



Hilo Orchid Society Newsletter

December
2023

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 9, 2023
Time: 11:00 Doors open to talk story
11:45 Luncheon
1:00 Auction
Place: Hilo Yacht Club
77 Laehala St., Hilo
(see map and directions on page 7)
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. 9 at the Hilo Yacht Club. Only those who signed up and paid in advance can be admitted. There is a dress code – see the article 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 7.

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 2024 Calendars

We still have a few calendars available. They cost only \$9, and they make great holiday gifts. These calendars will NOT be for sale at the Holiday Party, but it's not too late to buy them. See the email that accompanied this newsletter.

October Members Choice

Photos by Larry Kuekes



1st place: *Bulbophyllum grandiflorum*, grown by Jeff Fendentz



Left: 2nd place: *Habenaria rhodocheila*, grown by Janice Williams



Right: 3rd place: *Miltoniopsis Lillian Nakamoto*, grown by JoAnn

November Members Choice



Left: 1st place: *Cattleya* California Apricot x *Cattlianthe* Orchidglade, grown by Lise Dowd and Steve Forman.
Right: 2nd place: *Calanthe*, grown by Lise Dowd and Steve Forman. Photos by Steve Forman.



3rd place: *Vanda* 50th State Beauty, grown and photographed by Michelle Gannon.



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



Left: Paph. Egret's Summer 'Slipper Zone Joyfully' AM/AOS, grown by Lehua Orchids



Right: Paph. Pleasure in Pink 'Slipper Zone Syn Wins' AM/AOS, grown by Lehua Orchids



Cattleya walkeriana h.f. pseudopeloric 'Brazil 2019' JC, grown by Orchid Eros

November 5 AOS Awards

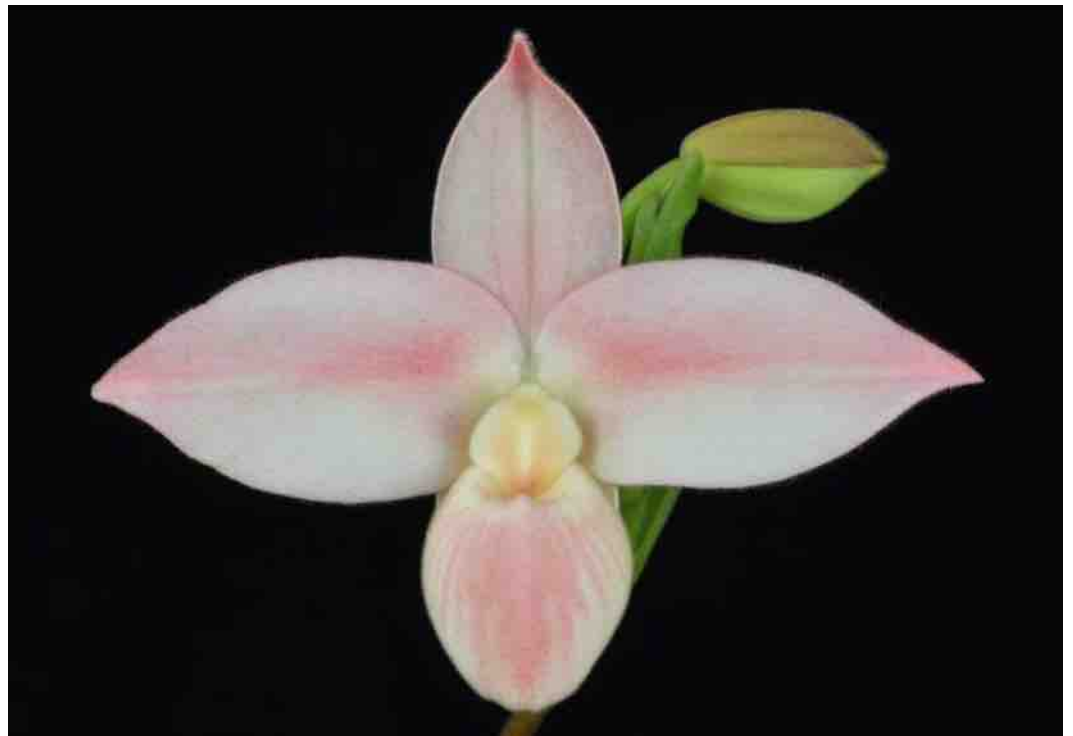
Photos by Glen Barfield



Stanhopea wardii 'Okika' FCC/AOS, grown by Okika



Left: *Bulbophyllum treschii* 'Sunday Bloody Sunday' CCM/AOS, grown by Caleb Houck
Right: *Mormodes tapoayensis* 'Dark' CHM/AOS, grown by Hilo Orchid Farm



