



Hilo Orchid Society Newsletter

December
2022

Note: In lieu of a December meeting, we're holding our annual Holiday Party. The deadline for reservations is past – sorry, we can't take any more!

Date: **Sat., December 3, 2022**
Time: **11:00** Doors open to talk story
12:00 Luncheon
1:00 Auction
Place: Hilo Yacht Club
77 Laehala St., Hilo
(see map and directions on page 5)
Program: Holiday Party and Auction

Holiday Party and Auction

There will be no regular meeting in December. Instead, we're holding our annual Holiday Party and Auction on Saturday, Dec. 3 at the Hilo Yacht Club. Only those who signed up and paid in advance can be admitted. There is a dress code – see the piece at right.

The event features a social hour and sumptuous lunch at the scenic Hilo Yacht Club, providing a chance to get together with old friends and maybe make some new ones. Then comes the auction, an opportunity to obtain top-quality donated orchid plants at bargain prices and benefit your Society at the same time. This event is not open to the public. It is open to Hilo Orchid Society members and their guests by reservation only.

For those who signed up, doors will open at 11:00 a.m. to enjoy beverages and talk story, followed by the installation of officers at 11:45, lunch, and the orchid auction.

For a map and directions to the Hilo Yacht Club, see page 5.

Gift Exchange Reminder

This year's holiday party will include an optional orchid gift exchange. If you wish to participate in the fun, bring an orchid plant, and in exchange you will get to take a plant, selected in a random drawing.

Gift exchange plants do not have to be in bloom, but they should be healthy and free from pests such as little fire ants.

Yacht Club Dress Code

The Hilo Yacht Club has some rules for members and guests (us). T-shirts are not allowed. Men should wear a shirt with a collar. An aloha shirt is fine. Rubber slippers are not allowed, but other sandals are fine. Shorts are fine, as long as they're tasteful (not bathing trunks).



Orchid Isle 2023 Calendars

We still have a few calendars available. They cost only \$8, and they make great holiday gifts. The calendar photo for August is above. See the email that accompanied this newsletter for how to get calendars.

CALENDAR OF ORCHID EVENTS

The following event is held at the Hilo Yacht Club
Dec. 3 11:00 am Holiday Party and Auction

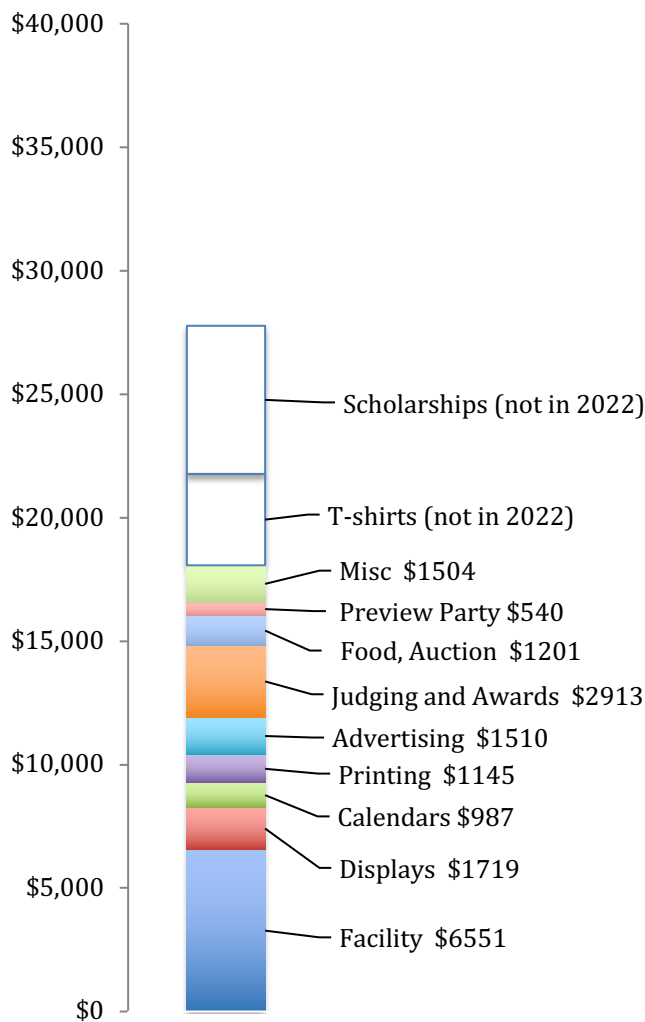
Orchid Show Financial Results

Everyone should be very proud of this year's Hilo Orchid Show. In addition to the record number of new members who joined, the show raised over \$18,000 for HOS thanks to everyone's hard work.

