



Hilo Orchid Society Newsletter

October
2021

Online Meeting

Note: the normal meeting scheduled for Sat., October 9, 2021 has been **replaced by an online Zoom meeting.**

Date: Saturday, Oct. 9, 2021

Time: **2:00 pm**

Place: On your computer or phone

Speaker: Sarah Hurdel

Topic: Habenaria

Habenaria is a genus of orchids that are misunderstood but easy to grow once you know the trick. Our speaker this month, Sarah Hurdel, grows spectacular

Habenarias. The photo at left shows her with her plant of *Habenaria medusa*. At right is an exhibit of different *Habenarias*, all of which she grew in her basement under lights!

Sarah will give us an introduction to *Habenaria* species and hybrids, with expert advice on how to grow them.

Sarah lives in the Washington, D.C. area. She is not a commercial orchid grower, but she grows about 600 orchids at home under artificial lights. She is an AOS judge, and Tom Mirenda says he is proud that he was her first mentor in the AOS judging program.

Want to learn more about these misunderstood but surprisingly easy-to-grow terrestrial orchids? Don't miss this meeting!



President's Message

Dear Hilo Orchid Society Ohana,

As we enter the autumn of 2021 I and I see classic fall blooming orchids like *Guarianthe* (*Cattleya bowringiana*) profusely blooming all around Hilo, I am reminded how blest we are here on the Orchid Island. While it's been another turbulent year with little social contact due to the continued pandemic issues, it is comforting to know that, at least here, the annual cycle of orchids continues and that those of us who have discovered them, experience the daily joy they give us.



While the old standard orchids of Hilo are treasured in our collections, sometimes it is fun to find some new and exotic ones to enhance our gardens. Join us as my dear friend, Sarah Hurdel, speaks to us about terrestrial orchids in the genus *Habenaria*. She is a marvelously talented grower and speaker. Prepare to have your minds blown by her exceptional plants,

and let her show you how you can have similar successes! Perhaps some new orchids are destined for East Hawaii Gardens!

Tom

Social Media

The Hilo Orchid Society has had a Facebook page for several years. Thanks to Dana Culleney, we are now also on Twitter *@HiloOrchid* and on Instagram: *hiloorchidsociety*. Especially in these days of social distancing and Zoom meetings, it's a great way to reach out to more people and hopefully get more people interested in orchids and attract new members.

To encourage this activity (and to help push us into the 21st century), our Board of Directors created a Social Media Committee headed by co-chairs Dana Culleney and new member Cate Smith. Check out the new Twitter and Instagram sites (and our Facebook page if you haven't seen it). We're looking forward to great things!

CALENDAR OF ORCHID EVENTS

Oct. 5	7:00 pm	Kunia Orchid Society Zoom meeting
Oct. 9	2:00 pm	Hilo Orchid Society Zoom meeting
Oct. 9	4:00 pm	AOS judging
Oct. 13	7:00 pm	Honolulu Orchid Society Zoom meeting
Oct. 22	4:00 pm	AOS judging



Guarianthe (formerly *Cattleya*) *bowringiana* atop a wall in Puna. Photo by Tom Miranda.

Members' Photos

We love to share photos of our members' orchids, so please send them in. Here are some recent photos.



Multoniopsis Lycaena 'Stamperland', grown by Lou Rhoades



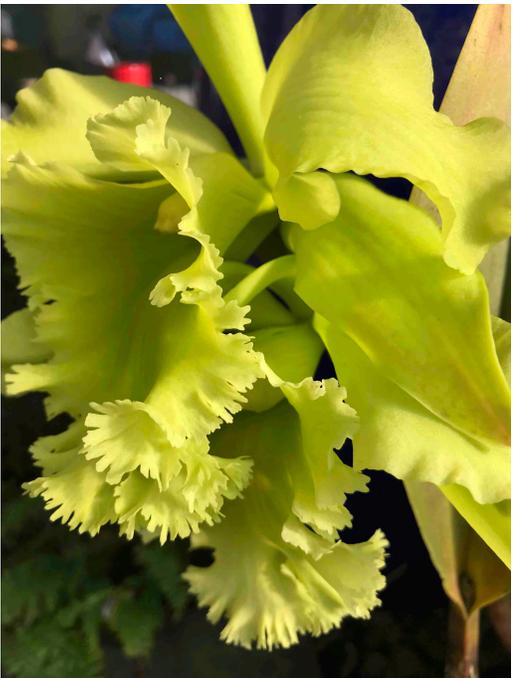
Vanda, grown by Julie Goettsch



Vanda, grown by John Boyer



Stanhopea assidensis, grown by Janice Williams



Cattleya, grown by Patty Goodwin



Cattleya, grown on hapu'u by Ruth Robison

September AOS Awards

Photos by Glen Barfield



Left: (*Ctt.* Chocolate Drop x *C.* Maui Plum) 'Dixie' HCC/AOS, grown by Aka's Orchids
Right: *C. jenmanii* h.f. semi-alba 'Nia Rose' AM/AOS, grown by Island Sun Orchids



Left: (*Ctt.* Chocolate Drop x *C.* Maui Plum) 'Pixie' HCC/AOS grown by Aka's Orchids
Right: *Paph.* Gloria Naugel 'OrchidFix HICAPA' AM/AOS, grown by OrchidFix



Left: (*C.* Maui Plum x *C.* Lavender Ice) 'Nice' HCC/AOS, grown by Aka's Orchids
Center: (*Ons.* Catatante x *Brs.* Rex) 'Mahalo Karen' AD/AOS, grown by Aka's Orchids
Right: (*Rlc.* Yasuji Takasaki x Toshie Aoki) 'Winner Winner' AM/AOS, grown by Aka's Orchids

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