



# Hilo Orchid Society Newsletter

January  
2020

## Next Meeting

Date: Sat., January 11, 2020  
Time: 1:30-4:00  
Place: Kamana Senior Center,  
127 Kamana St., Hilo  
Speaker: Julie Goettsch  
Topic: Spathoglottis

Orchids have a reputation as the prima donnas of the plant world. They don't like too much sun, or too little; they shouldn't be grown too warm or too cool. Spathoglottis are not prima donnas. They are so easy to grow that the species *Spathoglottis plicata*, known as the Philippine orchid, has escaped cultivation and grows wild along trails and roadsides in Hawaii.

This month, our own Julie Goettsch will tell us all about Spathoglottis. Julie grew up in Santa Ana, CA and first came to Hawaii in 1969 as a teacher. After a stint teaching in Okinawa, Japan, she returned to Hawaii, married a submariner from Colorado, and went to Colorado with him, where she became a school principal and then worked for IBM Global Services in Boulder, CO. Julie started growing cattleya orchids in Colorado in her living room window. In 2006 she retired and moved to Hakalau on the Hamakua Coast, where she lives with her four Persian cats and grows 300+ orchids.



In addition to her Hilo Orchid Society activities, which included serving as President for three years, Julie is busy traveling the world and scuba diving twice a week.

If you want to find out more about these easy to grow, almost everblooming orchids, don't miss this meeting!

## Dues Are Due

Your membership dues for 2020 are due. New members who joined at the last orchid show in June or who joined in September 2019 or later are considered paid through 2020 and do not have to pay.

For the rest of you, dues are still only \$20 for individual membership or \$25 for family membership. In return, you get a year of interesting speakers, newsletters, and activities, plus the chance to get together with folks who share your interest in these beautiful and fascinating plants.

Please fill out the form on page 5 and mail it in with your payment (address is on the form), or you can pay at the meeting. Thanks!

## We "Like" Our Orchid Growers

We are blessed to have so many local commercial orchid nurseries that support our Society. To support them in return, we purchased orchids for our December auction from the following nurseries (who gave us generous discounts): Malika Orchids, Orchid Eros, Island Sun Orchids, and Lehua Orchids.

Kalapana Tropicals also provided orchids for the auction, but they refused payment, asking only for HOS members to "like" them on Facebook and Instagram. The Orchid Fix and Hawaii Hybrids also donated orchids and gift baskets.

If you get a chance, please "like" these orchid growers online. It's a small way to show our thanks.



## CALENDAR OF ORCHID EVENTS

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

Jan. 11	1:30-4:00	HOS Meeting
Jan. 11	4:00	AOS judging
Jan. 24	6:00 pm	AOS judging, 875 Komohana St.
Feb. 8	1:30-4:00	HOS Meeting
Feb. 8	4:00	AOS judging
Feb. 28	6:00 pm	AOS judging, 875 Komohana St

## New Officers and Trustees



The new Board of Trustees for 2019 was sworn in at the holiday party. From left: Lillian Paiva, Tom Miranda, Ingrid Mendoza, Dana Culleney, Joe Bush, Ben Oliveros, Lise Dowd, Larry Kuekes, Dorothy Imagire. Not present: Karl Mendonca, Shelly Nowaki.

## Holiday Party

Our holiday party was a good time for all who attended. After talking story on a lanai surrounded by scenic Nani Mau Gardens, we had a delicious buffet lunch and our official swearing in of officers and trustees for 2020. Those who participated in the orchid gift exchange drew numbers to see what gift orchid they got to take home. Finally, Ben Oliveros led a fast-paced, spirited auction of gorgeous orchids to raise funds for your Society.

Mahalo to all those who helped out: Dana Culleney checked in attendees, Rick Kelley ran the orchid gift exchange, Tom Miranda procured orchids for the auction, Ben Oliveros was our skilled auctioneer, Rick Kelley and Larry Kuekes recorded bids, and Janice Williams made delicious desserts. Dorothy Imagire organized the whole event, in addition to making the table centerpieces and an additional dessert.

And mahalo to all the auction bidders. The auction is one of our major fund-raising events, and you helped make it a big success!

## Supporting Orchid Conservation

The Board voted to donate \$1000 to the Orchid Conservation Alliance (OCA) to support orchid conservation in the wild, as we have done for several years. Supporting conservation is one of our primary goals as an organization.

OCA believes that the most practical way to prevent extinction of orchids in the wild is to purchase land where orchids are threatened, to create protected reserves. Of course, these reserves protect not just orchids, but all the plants and animals that live there.

Current OCA projects include funding a reserve in northern Ecuador, managed by the Ecominga Foundation, that is the habitat of threatened *Dracula* orchid species, among others, and a reserve in northern Colombia managed by Salvamontes.

If you'd like to find out more about the Orchid Conservation Alliance, or to join OCA, visit [orchidconservationalliance.org](http://orchidconservationalliance.org).

## Orchid Show Income & Expenses

The 2019 Hilo Orchid Show was a financial success, thanks especially to the volunteers who solicited donations, ran the silent auction, and sold food, T-shirts and other items, and to everyone who bought tickets.

As you can see in the chart, the great majority of show income goes to pay show expenses. Silent Auction money requires special handling (see the explanation on this page).