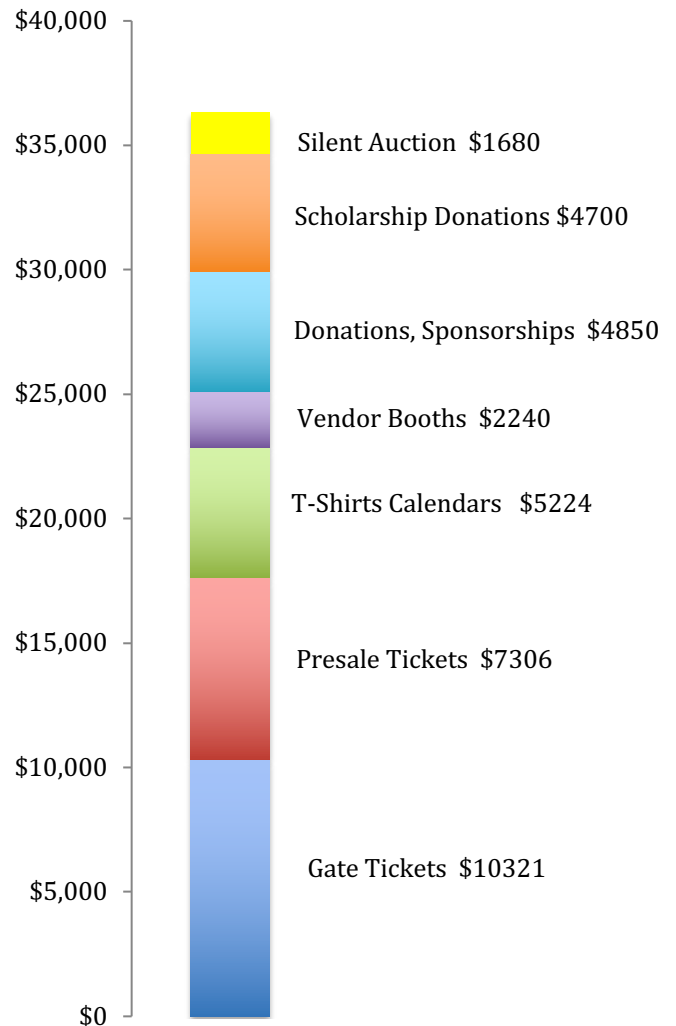
The charts below illustrate show expenses and income. Please note that over \$7000 came from the presale tickets bought by members. Your support for this greatly contributes to our financial success. Mahalo! The two top items on the right deserve special mention. The income from the silent auction (yellow) and other scholarship donations (orange) is dedicated to our Yasuji Takasaki Memorial Scholarship fund for University of Hawaii Hilo students.

On the expense side, we normally would give \$6000 in scholarships, which we did not do in 2022. Also, there was no expense for T-shirts in 2022, since the T-shirts that we sold were bought for the 2020 show that was cancelled. Those expenses that did not occur in 2022 are shown in white in the chart. But even with those expenses, our show would have been very successful. A big mahalo to show chair Karl Mendonca, who did the thousand and one things to make the show happen, and to Treasurer Rick Kelley, who kept our finances in order and kept everyone on target. And for everyone who volunteered to help us with the show, mahalo nui loa!

Show Expenses



Show Income





Cattleya walkeriana h.f. *coerulea* 'Blue Magic' AM/AOS, grown by Orchid Eros



Cattleya walkeriana 'Izzy's Dopplerganger' AM/AOS, grown by Orchid Eros



Cattleya walkeriana h.f. *albescens* 'Neninha' AM/AOS, grown by Orchid Eros



Left: *Oncostele* (*Onc. Catatante* x *Onc. Topance*) 'Okika' HCC/AOS, grown by Okika



