



KAIMUKI ORCHID SOCIETY

MARCH 2019



MARCH WINDS AND APRIL SHOWERS BRING FORTH MAY FLOWERS

FEBRUARY MEETING (Tuesday, February 5, 2019) - The hands on session had members and guests working diligently with the dendrobium crumanatum keiki, mounting these on alternative bases such as hapu'u, burlap wrapped pvc pipe, pots, etc. The exercise included addressing basic detail such as preparing and hanging name tags, employing a tea bag to hold slow release fertilizer, and making and attaching wire hangers for the plant. The crumanatum, also known as the pigeon orchid or more commonly as the one day orchid is somewhat unique in that once the blossoms appear, they last for only about one day. Blossoming is a function of change in atmospheric pressure although sometimes erroneously attributed to rainy weather. "Why bother?" one might ask, if blossoms are only for a day. Although not for everyone, the blossoms are uniquely fragrant, a full presentation can be magnificent, and enjoyment, though brief, quite exhilarating and memorable.

MARCH MEETING (Tuesday, March 5, 2019) - Mr. Mel Waki will be our featured speaker and will in part provide a follow up to his previous visit to KOS last year. At that time, as you may recall, Mr. Waki conducted a hands-on activity where in everyone came away with a mounted toolumnia to take home. Mr. Waki will be providing further discussion on the toolumnia (formerly known as the equitant oncidium), its care, and propagation. Please bring the plant that you received last year if possible so that evaluation can be conducted. One of the plants provided last year was named Rrm. Volcano Flare x Sib. In some general research on names, it was found that Rrm. Volcano Flare is a hybrid of Tolu. Delightful x Rrm. Just Dandy. In the July-September 2015 Registrations in Sander's List, an international check list of registered hybrids, it was found that this hybrid had been registered by Mr. Waki. So not only did we get a unique hybrid last time, we also were privileged to hear directly from the hybridizer. An interesting and informative presentation at the upcoming meeting can be expected. Come by early as we want to start promptly at 6:00 p. Help set up if you can and then grab a good seat. We believe that Mr. Waki will have some plants for sale (confirmation not available at press time). Don't forget your plants for Culture Award activity, we had great participation at the last meeting.

APRIL MEETING - Ms. Jan Takamiya will be out guest speaker in April and will be leading a discussion on Honohono orchids. Additionally she will lead a hands on potting exercise that has proved to be one of the most successful methodologies in honohono culture. Several KOS members have had the opportunity to attend the honohono potting classes put on by the recently deceased Mr. Callman Au at his home in Mililani. At those sessions participants were provided a complete package that included a pot, media, a honohono plant, a pot hanger, slow release fertilizer, and most importantly, instructions, oral and written, and assistance to give that plant the very best chance to survive and flourish. Mr. Au would have these kits available for sale at \$10 a piece at the annual Kunia Orchid Shows. Within a couple of hours on opening day all the kits would be gone, definitely a hot item. Ms. Takamiya has offered to prepare similar kits and provide instructions on potting to KOS members. Through collaboration with Jan, we are making these kits available for \$8 each for the April meeting potting exercise. If you would like to participate in the potting exercise please make sure that you register on the sign up sheet that will be available at the March meeting. As many of us know, Ms. Takamiya is one of the premiere honohono growers in the state, her plants are perennial winners at the local orchid shows, and has agreed to share her knowledge with us. So sign up, mark your calendars, and get ready for a great session.

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ORCHID SHOWS AND PLANT SALES

KUNIA ORCHID SOCIETY
 Leilehua High School
 1515 California Ave.
 Wahiawa
 March 22 - 24, 9:00 a - 4:00 p

WINDWARD ORCHID SOCIETY
 King Intermediate School
 46-155 Kamehameh Hwy
 Kaneohe
 MARCH 22, 23, 9:00 a - 7:00 p
 MARCH 24, 9:00 a - 4:00 p

JANUARY 2019 MEETING CULTURE AWARD

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



1-5 Yrs. Den. Violet Yamaji,
 Owner Paula Fukuda.



6-10 Yrs, Paph. Barbi 'Aureum
 Amber Glow'; Owner:
 Karen Nagamine



11+ Yrs. - Blc. Golf Green 'Hair
 Pig', Owner: Jan Nogawa



KOS Rhycostylis Gigantea
 'Alba',
 Owner: Linda Leong



AOS: Phrag. Jason Fischer,
 Owner: Kate Leonard



AOS: Phrag. Saint Peter,
 Owner: Kate Leonard



AOS: Paph. mastersignum,
 Owner: Kate Leonard



AOS: C. NOID,
 Owner: Not Identified

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UPCOMING EVENTS: a) March 2019 General Meeting; Tuesday, March 5, 2019, 6:00 p.m., Mr. Mel Waki on tolumnia, b) March Board meeting, tbd., c) April 2019 General Meeting; Tuesday, April 2, 2019, 6:00 p.m., Ms. Jan Takamiya on honohono.

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.