



# Hilo Orchid Society Newsletter

July  
2022

## In-Person and Online Meeting

Note: the meeting scheduled for Sat., July 9, 2022 will be held as an **in-person meeting and an online Zoom meeting.**

Date: Saturday, July 9, 2022

Time: **2:00 pm**

Place: Kamana Senior Center,  
127 Kamana St., Hilo, or  
on your computer or phone

Topic: Orchid Show Mini-Displays

One of the popular features of the Hilo Orchid Show in the past has been the mini-displays. In these displays, the base of the display can be no larger than 16 inches x 16 inches, but there is no limit on height.

This month we'll see some beautiful and artistic mini displays from past shows and learn how to make one with just a few orchids plus driftwood, bamboo, foliage, or other props and materials. Mini displays are not judged on the individual orchids in the display but on the artistic merit of the design as a whole.



What does it take to create a mini-display? A few orchids plus some imagination. Come to the meeting and maybe you'll be inspired to create one!

## Please Lend Us Your Orchids for the Show

We need your orchids for our HOS orchid show exhibit. (It's just a loan; you'll get them back!) The big growers can't lend us orchids because they have their own displays. We're counting on the little growers. Even one or two beautiful orchids make a difference, and if enough people bring them, the result will be spectacular!

If you have some nice orchids in bloom at the time of the show, and they're pest-free, please lend them to our display.

Bring your orchids to the Edith Kanaka'ole Stadium on **Tues., July 26 between 1:00 and 4:00.** Plan on picking them up promptly at 2 p.m. on Sunday, July 31 when the show closes. Mahalo!

## The Show is Almost Here

The 68<sup>th</sup> Hilo Orchid Society Show and Sale, "Orchid Odyssey", is coming on July 29-31 at the Edith Kanaka'ole Stadium, Hilo.

There are three things that we're counting on members for:

**1. Sell or give away tickets.** We're hoping you can sell the 15 show tickets you received to friends and neighbors for \$3 each, a bargain price (admission is \$5 at the door), or buy them yourself and give them away. Of course, you're not obligated to buy or sell the tickets, but if you can, it's a great way to help the Society.

**2. Lend us your orchids.** We're counting on you to lend us your blooming orchids to help make our Society exhibit the highlight of the show.

**3. Volunteer.** Our show can only succeed because Society members volunteer to help. If you're asked to help out, please say yes. It will only take a couple of hours of your time, and it'll make you feel good! If you've already volunteered, thank you!

You can sign up at the meeting or contact Karl Mendonca at [karlsandi@comcast.net](mailto:karlsandi@comcast.net).

## New Membership Chair

Please welcome Kathryn Duval as our new Membership Chairperson. Kathryn and her husband, Chris, moved to the Big Island a few years ago. She has been a Hilo Orchid Society member since July 2021. Kathryn says, “My new home came with orchids in the trees and that sparked my interest. Talking with Hilo orchid society members at the orchid sale, I was told that I live in a sweet spot for orchid growing at 500 ft in Hilo, clinched it. I’ve added more orchids to the trees and look forward to learning how to help them grow to their full potential.”



Ask her about their Dr. Seuss tree. Kathryn Duval will officially be the Membership Chair August 1, 2022. Yay Kathryn!

Ellen Train

## Ribbon Judging and Trophy Judging

As always, on Thursday July 28, the day before the show opens, groups of HOS volunteers award first, second, and third place ribbons to orchids in the show in many different categories. You don’t have to be knowledgeable about orchids to participate – the awards are based on which orchids our volunteer members like the best. Ribbon judges are treated to a free lunch at the Stadium starting around noon, July 28. The process involves a lot of walking around the exhibits to see the orchids.

For those who may have limited mobility or endurance, this year we have a new type of ribbon judging: trophy judging. This will happen at the end of ribbon judging. It involves voting on the best orchids for top trophy honors, and it will not involve walking around. If you want to participate in trophy judging, you don’t have to sign up in advance. You can show up on July 28 around 2:40 pm and find a seat until trophy judging begins, probably around

3:00 pm.

If you would like to participate in ribbon judging, please sign up in advance at the HOS meeting on July 9, or contact Karl Mendonca at [karlsandi@comcast.net](mailto:karlsandi@comcast.net).

## Fragrance Judging



*Prosthechea radiata*, grown by Dorothy Imagire, was the fragrance judging winner at a past show with a strong scent of root beer.

We introduced fragrance judging in our recent shows and, since it was popular with attendees, it will be returning again this year. The competition is judged by show attendees on Friday and Saturday and the entry with best fragrance will receive a trophy on Sunday morning. If you’re interested in submitting one of your orchids for fragrance judging, you can read about the details under the Orchid Show menu on our website [www.hiloorchidsociety.org](http://www.hiloorchidsociety.org).

Here’s a chance to share the delightful aroma of your favorite orchid with all of Hilo!

