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October NEWSLETTER

Executive Board Meeting: 1st Monday of the month, 7:00 PM
General Society Meeting: 1st Tuesday of the month, 7:00 PM
All meetings are at the Kilauea District Park

Nomination and Election of Officers!!

Details in the announcement section

Poinsettia Sale!!

Details in the announcement section

PLEASE CHECK TO SEE IF YOU HAVE PAID YOUR DUES

This can be done at the membership table

Executive Board

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Board Meeting:

Date: Monday, November 1, 2010
Time: 7:00 pm
Location: . . . Kilauea District Park

Please wear your KOS shirts!



General Meeting:

Date: Wednesday, November 3, 2010
Time: 7:00 pm
Location: . . . Kilauea District Park
Speaker: . . . Debi Soutar, Orchids N Paradise
Topic:

PLEASE Don't FORGET YOUR NAME TAGS!



Newsletter:

If anyone receiving this newsletter via USPS has an email address, please send to: kaimukiorchidsociety@hotmail.com. If you have access to a computer, even if you do not have an email address, please let us know—saves us paper and postage (not to mention time)! The newsletter is posted on our website at www.kaimukiorchidsociety.org. Those without email or access to a computer will continue to receive their newsletters as usual.



Where are we?

For those of you who only communicate with us via the web and would like to attend one of our meetings, a map detailing our location is in the map section of our Society's website, www.kaimukiorchid.org.



KOS Dues Renewal:

Be sure to renew your **2010** membership. Please check with Phil Sharp or Ralph and Grace Kobayashi for your membership status. Membership status is based on the calendar year and renewals of \$20 per person, \$10 for additional members at the same address. Renewals will be collected throughout the year. Only new members joining the Society in the last quarter of the year will have their membership extended to the following year.



New Members and Guests:

All new members and first time guests receive an orchid plant from the Society.

Congratulations to: Jason D Jong
Penny Lawhn



KOS Shirts:

The sizes available for sale are: small, medium, large, x-large, xx-large. The shirts are \$7.00 for the first one, and \$13.00 for any additional shirts.



Name Tags:

Please see Phil at the admin table if you have lost your name tag. Remember, you need your name tag in order to qualify for drawings and special deals presented at the meetings. There is a \$5.00 replacement fee for lost tags. Suggestions for remembering where your name tag are: Keep it on the door knob where you exit your home; keep it in the glove compartment of your car. How do you remember where your name tag is? Send in your suggestions to our email kaimukiorchidsociety@hotmail.com.



Pre-Meeting Activities:

- Purchase shirts.
- Register your change of address
- Temporary Name Tags are issued to those who have lost or forgotten them.
- Signup new members.
- Tips on Orchid Culture for Beginners



Announcements:

1. Tips on Orchid Culture for Beginners:

A brief session on beginning orchid culture for various genera will be presented immediately prior to the start of each general meeting. These sessions will primarily be comprised of discussion (media, light, water, fertilizer, etc.) and demonstration regarding basics associated with the culture of single orchid genera. Those interested are encouraged to come a few minutes early (start about 6:45 for 15 – 20 minutes) and bring material to take notes with. Kean Matsumoto's demo this month will address **Cattleya Orchid Culture Basics**.

2. Nomination and Election of Officers

Because of the number of present board members that will not be running for re-election next year, we will be altering the schedule to have nominations in this month, with the election and end of the year potluck in December. The installation of next year's officers will be at the banquet in January.

3. Poinsettia sale

As in the past years, we are having poinsettia plants for sale at \$12 each. These holiday plants make wonderful gifts and also bring the holiday spirit into your home. We will start collecting the \$12 at the September meeting and will also collect at the October and November meetings. Please see Amie Kobayashi. We will order only as many plants as are ordered and paid for. Nii Nursery will deliver the poinsettias to our December meeting. Please be sure to pick up your plants or arrange to have someone pick them up for you.

Order blank is at the end of this newsletter.

