



Hilo Orchid Society Newsletter

November
2021

Online Meeting

Note: the normal meeting scheduled for Sat., November 12, 2021 has been **replaced by an online Zoom meeting.**

Date: Saturday, Nov. 12, 2021
Time: **2:00 pm**
Place: On your computer or phone
Program: Orchid potting demos and election of officers

Orchids are not potted like other plants. You don't just put them in a pot with dirt. The process isn't difficult, but it's hard to understand from a written description. The best way to learn how is to see someone do it, especially if you're a beginner.

We haven't done potting demos at a meeting for a long time, so that's what we're doing at the November meeting. Tom Miranda and Matthias Seelis will demonstrate how to pot several different kinds of orchids.

We will also be holding our annual election of Board members (officers and Trustees) for the next year.

If you're new to orchids, you should definitely tune in to this meeting, and even experienced growers might learn a trick or two from Tom and Matthias. Don't miss it!



How not to pot an orchid. Don't pot it in potting soil!

Orchid Isle Calendar

Our Orchid Isle Calendar for 2022 contains twelve months of stunning orchid photos, all grown here on the Orchid Isle and photographed by HOS members.

This year, we're asking members to pre-order calendars so we'll know how many to get printed. We'll send you a separate email with all the details. You won't have to pay until you pick up your calendar. They will be ready to pick up in early December, in time to send them to friends and relatives. They make nice holiday gifts!

Photo Contest

128 photos were submitted for this year's HOS Photo Contest. Mahalo to everyone who submitted photos! A panel of judges has narrowed those down to 11 finalists. Next, you, our members, get to select the winner.

Members who attend our Zoom meeting on Nov. 12 will get a sneak preview of the 11 gorgeous finalist photos. Afterwards, all members will get an email with a link to the finalist photos and instructions on how to vote for your favorite.

Sale at Long Life Orchids

Long Life Orchids Nursery is having a clearance sale on Sunday, Nov. 14, from 8 a.m to 2.p.m at their greenhouses at 281 Luakaha St., Hilo. They're looking to clear out over 3000 assorted Cattleyas, 1000 Paphiopedilums, 500 Oncidiums, and 500 Nobile Dendrobiums. Most will not be in bloom, though some will bloom soon.

To make it worth your while, they're offering the orchids at these prices:

- 1-9 orchids: \$8 each or 4 for \$30
- 10-49 orchids: \$7 each or 15 for \$100
- 50+ orchids: \$6 each.
- Bare rooted bundle of 10 Cattleyas (great for mounting on trees): \$50

For questions, or if you're looking to do a large volume purchase, email kalapanakev@gmail.com.

Election of Officers and Trustees

The election of officers and trustees for 2022 will take place at the November meeting. Board members serve two-year terms, with half the members up for election each year. For 2022, our Nominating Committee has produced the following slate of officers and trustees:

President

Karl Mendonca is our current President-Elect and was our Show Chair in 2018 and 2019. Karl grew up in Hilo. His interest in the outdoors led to a degree in Forestry. After a career in Oregon and Colorado in the U.S. Forest Service and Bureau of Land Management, Karl returned to Hilo with his wife Sandi. In addition to orchids, he is an avid grower of palms and bonsai.



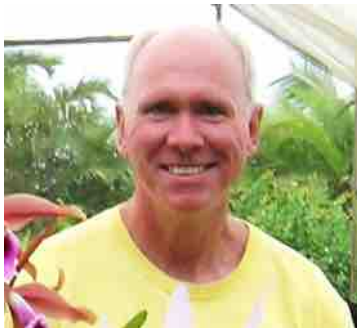
President-Elect

Ellen Train is current a Trustee and is also our Membership Chairperson. She moved to the Big Island in 2016 with her partner, Bill Merrill. Ellen grows intermediate varieties of orchids in her Mountain View home.



Treasurer

Rick Kelley was HOS President in 2016-2017 and was our Show Chair in 2015. He has mounted hundreds of orchids on trees on his three-acre lot in Orchidland Estates, creating a virtual botanical garden. He is also an avid grower of palms and is President of the Hawaii Island Palm Society.



Trustee

Sandra Dixon was appointed by the Board in September to fill the position vacated by Ingrid Mendoza, who resigned due to other commitments. Sandra assisted us at our July orchid sale, and she is active in AOS judging.



