



Hilo Orchid Society Newsletter

August
2020

Online Meeting

Note: the normal meeting scheduled for Sat., August 8, 2020 has been **replaced by an online Zoom meeting.**

Date: Sat., August 8, 2020
Time: **2:00 p.m.**
Place: On your computer or phone
Speaker: Jurahame Leyva
Topic: Secrets of Growing Paphs and Other Orchids

This month, our own Jurahame Leyva will tell us his secrets for growing orchids, with special attention to Paphiopedilums, one of his favorite orchid types.

Jurahame flowered his first Cattleya at age 6. He's a longtime HOS member, having joined when he was 12 years old. Jurahame is an AOS Associate Judge who owns the OrchidFix Nursery in Kurtistown, where he grows many different genera of orchids, but he has a particular fondness for slipper orchids. When he's not in the greenhouse- he can usually be found cycling, repairing small engines or with a wee dram, Nikon DSLR and a telescope set up under clear skies.



To find out how Jurahame grows award-winning orchids, don't miss this month's Zoom meeting!

For a special deal on buying orchids from OrchidFix, see page 2.

(Watch for the email invitation to the Zoom meeting a day or so before the meeting. If you're not sure how to install Zoom, or need some help with it, see page 2.)

AOS Judging Resumes

Our local AOS judging center has resumed orchid judging, but in a different, safer location due to the pandemic. Judging is conducted on the second Saturday of the month at 4:00 pm and the fourth Friday of the month at 6:00 pm. If you wish to submit orchids for judging, bring them to

28-499 Kulaimano street
Pepeekeo, Hi 96783

(the home of Charles Mans and Tom Mirenda)

Directions: it's about .2 mile mauka of Hwy 19. It's a white house on the left with blue roof and trim and a white lattice fence.

Judging is conducted outdoors on the large lanai, and everyone must wear masks and observe social distancing.

Scholarship Awards

Each year, the Hilo Orchid Society gives \$3000 scholarships to students at the University of Hawaii at Hilo. Our scholarships are named in honor of Yasuji Takasaki, one of the pioneers of orchid culture and commercial orchid growing on the island of Hawaii, work that is carried on today by his sons Sheldon and Gerrit. Unable to go to school beyond 8th grade, Yasuji made a promise that each of his children would go to college to have the opportunities that he never had. By working multiple jobs, he kept that promise. Eventually he founded Carmela Orchids and grew it into an internationally recognized orchid business. He passed away in 2011 at the age of 95.

Yasuji Takasaki believed in the power of education to help young people achieve their dreams.

This year, in recognition of extraordinary financial hardships due to the COVID-19 pandemic, we have awarded three scholarships. The scholarship winners are Paige K. Hamada, Colin Conway, and Matthew R. Dye.

We congratulate all the winners.

How to Buy from OrchidFix

Jurahame will not be holding a pop-up sale after the meeting, but he's making it easy to buy orchids from him. To see his orchids for sale on ebay, click on this link. His ebay seller name is **orchkidfix**:

https://www.ebay.com/sch/orchkidfix/m.html?_nkw

Almost all the items are "buy it now", so you don't have to have an ebay account to buy them.

For items purchased before noon Thursday, Aug. 6, Jurahame will bring them to Hilo for pickup on Friday, Aug. 7 from 3:30-4:00 pm, under the trees behind Auntie Sally's in Hilo. This is **not** a pop-up sale; you must order in advance. If you don't want to pick them up, Jurahame can ship FedEx to Hawaii addresses for \$10.

HOS members who buy \$20 or more can get a 20% discount by leaving a note in the "Message to seller" section at checkout that you are an HOS member, and also say whether you're picking them up on Friday or you want him to FedEx them. Jurahame will apply a refund for the credit due.

Happy shopping!

President's Message

Just as we thought things were starting to get back to normal, Hawaii has been hit, sadly, by a surge in the local pandemic numbers. We were doing so well. But it seems perhaps we have let our guard down. Covid 19 is no joke, and more than ever we must protect ourselves and each other by following social distancing rules and wearing masks when we are out in public. The HOS board knows that I am anxious to have live events, meetings and sales opportunities, but not at the expense of our dear friends in the community, so it is seeming unlikely that we will meet in person anytime soon.

In any case, we aim to keep that OTHER affliction, Orchid Fever '20, alive amongst us. It is a far preferable disease to any other. My goal is to re-infect all of you with OF20, and spread it to those that haven't yet contracted it. So Hilo Orchid Society will continue to meet though our zoom platform, bring you compelling speakers such as Big Island local talent, Jurahame Leyva, and wow you with photos of our amazing orchids through our Orchid



grams! Please join us next Saturday! Orchids will not harm you....well, maybe your wallet a bit.