4. Garden Supplies Sale

Our ever popular garden supplies – potting mix, fertilizer, a supply of plastic baskets of various sizes from Pac Ag, and other tidbits are on sale in the back left of the room where Phil and Grace sit. Come by for some special deals.



Mahalo To Roy Tokunaga for his enlightening and very educational lecture and demonstration.



Mahalo Thank you, volunteers for your donation to the refreshment table at the September meeting:

Chun	Ruth	Itoman	Harriet	Okie	Jean
Donnan	Muriel	Ma	Beaudine	Okino	Lois
Herring	Chris	Nakamura	Judy	Shinagawa	Elaine
Higo	Kim	Nitta	Sharilyn	Tang	Shirley
				Wong	Carol



General Meeting – October, 5, 2010

6:45 pm - Before the official opening of the meeting **Kean Matsumoto** gave a brief talk on about **Dendrobiums**:

Location	sunny (if dry and/or windy – water more often).
Medium	acc. to environment: dryer areas use bark; wetter areas use rock
Fertilizer	13-2-13; nutri-cote
Pests	Use Bayer 3 in 1 for slugs/snails, white moth/caterpillar; thrips (attack buds), aphids (attack leaves); fungus (tiny black spots) use an oily film (best to use is “saf-t-side” found only in Waimanalo).
Varieties	Over 2,500 different varieties – 6 mentioned and shown by Kean were: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Jacquelyn Thomas – common var. – easy – full sun - medium: rock 2. Nigorhirsutae – less sun than above – medium: coarse bark 3. Den. Gatton Sunray – full sun – medium: bark 4. Den. Brackteosun – 50% shade – medium: bark 5. Den. Oligophyllum – 50% shade-water every day-mount on wall 6. Den. Jodi-Ann – full sun –medium: rock

General Meeting was opened by President Alan Mai'i at 7:00pm.

Alan asked if there were any guests or new members and there were 2 of each that received a complementary orchid plant.

Alan announced that Beaudine Ma found a spelling error in the newsletter and received a \$10 gift certificate for Kawamoto's nursery.

He indicated that there was a plant sale along with the selling of fertilizer and baskets during the meeting. Alan thanked everyone who participated in the survey and introduced Lisa Abbott to give a brief summary of the results.

Lisa indicated that 61 people filled out the questionnaire and that KOS appear to be on target in that most people want to learn more about orchids from experts at our meetings, they want to buy orchids and meet people with their same interest. It was generally agreed that raising the dues was OK, that KOS appears to have too many giveaways, that having speakers and hands-on demonstrations at meeting was good, we should continue having the banquet, that having AOS judges was appreciated and some people were willing to help and if they could please contact Lisa or Alan about participating.

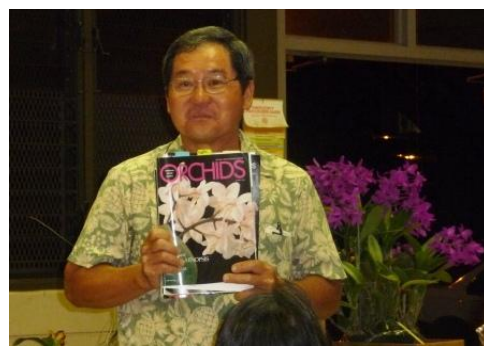
Alan then indicated that at our last meeting he gave a preliminary accounting of KOS's July show and the final accounting revealed a profit of \$2,400, but this was with the understanding that several items that would normally be expenses ended up as donations otherwise KOS would have come out in the negative category. This is important in that KOS cannot depend on donations in the future and we may have to revise future plans for the show.

Alan announced that it was time to nominate people who would run for the Board at KOS and while several present board members would be willing to continue. if anyone is interested in participating in a board position please let him know.

