

# KAIMUKI ORCHID SOCIETY

## APRIL 2024

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### GREETINGS FROM PRESIDENT MICHELE

Aloha Everyone,

The days continue to zip by, the first quarter of the year has come and gone, and we are already into April. My schedule has been hectic and challenging to say the least. Construction work in my kitchen is now completed after an accidental fire. The work and the dust were continuing reminders of how close we had come to a real catastrophe. A brief trip to Japan was taken, to help settle the nerves, but even that had its limitations. With all that is going on, just trying to provide the basic attentions to my plants is most challenging. The Board is continuing to work on meeting plans and agendas. We have been advised by the Parks Department that the Kilauea Rec Center site will not be available for our use in June, July, and August due Parks summer fun activities. As such, we are working on alternative meeting sites and activities for those months, so stay tuned. We are definitely open to any suggestions. So far, we have been hanging in with several interesting topics and exercises at both the general meetings and the hands on sessions. Welcome to new members Danna, Waka, and Anapum. Thanks to all who contribute to our meeting discussions and to the sharing table. Lastly, I want to thank members Evie Yamakawa, Karen Nagamine, Alma Ho, Jackie and Bruce Murdock, Steve and Lois Yamada, Lynn Mirikidani, and Ted and Valerie Chinen for their generous monetary contributions. Hope to see you all at the upcoming meeting.

Michele

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### GENERAL NOTES

**APRIL MEETING** - The April meeting will be Thurs., April 18, 9:00 a.m., Kilauea Rec. Center, Kilauea District Park in Kaimuki. The program will include a discussion on fertilizing, insect and fungal protection, general environmental care to improve plant growth and well being. As usual, an open forum to share your experiences that you have had or are having with your plants will be part of the program. A blooming plant to share with everyone and to compete for a 'best orchid' prize is welcomed. The meeting will also be a good time to bring any plants or related material to contribute to the sharing table.

**APRIL HANDS ON SESSION** - This month's hands on session will be Sat, April 27, 9:00 - 11:00 a.m. at Alan Maii's home, in Aina Haina. Bring a plant that may need attention. It will be reviewed, analyzed, and hopefully provided with corrective recommendations. If just intending to do a repot, please bring a replacement pot of your preference. A session on constructing planter boxed is being considered depending on availability of material. Michele will most likely have some crafts and other items for sale, proceeds to the club. Bring questions, suggestions, etc., all are welcomed. As most know, the sessions are very casual and impromptu but also a good time to get to know your fellow members. If planning to attend, please advise Alan via an email (asm808321@gmail.com) so that adequate accommodations can be prepped.

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### NEW MEMBERS

We have some new members. Danna Martel has done a lot of work with ikebana and other plant/flower arrangements and is interested in orchid culture in order to incorporate that knowledge into her pastime. Waka Tominaga and husband Anupam Misra, both educators, want to learn about orchid culture to further their love of plants. We were privileged to have these three new members attend the March hands-on session and enjoyed their lively participation, and getting their hands dirty, when repotting several of their plants.



Myrmecophila (Schomburgkia) tibicinis - produces long slender stems (can be 8' to 10') that bear spectacular trumpet shaped flowers. Blossoms in shades of white, pinks, and purple can be visibly striking and also have a delightful fragrance. Blooms in the spring. Owner - Alan Maii



Honohono (noname) If, Den. Louis Bleriot above, Lc. Carolyn Reid 'Glowing Embers' rt.



### Some General Tips on New Plants

Always err on the side of caution whenever introducing a new plant to your collection. New plants are always exciting but it is also necessary to guard against them introducing any unwelcomed critters or maladies. There are several things that can be done. First consider spraying with a pesticide and fungicide. Then extricate any slugs, snails, and weeds that may be present. Add some slug bait and the isolate the plant from your collection until inspection shows that there are no insects, bacteria, or fungus present. These cautions are in fact an extension of the attention given to your collection to ensure that the plants are free of vermin, fungus, and weeds. Keeping your growing area, including the ground, clean and free of dead leaves and other matter is mandatory for promoting good growth. Just remember that regular attention, even if minimal, goes a longer way than no attention.