Tom

Check Out This Website



Local commercial orchid grower Matthias Seelis (above, with two of his awarded Cattleyas) has just unveiled a new and improved website for his nursery, Shogun Hawaii. And for the next 10 days he is offering 20% off all sales! To get the discount, enter discount code "summersale" during checkout. You can see the new website at cattleyaorchidshawaii.com

Installing Zoom

To attend a Zoom meeting, you first have to download the Zoom application onto your computer or smart phone. Just click on the link in the email invitation to the meeting. You are given a choice of joining the meeting or installing Zoom. Click on the link to install Zoom and follow the instructions.

If you haven't already installed the Zoom app, please do this before the meeting, since installing the app takes a few minutes, and you don't want to miss the start of the meeting.

Need Help with Zoom?

We're here to help. Like any tool, Zoom has a learning curve. It's easy once someone shows you how. If you don't know how to use Zoom or you tried it and had problems, contact Dana Culleney at hilo.okika@gmail.com. Dana will set up practice Zoom sessions for a few people at a time where she can give you individual help. But please contact Dana early this coming week. She'd love to help you, but she can't help everyone at the last minute before the HOS meeting! Mahalo.

Members' Photos

Here are some recent photos from members. We love your orchid photos. Please sent us more of them!



Stanhopea embreei by Thane Pratt



Bulbophyllum purpurascens, by
Bill and Sheryl Rawson



Backlit *Oncidium* by Kathy Gollaher



Dendrobium thrysiflorum growing on Kawailani St. in Hilo, by Ruth Robison.



Left: *Cattleya dowiana* var. *aurea* 'You Are My Sunshine' FCC/AOS, grown by Orchid Eros



Left: *Cattleya (leoloddiglossa x tigrina)* 'Mike Zito' AM/AOS, grown by Orchid Eros



Right: *Cattleya aclandiae* 'SRV' (coerulea) HCC/AOS, grown by Orchid Eros



Coryhopea Red Martian 'Shogun Hawaii' AM/AOS, grown by Shogun Hawaii



Left: *Cattleyanthe* Sagarik Wax 'Shogun Hawaii' AM/AOS, grown by Shogun Hawaii



Right: *Bulbophyllum echinolabium* 'Well Hung' AM/AOS, grown by Jungle Mist Orchids



Conchidium extinctorium 'Wild Thing' CBR/AOS, grown by Jungle Mist Orchids



Left: *Jumellea ibityana* 'OrchidFix Quiet Enjoyment' CBR/AOS, grown by OrchidFix
Right: *Cattleya Leonard Gines* 'Portlandia' HCC/AOS, grown by Orchid Eros



Rlc. Lestat 'Gabriel Amaru' AM/AOS, grown by Orchid Eros



Left: *Cattleya violacea* 'Corona' AM/AOS, grown by Orchid Eros



Right: *Cattleya tigrina* var. *alba* 'Mirtha Isabel' AM/AOS, grown by Orchid Eros



Paph. Superbly Wood 'Slipper Zone Pink Dominance' AM/AOS, grown by Lehua Orchids



Left: *Paph.* Oriental Allure 'Slipper Zone White Maud' HCC/AOS, grown by Lehua Orchids



Right: *Paph.* Petula's Flare 'Slipper Zone Coloratum Succeeds' AM/AOS, grown by Lehua Orchids



Cattleya Pacavia 'Popolo' CCM/AOS, grown by Orchid Eros

What's a CBR?

You probably recognize most of the AOS award abbreviations this month. FCC (First Class Certificate), AM (Award of Merit) and HCC (Highly Commended Certificate) are given to plants based on the quality of the flowers. CCM (Certificate of Cultural Merit) and CCE (Certificate of Cultural Excellence) are given to the grower (not the plant) for producing a plant with an outstanding number of flowers.

But there are other awards that we see less often, and this month, two orchids received a CBR/AOS award. What's that?

CBR stands for Certificate of Botanical Recognition. It's given to a rare and unusual species orchid with educational interest, where the species has received no previous awards. It doesn't have to have showy flowers, but it's something totally new from a judging standpoint. This month, both Caleb Houck (Jungle Mist Orchids) and Jurahme Leyva (OrchidFix) brought in unusual species that received a CBR/AOS award. Congratulations!

Please Send Photos

Even though we don't have a show table at our cancelled monthly meeting, you can still show off your orchids! Send photos of your orchids to info@hiloorchidsociety.org, and we'll post them in the 2020 HOS Photo Contest gallery on our website www.hiloorchidsociety.org (it's under the Galleries menu).

The only rule of the contest is that you must be the photographer. You don't even have to be the grower – they could be your neighbor's or someone else's orchids. And check out the gallery to see what other members have sent in. Mahalo!



CALENDAR OF ORCHID EVENTS

Aug. 8	2:00 pm	Online HOS meeting via Zoom
Aug. 8	4:00 pm	AOS Judging
Aug. 28	6:00 pm	AOS Judging

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