



# Hilo Orchid Society Newsletter

December  
2021

## Online Meeting

Note: the normal meeting scheduled for Sat., December 11, 2021 has been replaced by an online Zoom meeting.

Date: Saturday, Dec. 11, 2021  
Time: 2:00 pm  
Place: On your computer or phone  
Program: Orchid Jeopardy and Holiday Celebration

Like last year, we're not able to have a holiday party at Nani Mau Gardens. So, we're doing the next best thing to celebrate at home. Last year, we held a game of Orchid Jeopardy that was very popular, and we're doing it again this year.

Like the TV show, our game will feature "answers" in various categories, ranging from easy to hard, but all having to do with orchids. And like the TV show, contestants will have to phrase their answer as a question.

SCIENCE & TECHNOLOGY	CELEBRITY RELATIVES	RELIGIOUS LEADERS	THE HAWAIIAN ISLANDS	FASHION	POT LOCK
\$100	\$100	\$100	\$100	\$100	\$100
\$200	\$200	\$200	\$200	\$200	\$200
\$300	\$300	\$300	\$300	\$300	\$300
\$400	\$400	\$400	\$400	\$400	\$400
\$500	\$500	\$500	\$500	\$500	\$500

We'll be asking for volunteers to play. That means you! Or you can just play along silently from home. Either way, it'll be a fun time. Oh, one more thing. We won't be playing for money. Just for the satisfaction of winning. (Sorry!)

Plus, we'll have an extended session for members to show off their orchids in bloom. Don't miss it!

## President's Message

Dear Hilo Orchid Society Ohana,

Can it really be that 2 years have come and gone? My term as President of the venerable Hilo Orchid Society has come to an end?

I had many hopes for the progression of our wonderful orchid club, including more interaction with our sister organizations in Kona and the other

Islands., but most of them were dashed because of our deep concerns for the well-being of our members during this time of pestilence. And the requirements of the government tasked with public health and safety. Our goals shifted to maintaining and engaging our members virtually; not as good as talking story about orchids in person, but certainly better than nothing.

In the end we proved our resilience and managed to hang on when many other such clubs disbanded. We had fantastic monthly speakers, a very successful sale at the stadium, fun pop sales and events, some interactive, but remote activities, such as our Honohono Challenge



(BTW this is the time of year to slow down their watering and feeding in preparation for early spring blooming) And in a sense, we did expand our outreach by moving our meetings onto the Zoom platform, we've had individual from our neighbor Islands, but also the mainland and international attendees...something that would be impossible for in person meetings. In any case, we have a really good thing going here in Hilo and I have high hopes that we'll be seeing you all again regularly at meetings once we end the crisis of our times.

I am passing the torch onto my friend and president-elect: Karl Mendonca who has done a great job with our past shows and the orchid sale. Karl is a terrific guy and I believe HOS will thrive under his leadership. Let's hope that the world heals enough in the coming year so that we can be all the things an Orchid Society should be in the near future. Kindest Aloha to all the members and friends of the Hilo Orchid Society.

Tom

## Photo Contest Winner



Lou Rhoades is the winner of our 2021 Photo Contest for his photo of *Rlc. Toshie Aoki 'Pizazz'* (above). Lou will receive a \$50 gift certificate good for purchasing orchids from any Big Island orchid vendors. Congratulations, Lou, and mahalo to all our runner-ups and to all who participated in the contest.

## Orchid Conservation Donation

Every year, Hilo Orchid Society makes a donation to support orchid conservation. We view supporting conservation as one of our primary goals. This year, the Board voted to donate \$1000 to the Orchid Recovery Project of Illinois College, headed by Dr. Lawrence Zettler, for the purpose of conserving native Hawaiian orchids. Last year we also supported this project. There are many worthy organizations that do orchid conservation. For years we supported the Orchid Conservation Alliance (OCA). Since the Orchid Recovery Project at Illinois College is specifically working to conserve a threatened Hawaiian native orchid, the Board felt that this project was particularly worthy of our support.

## Orchid Conservation Alliance



**Orchid Conservation Alliance**  
**Conserving Orchids by Conserving Orchid Habitat**

The OCA conserves orchids by funding habitat preservation. Since inception in 2005 we have helped with the purchase of over 3000 acres of orchid habitat, protecting hundreds of orchid species in Brazil, Ecuador and Colombia. Many species of rare birds, trees, frogs, mammals also find refuge in these reserves.



*Dracula gigas* (L), *D. trigonopetala* (R)  
Dracula Reserve, Ecuador

*Dracula lemurella* (L), *Lepanthes escifera* (R)  
La Selva de Ventanas Reserve, Colombia

We hope you will join us in promoting this important work. We invite you to become a member of the OCA, to make a donation, to take a trip with us to see Orchids in the Wild®, and to purchase merchandise through our website. Since we have no paid staff, all proceeds support orchid conservation. The OCA is a non-profit 501(c)(3) corporation.

For more information: [www.orchidconservationalliance.org](http://www.orchidconservationalliance.org)

Although HOS did not donate to the Orchid Conservation Alliance (OCA) this year, we have donated to it in past years, and we wholeheartedly support its work.

The OCA believes that the biggest threat to orchids in the wild is the destruction of their habitat. To counter this, the OCA purchases land in areas where threatened species of orchids are found, to be set aside as reserves that cannot be developed. OCA also provides funds for the maintenance of these reserves. In addition to orchids, all the wildlife in these reserves benefits from having a place to live that will not be destroyed.

For more information, or to donate to OCA, go to [www.orchidconservationalliance.org](http://www.orchidconservationalliance.org).



## CALENDAR OF ORCHID EVENTS

Dec. 11 2:00 pm Hilo Orchid Society Zoom meeting



*Cattleya percivaliana* 'Dave Off' FCC/AOS, grown by Orchid Eros.



*Cattleya percivaliana* 'Valerie Leonard' FCC/AOS, grown by Orchid Eros.



Left: *Aeridovanda* Long and Lavish 'Spot' HCC/AOS, grown by Aka' s Orchids  
Right: *Dracula lotax* 'Dean's One' AM/AOS, grown by Jungle Mist Orchids



*Cycnoches* Melana'a Swan 'Honoli'i Rose the Redhead ' AM/AOS, grown by Sandra Dixon



Left: *Brassocattleya* Hamlyn's Magic 'Rowan's Return' AM/AOS, grown by Orchid Eros  
Right: *Cattleya x dolosa* v. alba 'Gabe-O' AM/AOS, grown by Orchid Eros



Left: *Rlc.* Golden Godzilla 'Shogun's Golden Beast' AM/AOS, grown by Shogun Hawaii  
Right: *Rlc.* Lestat 'Interview with a Vampire' AM/AOS, grown by Orchid Eros



*Cattleya. percivaliana* 'Ron Kaufmann' AM/AOS, grown by Orchid Eros

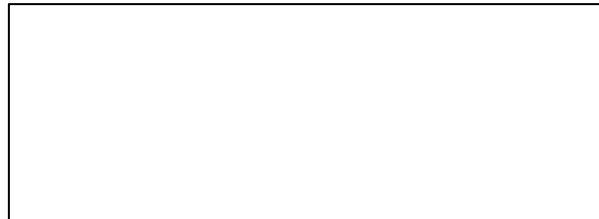
Note: the FCC/AOS award (First Class Certificate) is the highest flower quality award), rarely given in AOS judging. To have two FCC awards given in a single judging session is extraordinary. Glen Barfield said it was the first time he had seen it in 26 years of judging. Congratulations to Ben Oliveros.

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