



Hilo Orchid Society Newsletter

December
2019

Note: In lieu of a December meeting, we're holding our annual Holiday Party. The deadline for reservations is past – sorry, we can't take any more!

Date: Sun., December 15, 2019
Time: 11:00 Doors open to talk story
12:00 Luncheon buffet
1:00 Auction
Place: Nani Mau Gardens
421 Makalika St., Hilo
(see map and directions on page 5)
Program: Holiday Party and Auction

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. 15 at Nani Mau Gardens. Only those who signed up and paid in advance can be admitted.

The event features a social hour and sumptuous buffet lunch at the scenic Nani Mau Gardens, providing a chance to get together with old friends and maybe make some new ones. Then comes the auction, an opportunity to obtain top-quality donated orchid plants at bargain prices and benefit your Society at the same time. This event is not open to the public, but is open to Hilo Orchid Society members and their guests by reservation only.

For those who signed up, doors will open at 11:00 a.m. to enjoy beverages, talk story, and tour the gardens, followed by the installation of officers at 11:45, a buffet lunch, and the orchid auction.

For a map and directions to Nani Mau Gardens, see page 5.

Gift Exchange Reminder

This year's holiday party will include an orchid gift exchange. Those who paid \$25 for their holiday party ticket should bring an orchid plant, and in exchange they will get to take a plant, selected in a random drawing.

Gift exchange plants do not have to be in bloom, but they should be healthy and free from pests such as little fire ants.

Photo Contest Winner



Our 2019 photo contest was won by Rick Kelley. His photo of *Rlc.* George King 'Serendipity' (above) was chosen by members as the winner at the November meeting. Rick won two tickets to the holiday party.



Show Table Contest Winner

Our 2019 contest for the person bringing the most orchids to our monthly show table was won by Glen Barfield. Glen won two tickets to the holiday party.

HOS Members in Orchids Magazine, November 2019



Tom Mirinda wrote about how Matthias Seelis (left) grew this spectacular plant of *Cattleya warscewiczii* 'Pauline Brault' CCE/AOS from a division given to him by Pauline (right). The plant had 67 flowers open. CCE (Certificate of Cultural Excellence) is the highest award for orchid culture given by the American Orchid Society. Photo by Dana Culleney.



Tom's monthly column in the same issue included this photo by Rick Kelley of this unnamed *Cattleya* hybrid with 24 flowers in bloom that Rick grew on a tree. On his Facebook page, Tom called it the greatest outdoor orchid he had ever seen.

November Members Choice

Photos by Dana Culleney and Larry Kuekes



1st place: *Aerangis luteo-alba*, grown by Thane Pratt



Left: 2nd place: *Calanthe vestita* 'Glenn Gardner', grown by Glen Barfield



Right: 3rd place: *Bulbophyllum laxiflorum*, grown by Jeff Fendentz

November AOS Awards

Photos by Glen Barfield



Left: *Brassavola nodosa* 'Dia de los Muertos' AM/AOS, grown by Orchid Eros
Center: *Cattleya Harriet Brickell* 'Happy Halloween' AM/AOS, grown by Orchid Eros
Right: *Cattleya trianae* 'For the Living' AM/AOS, grown by Orchid Eros



Left: *Paph.* In Charm Topaz 'Slipper Zone No Cuts' AM/AOS CCM/AOS, grown by Lehua Orchids
Center: *Paph. micranthum* var. *eburneum* 'Mars' AM/AOS, grown by Hilo Orchid Farm
Right: *Habenaria rhodocheila* 'Island Sun' AM/AOS, grown by Island Sun Orchids

