Next Meeting
Date: Sat., July 13, 2013
Time: 1:30 Informal “talk story”
2:00 Meeting starts
Place: Kamana Senior Center, 127 Kamana St., Hilo
Speaker: Peter T. Lin
Topic: The Three A’s

Most of the orchids that we grow come either from tropical America, such as Cattleyas, or from tropical Asia, such as Phalaenopsis and Dendrobiums. A whole continent is ignored by most orchid growers – Africa. This month, Peter Lin will talk about “The Three A’s”: Angraecum, Aerangis, and Aenanthes, which are three genera from Africa and Madagascar.

Peter lives in southern California and is the owner of Diamond Orchids. He started growing orchids 30 years ago but stopped due to work and studies. Then the orchid bug bit again 9 years ago. He is now an avid orchid hobbyist, hybridizer, and AOS judge. Due to limited growing space, Peter specializes in miniature orchids, both species and hybrids. In addition to hybridizing mini-catts, his interests include Sophronitis, Dendrobiums, Angraecoids, and Neofinetias.

More growers in Hilo should try the “three A’s”. Many have showy, fragrant flowers and most will grow well in our warm climate. If you’d like to find out more, don’t miss this meeting!

The Show is Almost Here
The 61st Hilo Orchid Society Show and Sale, “Orchids Around the World”, is coming on August 2-4 at Edith Kanaka’ole Stadium, with judging and the Preview Party on Aug. 1.

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

First, you should have received 15 show tickets from Bob and Patty Ferazzi. We’re hoping you can sell the tickets 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.

Second, we’re counting on members to lend us their blooming orchids for our Society display, which is bigger than ever this year. If you have some nice-looking orchids in bloom at show time, please lend them to our display – you will get them back, and you just might win a ribbon award!

And third, we’re counting on volunteers to help out at the show. Many of you have already volunteered.

Here’s what we have planned:
• AOS Judging on Thursday morning, Aug. 1.
• Ribbon judging on Thursday afternoon. Volunteers will award ribbons to the plants they like the best. If you missed the sign-up sheet, contact Leonard Gines at ginesorchids@gmail.com or 966-5550.
• The Preview Party on Thursday night; a gala event featuring wine tasting, beer sampling from Kona Brewing Co, delicious catered food, and the chance to purchase orchids from vendors before the general public.
• Friday through Sunday the show is open to the public (Fri. 9am–6pm, Sat. 9am–5pm, Sun. 10am–2pm.), featuring dazzling displays of orchids and aisles of vendor booths tempting you to buy just one more orchid.

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- Entertainment featuring Esther Zamora, Gonzo Jazz X2, the Puna Men’s Chorus, Auntie Diana Aki, Stan Kaina, and the Puna Taiko Drummers.
- A fashion show featuring the creations of famous Hawaii designer Nita Pilago, owner of Wahine Toa Designs.
- Refreshments so you can quell those hunger pangs without leaving the premises.
- A series of speakers and demos to be given throughout the three days of the show.
- A silent auction to raise money for our scholarship fund, featuring a fantastic array of items (see article on page 7).
- Membership, Sales, and Orchid Society tables, where visitors can buy T-shirts, ask questions, and join our Society.

Our show can only succeed because Society members have been generous enough to 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 in the spirit of kokua!

Gala Preview Party is August 1st

This year’s benefit Preview Party kicks off the 61st anniversary Orchid Show and Sale at the Edith Kanaka’ole Stadium. Held from 6:00 to 9:00 p.m. on Thursday, August 1, the gala event features drinks, food, music, and orchid pre-sales.

Libations include fine wine tasting, plus beer sampling from Kona Brewing Co., served in a souvenir wine or beer glass. Delectable food will be catered by Island Naturals and AJ & Sons Catering. Party-goers will have the first chance to purchase exciting new hybrids and exotic orchid species, as well as other unusual plants and orchid-related products.

Proceeds of the Preview Party benefit both the HOS scholarship fund and Ku‘ikahi Mediation Center (KMC). KMC is a non-profit community mediation center that empowers people to communicate, collaborate, and negotiate—finding peaceable resolutions to conflicts in the East Hawai‘i community.

Tickets are $65, of which $25 is tax deductible, and can be purchased from Linda Levine (808) 963-6306.