A show like ours is a big project, and show chair Karl Mendonca deserves special credit for pulling it off without a hitch. Mahalo to all who helped make the show a success.

### Income

Product Sales	\$7,558
Silent Auction	\$4,820
Donations and sponsorships	\$9,575
Ticket Sales	
Presale	\$6,301
Gate sales	\$10,114
Booth Rentals	\$4,120
<b>Total Income</b>	<b>\$42,488</b>

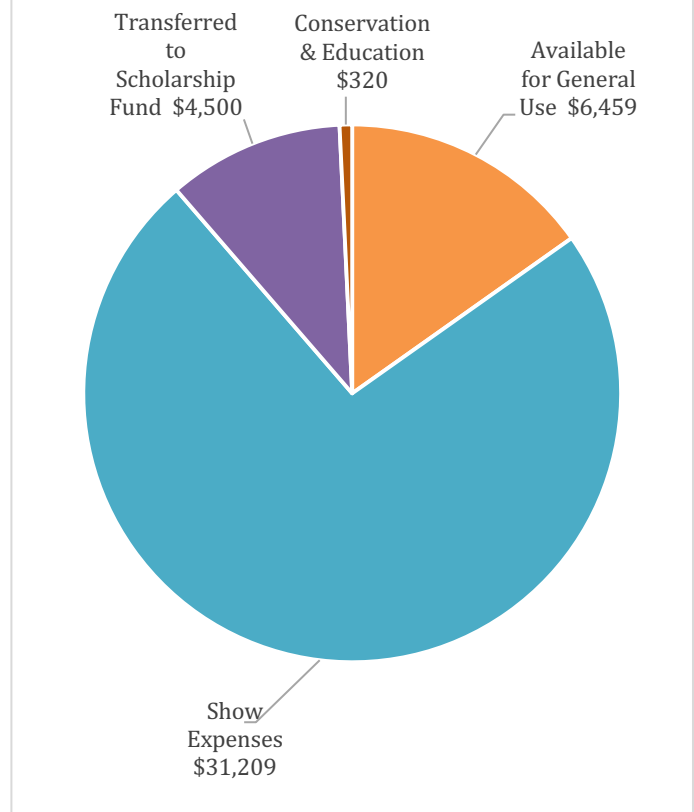
### Expenses

Advertising	\$2,437
Displays	\$2,195
Facilities	\$5,759
Judging & Awards	\$3,150
Food & Entertainment	\$1,880
Misc.	\$1,590
Printing & Copying	\$1,832
Products for Sale	\$5,426
Taxes	\$940
<b>Total Expenses</b>	<b>\$31,209</b>

### Net Income

Transferred to Scholarship Fund	\$4,500
Reserved for Conservation & Education	\$320
Available for General Use	\$6,459

## Where Did the Show Income Go?



## Silent Auction Funds

Donors to the Silent Auction at our orchid show are promised that the proceeds from the auction will support our scholarships, as well as orchid conservation and education. We must honor that promise in the way that we spend auction proceeds.

The Board's policy is to maintain our Scholarship Fund as a reserve that can pay for two years of scholarships. In 2019, that involved transferring \$4500 into the Fund. The remaining Silent Auction proceeds, \$320, were reserved for conservation and education. In 2019, that money was used as part of our \$1000 donation to the Orchid Conservation Alliance.

## December AOS Awards

Photos by Glen Barfield



Left: *Paph.* (Rick Berry x In Charm Lovely) 'Pumpkin Crunch' AM/AOS, grown by Hilo Orchid Farm

Right: *Paph.* Harry Mantee Wong 'Perfection' AM/AOS, grown by Hilo Orchid Farm



Left: *Paph.* Hilo Shamrock 'Green Diamond' AM/AOS, grown by Hilo Orchid Farm

Right: *Paph.* Turangi Wonder 'NFR 2019' AM/AOS, grown by Hilo Orchid Farm



*Paph.* Wilbur Chang 'Legendary' HCC/AOS, grown by Hilo Orchid Farm

### What do the AOS awards mean?

AOS awards are based on a 100 point judging scale.

Flower quality awards:

**FCC** (First Class Certificate) is 90-100 points.

**AM** (Award of Merit) is 80-89 points.

**HCC** (Highly Commended Certificate) is 75-79 points.

Culture awards:

**CCE** (Certificate of Cultural Excellence) is 90-100 points.

**CCM** (Certificate of Cultural Merit) is 80-89 points.

## HILO ORCHID SOCIETY MEMBERSHIP RENEWAL FORM

Please print this form, fill it out, and mail with your dues payment to:

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

Dues are \$20 for individual membership, \$25 for family membership.

Please print clearly:

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

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Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Email for receiving newsletter: \_\_\_\_\_

Check one:

Individual membership (\$20)

Family membership (\$25)

Check one:

I grant permission to publish this information in the Hilo Orchid Society Directory.

I do not grant permission to publish this information in the Hilo Orchid Society Directory.

Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

Optional:

Are you interested in volunteering to help with any of the following activities? Check as many as you like.

Monthly meetings

Annual Orchid Show

Orchid Isle Project (mounting orchids on trees in public spaces)

Orchids at the Zoo

Serving as an officer

## Hilo Orchid Society Officers and Trustees

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