore line paraphernalia proved to be the winning combination. Lisa was formally recognized for her efforts at the recent Installation Banquet. Congratulations! And thank you for putting KOS in the spot light of excellence!



Lisa Abbott with Pres. Michele at Installation Banquet

**ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS - January Meeting** - Thank you for refreshment contributions: Ingrid Meyer, Jan Nogawa, Alice Murai, Alice Kim, Paula Fukuda, Grace Tobita, Craig Nakahara, Sharilyn Nitta, Karen Nagamine, Beaudine Ma, Sharon Nakamura, and Guy Watanabe. **Installation Banquet** - Mahalo to event chair Paula Fukuda and her committee of volunteers for providing a great experience. Thanks to all who provided excellent desserts and a nice assortment of items for the raffle. Mahalo to Craig Nakahara for his emcee work and also for performing the formal installation of officers.

**UPCOMING EVENTS:** a) February 2019 General Meeting; Tuesday, February 5, 2019, 6:00 p.m., b) March 2019 General Meeting; Tuesday, March x, 2019, 6:00 p.m., c) February Board meeting, Thursday, February 14, 2019.

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.