

# Hilo Orchid Society Newsletter

September 2017

## Next Meeting

Date: Sat., September 9, 2017

Time: **1:30-4:00**

Place: Kamana Senior Center,  
127 Kamana St., Hilo

Speaker: Ben Oliveros

Topic: Hawaiian Grown Orchids:  
Commercial Practices That  
Work For and Against You

This month's talk is all about how to grow orchids. As a commercial orchid grower, Ben Oliveros, owner of Orchid Eros, has learned the hard way what works and what doesn't. His talk will cover a myriad of different cultural practices, with a bent toward understanding why some plants grow and some you "throw".



Ben Oliveros is an AOS judge and is our Society's Vice-President. He was a commercial orchid grower in Atlanta, GA, for 12 years before he moved to Hawaii in 2004 and founded Orchid Eros, his nursery in Mountain View. He has been pursuing his goal of advancing the breeding of species and hybrids in the Cattleya alliance ever since. You can see more about Ben's nursery at [www.orchideros.com](http://www.orchideros.com).

If you've been hoping for a talk about orchid culture, this meeting is for you! And for those who have heard him speak before, Ben reminds us that no two talks are alike. So don't miss this meeting – you might learn something!

## New AOS Judging Schedule

Karen Kimmerle has announced that the American Orchid Society judging center in Hilo has added a second monthly judging session, in addition to the judging that takes place at the Kamana Senior Center after HOS meetings on the 2<sup>nd</sup> Saturday of each month.

The additional AOS judging session will take place at 6:00 p.m. on the 4<sup>th</sup> Friday of each month at the University of Hawaii Ag Dept. classroom at 113 Nowelo St., Hilo. This is the same street that you would take to the Imiloa Astronomy Center, but continue down the hill. When it levels off, you are at the parking lot and the Ag Dept. building is on the right. The classroom is on the 2<sup>nd</sup> floor on the left at the top of the stairs.

HOS members are welcome to bring orchids for judging or to watch the judging process, but please be respectful and don't disrupt the judges at work.

## Fall Nursery Tour

Our nursery tour on Sept. 24<sup>th</sup> is sold out! Sorry, but we warned you this tour would be popular! We will have a waiting list in case tour members have to cancel. To get on the waiting list, please email Larry Kuekes at [lkuekes@me.com](mailto:lkuekes@me.com).

## BIAN Sale

The Big Island Association of Nurserymen (BIAN) will hold their semi-annual plant sale on Sept. 1 from 5 to 9 p.m. and Sept 2 from 9 a.m to 2 p.m. at the Edith Kanaokaole Stadium in Hilo. Garden plants of all kinds will be for sale, including orchids from at least three orchid vendors: Orchid People, selling Cymbidiums, Poppas Orchids, selling Vandas, Phals, Dendrobiums, Oncidiums, and others, and Malika Orchids (The OrchidWorks), selling Bulbophyllums, Honohonos, Oncidiums, Cattleyas, and others.

## August Members Choice

Photos by Glory Garner



Left: Hobbyist 1<sup>st</sup> place: *Dendrobium Latouria*-type hybrid, grown by Jeff Fendentz  
Right: Hobbyist 2<sup>nd</sup> place: *Lycaste macrophylla*, grown by Sherry Partlow



Left: Hobbyist 3<sup>rd</sup> place: *Trichoglottis brachiata*, grown by Dana Culleney  
Right: Commercial 1<sup>st</sup> place: *Rlc.* (Mari Song x Volcano Pastoral), grown by Akatsuka Orchid Nurseries

## August AOS Awards

Photos by Glen Barfield



Left: *Dendrobium laevifolium* 'Full Moon' AM/AOS, grown by Hilo Orchid Farm  
Right: *Dendrobium laevifolium* 'Peach Sweet' AM/AOS, grown by Hilo Orchid Farm



*Cattleya violacea* (semialba x flamea) 'Mirtha Isabel' FCC/AOS, grown by Orchid Eros