Guest speaker: Roy Tokunaga



Roy is from H&S Nurseries. He has a BA in education from UH in 1973, majoring in biology. After graduating, he participated in an orchid lab cloning and germinating orchids and eventually opened his H&R Nursery 30 years ago. He has produced several thousand hybrids and has been an AOS judge since 1990.



Roy recommends:

Fertilizer with a very low phosphorous (2-3%) and the best is Michigan State fertilizer, but this is not available in Hawaii yet. So the next best thing is **Island Supreme 13-2-13**. You also need calcium (6-8%) and this can be achieved by using **dolomite** (a white powder) which has calcium and magnesium. 13-2-13 picks up water easily and can become mushy. To avoid this problem keep the majority of it in its original bag and in an air tight container. Then put a little at a time in a freezer bag for regular use.

Pesticide – use **“Bayer 3 in 1”**.

Re-potting



Roy states you want to make the plant think it is still in the same pot and you do not want to damage the roots. Therefore, when re-potting use a larger pot with a minimum of media leaving room around the plant to give it plenty of air and circulation. Tie the plant down in the new pot and put in a few pieces of decorative bark around the plant on the inside of the pot. Then you will have good drainage and plenty of air circulation.

Roy indicated that he is trying to re-vitalize some hybrid orchids that we have almost lost and he gave a brief description of some of his favorites:

1. Cattleya Bowringiana – blooms 2nd week in Oct.
2. My Time – blooms in Nov.
3. Vanda Sanderiana – almost lost; slow growing (7 yrs. to full bloom); does not like being in a pot.
4. Christensonia Vietnamica – small blooms; does not want to be in a pot – similar to a vanda; 1 yr. to blooms.
5. Brassavola – blooms 1st week in Oct.
6. “Little Stars” – blooms in beginning of Nov.; fragrant only at dark; nick name “Lady of the Night”
7. Dendrobium Digophyllum – grow in pots or baskets or mounted; fragrant; blooms most of the year.

Roy very adamantly advocated members to join AOS – American Orchid Society and as part of your membership you will receive the magazine “ORCHIDS” which he states is where he has received 90% of his information and will benefit orchid growers at all stages.

Refreshments served.

Roy Tokunaga did the judging and commentary and awards for plants that were displayed.

Alan closed the meeting at 9:00 pm

Respectfully submitted,

Joan E. Fujishiro
Recording Secretary



Interesting Facts from the 1500s:

Most people got married in June because they took their yearly bath in May, and they still smelled pretty good by June. However, since they were starting to smell, brides carried a bouquet of flowers to hide the body odor. Hence, the custom today of carrying a bouquet when getting Married.

Bread was divided according to status. Workers got the burnt bottom of the loaf, the family got the middle, and guests got the top, or the upper crust.

Houses had thatched roofs-thick straw-piled high, with no wood underneath. It was the only place for animals to get warm, so all the cats and other small animals (mice, bugs) lived in the roof. When it rained it became slippery and sometimes the animals would slip and fall off the roof...Hence the saying "It's raining cats and dogs."

Lead cups were used to drink ale or whiskey. The combination would sometimes knock the imbibers out for a couple of days. Someone walking along the road would take them for dead and prepare them for burial.

They were laid out on the kitchen table for a couple of days and the family would gather around and eat and drink and wait and see if they would wake up. Hence, the custom of holding a wake.



American Orchid Society Judging:

Please bring your blooming plants to be judged.

They need to be registered before the meeting starts.

We have four categories for culture awards:

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| Category 1 | Members growing orchids for | 1 – 5 years |
| Category 2 | Members growing orchids for | 6 – 10 years |
| Category 3 | Members growing orchids for | 11+ years |
| Category 4 | Members growing orchids for | From KOS Functions |
- Bring your blooming (required) plants in by 6:45
 - Fill out a plant registration form
 - Place your plant on the appropriate table

GOOD LUCK!!



Culture Award Winners for September: (See their pictures on the web!!)