John Juszczak

## Orchid Isle Project



On June 15, Ellen Train led a group of volunteers to mount orchids on trees at the Hilo Hawaiian Hotel as part of our Orchid Isle Project. The goal of the project is to live up to this island's nickname, the Orchid Isle, by placing orchids where they can be enjoyed by both residents and visitors. Above, volunteers Alex Merrill and Cheryl DiDonna mount an orchid on a tree on the hotel grounds.

## Volunteers Needed

Volunteers make our orchid show possible. We still need a few people to help out in the following areas. All of these are easy jobs. We're looking for you to donate 2 hours of your time. If you volunteer, you get into the show for free!

- Front Gate – collect money or collect tickets as people enter the show.
- Membership – sign people up as new members of the Hilo Orchid Society. Volunteers needed Friday 1:00-3:00 and Saturday 1:00-3:00.
- Plant Hotel – take and set aside plants from show attendees so they don't have to lug them around

the show. Volunteers needed Friday 1:00-3:00 and Sunday 10:00-noon.

- Keiki Korner – help supervise children's activities. We will have a person doing face painting one day and a person making balloon animals another day. Volunteers could be used at any time.

If you'd like to volunteer, please come to the HOS meeting on July 9, or contact Karl Mendonca at [karlsandi@comcast.net](mailto:karlsandi@comcast.net).

## Key Show Dates & Times:

### Monday, July 25:

- 3:00 p.m. Show setup begins.

### Tuesday, July 26:

- 1:00 to 4:00 p.m. Bring your orchids to lend to the HOS display.

### Wednesday, July 27:

- All exhibits, including mini-displays, must be complete and ready for judging by end of day.

### Thursday, July 28:

- Morning: AOS Judging
- Afternoon: Ribbon judging
- 6:00 p.m.–9:00 p.m. Preview Party

### Friday, July 29 through Sunday, July 31:

The show is open, featuring:

- Dazzling displays of orchids
- Vendor booths tempting you to buy just one more orchid.
- Refreshments
- A series of speakers and demos
- Membership, Sales, and Orchid Society tables, where visitors can buy T-shirts and calendars, ask questions, and join our Society.

### Sunday, July 31:

- 2:00 p.m. Show closes. Pick up orchids that you lent to the HOS display.



## CALENDAR OF ORCHID EVENTS

*The following events are held at Kamana Senior Center*

July 9 2:00 pm Hilo Orchid Society meeting

*The following events are held at Komohana Ag Extension Center, 875 Komohana St, Hilo Room 202*

July 9 4:00 pm AOS judging

July 22 4:00 pm AOS judging



*Cattleya aelandiae* 'Urania' AM/AOS, grown by Orchid Eros



Left: *Cattleya cinnabarina* 'OrchidFix Thanks Ben' CCM/AOS grown by Orchid Fix



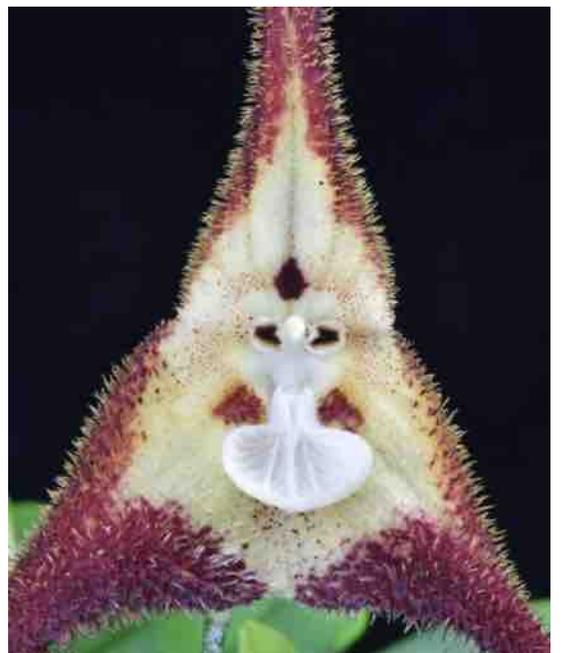
Right: *Cattleya purpurata* h.f. *carnea* 'Sebastian Ferrell' AM/AOS, grown by Orchid Eros



*Cattleya tenebrosa* 'Isabel Rosalia' FCC/AOS, grown by Orchid Eros



Left: *Coryhopea* Imaginations 'Shogun's Orange Leopard' AM/AOS grown by Shogun Hawaii



Right: *Dracula tubeana* 'OrchidFix' AM/AOS, grown by Orchid Fix



*Miltoniopsis* Prelapsarian 'Okika' AM/AOS, grown by Okika



Left: *Cattleya purpurata* h.f. *flava* 'Shogun's Big Bang' HCC/AOS, grown by Shogun Hawaii



Right: *Miltoniopsis* Rubesque 'Brennan The Great' AM/AOS, grown by Okika



*Paph.* Mooning Wood 'Slipper Zone Spot Magnificence' AM/AOS grown by Lehua Orchids



Left: *Cattleya tenebrosa* 'Good Grief Charlie Brown' AM/AOS, grown by Orchid Eros



Right: *Rlc.* Princess of Hawaii 'Shogun's Pink Diamond' AM/AOS, grown by Shogun Hawaii

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