



Gladiolus

KAIMUKI ORCHID SOCIETY

AUGUST 2019



Peridot

August is the eighth month of the year in the Julian and Gregorian calendars, and the fifth of seven months with 31 days. Originally named Sextilis, or sixth month, it became the eighth month when January and February were added to the calendar to precede March, the original first month. In 8 BC it was re-named to honor Augustus the first emperor of the Roman Empire.

JULY MEETING (Tuesday, July 7, 2019) - A hands-on phalaenopsis potting session was conducted with members working on their own plants. A demonstration of two of a variety of alternative repotting processes was provided by Alan Maii, the first employing sphagnum moss as the primary media and the second using an Orchiatea bark media mix. As the primary intent of any hands-on activity is essentially experiential learning, it is hoped that participants came away with an appreciation for some of the details of what can be a mundane but necessary task of repotting. In any event the activity was addressed with eager and inquisitive actions by members. Also on the positive side was a demonstration of folks actually having fun, an element that is hoped will continue to pervade all of our orchid related tasks and activities. Beyond the tasks at hand the general exquisite nature of our membership contributes greatly to the success and fun associated with all KOS activities.

SOME ADDITIONAL COMMENTS ON PHALAENOPSIS REPOTTING - Appropriate time to repot, generally every 12-24 months. Also if orchid has outgrown its current pot. Examine root mass, orchids like tight quarters. If root mass is in too large a pot the energy of the plant will focus on root growth and not flowering. Choose a pot about 1" in diameter larger than current pot if plant has outgrown its pot. Type of pot: Plastic, clay, concrete are all okay for phals. Be mindful of watering if switching pot type. Insure that pots have holes or other openings for adequate drainage as any roots in standing water or in media with a continuously high moisture level will rot and die and eventually kill the plant. Regarding trimming of spikes after blooms have wilted and fallen off. Assess condition of spike. Healthy ones are green and firm to the touch. Unhealthy spikes are brown and yellow in color. Gather and sterilize tools. For healthy stems find a node under the lowest bloom and trim 1" above that node (a common practice is to trim 1" above the second node from the base of the stem). For unhealthy stems cut all the way back to the plant base. Keep spikes neat and tidy to help conserve energy for reblooming and improving chances of regrowth.

AUGUST MEETING (Tuesday, August 6, 2019) - Due in part to limited access to speakers, as many are booked and/or unavailable because of prior commitments, a sort of "Catch of the Day" activity is planned for the upcoming meeting. As such, we will be doing a number of things that hopefully will be of interest. There might even be a quiz! Not to worry, as unlike the SAT or whatever is employed nowadays, results will not be a basis for entry or continuance with KOS. And there will be prizes! So as not to further tip our hand we will leave the programming at that. Don't forget Culture Award activity. The plants that have been shared and displayed have been outstanding. Please continue with your fine participation.

AUGUST SATURDAY HANDS-ON SESSION - Saturday, August 17, 2019, 10:00 a.m.—12:00 noon. Location, residence of Alan Maii, 5228 Apo Drive, Aina Haina. Apo Drive intersects West Hind Drive four streets up from the stop light on Kalaniana'ole Hwy. at shopping center. Please advise if planning to attend: a) email: asm808321@gmail.com, b) text or phone: (808) 351-7535 (if calling please leave a message). No specific agenda. Focus generally is on repotting, ailing plant assessment, working with various media, sharing of various techniques, etc.

KOS WEBSITE – Check out our website at KaimukiOrchidSociety.org. Webmaster, and long time KOS member, Curt Cavanaugh works diligently to maintain a site that provides a lot of good information and tells folks who we are and what we do. Advise Curt of any suggestions that you might have to further improve our site.

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Stanhopea tigrina—a unique orchid that blooms off the bottom of the plant. Owners: Kate Leonard and Ian Sandison

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AUGUST TIPS – With the long summer days keep your plant well hydrated and fertilized. Repot plants that are actively growing and sending out roots. Check condition of plant tags as part of the process and replace deteriorated ones. Copy label exactly as written. Abbreviations of the hybrid name and the registered name, as well as varietal name (in single quotes), will begin with capital letters and extended in lower case. Species (non hybrids) are designated entirely in lower case. Names allow genealogy research and contribute to the value of the collection. (Foregoing information based upon data published by Scot Mitamura).

CULTURE AWARD - JUNE 2019 MEETING

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



1-5 Yrs. – *Maxillaria tenuifolia*
Owner: Paula Fukuda



6-10 Yrs. - *Ency. Cindy* (*Ency. Alata* x *Ency. Tampensis*)
Owner: Jill Cavanaugh



11+Yrs. - *Pot. Hsin Ying Pink Doll*
Owner: Karen Nagamine



KOS - *Blc. Yellow Bird* (*Bl. Richard Muellar* x *B. nodosa*)
Owner: Alan Maii

EXCELLENCE!

AOS AWARD OF EXCELLENCE - KOS members were treated to one of the most stunning and magnificent presentations ever experienced in the long running Culture Award activity. A *dendrochilum filiforme*, sometimes referred to as 'The Golden Chain' orchid, fashioned into an orb approximately two feet in diameter, was presented by members Kate Leonard and Ian Sandison. It was accorded an AOS Certificate of Excellence (93 pts) at our July meeting. Congratulations to Kate and Ian and mahalo for sharing.



Above, several of the many other Culture Award entries - all winners!

BARK ORDER - President Michele will have an update at the next meeting on the status of the order and delivery of New Zealand bark (if information is available prior to the meeting those who have expressed interest in acquisition may be notified by email). One of the benefits of New Zealand bark is it that has a longer life than the average fir bark that with respect to decomposition.

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UPCOMING EVENTS: a) August 2019 General Meeting; Tues, August 6, 2019, 6:00 p.m., b) August Hands On Session, Saturday, August 17, 2019 10:00 a.m., c) September 2019 General Meeting; Tues, September 3, 2019, 6:00 p.m., d) August Board meeting, TBD.

Come and join us, 1st Tuesday every month, 6:00 p.m., Kilauea Recreational Center, Kilauea Regional Park, Kaimuki.