Category 1:	Michiko Suzuki King of Taiwan "Hon-Min #1"	Mahalo to XXX for judging and plant commentary
Category 2:	Deanna Hayashida BLC Glenn Maidment "Aranrheem"	
Category 3:	Ted Green LC Rosa Kirsch "Kuhina Nui" HCC-AOS	
Category 4:	Beaudine Ma Ornithophora radicans	



Please Kokua:

- Sign up for donating refreshments — the month and, if known, what you are bringing.
- Bring enough to serve at least 12, small servings.
- Have items ready to serve—cut pies and cakes.
- Label all utensils and containers and remember to take them home.
- You may be asked to change the date of your donation — there may be too many people signing up for a particular month.
- Do not bring "soupy" or wet snacks unless they are pre-served or appropriate containers are provided — example, small cups.
- Do not forget when you will be providing snacks. We will not call to remind you.
- The Society provides hot and cold drinks (cups included), small snack plates, napkins, eating utensils. To defray this expense, we have a donation jar and thank all who make a donation when you pick up your snacks.



Read the newsletters:

Every so often, unannounced, we will insert an obvious error into the newsletter, NOT the website. The three people who [email me](#) at sharps-solutions@hawaii.rr.com, with the correct answer, will receive a gift certificate from Kawamoto Nursery. You also MUST have paid your dues in order to qualify. The certificates can ONLY be redeemed at the nursery, not at our monthly plant sales. The answer will be given out at the next meeting. THIS month, there is no error.



Editor's Note:

We know that many of you have terrific blooming orchids at home. The only problem you have is they do not bloom at the beginning of the month when you could bring them to be judged and win an additional orchid. To that end, we will be initiating a new section in our newsletters that will allow you to 'show off' your orchids that bloom before or after our monthly meetings. There are no prizes for them, just the satisfaction of showing others that you are just as proficient as those whose plants make it to the judging table.

All that is required is a short article of two paragraphs and one or two pictures of you blooming plant. I will edit both the article and the photos to put you and your plant in its best light. Here is what is requested. You need not fill the entire list but the information being asked for would give the members some idea of what you did to make this plant a success.

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| ▪ Name of orchid | ▪ Medium | ▪ Sun/shade |
| ▪ Date of purchase or receipt | ▪ Fertilizer | ▪ Circulation - wind |
| ▪ Date of repot | ▪ Watering cycle | ▪ Commentary |

WHAT'S COMING UP

November

- 1 Mon KOS Board meeting, TBA, 7:00 pm
- 3 **Wed** KOS General meeting, Kilauea District Park, 7:00 pm
Speaker: - Debi Soutar, Orchids N Paradise (Also an accredited AOS judge)
Tips on Orchid Culture for Beginners: - 6:45 pm
Speaker: - Kean Matsumoto
Topic: Cattleya Orchid Culture Basics
Nomination of Officers
Garden Supplies Sale
Silent Auction

December

- 6 Mon KOS Board meeting, Kilauea District Park, 7:00 pm
- 7 Tue KOS General meeting, Kilauea District Park, **6:30 pm**
Tips on Orchid Culture for Beginners: - 6:45 pm
Speaker: - To Be Announced
Topic: To Be Announced
End of Year Potluck and election of officers
Garden Supplies Sale
Silent Auction

January

- 23 Sun KOS Banquet/Brunch @ Hale Ikena – Sign In begins at 9:30
Installation of the new board of officers



2010 POINSETTIA ORDER FORM



Order Deadline: **November 23, 2010**

Cost: \$12.00

Name: _____

Address: _____

Phone: _____ email: _____

Number of plants: _____ X \$12.00 = \$ _____

Make check out to: **Kaimuki Orchid Society, Inc.**

Bring to the KOS November meeting or mail to:

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Thank you very much for your support.

Plants are to be picked up at Kilauea District Park at our December 7th meeting.

If you are unable to attend the meeting, please make arrangements to have your plant(s) picked up.

WE WILL NOT DELIVER TO YOUR HOME