



Hilo Orchid Society Newsletter

May
2019

Next Meeting

NOTE THIS IS A WEEK EARLY

Date: Sat., May 4, 2019

Time: 1:30-4:00

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

Speaker: Kristen Uthus

Topic: Japanese Orchids: The Small
and Mighty

The Japanese have cultivated orchids for 400 years. Surprisingly, they often collect orchids for their leaves rather than their flowers.

This month, Kristen Uthus from New World Orchids in Manchester, Michigan will tell us what makes Japanese orchids stand out in a crowd and why *Neofinetia falcata*, which is native to Japan, may be the easiest of all orchids to grow.



Kristen taught biology and ecology at Virginia Commonwealth University, Ohio State University, University of Michigan, and Eastern Michigan University. Kristen has been growing orchids for over 20 years, and in 2014 she fulfilled her dream of making orchids a full-time job by purchasing New World Orchids in Manchester, Michigan, about an hour west of Detroit.

Kristen grows many varieties of orchids, but miniatures remain her passion – the weirder, the better. New World Orchids specializes in Japanese orchids such as *Neofinetia falcata*, but her miniature selection has expanded to include many other small species including Pleurothallids, Angraecums, and Bulbophyllums.

If you're curious about the small and mighty orchids of Japan, don't miss this meeting!

Please Pick Up Your Show Tickets

We're asking all HOS members to buy 15 tickets for the orchid show for \$3 each, and to sell or give them to friends and neighbors. You can pick up your tickets at the May meeting – it saves us the cost of mailing them to you. The \$3 price is a bargain compared with \$5 at the door.

You don't have to pay for the tickets when you pick them up. Mail your payment (\$45 if you take 15 tickets) to

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Of course, you're not obligated to purchase tickets, but if you can, it's a great way to help your Society.

Show Committee Meeting

The next Show Committee meeting will be held Wed. May 8 at 5:30 pm at the Kamana Senior Center. If you'd like to help with the show or have ideas on how to make it better, we hope to see you there.

Amateur Show Registration

We're encouraging non-commercial growers to create exhibits for our show. Exhibits can be mini-size (16" square), tabletop, or larger. There is no fee for exhibit space; in fact, you may be eligible for a subsidy to offset your exhibit costs. For more information, contact show chair Karl Mendonca at karlsandi@comcast.net.

Kona Orchid Show & Sale

The Kona Orchid Society's annual show and sale will be held on Mother's Day weekend, Friday May 10 from 9 am to 6 pm and Saturday May 11 from 8 am to 4 pm. It's at the Old Airport Pavilion at the north end of Kuakini Highway in Kona. There's plenty of free parking. There will be several orchid vendors plus other plant and craft vendors. For more info, see <http://www.konaorchidsociety.org/our-annual-show-and-sale>.

Orchid Odyssey

The 67th Annual Hilo Orchid Society Show and Sale, "Orchid Odyssey," is coming! It's the biggest and best orchid show in the state of Hawai'i. It will take place at Edith Kanaka'ole Stadium, June 28-30. AOS and ribbon judging activities, as well as the Preview Party will kick off the event on Thursday, June 27. Then the show will open to the public, featuring dazzling displays of orchids and vendor booths. Show hours are:

- Friday, June 28, 9 am–6 pm
- Saturday, June 29, 9 am–5 pm
- Sunday, June 30, 10 am – 2 pm

June is not far away, and show preparations are already in full swing. Karl Mendonca is working very hard as our Show Chair, and he has an experienced group of folks on the Show Committee helping to make the show a reality. Here's what is going on.

Show Tickets. Tickets will be available from any member of the Hilo Orchid Society for \$3 if purchased prior to the show. Ticket prices at the door will be:

- Adult - \$5
- Super pass good for 3 days - \$8

Judging. On Thursday, June 27, before the show is open to the public, events begin with AOS judging in the morning and ribbon judging in the afternoon. Karen Kimmerle will manage AOS judging. John Juszczak will be in charge of ribbon judging by HOS members. Teams of HOS volunteers award 1st, 2nd, and 3rd prizes (blue, red, and white ribbons) for dozens of categories as well as Best in Show trophies. This is a fun way for HOS members to learn more about orchids and the traits that make them outstanding. Rick Kelley is in charge of the trophies and plaques to be awarded.

Preview Party. Thursday night, 6 - 9 pm, the Preview Party gala will be held at the show site. Tickets are \$75. Attendees will be able to buy their pick of orchids from show vendors before the show opens.

HOS Display. New HOS member Van Huynh is designing the Hilo Orchid Society exhibit this year, but he can't be here for show setup. We need volunteers to help with that.

Of course, our exhibit will feature wonderful orchids grown by members. If you have some beautiful orchids in bloom at show time, lend them to our display. You will get them back, of course, and you just might win a ribbon or a trophy. Start fertilizing now and as spikes come up, stake them to be their most beautiful. Let's all help create another award-winning masterpiece for the Hilo Orchid Society!

T-shirts and more for sale.

This year's beautiful show graphic (left) was designed by popular local artist Esther Szegedy. Cindy Caldicott will have T-shirts and tank tops with the show design for sale, as well as tea towels and sets of notecards. And our new Orchid Isle 2020 calendars will be for sale.

Entertainment. Rayna Armour is arranging great live musical entertainment by talented Hawaiian performers on Friday and Saturday.

Refreshments. There will be a variety of delicious dishes from Asian Delight and P&J Tacos de la Calle, as well as items from our own Culinary Institute of California-trained chef Janice Williams.