Left: *Stanhopea oculata* 'Okika' AM/AOS, grown by Okika



Right: *Lc. Bela Lugosi* 'Orchid Eros' AM/AOS, grown by Orchid Eros

## August AOS Awards (continued)

Photos by Glen Barfield



Above left: *Cattleyanthe* Miracle of Mine 'Pele' HCC/AOS, grown by Orchid Eros

Above right: *Cattleya (Laelia) munchowiana* 'Orchid Eros' CBR/AOS, grown by Orchid Eros

Note: CBR stands for Certificate of Botanical Recognition, awarded to a rare and unusual species of educational interest that has received no previous awards.

Left: *Paphiopedilum* Petula's Dandy 'Lehua's Double Date' AM/AOS, grown by Lehua Orchids

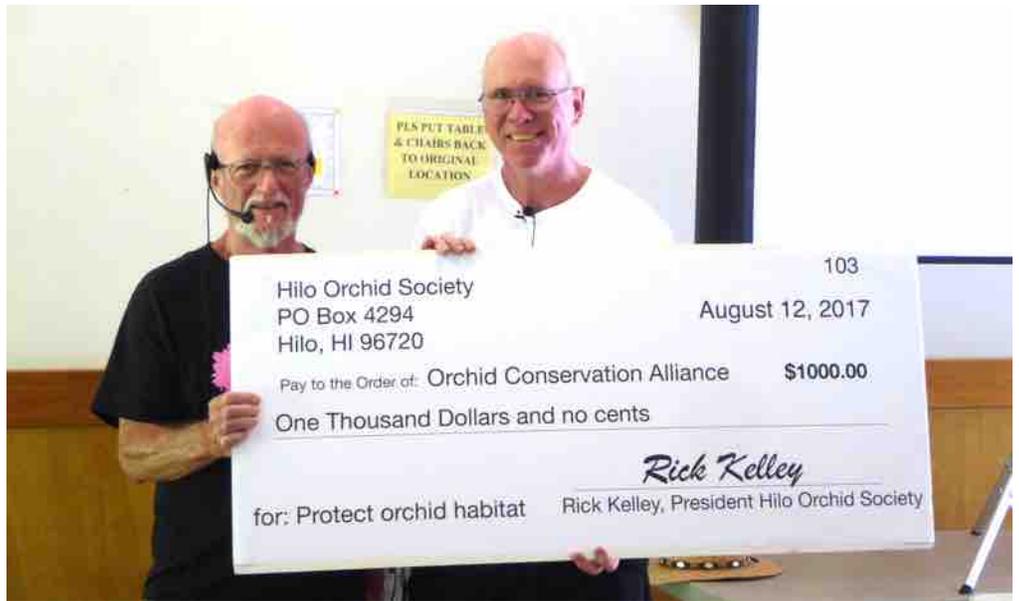
Below left: *Cattleya (Laelia) alvaroana* 'Orchid Eros' HCC/AOS, grown by Orchid Eros

Below right: *Cattleya (Sophronitis) coccinea* 'Psyche' AM/AOS, grown by Orchid Eros



## We Support Orchid Conservation

One of the Hilo Orchid Society's goals is to support orchid conservation. To further that goal, the Board voted to donate \$1000 to the Orchid Conservation Alliance (OCA). Rick Kelley presented a check for \$1000 to OCA president Peter Tobias (left) at the August meeting. Peter gave a presentation describing how OCA saves orchids by buying habitat of threatened orchids and creating and maintaining reserves to protect not only the orchids, but all the plants and animals that live there.



## Contest Reminder



Above are two photos recently submitted to our HOS orchid photo contest. Submit your photos by sending them to [lkuekes@me.com](mailto:lkuekes@me.com) before October 1. The only rule is that you must be the photographer. Check out the gallery of photos submitted so far on our website [www.hiloorchidsociety.org](http://www.hiloorchidsociety.org) under the Galleries menu. And don't forget our other contest for the person who brings in the most orchids to the Show Table at our meetings. Winners of both contests will be announced in November, and will each receive two tickets to our annual Holiday Party.