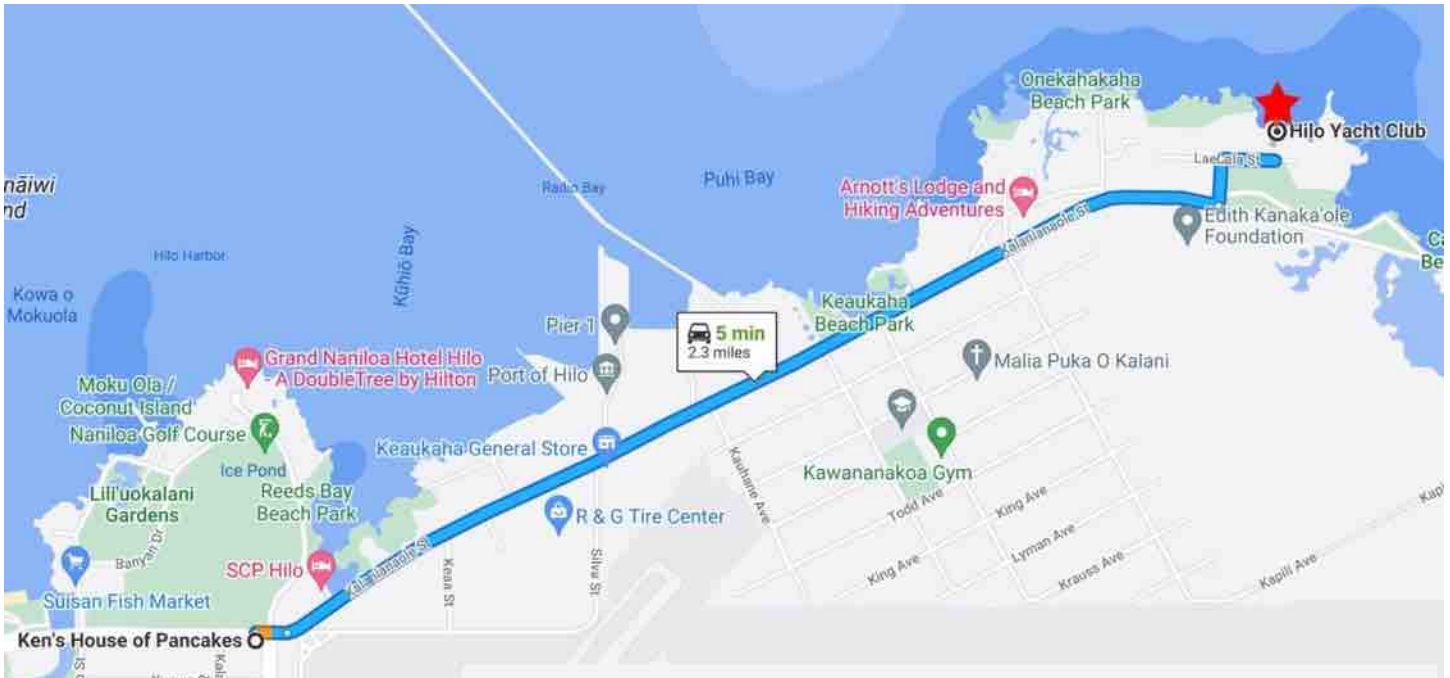
Left: *Fredclarkeara* Beverly Danielson 'Honoli'i Spice' HCC/AOS, grown by Sandra Dixon
Right: *Phragmipedium* Acker's Angel 'Honoli'i Cherubim' AM/AOS, grown by Sandra Dixon

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.

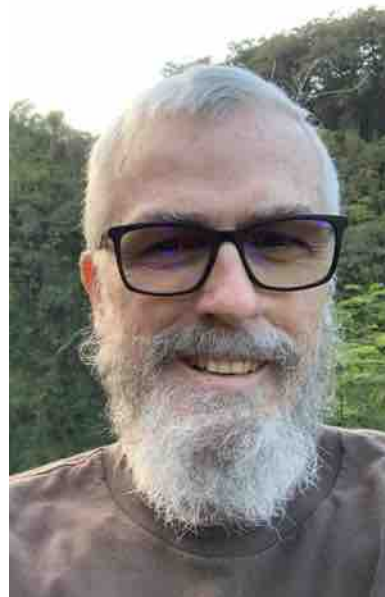
To use your GPS to get to the yacht club, the address is 77 Laehala St., Hilo.

From the intersection of Rt. 11 and Rt. 19 in Hilo (Ken's House of Pancakes): Take Kalaniana'ole St. for about 2.1 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.



Greg Luetticke-Archbell Appointed Trustee

In addition to the officers and Trustees elected at the November meeting, we have one more new Trustee on the Board. Recently, Kevin Evans resigned from the Board. His position as Trustee was not up for election; it ran through the end of 2024. Our Bylaws specify that when such a vacancy occurs, the Board of Trustees appoints someone to fill the remainder of the term. Greg Luetticke-Archbell (at right) agreed to serve as a Trustee, and he was appointed to fill the remainder of Kevin's term. We welcome Greg to the Board.



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