

Hilo Orchid Society Newsletter

November 2018

Next Meeting

Date: Sat., November 10, 2018

Time: 1:30-4:00

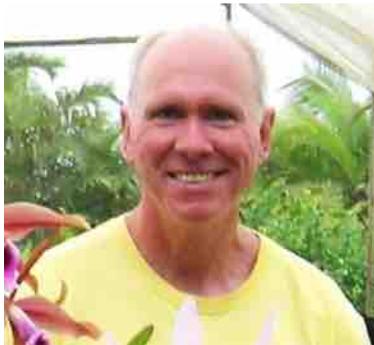
Place: Kamana Senior Center,
127 Kamana St., Hilo

Speaker: Rick Kelley

Topic: Fertilizer

Orchid fanatics spend hours debating what is the best fertilizer. But do you know why orchids, and other plants, need fertilizer, and how they use it? This month Rick Kelley will go beyond the basics to explain all about fertilizer.

Rick was the Show Chair of our orchid show in 2015, and he was our President in 2016-2017. Rick moved here in 2012 from Houston, TX, where he had grown orchids for 15 years. Now he lives on a wooded three-acre lot in Orchidland Estates, where he has mounted hundreds of orchids on the trees.



Rick received his PhD. at Stanford University and was an associate professor in genetics at Baylor College of Medicine in Houston. He used fruit flies as a laboratory animal because genetically fruit flies and humans are very similar, but fruit flies grow much faster. Part of his research was on the “Battle of the Sexes” between males with a single copy of the X chromosome and females with two.

Scientists want to understand how the world works. If you’d like to understand more about fertilizer than just the 3 numbers on the label (e.g. 30-10-10), don’t miss this meeting!

Sign Up for Holiday Party and Auction

There will be no regular meeting in December. Instead, we’re holding our annual Holiday Party and Auction on Sunday, Dec. 9 at Nani Mau Gardens in Hilo.

You must sign up and pay in advance. You’re welcome to bring guests. Pricing is a little different this year. The price is:

- \$25 per person if you bring a plant for our “white elephant” gift exchange
- \$30 per person if you do not participate in the gift exchange

If you bring a plant for the gift exchange, you get to take home a plant (randomly selected). Your gift exchange plant does not have to be in bloom, but please make sure it’s free of pests such as little fire ants.

Either price is less than the actual cost of the meal – the Society is subsidizing your ticket! If you’d like to attend, please sign up and pay at the November meeting, or send your check to:

Hilo Orchid Society
P.O. Box 4294
Hilo, HI 96720

Checks **must be received by Monday, Nov. 26**, so don’t delay!

Plan to arrive at 11:00 a.m. to view the gardens, enjoy beverages and talk story. Then we’ll have a delicious buffet lunch, followed by the main event, the auction of donated plants, where you have the chance to obtain some special plants and benefit your Society at the same time.

Nani Mau Gardens includes 22 acres of beautiful tropical flowers and plants, which as a holiday party guest you are welcome to enjoy at no extra cost. There is plenty of free parking. Directions to Nani Mau Gardens will be in the December newsletter.

Election of Officers and Trustees

The election of officers and trustees for 2019 will take place at the November meeting. Board members serve two-year terms, with half the members up for election each year. For 2019, our Nominating Committee has produced the following slate of officers and trustees:

President-Elect

Tom Mirenda is a well-known figure in the orchid world, author of monthly columns for Orchids magazine and former curator of the Smithsonian Institution's orchid collection. He recently moved back to Hawaii, where in his 20s he first came to love orchids.



Vice President

Ben Oliveros has served as Vice President for several years, arranging for our fantastic monthly speakers. Ben owns the orchid nursery Orchid Eros. His special interest is hybridizing and growing quality Cattleyas. He is an AOS judge and has received many AOS awards for his plants.



Recording Secretary

Lise Dowd has served as Corresponding Secretary. Trained as a marine biologist, she is a retired professor of biology. Lise grew orchids in Miami for 25 years before moving to Hawaii.



Corresponding Secretary

Joe Bush has served on the Board of Trustees and managed the Front Gate at the orchid show. Joe moved to the Big Island from Honolulu in 1986. A retiree of Hawaii Electric Light Co., Joe enjoys growing miniature orchids.



Trustee

Lillian Paiva has served on the Board of Trustees and managed the Plant Hotel at our orchid shows. Lillian's family has been in Hawaii for 4 generations. In addition to growing orchids, Lillian has grown bonsai for 25 years.



Trustee

Dorothy Imagire has served as Recording Secretary and supervised the Silent Auction and Keiki Corner at the orchid show. Dorothy is a photographer and mixed-media artist.



Additional nominations may be made from the floor. Any additional nominees must be present at the meeting and willing to run against the slate endorsed by the Nominating Committee.