Trustee

Kevin Evans is the new owner of Kalapana Tropicals. Previously, he worked in manufacturing industries from Texas to California. Kevin enjoys the wonders of the Orchid Isle with his wife Norma, two teenage sons, and nephews.



Additional nominations may be made from the floor. Any additional nominees must be present at the meeting and willing to run against the slate endorsed by the Nominating Committee.

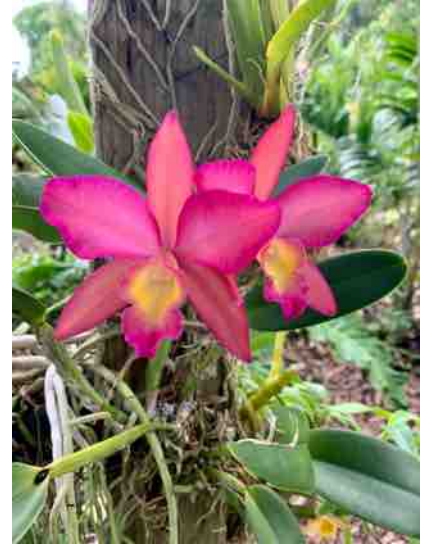


CALENDAR OF ORCHID EVENTS

Nov. 1	7:00 pm	Kunia Orchid Society Zoom meeting
Nov. 12	2:00 pm	Hilo Orchid Society Zoom meeting
Nov. 12	4:00 pm	AOS judging
Nov. 26	4:00 pm	AOS judging

Members' Photos

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



Left: *Dendrobium*, grown by Lou Rhoades
Right: *Cattleya*, grown by John Boyer

October AOS Awards

Photos by Glen Barfield



Left: *Cynoches cooperi* AQ/AOS, grown by Orchid Eros
Center: *Cattleya* Mrs. Mahler 'Cane Toad' AM/AOS, grown by Orchid Eros
Right: *Cattleya tenuis* 'My Fave' AM/AOS, grown by Orchid Eros



Left: *Rhyncholaelia digbyana* 'Quaker Farms' AM/AOS, grown by Orchid Eros
Center: *Cattleya bicolor* 'Sailor's Wisdom' AM/AOS, grown by Orchid Eros
Right: *Dracula spectrum* 'Cazorcrest' AM/AOS, grown by Jungle Mist Orchids



Left: *Cycnoches cooperi* 'Mission Accomplished' FCC/AOS, CCE/AOS, grown by Orchid Eros
Right: *Cycnoches cooperi* 'Hoary Bat' AM/AOS, grown by Orchid Eros



Left: *Encyclia phoenicia* 'Dark Knight' HCC/AOS, grown by Orchid Eros
Right: *Rlc. Tamera Morrison* 'Language Arts' AM/AOS, grown by Orchid Eros



Left: *Cattleya perrinii* h.f. *concolor* 'Orchid Eros' AM/AOS, grown by Orchid Eros
Right: *Cattleya perrinii* h.f. *delicata* 'Mirtha Isabel' AM/AOS, grown by Orchid Eros



Left: *Cattleya* Mrs. Mahler 'Extraordinaire' AM/AOS, grown by Orchid Eros
 Right: *Rlc.* Harriet Brickell 'Breakers Roar' AM/AOS, grown by Orchid Eros



Left: *Cattleya guttata* h.f. *coerulea* 'Gabriel Amaru' AM/AOS, grown by Orchid Eros
 Center: *Cattleya guttata* h.f. *coerulea* 'Isabel Rosalia' AM/AOS, grown by Orchid Eros
 Right: *Cattleya guttata* h.f. *lisa* 'Sebastian Ferrell' AM/AOS, grown by Orchid Eros



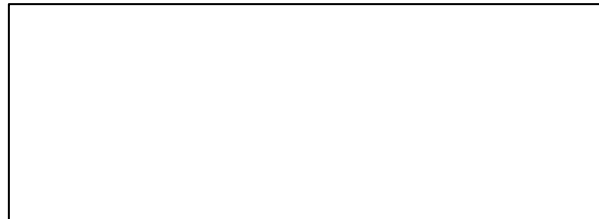
Left: *Oncostele* Eye Candy 'Penny Candy' AM/AOS, grown by Okika
 Right: *Rlc.* Harriet Brickell 'Make Art Not Friends' AM/AOS, grown by Orchid Eros

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