# Orchid Stories

## Those @#\$\$%^&\* Latin Names

### Part 2: Fear of Pronouncing Latin Names

In the Harry Potter books and movies, the magic spells are in Latin, because Latin sounds magical. “*Expecto patronum!*” cries Harry (Latin for “I await the guardian”), and his magic patronus appears, driving away the fiendish dementors.

But there’s a catch. You have to pronounce the spells correctly or they don’t work. “It’s levi-O-sa, not levi-o-SA”, Hermione lectures Ron Weasley in their first magic class.

Like the hapless Ron, many orchid growers don’t know how to pronounce Latin, and they’re afraid of mispronouncing those Latin names like *Oeceoclades* or *Coelogyne*.

I never studied Latin, but I have overcome my fear of pronouncing Latin names, and you can, too. Here’s how:

**Which Latin?** To start with, there’s classical Latin and Church Latin, which are pronounced differently. If someone questions you, you can always claim, “That’s how the Pope pronounces it,” and who’s to say you’re wrong?

**Then there’s botanical Latin**, which is neither classical Latin nor Church Latin. It’s really a kind of fake Latin made up from Latin and non-Latin words. By the way, the Harry Potter spells are fake Latin, too. The killing curse *avada kedavra* is really just *abracadabra* in disguise, not Latin. So how is botanical Latin pronounced? Read on.

**There’s no one agreed-on pronunciation.** English-speaking people pronounce botanical Latin more like English; the French pronounce it more like French; Italians pronounce it more like Italian.

**Some botanical Latin names are really Greek.** Who knows how Greek is pronounced? I don’t. For example, *Coelogyne* comes from Latinized Greek *koilos* (hollow) + Greek *gyni* (woman). So the name means “hollow woman”, which sounds very sexist, but it actually refers to the hollowed-out stigma, or female part of the flower.

Anyway, how are you supposed to pronounce *Coelogyne*? Like a Greek word, but with an ancient Roman accent? It turns out the common English botanical pronunciation is suh-LODGE-uh-nee, which bears no resemblance to how any speaker of Latin or Greek would pronounce it. Among other things, an ancient Roman would pronounce the C as K, the Pope would pronounce it as CH, and the Greek alphabet doesn’t even have the letter C.

**Some botanical Latin names come from other languages.** Especially ones that are derived from people’s names. For example, *Cattleya warscewiczii* was named after the English grower William Cattley and the Polish botanist Joseph Warscewicz. Ancient Latin did not have the letter W (and Church Latin doesn’t use W either), so it is literally impossible to pronounce this name in Latin. That doesn’t stop us. The common botanical pronunciation is to pronounce *warscewiczii* like the original Polish name, which is pronounced something like VARSH-uh-vits, and add the ending *ii*, pronounced ee-eye, which is wrong because an ancient Roman would have pronounced it ee-ee, but since an ancient Roman would have choked on the name anyway, and since this is fake Latin, we’re not being too picky.

**You say tomato, I say tomahto.** When I was in the Connecticut Orchid Society, people pronounced *Dendrobium nobile* as NO-buh-lee. In the Hilo Orchid Society, people pronounce it NO-beel. Which is right? In strict Latin, they’re both wrong. But who cares, as long as people understand what you’re talking about?

**Bottom line:** just copy how other people pronounce the names, and if you don’t know how to pronounce it, fake it. Just like the Harry Potter spells, the real secret isn’t how you pronounce it; it’s that you have to say it with conviction. Then everyone will think you’re an expert, and if that’s not magic, what is?

Next time: what do the Latin names mean?

Larry Kuekes



*Cattleya warscewiczii* ‘Edward’. Beautiful, but how do you pronounce it? Grown by Fred Levine; photo by Rick Kelley.

## Orchid Show Income & Expenses

The 2017 Hilo Orchid Show was a financial success, due especially to the amazing fund-raising abilities of Julie Goettsch, who solicited sponsorships and donations.