CALENDAR OF ORCHID EVENTS

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

Nov. 10	1:30	HOS Meeting
Nov. 10	4:00	AOS Judging
Nov. 23	6:00 pm	AOS Judging, 113 Nowelo St, Hilo
Dec. 8	4:00	AOS Judging
Dec. 9	11:00	Holiday Party at Nani Mau Gardens
Dec. 28	6:00 pm	AOS Judging, 113 Nowelo St, Hilo

Photo Contest – You Pick the Winner

144 photos were submitted to our photo contest. With so many great photos, how can we choose one winner to receive two tickets to our December holiday party? We're asking you, our members, to choose the winning photo.

A panel of judges has narrowed down the selection to the nine finalist photos below. Please pick your ONE favorite photo from these finalists. You can either:

- Vote at the November meeting, or
- If you won't be at the meeting, vote by email. Send an email with the number of your favorite photo to info@hiloorchidsociety.org. Mention "photo contest" in the email. Emails must be received by Nov. 9.

To see larger versions of these photos, go to the 2018 HOS Photo Contest gallery in the Galleries menu on our website www.hiloorchidsociety.org. The first nine photos in the gallery are the finalists; click on the photos to see full-screen versions. The winner will be announced at the November meeting.



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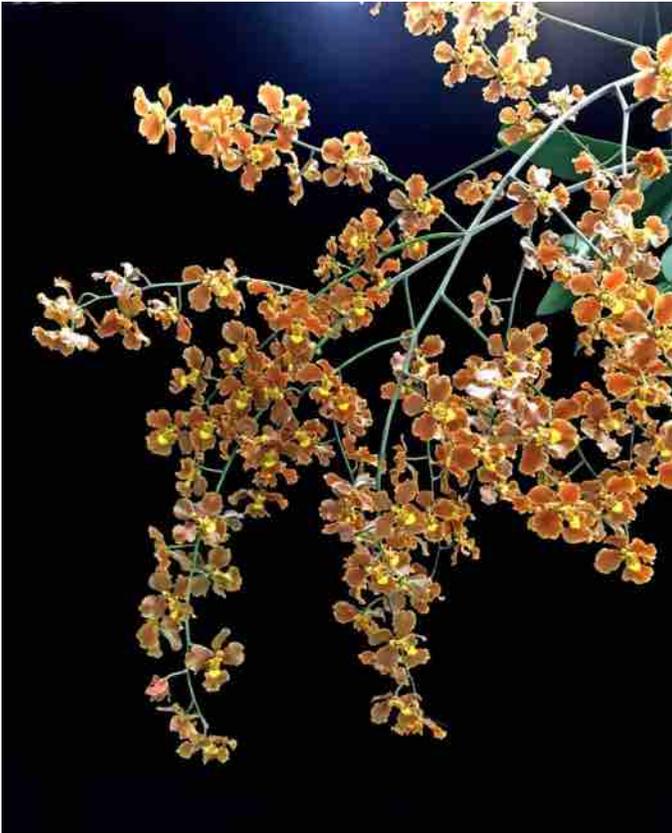
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October Members Choice

Photos by Dorothy Imagine



Above: Hobbyist 1st place: *Oncidium* Cloud Ears 'Mocha Moon', grown by Glen Barfield

Top right: Hobbyist 2nd place: *Lc.* Flamenco Dancer, grown by Janice Williams

Right: Hobbyist 3rd place: *Cattleya maxima*, grown by Leslie Hayes-Cullins



We Now Take Credit Cards

In the past, HOS has only accepted cash and checks as payment. Now we have acquired a Square device for processing credit cards, including "chip" cards. So if you're renewing your membership, or buying T-shirts or calendars or whatever from us, you now have the option to charge it.

We get charged a small processing fee (2.75%) for credit card payments. Our Board decided to pass that fee along to the buyer. That means if you charge it, you will be paying slightly more for the convenience of using your card than if you paid by cash or check.

Sorry, we can't take credit card payments by mail, so any payments that you send to our P.O. box must still be by check. But payments made at meetings can now be by cash, check, or plastic.



Logo Contest Voting

Our logo contest draws to a close at the November meeting. Members will vote for their choice from the creative designs that were submitted. The winner gets two tickets to the holiday party. Come to the meeting to see the designs and pick your favorite!

October AOS Awards

Photos by Glen Barfield



Left: *Cattleya praestans f. concolor* 'Orchid Eros' AM/AOS, grown by Orchid Eros
Right: *Cattleya pumila* 'Dark Knight' AM/AOS, grown by Orchid Eros



Left: *Paph.* Delightfully Macabre 'Slipper Zone Why' HCC/AOS, grown by Lehua Orchids
Right: *Paph.* Flatteringly Wood 'Slipper Zone Majesty' HCC/AOS, grown by Lehua Orchids



Left: *Paph.* Satin Cream 'Slipper Zone Freckled Cream' AM/AOS, grown by Lehua Orchids
Center: *Paph.* Magically Wood 'Slipper Zone Pink Syn' AM/AOS, grown by Lehua Orchids
Right: *Paph.* Magical Peacock 'Slipper Zone Who'd A Thunk' HCC/AOS, grown by Lehua Orchids

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