



Hilo Orchid Society Newsletter

April
2020

Meeting Cancelled

Note: the meeting scheduled for Sat., April 11, 2020 has been **cancelled**

Due to the ongoing Corona virus outbreak, and following Governor Ige's proclamation of Mar. 23, President Tom Miranda has cancelled the April HOS meeting. See Tom's message to members at right.



Show Art

Cindy Caldicott has unveiled the art for our orchid show T-shirts (below), featuring the show theme "Orchid Ohana". The year 2020 was removed from the T-shirt design so that, in case this year's show is cancelled, the T-shirts can also be used next year.



CALENDAR OF ORCHID EVENTS

All in-person meetings have been cancelled for the month of April. That includes the Hilo Orchid Society meeting and AOS judging sessions.

President's Message

Dear cherished HOS ohana,

We are in the midst of an extraordinary time in the history of the world, and a great challenge for our generation; a challenge that requires some difficult decisions to be made, but all of them hopefully for the common good. Personally, the Hilo Orchid Society meetings, the camaraderie, the awesome presentations, the flowers and the food etc. are the highlights of each month! I know that we all look forward, like the anticipation of new orchid buds opening, to our meetings, seeing old friends, making new ones, and marveling at the beauties on the show table.

But of course, we are instructed by the state not to meet at the current time, due to the pandemic making its way around the globe. Even though many believe the risk is small, especially here on Hawaii Island, we simply cannot know what the truth is. So many may be carrying the virus, incubating it, or just being asymptomatic carriers, that we simply cannot take the chance of meeting at this time. So, please 'stay home and save lives'. That doesn't mean we cannot still be productive! With all this time at home, we have the freedom to work on our gardens and orchid collections. Let's use this time wisely and safely.

While the entire world 'takes a breath', let's find a way to live our best possible lives, and share the joy and beauty of orchids with each other. One excellent way is to monitor the beautiful postings on our Facebook page ([click here](#)), and for those of you who don't use that service, we will start to send Orchid Grams periodically to our members. You don't need to fear opening those emails, they are virus free!

Until we meet again!

Aloha nui loa,

Tom

March AOS Awards

Photos by Glen Barfield



Above left: *Cattleya amethystoglossa* 'Put Me in the Zoo' AM/AOS, grown by Orchid Eros

Above right: *Cattleya Pole Star* 'Mirtha Isabel' AM/AOS, grown by Orchid Eros

Left: *Cattleya maxima* f. *coerulea* 'Stevie ray Vaughan' AM/AOS, grown by Orchid Eros

Below left: *Cattleya walkeriana* 'Couto' AM/AOS, grown by Orchid Eros

Below right: *Cattleya walkeriana* 'Polyhymnia' AM/AOS. Grown by Orchid Eros



Members' Photos

We have no Members' Choice photos this month, because the March meeting was cancelled. Instead, here are some past photos sent in by HOS members for you to enjoy.



Bulbophyllum rothschildianum, grown by Shelby Smith



Phalaenopsis violacea, grown by Janice Williams



Renanthera, grown by Rick Kelley



Honohono (*Dendrobium anosmum*), grown by Bill Rawson.
Photo by Sheryl Rawson.

Orchid Stories

World's Largest Orchid

The world's largest known living orchid (also the world's oldest known orchid) is a "tiger orchid" (*Grammatophyllum speciosum*) in the Singapore Botanic Gardens. Planted in 1861, the plant is about 16 feet across and is 159 years old in 2020.

It likes warm conditions, so you can grow this species in Hawaii if you have the space! A more practical species to grow is its cousin *Grammatophyllum scriptum*. Though its flower spikes can be several feet long, the plant will only grow to a foot or two across. It's also available in a variety *citrinum* with unspotted chartreuse-colored flowers.

Larry Kuekes



Closeup of flowers



Tiger orchid (*Grammatophyllum speciosum*) in the Singapore Botanic Gardens.

Treasurer's Annual Financial Statement 2019 Financial Summary

FUNDS RECEIVED

HOS ORCHID SHOW FUNDS RECEIVED	\$42,487
NON-SHOW FUNDS RECEIVED	
HOLIDAY PARTY	\$1,927
DUES/MEMBERSHIP	\$4,146
DONATIONS	\$571
INTEREST INCOME	\$5
NURSERY TOUR	\$855
OUTREACH EVENTS	\$0
PLANT SALES	\$6,639
TOTAL NON-SHOW FUNDS RECEIVED	<u>\$14,143</u>
TOTAL FUNDS RECEIVED	<u>\$56,630</u>

FUNDS PAID OUT

TOTAL ORCHID SHOW COST	\$24,270
SOCIETY OPERATING COSTS	
CONTRIBUTION - CONSERVATION	\$1,000
HOLIDAY PARTY	\$2,955
INSURANCE	\$1,085
SCHOLARSHIPS	\$6,000
SUPPLIES	\$1,514
OUTREACH AND ZOO	\$121
AOS PHOTOS	\$3,883
PLANT COSTS	\$2,704
POSTAGE AND DELIVERY	\$21
SPEAKER COSTS	\$3,503
PRINTING	\$68
NURSERY TOUR	\$800
MISC	\$609
TAXES	\$940
TOTAL SOCIETY OPERATING COSTS	<u>\$25,203</u>
TOTAL FUNDS PAID OUT	<u>\$49,473</u>

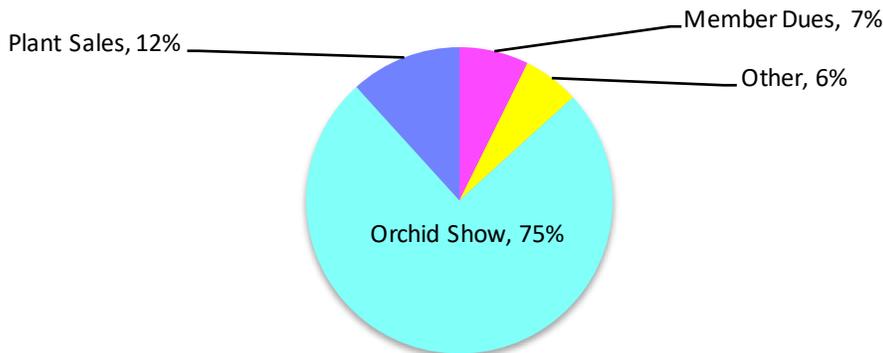
ASSETS ON DEC. 31, 2019

BANK ACCOUNTS	
TROPHY FUND ACCOUNT	\$1,310.86
CHECKING ACCOUNT	\$48,571.16
SCHOLARSHIP RESERVE	\$9,000.00
SAVINGS ACCOUNT	\$24,981.15
PETTY CASH	\$350.00
TOTAL ASSETS	<u>\$84,213.17</u>

LIABILITIES & EQUITY

LIABILITIES	
ACCOUNTS PAYABLE	<u>\$0.00</u>
TOTAL LIABILITIES	\$0.00
TOTAL EQUITY	\$84,213.17
TOTAL LIABILITIES & EQUITY	<u>\$84,213.17</u>

Sources of Revenues



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