

Hilo Orchid Society Newsletter

August 2014

There is no August meeting due to our annual show

Key Show Dates & Times:

- Weds. July 30** 9 am to noon – Bring your blooming orchids to lend to the Hilo Orchid Society's display.
- Thurs. July 31** **Morning** – AOS Judging
Afternoon – Ribbon Judging.
Arrive at 11:30. You must sign up in advance with Leonard Gines at 966-4550.
- 6 pm to 9 pm** – Preview Party
- Fri. Aug. 1** 9 am to 6 pm – Show is open
- Sat. Aug. 2** 9 am to 5 pm – Show is open
Noon – Fashion show
- Sun. Aug. 3** 10 am to 2 pm – Show is open
2 pm – Show takedown. Pick up orchids if you lent them to the Society display.

All show events are at the Edith Kanaka'ole Stadium, Hilo.

Picnic In September

September won't be a regular meeting. Instead, we're having a picnic, and you're all invited! We have reserved the large pavilion at the Wailoa River Park in Hilo for Sunday, September 14 (note this is a day later than the usual meeting date). It's a potluck event – we're asking everyone to bring something to share. We'll have some soda and water to drink, but you're welcome to bring your own beer or wine.

There will also be a silent auction of orchids donated by orchid show vendors. But there isn't any official program – just eating and having a good time in the park! Feel free to bring your kids, family, and friends.

We'll remind you again in September, but for now, mark your calendar!

Lend Your Orchids For The Show

We want the Hilo Orchid Society display to be the biggest, most eye-catching exhibit at the show. We want to show off our members' orchids, and that means you! 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. Even one or two beautiful orchids make a difference, and if enough people bring them, the result will be spectacular!

Bring your orchids to the Edith Kanaka'ole Stadium on Wed., July 30 between 9 am and noon. Plan on picking them up promptly at 2 pm on Sunday, Aug. 3 when the show closes. See page 5 for more tips. Thanks!

Ticket Contest Ends July 30

Our contest to see who sells the most orchid show pre-sale tickets will end on Wednesday, July 30. Mail your ticket payments to:

Hilo Orchid Society
P.O. Box 4294
Hilo, HI 96720

Payments must be received by Wed. July 30 to count for the contest. Or you can turn in your payments to Joe Bush. He will be at the front entrance of Edith Kanaka'ole Stadium until 3:00 p.m. on July 30 to receive any last-minute payments. To arrange to receive more tickets or to pay Joe earlier, call Joe at 935-6714.

The winner will be announced on the first day of the show and will receive a free 2015 HOS membership, a pair of tickets to our December 2014 holiday party, and a year's subscription or renewal to Orchid Digest magazine, courtesy of Steve Gollis.

It's not too late to sell a few more tickets. At only \$3, what a bargain! Tickets can be upgraded to a 3 Day SuperPass at the front gate for just \$3 more. Ticket sales money can also be turned in after July 30, but that will not count towards the contest. Checks or exact change are always appreciated.

July AOS Judging Awards

Photos by Glen Barfield



Left: *Cattleya praestans* 'Small Wonders' HCC/AOS, exhibited by Orchid Eros
Center: *Paph. (philippinense x Kolosand)* 'Lehua Dreaming Green' AM/AOS, exhibited by Lehua Orchids
Right: *Paph. Henrietta Dancing* 'Lehua's Yellow Legacy' HCC/AOS, exhibited by Lehua Orchids

July Members' Choice Awards

Photos by Glory Garner



Left: Hobbyist 1st place: *Dendrochilum filiforme*, grown by Lottie Haspe
Right: Commercial 1st place: *Paph. Lefty Kei*, grown by Lehua Orchids

July Members' Choice Awards (continued)



Left: Hobbyist 2nd place: *Blc.* (Ronald's Canyon x *Lc.* Memoria Robert Strait), grown by Jane Awa
Right: Commercial 3rd place: *Aporodes fragrans*, grown by Karen Kimmerle



Left: Hobbyist 3rd place: *Odcdm.* Catatante 'Kilauea Karma', grown by Vivian Ueoke
Right: Commercial 2nd place: *Paph.* Prince Edward of York, grown by Lehua Orchids

Member of the Month Ruth Robison



Have you seen all the articles promoting our Society and our orchid show that have appeared in the Hawaii Tribune-Herald and other papers? Great publicity like this doesn't just happen. It's the work of HOS member Ruth Robison.

