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### UPCOMING EVENTS

Aug 21 General Mtg.  
Sep 18 General Mtg.  
Oct 4-7 Orchidland  
at Maui Fair  
Oct 16 General Mtg.  
Nov 20 General Mtg.

### NEW MEMBERS

Stan & Kaie Brown  
Annue Lopes  
Jennifer Marshall  
Gloria Peterson

# Okika No Ka Oi

## President's Message

*Aloha!*

Maui Orchid Society's next major event is the Maui Fair on October 4-7, 2018. We encourage all members to participate by entering as many of your orchids to our last show of the year. We need to fill the space allotted to us and want to continue to mesmerize the public with their delicate and exotic beauty.

Also, members who volunteer to work during the Fair, will be issued entrance tickets. If a member volunteers more than three times, he/she will be provided a five-day Fair pass. At our last general meeting, there were many members that signed up to work, however, there are time slots that are still vacant. Sign up sheets will be posted again at our August 21st general meeting. If you are unable to attend, but would like to volunteer, please let me know.

Our Fair Committee members (Sandi Amaral, Chuck Briggs, Andy Okada, Rose Payba, Martha Suzuki, and myself) will be meeting in the coming month and will also be meeting with the Fair organization on August 1, 2018.

As an FYI, we purged our membership list as of July, to eliminate members that have not renewed their membership. Please understand that the Maui Orchid Society is a non-profit organization, and dues are needed to defray our costs of operation.

If you have any suggestions, problems or concerns please

feel free to contact me at  
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or phone (808) 250-1585.

Let us all dedicate ourselves to work together to create a Society that Maui County can be proud to call its own.

*Bert K. Akitake, M.D.*  
President

## Aug 21 General Meeting

Our General Meetings are held at the Wailuku Community Center. The Beginners' Session will begin at 6:30 p.m. led by Andy Okada. He will be sharing his IDK and KISS methods of growing orchids. Although Andy has been growing orchids for only 3 years, he has consistently produced winners at shows, or have been selected a winner at our monthly Show & Tell table.

Our main speaker for the evening will be the renowned Tom Mirenda, who will be speaking on "Orchid Gardens: the 21st Century Conservation Tool".

Tom has been cultivating plants since his early childhood and creating beauty



with plants in botanic garden settings for more than half of his adult life. Educated as a Marine Biologist, Tom realized that he was better suited to Horticulture

and took positions at the New York Botanical Garden, Brooklyn Botanical Garden, and at the Incredible Greentree Estate in Long Island where he cared for a first class orchid collection. Eventually Tom accepted the Orchid Collection Specialist position at the Smithsonian Institution in Washington DC where he cultivated and curated a huge diverse orchid collection for 17 years. The collection was used to create massive 4 to 5 month long educational orchid exhibits displayed to literally millions of visitors each year.

For the past 13 years Tom has contributed 2 monthly columns for the *ORCHIDS* magazine, the *Bulletin of the American Orchid Society*, and has developed an international following as a writer, speaker, and advocate for orchid conservation around the world.

Having been involved at the Hawaii Tropical Botanical Garden on the Big Island, Tom found an orchid paradise where myriads of spectacular orchids of all types thrived by simply being planted in trees or placing them thoughtfully in the landscape. He believes that this is a viable worldwide model for orchid conservation. He also encourages the cultivation of orchids in garden settings by all the diverse stakeholders in the orchid community, as a way that orchids will survive the vicissitudes of climate change.

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## JULY SHOW & TELL



Advanced Division  
Chuck Briggs  
*Panarica prismatocarpa*



Intermediate Division  
Jadine Harriman  
*Dendrobium Maui Sparkle 'Valley Isle Giant'*

Novice Division  
Sallie Ono  
Pot. Hisako  
Akatsuka  
X  
Blc. Edisto 'Hawaii'

