

Hilo Orchid Society Newsletter

June 2018

Next Meeting

Date: Sat., June 9, 2018
Time: 1:30-4:00
Place: Kamana Senior Center,
127 Kamana St., Hilo
Speaker: Michael Sinn
Topic: Lycaste: Past, Present and
Future

More orchid growers should try growing Lycastes. There are both warm- and cool-growing species from Central and South America in a variety of colors, and extensive hybridization has been done. This month, Michael Sinn will tell us all about these beauties.

Michael grew up in Venezuela. He was bitten by the orchid bug at age 12. "When my friends were going to the beach, I was going to the jungle looking for plants," he says.



Following graduation from Universidad Metropolitana in Caracas with a degree in civil engineering, he worked for four years in the Venezuelan Amazon state, where he became passionate about conservation.

In 2003, Michael moved to the U.S. He now lives in the Atlanta area and has a hobbyist nursery, Canaima Orchids. His vision is to conserve Cattleya and Laelia species, including rare color forms, by raising populations from seed.

He has made numerous trips to Brazil, Colombia and Venezuela to hunt for (but not remove) orchids in the wild.

If you'd like to learn more about these attractive orchids, don't miss this meeting!

Show Tickets

We're asking all members to buy 15 tickets for the orchid show for \$3 each, and to sell or give them to friends and neighbors. You should have received the tickets in the mail if you didn't pick them up at the meeting.

Of course, you're not obligated to purchase the 15 tickets, but it's a great way to help our Society. Sales of these tickets are a big part of the show's financial success. If you haven't already paid, you can mail your payment (\$45 if you buy all 15 tickets) to

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Mahalo!

Silent Auction to Benefit Volcano Relief

Normally the proceeds of the silent auction conducted at our orchid show are largely dedicated to funding our scholarships.

This year, our Board voted to donate 100% of the proceeds from the show silent auction to local relief efforts for people devastated by the Kilauea eruption. This will not affect next year's scholarships, as we have sufficient money in our Scholarship Fund.

If you'd like to help our neighbors affected by the volcano, or you know a friend or a local business who might like to, please contact silent auction chair Leslie Hayes-Cullins at leslie@cullinsplumbing.com.

Donated items don't have to be orchid-related, just something that show attendees would enjoy, such as artwork or a gift certificate from a business.

Help Build Our HOS Exhibit

Shelby Smith is asking for helpers to paint, saw, and pre-assemble the new HOS exhibit for the orchid show. Weather permitting, it will happen in Shelby's yard at 15-1544 1st street in HPP from 9 am to about 2 pm on June 23 and June 30. Contact Shelby at skelatenphish@yahoo.com.

April AOS Awards

Photos by Glen Barfield



Left: *Cattleya maxima* v. *alba* 'Mem. Ellen Oliveros' AM/AOS, grown by Orchid Eros
Center: *Cattleya nobilior* 'Orchid Eros' AM/AOS, grown by Orchid Eros



Left: *Cattleya schilleriana* 'Sebastian Ferrell' AM/AOS, grown by Orchid Eros
Right: *Laelia briegei* 'Palila' AM/AOS, grown by Orchid Eros



Cattleya purpurata fma. *delicata* 'Shogun's Grace' HCC/AOS, grown by Shogun Hawaii

May AOS Awards

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Left: *Cattleya* Mareeba Tiger 'Darth Sidius' AM/AOS, grown by Orchid Eros
 Center: *Cattleya* Mareeba Tiger 'Kylo Ren' AM/AOS, grown by Orchid Eros
 Right: *Lycaste dowiana* 'Lehua's Taylor Treat' HCC/AOS, grown by Lehua Orchids



Left: *Paph.* Jacqueline's Spring Moon 'Slipper Zone Well I Never' AM/AOS, grown by Lehua Orchids
 Center: *Paph.* Luna Pleasure 'Slipper Zone Tall Grace' AM/AOS, grown by Lehua Orchids
 Right: *Paph.* Petula's Knight 'Slipper Zone reen Ninja HCC/AOS, grown by Lehua Orchids



Left: *Cattleya coccinea* 'Melia' HCC/AOS, grown by Orchid Eros
 Center: *Cattleya forbesii* f. aurea 'Sebastian Ferrell' AM/AOS, grown by Orchid Eros
 Right: *Cattleya Sincomedia* 'Garbriel Ameu' AM/AOS, grown by Orchid Eros



Left: *Cattleya ghillanyi* fma. flamea, awarded as *Laelia reginae* 'Isabel Rosalia' AM/AOS, grown by Orchid Eros
 Center: *Paph.* Odette's Moon 'Slipper Zone Pink Halo' HCC/AOS, grown by Lehua Orchids
 Right: *Rlc.* Volcano Glory 'Perfection' AM/AOS, grown by Shogun Hawaii

The Show is Almost Here

The 66th Hilo Orchid Society Show and Sale, “Kaleidoscope of Orchids”, is coming on July 13-15 at the Edith Kanaka’ole Stadium, Hilo.

There are three things that we’re counting on members for:

1. Tickets. We’re hoping you can sell the 15 show tickets you received to friends and neighbors for \$3 each, a bargain price (admission is \$5 at the door), or buy them yourself and give them away. Of course, you’re not obligated to buy or sell the tickets, but if you can, it’s a great way to help the Society.

2. Orchids. We’re counting on you to lend us your blooming orchids to help make our Society exhibit the highlight of the show (see article on page 5). Please bring your orchids to the stadium from 9:00 to noon on Tuesday, July 10. Pick them up when the show closes Sunday at 2:00 p.m.