Keiki activities. Our children's activities were very popular last year. Free face painting will be done by Jan's Face Painting. Balloon animals will be created on

the spot by Dwane Nishimori. And there will be an orchid scavenger hunt and other kids' activities.

Speakers. Pauline Brault has arranged for an excellent series of speakers and demonstrations to be presented by our most knowledge-able HOS members throughout the three days of the show. Topics will cover various types of orchids and how to grow them.

Silent Auction. Show attendees can bid on donated items at our silent auction to raise money for our scholarship fund, orchid conservation, and



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orchid education. Quality donations are still being sought. If you have items to donate, or if you'd like to volunteer to help with the silent auction, please contact Harry & Robin Messenheimer at hmessenheimer@earthlink.net.

HOS/Membership Table. Dana Culleney and Ellen Train will organize our table where visitors can find out about and join our Society.

Orchid Doctor. Julie Goettsch will have a fun Orchid Doctor stand, modeled after Lucy's "Psychiatric Help 5¢" stand in the Peanuts cartoon, where attendees can get orchid questions answered.

Will you help? Putting on a show means taking care of a myriad of tasks, as you can tell from the descriptions of activities above. Volunteers are needed for setup, take down, front gate, daytime security, and other tasks. Our show can only succeed if Society members are generous enough to volunteer to help. It can be as little as two hours of your time, and you will feel good that our show was a big hit because of you. Get involved and be a part of the Hilo Orchid Society's signature event!

Wine, Beer, Food, Flowers, Fun! Hilo Orchid Show Preview Party is June 27



You are cordially invited to the 2019 **Hilo Orchid Show Gala Preview Party**, a "fun"-raiser that kicks off the 67th anniversary Orchid Show and Sale in Hilo... and raises funds for peace and agriculture. Held from **6:00 to 9:00 p.m. on Thursday, June 27 at the Edith Kanaka'ole Stadium**, the evening gala features drinks, food, music, and orchid pre-sales. The event is zero waste, with eco-friendly eating utensils.

Each party-goer receives a souvenir wine or beer glass, in order to enjoy a wide array of fine wines, plus beer on tap from Kona Brewing Co. and beer from Hilo Brewing Co. Also served are gourmet fruit juices, and coffee from Hilo Coffee Mill. Pupu, dinner, and dessert buffets are compliments of AJ & Sons Catering and friends. Vegetarian and vegan options are available.

Tickets are \$75 (of which \$30 is tax deductible) and may be purchased in advance from The Most Irresistible Shop, Hilo Coffee Mill, Day-Lum Rentals, and Ku'ikahi Mediation Center. Reserved tables for 4, 6, 8, or 10 people are available at bronze, silver, gold, and platinum sponsorship levels. To purchase tickets or tables/sponsorships with a credit card, visit <http://www.hawaiimediation.org/events.html> or contact Erika at (808) 935-7844 x 1 or erika@hawaiimediation.org.

All ticket proceeds benefit the non-profit Ku'ikahi Mediation Center and the cause of "Finding Solutions, Growing Peace." All silent auction proceeds benefit Hilo Orchid Society's agriculture student scholarship fund.

"We hope the community will come out to enjoy a fun party while supporting two good causes," says Ku'ikahi Executive Director, Julie Mitchell. "Please join us as a partner for peace and a giver of hope. Your support changes lives."



CALENDAR OF ORCHID EVENTS

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

May 4	1:30-4:00	HOS Meeting
May 4	4:00	AOS judging
May 8	5:30 pm	Show Committee meeting
May 11	9 am-6 pm	} Kona Orchid Sale } at old airport pavilion, Kona
May 12	8 am-4 pm	
May 24	6:00 pm	AOS judging, 875 Komohana St.
June 8	1:30	HOS Picnic and Silent Auction

The following orchid show events are held at Edith Kanaka'ole Stadium

June 24	afternoon	Show setup begins
June 25	1:00-4:00	Drop off plants for HOS exhibit
June 27	morning	AOS judging
June 27	afternoon	Ribbon judging
June 27	6-9 pm	Preview Party
June 28	9:00-6:00	Hilo Orchid Show
June 29	9:00-5:00	Hilo Orchid Show
June 30	10:00-2:00	Hilo Orchid Show

April Members Choice

Photos by Dorothy Imagine



Left: 1st place: *Bulbophyllum falcatum*, grown by Jeff Fendentz
Right: 3rd place: *Maxillaria endresii*, grown by Karen Kimmerle



2nd place: *Dendrobium farmeri*, grown by Karen Kimmerle

April AOS Awards

Photos by Glen Barfield



Left: *Dendrobium* Carly Hera ‘Shogun Hawaii’ CCM/AOS & HCC/AOS, grown by Shogun Hawaii
 Right: *Coelogyne buennemeyerii* ‘Orchidfix’s Falling Stars’ CBR/AOS, grown by Orchid Fix



What is CBR/AOS?

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

Left: *Paph.* Oriental Green ‘Well I Never’ AM/AOS, grown by Lehua Orchids
 Right: *Paph.* Petula’s Sensation ‘Slipper Zone Red Pebbles’ AM/AOS, grown by Lehua Orchids



Left: *Paph.* Macabre Flutter ‘Slipper Zone Snook’ HCC/AOS, grown by Lehua Orchids
 Center: *Paph.* Macabre Illusion ‘Slipper Zone First Version’ HCC/AOS, grown by Lehua Orchids
 Right: *Paph.* Petula’s Sensation ‘Slipper Zone Red Promise’ AM/AOS, grown by Lehua Orchids

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