

KAIMUKI ORCHID SOCIETY

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GREETINGS FROM PRESIDENT MICHELE

I apologize for this late newsletter. I just could not focus on doing this sooner.

About our meetings, we have not heard anything from the City about the date when we can resume our meetings. We thought of different locations but Kilauea Recreation Center seems to be the most convenient/safest, as other people are using other rooms, there is ample parking, and use fees are affordable. If you know of any other venues that might be just as feasible, please advise any of the board members.

We may even start up with small groups at our homes. Would anyone be interested in making haku head bands with your beautiful orchids. I already have a volunteer to teach us during the day. Night meetings are too short to do some of the things that we hope to try doing. We may possibly do both. Alan is anxious to resume his backyard classes too.

Please send us suggestions for things to do at our regular night meetings when they resume or at these small little ones during the day. We started with a lesson using your iphone to take beautiful pictures of our orchids using an app. Unbelievable what it can do. Send us an email so we know if we are on the right track. Who would be interested in the haku hairbands or the picture taking as starters?

The rain water did wonders for me. Feeding my orchids Miracle Gro once a week helped too. I had so many beautiful honohonos and phalaenopsis to show off and even share with friends. I was sooo happy until a THING began to eat just the hono flowers during the night and leaving just the stems. It was a nightmare every morning to walk into my orchid house to see if more flowers were eaten. Some say that it may be rats or roaches. Unbelievable to think that the THING knew exactly where to go AGAIN...one plant at a time and not randomly.

Ingrid will be leaving the islands soon. We need a membership chairman. Fun job to do. Please call or email if you are interested.

Hope to see you all again soon.

Michele

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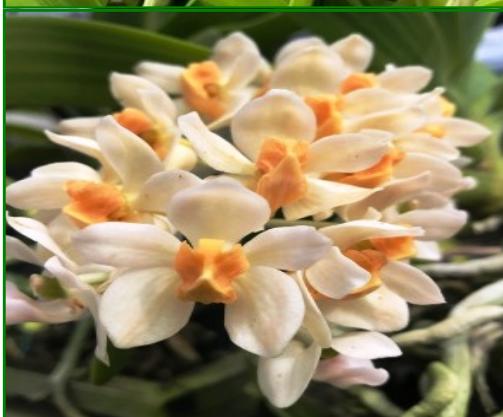
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The monthly, 6:00 p.m., 1st Tues. General Meetings, Kilauea Rec Center, remains cancelled until further notice!

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AKATSUKA ORCHID GARDENS ORCHID CARE GUIDES

In reviewing a number of websites, Michele has identified a particular site that has proven to be quite helpful. Specifically, she recommends visiting the Akatsuka Orchid Gardens site and accessing the section titled “ORCHID CARE GUIDES”. Cultural requirements and growing guides are provided for a wide variety orchids. These guides are intended for both the avid and casual backyard orchid grower with general focus on the basics of light, temperature, water, fertilization, and potting. In addition to their own specifications, Akatsuka Orchid Gardens draws on a variety of resources, including those of the American Orchid Society, to present precise and useful tips on culture for a variety of orchids. One can also find culture guides for several tropical and other plants. This is a great place to browse for information on your plants. It is also a location for obtaining plants ranging from those in flasks to blooming mature choices. So check out the site (akatsukaorchids.com). A copy of one of the care guides is provided as a attachment to the newsletter distribution message.



TIP OF THE MONTH

(Paraphrased from publication by Mr. Scot Mitamura)

Our temperate climate makes mid-spring, with the days getting longer, feel like summer. As such, attention to watering and fertilizing is critical, particularly for plants with new growth. With the main honohono blooming season at its end, it is a good time to cut old canes and prepare these to promote future keiki. Also a good time to repot those plants which have not been repotted for several years. As always, maintain a clean growing area, including keeping the ground clear of any dried flowers or leaves, and keep an eye out for any insect intrusions and treat accordingly.