3. Volunteers. We’re counting on volunteers to help out at the show. If you have already volunteered, thank you. We could still use volunteers to help with several jobs, all easy:

- Show setup on Monday July 9.
- Setup orchids in HOS display Tuesday July 10.
- Ribbon judging Thursday July 12.
- Front Gate: collect people’s tickets as they come in and give them show programs.
- Orchid Ambassador: walk around, monitor the orchid exhibits, and assist attendees with information and aloha.
- Keiki Korner: assist with children’s activities; also looking for someone to coordinate this.
- Factotum: help out at whatever area needs help for a two-hour shift. You might monitor the silent auction tables, or man the Plant Hotel, or help sell T-shirts.

You can sign up at the meeting or contact Julia Hoskins at julia.hiloorchidshow@gmail.com.

Here’s what we have planned:

Monday, July 9:

- Show setup begins.

Tuesday, July 10:

- 9:00 a.m.–12:00. Bring your orchids to lend to the HOS display (pick them up at 2:00 on Sunday).

Thursday, July 12:

- Morning: AOS Judging
- Afternoon: Ribbon judging
- 6:00 p.m.–9:00 p.m. Preview Party

Friday, July 13 through Sunday, July 15: The show is open, featuring:

- Dazzling displays of orchids
- Vendor booths tempting you to buy just one more orchid.
- Entertainment featuring a variety of local musicians.
- Refreshments
- A series of speakers and demos
- Membership, Sales, and Orchid Society tables, where visitors can buy T-shirts and calendars, ask questions, and join our Society.

Our show can only succeed because Society members volunteer to help. If you’re asked to help out, please say yes. It will only take a couple of hours of your time, and it’ll make you feel good!

Scholarship Winners

Our Yasuji Takasaki Memorial Scholarship has been awarded to two students at the University of Hawaii at Hilo for the 2018-2019 school year. Each scholarship provides \$3000, or \$1500 per semester.

Aaron Shipman is majoring in Agriculture-Tropical Plant Sciences, specializing in Agroecology. His volunteer work includes a community garden that donates produce to a food pantry and assisting a landscaping project for Malia Puka o Kalani church, and educational outreach at Hilo High School and Na Wai Ola public charter school.

Daniel Dunnom is majoring in Agriculture-Tropical Plant Sciences, specializing in Agroecology. He currently grows lychee and mango on an acre in Puna, and he has orchids mounted on each tree. He says that his favorite orchids are “ones that look like science fiction movie props from another world in a faraway galaxy.”

Both students will be introduced to HOS members at an upcoming meeting.



Gala Preview Party is July 12



The 2018 benefit Preview Party kicks off HOS's 66th Orchid Show and Sale at the Edith Kanaka'ole Stadium. Held from 6:00 to 9:00 p.m. on Thursday, July 12, the gala event features refreshments, live music, and orchid viewing and pre-sales.

Each party-goer receives an etched wine or beer glass, in order to enjoy the libations and take home after the event. A wide variety of fine wines, beer on tap from Kona Brewing Co., gourmet juices, and coffee from Hilo Coffee Mill are served. Pupu, dinner, and dessert buffets feature tasty treats by AJ & Sons Catering. Plus, party-goers will have the first chance to purchase exciting new hybrids and exotic orchid species, as well as other unusual plants and orchid-related products.

Proceeds of the Preview Party benefit the Ku'ikahi Mediation Center. The non-profit community mediation center empowers people to come together—to talk and to listen, to explore options, and to find their own best solutions. To achieve this mission, Ku'ikahi offers mediation, facilitation, and training to strengthen the ability of diverse individuals and groups to resolve interpersonal conflicts and community issues.

Tickets are \$75, of which \$25 is tax deductible, and can be purchased at: Hilo Coffee Mill (17-995 Volcano Hwy.), Day-Lum Rentals (2 Kamehameha Ave.), The Most Irresistible Shop (256 Kamehameha Ave.), and Ku'ikahi Mediation Center (The Hilo Lagoon Centre, 101 Aupuni St, Suite PH 1014 B-2). Or contact Erika at 935-7844 ext 1 or erika@hawaiimediation.org.

How to Prepare Your Orchids for the Show

We want your orchids for the HOS exhibit! Don't think that somebody else will provide them. The big growers can't lend us orchids because they have their own displays. So we're counting on the little growers. If everyone can lend us one or two nice orchids, our display will be gorgeous. If nobody does, it will be bare and ugly.

Now is the time to start thinking about it. Here's how:

- Look at what's in bud and estimate what's likely to be in bloom for the show.
- Continue watering and feeding to encourage best blooming. Now is not the time to let a drought ruin your flowers.
- Consider staking the flowers for best viewing if they aren't naturally held upright. Staking needs to be done *before* the flowers open. After they open, staking them will put them into unnatural-looking positions.
- We can only use healthy plants, so they must have no scale or other insects and especially *no little fire ants*.
- Prepare a list of the orchids you're lending us and give us the list along with the plants. This helps us keep track of them and makes sure you get back the plants you lent us.

Mahalo!

CALENDAR OF ORCHID EVENTS

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

June 9	1:30	HOS Meeting
June 9	4:00	AOS Judging
June 22	6:00 pm	AOS Judging, 113 Nowelo St. Hilo
June 23	9:00-2:00	Build HOS display, Shelby Smith's house
June 30	9:00-2:00	

The following show events will be held at the Edith Kanaka'ole Stadium, Hilo

July 10	9:00-12:00	Bring plants for HOS display
July 12	morning	AOS Judging
July 12	afternoon	Ribbon Judging
July 12	6:00-9:00	Preview Party
July 13	9:00-6:00	Hilo Orchid Show and Sale
July 14	9:00-5:00	Hilo Orchid Show and Sale
July 15	10:00-2:00	Hilo Orchid Show and Sale

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