CALENDAR OF ORCHID EVENTS

The following events are held at the Kamana Senior Center, Hilo
July 13 1:30 Hilo Orchid Society meeting 4:00 AOS Judging
July 28 8 am – 2 pm Kona Daifukuji Orchid Show
Aug. 1 morning AOS Judging
Aug. 1 afternoon Ribbon Judging
Aug. 1 6 pm – 9 pm Preview Party
Aug. 2 9 am – 6 pm Hilo Orchid Society Orchid Show
Aug. 3 9 am – 5 pm Hilo Orchid Society Orchid Show
Aug. 4 10 am – 4 pm Hilo Orchid Society Orchid Show

The following events are held at the Daifukuji Soto Mission, Kalaʻaekaua
July 28

The following Hilo Orchid Show events are held at the Edith Kanaka‘ole Stadium, Hilo
Aug. 1 6 pm – 9 pm Preview Party
Aug. 2 9 am – 6 pm Hilo Orchid Society Orchid Show
Aug. 3 9 am – 5 pm Hilo Orchid Society Orchid Show
Aug. 4 10 am – 4 pm Hilo Orchid Society Orchid Show

The following events are held at the Kamana Senior Center, Hilo
Sept. 14 1:30 Hilo Orchid Society meeting 4:00 AOS Judging
Oct. 12 1:30 Hilo Orchid Society meeting 4:00 AOS Judging
A Day At the Zoo
Some pictures from our community outreach event at the Pana’ewa Rainforest Zoo and Gardens.

KT Cannon-Eger and husband Bill mounting an orchid at ground level

Susan Caswell confers with Eric Guttormsen

Tim Brown showing the aloha spirit

Sheryl Rawson and Larry Kuekes at the information table

Art Buckman, Susan Forbes, Marianna Scheffer and Kay Kozohara preparing fertilizer packets

Jeff Fendentz, John Jusczak and Rick Kelley tying one on
President's Message

Dear Orchid Loving Friends!

We are putting the “ORCHID” back in “The ORCHID Isle”! This year we have planned many orchid outreach activities for our community. We are trying hard to inspire everyone who lives here to enjoy orchids in our already green and beautiful surroundings as well as to encourage them to place more living plants in their own yards where they can be viewed and admired by passers-by. Orchids should be EVERYWHERE on the “Orchid Isle”!

To this end, we held the second annual “Orchid Day at the Zoo” on Saturday, June 1. Twenty-seven of our members came armed with buckets, boxes, ladders, string, shears, smiles, and enthusiasm. While Eric Guttormsen, our resident “orchid guy” at the zoo, showed one team how to de-pot plants, and another how to tie them onto trees, another team was preparing small individual packets of time-release fertilizer to be placed on orchid roots in trees, and another team visited with zoo visitors and answered questions about growing orchids. Everyone seemed to have fun adding another 300 plants donated by Gary Chen of Winning Orchids in Mountain View. Mahalo to Gary for his generosity!

Over the coming weeks you will hear me talking about a project I am taking on to get more orchids on the Orchid Isle. When I first came to the Big Island in 1969, it was already known as “The Orchid Isle”. And you will still see it called that in tourist literature today. However, I feel there aren't nearly enough orchids visible to visitors and us locals alike. So, I am initiating a project I'll call “The President’s Project to Put Orchids Back on the Orchid Isle”. Here is what I am going to do before I leave office this December:

• Talk to the Leader of the Downtown (Hilo) Improvement Association and give them donated plants to be placed in trees and on posts visible to all.
• Take plants to hotels to have their grounds crews place in trees.
• Offer plants to the airport chief to expand their collection already present on hapu'u.
• Offer plants to State Parks for placement in areas such as Akaka Falls.
• Offer plants to the Division of Land and Natural Resources for areas such as Wailoa Park.
• Contact the Kona clubs to see if they would like to join in.
• Write a Letter to the Editor to encourage our residents and business owners to place orchids.
• Speak to the head of the Hawaii Tourism Authority and get their buy-in.
• Get coverage from the Hilo Tribune Herald, Keola Magazine, and other tourism publications.
• Other ideas that suggest themselves.

I am hopeful that some of these things will get done concurrently with the show lead-up. However I will not do anything that will detract from the show or pull away volunteers. On the contrary, these efforts should help to hype the show and build community interest. If you would like to join me to make any of these visits, please let me know. I would welcome your company! 333-5989. juliegoettsch@gmail.com

Please do everything you can to talk up “Putting Orchids Back on the Orchid Isle”!

Aloha,

Julie

Kona Daifukuji Orchid Show

The Kona Daifukuji Orchid Club is holding its annual show and sale on Sun., July 28 from 8:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. The show is small compared to Hilo’s, but it’s free, and it’s a chance to meet some fellow orchid enthusiasts. It’s at the Daifukiji Soto Mission on Rt. 11 at mile marker 114. If you’re in the Captain Cook area on July 28, check it out.
June AOS Judging Awards

Photos by Glen Barfield

Left: *Paph.* Mount Toro ‘Ticklishly Lehua’ AM/AOS, shown by Lehua Orchids
Right: *Paph.* Saint Sand ‘Lehua Sand Storm’ AM/AOS, shown by Lehua Orchids

Left: *Paph.* (Pinky Sky x Delrosi) ‘Stridently Pink Lehua’ HCC/AOS, shown by Lehua Orchids
Center: *Paph.* Joseph Ruggiero ‘Lehua’s Burnt Twirls’ HCC/AOS, shown by Lehua Orchids
Right: *Paph.* Temptation ‘Lehua’s Green Joy’ HCC/AOS, shown by Lehua Orchids
Members’ Choice Winners for June