Ruth grew up in the San Francisco Bay area and later in Midland, Michigan. She came to Honolulu to attend UH, where she earned a bachelor's degree in Psychology, then moved to Toronto where she worked at a school for special needs children for four years. She returned to UH and earned a Ph.D. in Educational Psychology. She married Birch Robison and joined him to work for the education department in the Trust Territory of the Pacific Islands (Micronesia) for four years. They returned to Hawaii, and Ruth gave birth to their son Abraham in 1981. They came to Hawaii Island to work in 1982. Birch taught English at Hawaii CC and Ruth was the Psychometrist at UH Hilo, in charge of placement testing. In 1996 she became the International Student Advisor, working mainly with students from Micronesia and students in F-1 visa status.

Ruth retired in 2010 and became more active in several local organizations: the Hilo Orchid Society, Big Island Palm Society, League of Women Voters, American Association of University Women, the

United Nations Association-USA Hawaii Island Branch, UH Alumni Association, and Hilo Community Chorus. For exercise she takes dance classes, water aerobics, yoga, Pilates and walks her two dachshunds around Liliuokalani Park. The "causes" that she is most focused on right now are solutions to global warming and healthy aging.

Ruth considers herself a "beginner-level" orchid hobbyist. She joined HOS at the suggestion of her friend and former HOS member Ginger Hamilton. Since joining the Hilo Orchid Society, Ruth has served on the Scholarship Committee for two years and has helped with publicity for the Hilo Orchid Show for the past three years. She says that the members of HOS have been very kind and welcoming to her: "Everyone is very generous in sharing their knowledge of orchids and in helping with the many jobs that are needed to keep the HOS organization growing and vibrant. Imua, Hilo Orchid Society!"

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The orchid show is our single largest source of revenue, and much of it is due to the generosity of companies and individuals who sponsor the show. Please support them to show our appreciation:

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Banners on Kamehameha



Have you seen the new banners publicizing our show? There are eight of them, featuring photos of different kinds of orchids, on light poles along Kamehameha Ave. near the bayfront shops. We think they look terrific, and we hope they'll bring in lots of show attendees.

Special thanks to Rick Kelley for designing the banners and to Eric Guttormsen and Rick for actually installing them on the light poles while perched on a ladder.

CALENDAR OF ORCHID EVENTS

Hilo Orchid Society meetings and AOS Judging are held at Kamana Senior Center, Hilo unless otherwise specified.

- July 27 8:00 a.m.–2:00 p.m. Kona Daifukuji orchid show, Daifukuji Soto Mission, Kealakekua
- July 28–Aug. 3 Hilo Orchid Society Show. See show calendar on page 1 for details.
- Sept. 14 (Sunday) Hilo Orchid Society picnic at Wailoa River Park.

Daifukuji Orchid Show is July 27

The Kona Daifukuji Orchid Club is hosting their 32nd annual orchid show on Sunday, July 27, from 10:00 am to 2:00 pm at the Daifukuji Soto Mission Hall, on Rt. 11 at mile marker 114, just north of Kainaliu. This year's theme is "Celebrate With Orchids," in conjunction with celebrating the 100th anniversary of the mission.

The event is free and offers complimentary refreshments. If you're in West Hawaii on the 27th, be sure to check it out! For more information, see their website kdoc.us.

Preparing Orchids For the Show

Do you have a few orchids in bloom to lend to our HOS display? Great! Here's what to do:

- Make sure plants are free from pests such as scale or little fire ants. Scale tends to hide on undersides of leaves and behind dried-up sheaths. If plants are infested, don't bring them in.
- Clean the leaves, if desired, but don't use commercial leaf shine products.
- Stake flowers, if desired, in advance (before they open) so they show their best. Last-minute staking doesn't work because flowers will be held at strange angles.
- Write your name on a piece of tape such as masking tape and stick it to the side of each pot. This helps ensure you get your plants back.
- If you have several plants to lend, it would be appreciated if you can make a list of the plant names. This helps us register and label the plants.
- Water the plants thoroughly
- Bring the plants to Edith Kanaka'ole Stadium on Weds., July 30 between 9:00 am and noon.
- If you can't make it on July 30, perhaps another HOS member who lives near you could pick up your plant and bring it in for you.
- Come get your plants on Sunday promptly at 2:00 pm when the show ends. Show tear-down happens very quickly, so don't be late.
- Finally, come to the show and enjoy the beautiful HOS display that you helped make possible!

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