Right: *Cattleya trianae* h.f. *alba* 'Mauna Kea' AM/AOS, grown by Orchid Eros

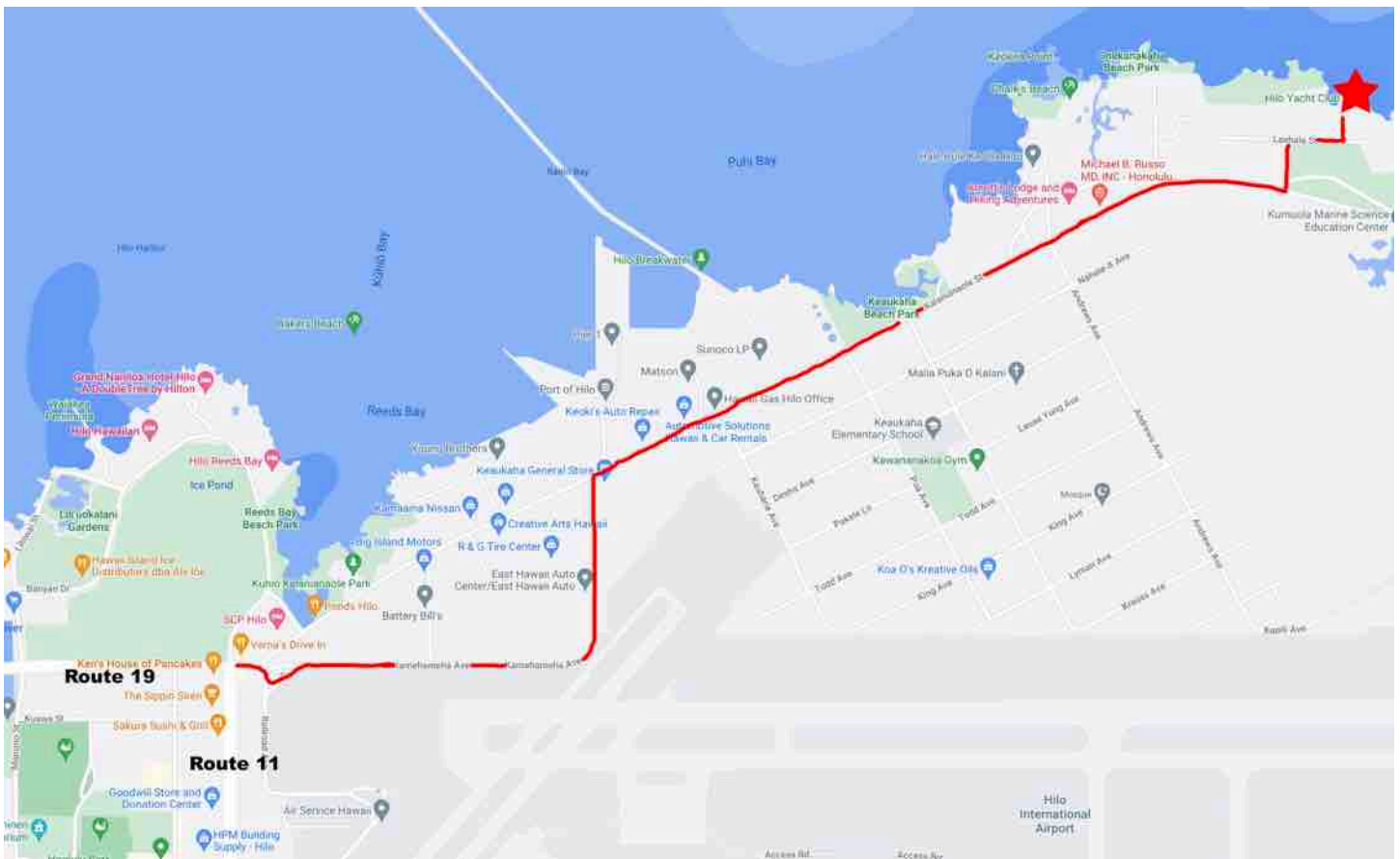
Directions to Hilo Yacht Club

Note: To attend the Holiday Party, you must have signed up and paid in advance. You will be checked in at the door.

To use your GPS to get to the yacht club, the address is 77 Laehala St., Hilo.

From the intersection of Rt. 11 and Rt. 19 in Hilo: Take Kalaniana'ole St. You will have to take a detour to your right to avoid road construction. When the detour rejoins Kalaniana'ole St., turn right and continue for about 1.4 miles, going past Keaukaha Beach Park. After you pass a sign for Onekahakaha Beach Park, take the next left onto a short road called Kamokuna St. that ends at Laehala St. Turn right on Laehala. The Hilo Yacht Club will be on your left. Park in the parking lot.

On the way back, there is no detour; you go on Kalaniana'ole St. through the construction zone.

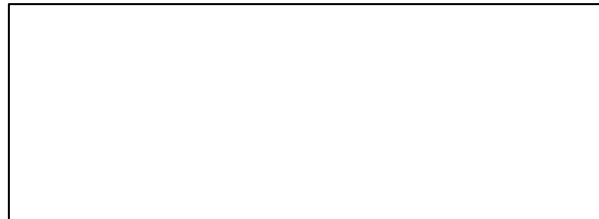


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