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### UPCOMING EVENTS

Mar 20 General Mtg.  
Mar 29–31 Easter Show  
at Maui Mall  
Apr 17 General Mtg.  
May 10–12 Mother's  
Day Show at Maui Mall  
May 15 General Mtg.  
Jun 19 Fund Night  
Jul 17 General Mtg.  
Aug 21 General Mtg.  
Sep 18 General Mtg.  
Oct 4–7 Orchidland  
at Maui Fair  
Oct 16 General Mtg.  
Nov 20 General Mtg.  
Dec 1 Christmas Party

### President's Message

The Valentine's Day Show was one of our largest show with 207 plants on display. It was encouraging to see the number of novice entries and hope this trend continues to our Easter show. Moreover, we had sufficient volunteers to be well staffed throughout the show. Thank you to all who took the time to help make this event a success. Also, congratulations to Karen and Jerome Neizman, for winning the Best in Show with their Dendrobium Kuniko 'Pukalani Profusion'



The Easter Show will be at the Maui Mall on March 29–31, 2018, with setup and judging scheduled for Wednesday, March 28, 2018. I would encourage members to volunteer for judging since it is good learning experience about different orchids. Volunteer sign up sheets for setup and/or breakdown, for cashiering or customer service, and judging will be available at the next meeting at the front desk. The Easter show will be chaired by Chuck Briggs.

Again, if you are planning to show your orchid plant(s), the rules and registration form is available at our website [mauiorchidsociety.org](http://mauiorchidsociety.org)

Membership dues are now payable. As a non-profit agency, the dues are our lifeline in allowing us to provide the services and activities that members enjoy throughout the year. So please, mail or pay your dues at our next meeting. Dues for a single membership is \$20, and \$30 for two who have the same address. Members who are 80 years old or older are exempt from paying dues. However, we recommend that you complete a membership application form, so that we may confirm your contact information.

If you have any problems or concerns, please feel free to contact me at [jakitake@hotmail.com](mailto:jakitake@hotmail.com), or phone me at (808) 250-1585. I will try to address the problem or to accommodate your request.

Please help me make the society a vibrant and fun place to be where members can learn the joys of orchid growing. See you on March 20th. Remember to bring your Show & Tell plants!

*Bert K. Akitake, M.D.*

President

Welcome  
New Members!

Carmin Ching

Lindsay Findlay

Agnes Groff

### March General Meeting

The Beginners Session will be led by Carol Choda and will begin at 6:30 p.m. She will be demonstrating on how to repot Phalaenopsis. For a hands-on experience, please bring **one** of your Phalaenopsis plants, along with a pair of shears. Carol will have some bark available for participating members. Time to get down and dirty!!

Maryetta Sciuto, Chair of the Maui Center for the American Orchid Society Judging, will be recounting her trip to the World Orchid Conference in Guayaquil, Ecuador, that was held on November 8–12, 2017. The theme of the 22nd Conference was, "A Privileged Orchid Kingdom" which reflects Ecuador's background of being home to about 4,235 species of orchids, with about 1,000 more orchids awaiting official recognition. The conference hoped to inspire young scientists to focus on "developing sustainable models for a productive natural resource management that promotes orchid conservation nationally and globally."

Maryetta will also expound on her Ecuagenera Orchid Tour which allowed her to visit areas in Ecuador where orchids are growing in the wild.

COME, BE INSPIRED!

[Maryetta, has been an active member of MOS since 1994, and has amassed a large, diverse collection of orchids as a hobby grower.]



## Feb Show & Tell Winners



Novice Division:  
Rudy Reed  
Paphiopedilum Ruth Wright  
x Featherhill



Intermediate Division:  
Jadine Harriman  
Baptistonia echinata x sib



Advanced Division:  
Andy Okada  
Dendrobium  
amethystoglossum

## Aloha Oe



Longtime Maui Orchid Society member, officer, and board member, William (Bill) Blietz, passed away on February 16, 2018.

Our heartfelt sympathies to his wife, Terry, and sons Mike and Mark and their respective families. We will miss him.



## Valentine's Day Show

For list of Ribbon Awards, please go to website at Valentine's Day Show

[Ribbon Awards](#)