Top left: Hobbyist 1st place – *Cattleya maxima*, grown by Fred Levine

Top right: Hobbyist 2nd place – *Vanda* Pachara Delight ‘Pink’, grown by Leslie Hayes-Cullins

At left: Hobbyist 3rd place – *Bulbophyllum lobii* ‘Kathy’s Gold’ AM/AOS, grown by Larry Kuekes (note fly trapped while trying to pollinate the flower)

Bottom left: Commercial 1st place (tie) – *Masdevallia* Annette’s Allure, grower not listed

Bottom center: Commercial 1st place (tie) – *Paph.* (Pink Sky ‘Randy’ x Delrosi ‘Wings’), grown by Lehua Orchids

Bottom right: Commercial 2nd place: *Vanda* Manuvaadee x *Vanda tessellata*, grown by Karen Kimmerle

Photos by Glory Garner
On the Auction Block
By John Jusczak

Past silent auctions at the show have featured some outstanding donations and this year’s is following down that path. I just want to mention a few offerings to remind you about the auction and encourage you to bid to help with our fund raising.

I made an attempt to try to get donations of some of the native Hawaiian arts. One donation we are very proud of this year is a donation of lessons from our own Auntie Doreen Henderson and her Lei Hulu halau of featherwork. Auntie Doreen is a key figure in reviving this previously dying art-form; the Lyman Museum annually features a display of the work of her and her school. She is also notable in being the first queen of the Merrie Monarch Festival and appeared in the Festival again this year as queen mother.

Another notable donation is an ipu (gourd) done in the traditional Ni’ihau method by Penny King. This method of decorating gourds had been lost until recently rediscovered.

Other artwork includes photography from Julie Eliason (a water lily print with almost an impressionist quality), Leigh Hilbert (a stunning lava flow shot), our own Susan Forbes (a large orchid print), an undersea shot from Steve Eitel, and a number of fine undersea shots from Erin Pfuntner. In the undersea vein, we have a donation of two gyotaku prints from Takeo Gyotaku (these were the prints Japanese fishermen used to document their catches “in the old days”). If you bid on some artwork, you may be interested in bidding on a gift certificate from the Cunningham Gallery/The Frame Shop.

Other artistic donations include pottery from Nature in Clay by Marion, a glass bead leaf necklace from Patricia Larsen, and an amazingly accurate Cypripedium orchid necklace from Sumner Silverman.

Health & fitness donations include certificates from Aloha Fitness, massages from Coconut Massage/Keary Adamson and our own Momi Szirom, acupuncture from Big Island Acupuncture, and donations of yoga lessons from Warrior Won Yoga and Yoga Centered. For home items, we have a sampler of products from Shaka Soaps, an area rug from Carpet Isle and a clothing gift certificate from Sig Zane.

For attractions, we have donations from Hawaii Tropical Botanic Garden, ‘Imiloa Astronomy Center, Oceanrider Sea Horse Farm, and private tasting from Volcano Winery. For activities, we have donations from ATV Outfitters (historical ocean tours) and Hulakai Surf Shop (stand up paddle board lessons).

We have a number of books donated this year from Leonard Gines (including some scarce, out of print books), Timber Press (major orchid book publisher), Basically Books / Petroglyph Press (orchid & Hawaiian topics), and Hawaiian author Mary Lovein.

This year, we are limiting orchids in the silent auction to special, select plants to minimize competition with our orchid vendors. We expect special orchid donations from Hilo Orchid Farm, Hawaii Hybrids, Hawaiian Sunshine Nursery, Newman’s Nursery, OrchidEros, Pacific Island Nursery, and Seven Rocks Orchids. We also have pledges from nursery supply companies including: Farm Supply Co-op (backpack sprayer), Nursery Things (3 bags of Osmocote fertilizer), and Rudy’s Shadecloth (roll of groundcover).

Did someone say food? Café Pesto and the Kilauea Lodge & Restaurant are already on board. If you saw the Next Food Network Star last year, you may remember the Big Island’s own Chef “Ippy” Aiona. Ippy has agreed to donate a certificate to one or both of his restaurants: Three Fat Pigs and Ippy’s Hawaiian Barbeque. We’ve gotten certificates from Mauna Loa Macadamias, a box of longans shipped where you want from Hula Brothers, a honey sampler from Big Island Bees, and a coffee sampler from Buddha’s Cup coffee.

This year, if we are unable to get reasonable opening bids on silent auction items, the items will be held over and auctioned off at our September meeting so that our members will have exclusive access to potential bargains!

Please remember to support those who support us! (and let them know you appreciate their donation to your society!)

If you have anything that you would like to donate (goods or services), please feel free to contact me (Jusczak@aol.com). We would be delighted by your donation!

Silver jewelry in the shape of a Cypripedium orchid, just one of many fantastic items in this year’s silent auction.
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