

KAIMUKI ORCHID SOCIETY

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GREETINGS FROM PRESIDENT MICHELE

Greetings everyone,

Kaimuki Orchid Society is finally getting settled. I believe that most of our members are happy with the change in time from night to the day meetings.

Workshops are moving along slowly but surely. Those who wanted to make their own wooden boxes got it for a bargain price. It is always nice meeting at Alan's house even just to "talk story". Thank you to Alan and Jenny for the use of their home.

Next meeting will be on June 15th. Doors will open at 9:00. It would be nice for people to help us set up our chairs and tables so that we can begin quicker...and we may also have more time to socialize. We will be meeting, just for the next meeting, in the larger room, next door, due to a double booking by Kilauea Rec Center which may turn out to be a blessing.

The topic for our June meeting will be on PEST control and plant diseases. We will also have a guest speaker to help us get as much information to you as possible. Her name is Heidi Bornhorst who is the sister of our new member, Mimi Bornhorst Gaddis. Mimi also belongs to the Hawaii Kai Orchid Society. Would like to have everyone seated by 9:30. It should be the kind of meeting where everyone will go home having learned something new. Bring your questions.

See you soon.
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JUNE MEETING
Thursday, June 15, 2023
9:15 a.m. to 11:30 a.m
Kilauea Recreation Center, Kilauea District Park.
Program Topic - Plant Pests and Remedies

KOS is privileged to have as guest speaker, Heidi Bornhorst, a long time and well renowned expert on growing native Hawaiian plants. She is a Certified Arborist, landscaping consultant, professional horticulturist, and a regular contributor of her expertise as a columnist in the Honolulu Star Advertiser. This is a rare opportunity for KOS members, with maybe even some discussion on the use of aloe. so do not miss it!

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MAY GENERAL MEETING

The May General meeting focused on the culture and care of the *Tilandsia*, a popular species of plant often referred to as 'Air Plants'. There was a combination of demonstrations on culture and mounting presentations by Ernie Nogawa along with a lively session where members and guests tried their hands at mounting a wide selection of different *Tilandsia*. Creators were able to keep their handiworks. *Tilandsia* are easy to grow and require minimal attention. In addition to being a garden ornamental these plants are often presented as indoor decorations. It was noted however, that while these are known as 'Air Plants', the 'air' portion refers to the media and not the sustenance, as they do require water, an occasional spritz often sufficient. The Board thanks all who contributed plants. The Board also recognizes the success of the interactive nature of the meeting and hopes of having similar type meetings in the future.



Lf. - Mounting demo by Ernie Nogawa, Rt - Members trying their hands at mounting *Tilandsia*.

HANDS-ON SESSION

MAY - The May Hands-On session on May 27, was primarily an exercise in constructing wooden plant boxes. Each participant had a chance to construct a planter by collecting and gluing the individual wooden slants that comprise the product. Holes were then drilled at the corners for wire loops that serve as connect points when using a four prong metal hanger. After the wire loops were installed the finished product was given a light sanding to smooth out some of the edges of the wood components. There is still a lot of material available for future construction. Planters are available for purchase via a donation (minimum \$5) to the club. Michele mentioned at the recent Board meeting that a roughly equivalent product at Koolau Farmers sells for about \$22.

JUNE - The June session, Saturday, June 24, 9:00 -11:00 a.m., Alan Maii's home, 5228 Apo Drive in Aina Haina. Primary focus will be on some details on phal culture, but general repotting can also be done.



Top - 8"x8"x4"
Bottom - 6"x6"x4"

Culture Tip - With summer upon us and with great weather, regular watering and fertilizing will stimulate fast growth. Also, new growth and root activation are good indicators to initiate repotting. Be sure to cut your honohono stems, if not already done so, and set aside to allow propagation.

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Here are just some of the *Tilandsia* that reside in the garden of Ernie and Jan Nogawa.



Lt. - Phal attacked by critters, possibly roaches or slugs. Ctr. - *Cym. finlaysonianum* - recently separated from a large plant and repotted - available (KOS donation, minimum \$10) at the Hands-On workshop.. Rt. - *Maxillaria rufescens* - extremely fragrant, essence of chocolate, blooms regularly thru the year, likes moderate shade - Owner Alan Maii



A large prolifically blooming Den. Jacquelyn Thomas with almost a dozen stems and many blossoms per stem. The bulbuls did get to some of the buds before being chased away, but the presentation remains spectacular.

Reminder - For those members who have not yet aid their dues (\$25 reg, \$15 associate) please send your payment to the KOS Post Office Box listed on the first page of this newsletter. Thank you.

KAWAMOTO ORCHID NURSERY - RETAIL SHOP

Kawamoto Orchid Nursery has a wide variety of plants available for sale at their location in Palolo Valley.

Akatsuka Orchid Gardens has a new sale on plants. Check them out via the listed website.
WWW.AKATSUKAORCHID.COM