



# Hilo Orchid Society Newsletter

January  
2023

## In-Person Meeting

Note: the meeting scheduled for Sat., January 14, 2023 will be in-person only.

There will be no Zoom meeting.

Date: Saturday, Jan. 14, 2023

Time: **1:30** Informal "talk story"

**2:00** Meeting starts

Place: Kamana Senior Center,  
127 Kamana St., Hilo

Speaker: Glen Barfield

Topics: How to Choose Warm-Growing  
Oncidiinae



Oncidiums and their relatives are a very diverse group of orchids. Some, like Miltoniopsis, like to flower in cool conditions. Others flourish in warmth. Much hybridizing has been done in this group.

This month, our own Glen Barfield will tell us all about warm-growing Oncidiinae, covering several lines of hybrid breeding to produce warmth-tolerant orchids. Glen made some of these hybrids himself.

Glen is an AOS judge and orchid expert, but he doesn't take himself too seriously. In the photo above, he says, "I'm the one on the right."

In the 1980s Glen had a nursery in California called Okika Ltd. The name was a clue about his love for Hawaii – it means "orchid" in Hawaiian. Glen also

loved surfing (he was a surfer since age 16), so it was only a matter of time until he moved here, which he did in 1995. Glen now has a small nursery in Mountain View called Okika, where he pursues orchid breeding, primarily in the Oncidium alliance. Over the years he has won numerous AOS awards.



## No Zoom Meeting

After being closed during the pandemic, we're gradually trying to get back to normal. Our combination of in-person and Zoom meetings was done for the convenience of our members, but it has been logistically difficult for us, and some things just didn't work well on Zoom (like covering the review of the show table, or meetings with audience participation, like potting workshops). Our Board decided that it's time for us to go back to just having meetings at the Kamana Senior Center.

We know that the Covid pandemic is not over, although the risk is now much lower for people who are vaccinated and boosted. Masks are not required at meetings, but you are welcome to wear a mask.

## Dues Are Due

Your membership dues for 2023 are due. New members who joined at our Orchid Show at Edith Kanaka'ole Stadium in July and members who joined in September 2022 or later are considered paid through 2023 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.

You can pay at the meeting, or fill out the form on page 9 and mail it in with your payment (address is on the form). Thanks!

## New Officers and Trustees



Bill Rawson (at left) swore in the new Board of Trustees for 2023 at the holiday party. From left: Rusty Gorton (behind Bill), Ellen Train, Lise Dowd, Rick Kelley, Larry Kuekes, Tom Miranda, Kevin Evans, Karl Mendonca. Not present: Ben Oliveros, Sandra Dixon, Natalie Hebden.

## Holiday Party

Our holiday party was a good time for all who attended. The event was held at the Hilo Yacht Club. After talking story with a great oceanside view, we had a delicious lunch and our official swearing in of officers and trustees for 2023. Those who participated in the orchid gift exchange drew numbers to see what gift orchid they got to take home. Finally, Tom Miranda led a spirited auction of gorgeous orchids to raise funds for your Society.

Mahalo to all those who helped out!

## Supporting Orchid Conservation

Each year, Hilo Orchid Society makes a donation to support orchid conservation. For 2022, the Board voted to donate \$1000 to a National Park service project that is working with Hawaiian native orchids in Hawaii Volcanoes National Park. All the orchids that you see on this island are non-native. There are three native orchid species in Hawaii, but they are extremely rare, and they grow in remote places where you would normally never go. Our donation will help the survival of those native Hawaiian orchid species.



Some of the orchids that were auctioned off at the Holiday Party.



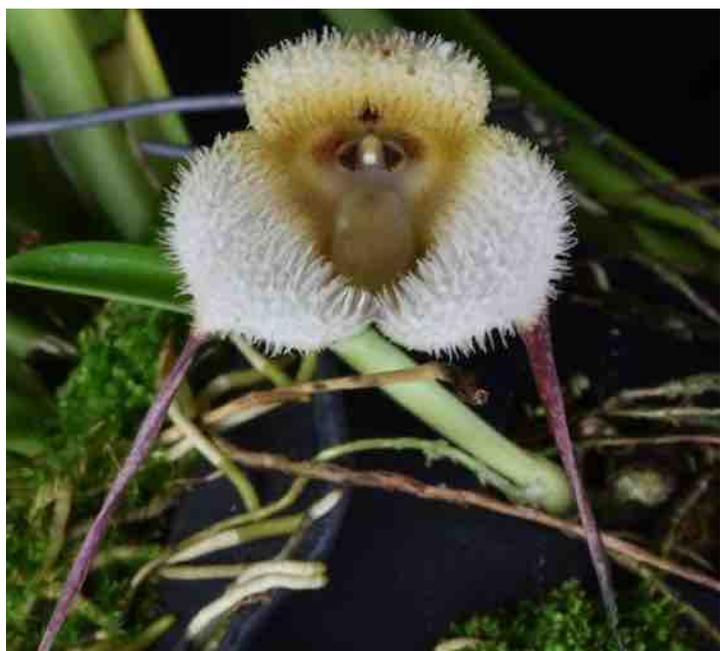
Ruth Robison picks a number from the jar held by Rick Kelley to see which orchid plant she will get in the orchid gift exchange at the Holiday Party.



*Zygopabstia* Woodlandsense 'Blue Bird' AM/AOS, grown by Kalapana Tropicals



Left: *Dracula kareniae* 'Pink Pleasure' AM/AOS, grown by Jungle Mist Orchids



Right: *Drac. saulii* 'Spider Monkey' CHM/AOS, grown by Jungle Mist Orchids



*Liparis viridiflora* 'Totally Tubular' CCE/AOS, grown by Jungle Mist Orchids



Left: *Dendrobium* QF Akala 'QF Aurea' AM/AOS, grown by Quintal Farms



Right: *Dendrobium* QF Akala 'QF Kaila' AM/AOS, grown by Quintal Farms



*Brassavola cucullata* 'Trinidad' CHM/AOS, grown by Orchid Eros (true *cucullata*, not *appendiculata*)



Left: *Dendrobium* QF Akala 'QF Marissa' AM/AOS, grown by Quintal Farms  
Right: *Dracula vespertilio* 'Demigorgon' AM/AOS, grown by Jungle Mist Orchids



*Dendrobium* Roy Tokunaga 'OrchidFix Poetry in Pink' AM/AOS, grown by OrchidFix



Left: *Oncidium* Space Mine 'Red Rendezvous' AM/AOS, grown by Kalapana Tropicals



Right: *Paphiopedilum* Pleasure in Pink 'Slipper Zone Eleven Others' HCC/AOS, grown by Lehua Orchids



*Paphiopedilum* Jeweled Knight 'Slipper Zone Sir Thomas' AM/AOS, grown by Lehua Orchids



Left: *Paphiopedilum* Petula's Wood 'OrchidFix Happy Christmas' AM/AOS, grown by OrchidFix



Right: *Paphiopedilum tonsum* h.f. *curtisifolium* 'AM/AOS, grown by Quintal Farms

## 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

## Hilo Orchid Society Officers and Trustees

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Trustee 2022-2023 – Sandra Dixon

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