



# Hilo Orchid Society Newsletter

January  
2022

## Online Meeting

Note: the normal meeting scheduled for Sat., January 8, 2022 has been **replaced by an online Zoom meeting.**

Date: Saturday, Jan. 8, 2022

Time: **2:00 pm**

Place: On your computer or phone

Speakers: Julie Goetsch, Larry Zettler

Topics: Orchid Isle Project, and  
The Ghost Orchid Demystified

In 2013, Julie Goetsch, then HOS President, conceived the idea for the Orchid Isle Project. Julie's idea was that we should live up to our island's nickname, the Orchid Isle, by placing orchid plants in publicly visible places to make the island a more beautiful place for both residents and visitors. Julie worked with HOS volunteers, commercial orchid growers, and the Kona Orchid Society and the Kona Daifukuji Orchid Club to make it happen.



This month Julie will tell us all about the Orchid Isle Project and what it accomplished. But there is still much more that could be done. After running the project for several years, Julie decided to step aside. We're looking for people interested in serving on a steering committee to guide the next phase of the Orchid Isle Project.

After Julie's short presentation, we will see a recorded talk by Dr. Larry Zettler of Illinois College about the fabled Ghost Orchid, *Dendrophylax lindenii*, that grows in certain Florida swamps. This orchid was famously the subject of the book *The Orchid Thief*, which was made into the movie *Adaptation*. Zettler's talk will cover the biology, ecology and conservation

of this orchid in Florida and Cuba.

Larry Zettler is a big name in the world of orchid conservation and no stranger to the Hilo Orchid Society. In 2020 and 2021, HOS made conservation donations to his Orchid Recovery Project, which, among other things, is involved in propagating and saving from extinction some of Hawaii's rare native orchids.

If you'd like to hear about our Orchid Isle Project and find out more about the fascinating Ghost Orchid, don't miss this meeting!



The Ghost Orchid, *Dendrophylax lindenii*

## Dues Are Due

Your membership dues for 2022 are due. New members who joined at our Orchid Sale at Edith Kanaka'ole Stadium in July and members who joined in September 2021 or later are considered paid through 2022 and do not have to pay.

For the rest of you, dues are still only \$20 for individual membership or \$25 for family membership. In return, you get a year of interesting speakers, newsletters, and activities, plus the chance to get together with folks who share your interest in these beautiful and fascinating plants.

Please fill out the form on page 5 and mail it in with your payment (address is on the form). Thanks!

## Orchid Donation from Long Life



Ellen Train and Steve Forman with some of the Long Life orchids.

Kevin Evans, owner of Kalapana Tropicals, generously donated hundreds of orchids to the Hilo Orchid Society that remained after the recent clearance sales at Long Life Orchids, to be used for the Orchid Isle Project. Ellen Train generously volunteered to house and care for the donated orchids. A big mahalo to Kevin and Ellen!

On December 18, a crew of volunteers helped transport the orchids from Long Life Orchids to their new home on Ellen's property. It was a big job! We want to thank Amy Friesen, Tom Miranda, Charles Mans, Ruth Robison, Jim Klyman, Steve Forman, Kathy Gollaher, Sherri Dow, Sheryl Rawson and Susan Sill for transporting the orchids.

Also, we want to thank Bill Merrill, Gary Balfantz and Kahoa Malalis for creating a suitable new home for the orchids.

Mahalo nui loa to all!



Ruth Robison with a carful of orchids.



*Cattleya* Bella del Caribe 'Matty' AM/AOS, grown by Island Sun Orchids



Left: *Habenaria rhodochila* ssp. *rhodochila* 'Big Bad Boy' AM/AAOS, grown by Island Sun Orchids



Right: *Miltoniopsis* Gignoskein 'Light Dancer' AM/AOS, grown by Okika



Left: *Oncostele* Tan Treasures 'Puppy Pleasures' AM/AOS, grown by Okika  
Right: *Paph.* Alpine Pleasure 'Yellow Tag Wins' AM/AOS, grown by Lehua Orchids



Left: *Paph.* Apapa 'Jet Jet' AM/AOS, grown by Hilo Orchid Farm  
Right: *Paph.* Lune Francais 'Slipper Zone That's All Folks' HCC/AOS, grown by Lehua Orchids



Left: *Paph.* Odette's Adoration 'Slipper Zone Over 300' HCC/AOS, grown by Lehua Orchids  
Right: *Phrag.* Jason Fischer 'OrchidFix Happy Christmas' AM/AOS, grown by OrchidFix.

## HILO ORCHID SOCIETY MEMBERSHIP RENEWAL FORM

Please print this form, fill it out, and mail with your dues payment to:

Hilo Orchid Society  
P.O. Box 4294  
Hilo, HI 96720

Dues are \$20 for individual membership, \$25 for family membership.

Please print clearly:

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

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Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Email for receiving newsletter: \_\_\_\_\_

Check one:

Individual membership (\$20)

Family membership (\$25)

Check one:

I grant permission to publish this information in the Hilo Orchid Society Directory.

I do not grant permission to publish this information in the Hilo Orchid Society Directory.

Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

Optional:

Are you interested in volunteering to help with any of the following activities? Check as many as you like.

Monthly meetings

Annual Orchid Show

Orchid Isle Project (mounting orchids on trees in public spaces)

Orchids at the Zoo

Serving as an officer

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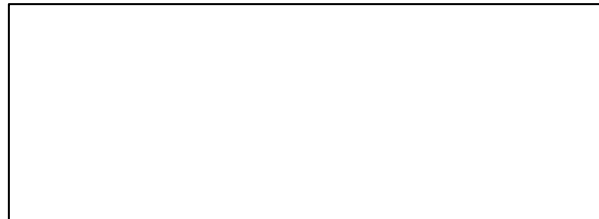
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