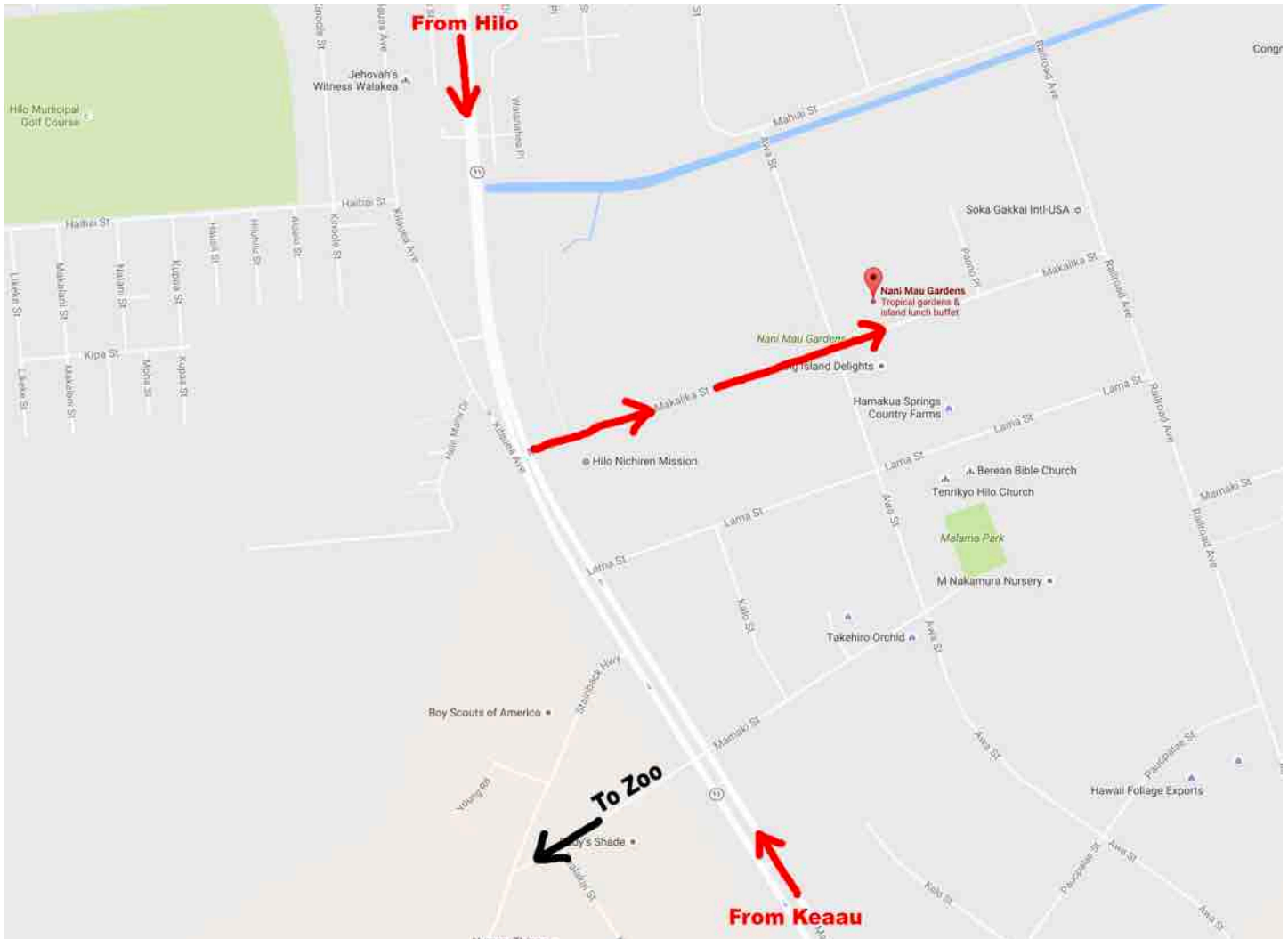


Left: *Cattleya* (Spring Climax x Nancy Off) 'Shogun Hawaii' HCC/AOS, grown by Shogun Hawaii
Center: *Paph.* Petula's Charisma 'Slipper Zone Flay Ambiance' HCC/AOS, grown by Lehua Orchids
Right: *Rlc.* Island Warrior 'Blood Sweat and Tears' HCC/AOS, grown by Shogun Hawaii

Directions to Nani Mau Gardens

From Hilo: Take Route 11 South towards Keaau. After the speed limit increases to 55 mph, take the first left turn onto Makalika St. If you reach the turn for the Hilo zoo, you've gone too far. Head down Makalika St. for about half a mile. Nani Mau Gardens is on the left.

From Keaau: Take Route 11 North towards Hilo. Turn right on Makalika St, which is the second right after mile marker 4 (also the second right after the turn for the zoo). Head down Makalika St. for about half a mile. Nani Mau Gardens is on the left.



CALENDAR OF ORCHID EVENTS

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

Dec. 14	4:00	AOS Judging
Dec. 15	11:00 am	Holiday Party, Nani Mau Gardens
Jan. 11	1:30-4:00	HOS Meeting
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Jan. 24	6:00 pm	AOS judging, 875 Komohana St.



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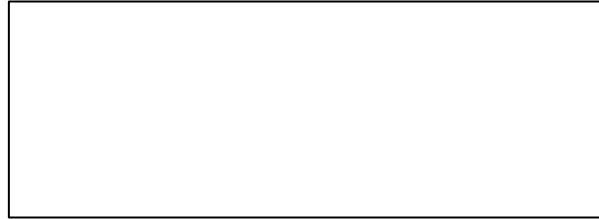
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