As you can see in the chart, the great majority of show income is used to pay show expenses. Silent Auction money was handled differently this year. Silent Auction proceeds are now earmarked for scholarships, orchid education and conservation. The Board has capped our Scholarship Fund at \$18,000 (three years' worth of scholarship reserves), and only \$460 was needed to bring the Fund up to that limit. The remaining Silent Auction proceeds are available for other education and conservation expenses, and over \$7000 of non-auction show income is available to fund other HOS activities. Mahalo to all who helped make the show a success.

### Income

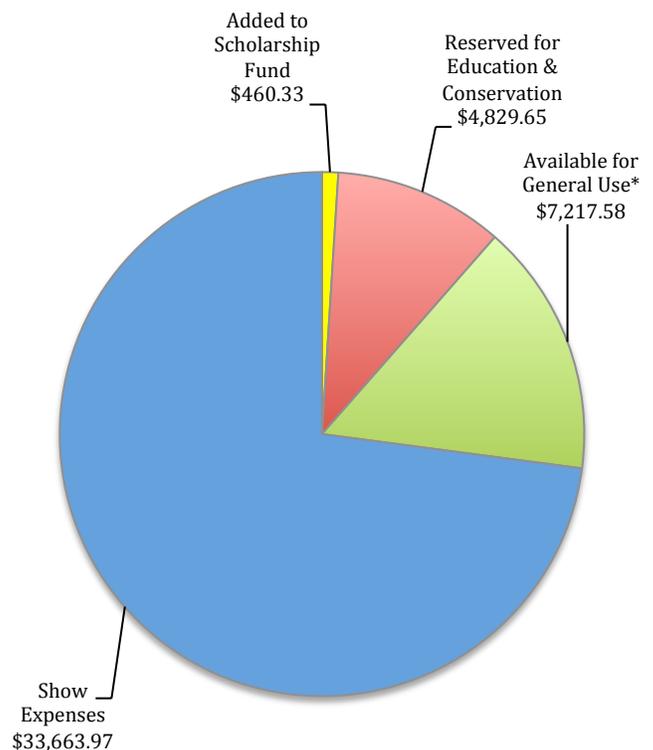
Program advertising	\$300.00
Product Sales	\$6,485.00
Silent Auction	\$5,289.98
Donations	\$13,050.00
Ticket Sales	
Presale	\$6,487.00
Gate sales	\$9,319.55
Booth Rentals	\$5,240.00
<b>Total Income</b>	<b>\$46,171.53</b>

### Expenses

Advertising	\$4,521.79
Displays	\$4,306.39
Facilities	\$7,412.55
Judging & Awards	\$3,008.40
Entertainment	\$1,770.07
Misc.	\$2,827.63
Printing & Copying	\$4,025.17
Products for Sale	\$4,634.45
Taxes	\$1,157.52
<b>Total Expenses</b>	<b>\$33,663.97</b>

<b>Net Income</b>	<b>\$12,507.56</b>
Reserved for Scholarships	\$460.33
Reserved for Education & Conservation	\$4,829.65
Available for General Use*	\$7,217.58

## Where Did the Show Income Go?



\* An additional \$1433.40 was made available for general use by transfer of money from the Trophy Fund for payment of Judging and Awards expenses.



## CALENDAR OF ORCHID EVENTS

*The following events are held at Kamana Senior Center, Hilo unless otherwise noted*

Sept. 1	5-9 pm	BIAN Sale, Edith Kanakaole Stadium
Sept. 2	9 am-2 pm	BIAN Sale, Edith Kanakaole Stadium
Sept. 9	1:30	HOS Meeting
	4:00	AOS Judging
Sept. 22	6:00 pm	AOS Judging, 113 Nowelo St. Hilo
Sept. 24	8:00 am	Nursery Tour
Oct. 14	1:30	HOS Meeting
	4:00	AOS Judging
Oct. 27	6:00 pm	AOS Judging, 113 Nowelo St. Hilo

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