Note change in meeting date and place

Next Meeting
Date: Sun., Sept. 14, 2014
Note this is one day later than usual
Time: 1:30-4:00
Place: Wailoa River Park
Piilani St., Hilo

Program: Potluck Picnic and Auction

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 after the usual meeting date). There isn’t any official program – just eating and having fun in the park! Feel free to bring your kids, family, and friends.

Everyone is asked to bring a favorite pupu or potluck dish to share. We’ll have some soda and water to drink.

Because it’s a picnic, we’re not having a regular meeting. There won’t be any show table or sales table, so please don’t bring any orchids.

But there will be orchids there! Our generous show vendors donated some beautiful orchids that will be auctioned off at the meeting. We’ll do it as a “silent auction” to give you more time to enjoy the party.

Directions: From the north, take Rt. 19 into Hilo. Turn right on Manono St., then take the first right onto Piilani St. At the end of Piilani, turn right and go past the first parking lot to the second parking lot. We are in the large pavilion.

From the south: take Rt. 11 into Hilo. Turn left on Kekuanoa St. opposite Airport Rd. Turn right at the light on Monono St., then take the second left onto Piilani St. At the end of Piilani, turn right and go past the first parking lot to the second parking lot. We are in the large pavilion.

Ticket Contest Winner
Elaine Inouye is the winner of the contest to sell the most orchid show pre-sale tickets. Elaine will receive a free HOS membership for 2015, two free tickets to the December Holiday Party and Auction, and a free one-year subscription to Orchid Digest magazine. Congratulations, Elaine!

Lottie’s Award
Due to our haste in printing the show program insert listing the show awards, Lottie and Pete Haspe’s AM/AOS award for Paph. Doligoldi was mistakenly listed as having been awarded to Hilo Orchid Farm. We apologize for the error, and we want to make sure that Lottie and Pete get the credit for growing this gorgeous flower. This orchid is a perfect example of a hybrid combining the best features of both parents: the size and dramatic stripes of Paph. rothschildianum and the stunning yellow color of Paph. armeniacum. See page 4 for a photo of the awarded flower.

It Was a Great Show
Our 62\textsuperscript{nd} Hilo Orchid Society Orchid Show and Sale was a resounding success, from Thursday’s judging and Preview Party until the doors closed on Sunday. The show was bigger and better than ever, with over 4000 attendees (last year was about 3800). The first thing that people saw entering the show was our spectacular HOS display, designed and built by Shelby Smith with a host of volunteer helpers. The food, entertainment, demonstrations, and fashion show were all hits, not to mention the orchids!

Young videographer Taylor Martin surprised us with a great short video of the show. Check it out on our website www.hiloorchidsociety.org.

Finally, many thanks to our show chair, Sheryl Rawson, without whom the show wouldn’t have been possible, and to all who participated. Mahalo nui loa!
The centerpiece of the show was the stunning Hilo Orchid Society exhibit. Shelby Smith, pictured above with the finished exhibit, came up with the innovative design using recycled shipping pallets to make a curving, vertical wall with orchids placed in, on, and around it. The spiral design encouraged visitors to enter and explore the space, and the placement of orchids on the wall put the orchids up close where visitors could see and appreciate them.

Shelby’s original concept was that the horizontal pallet boards suggest a musical staff, with the orchids as musical notes on the staff. So the exhibit literally represented a “symphony of orchids”.

Construction of the exhibit was a lot of work, as it was built on the spot and modified with nooks and shelves to fit the orchids. Several people helped Shelby with the construction, but special thanks go to Mary Beth Cohen for all her hard work.

We also thank all the growers who lent their orchids to the HOS exhibit, as the whole purpose of our exhibit is to showcase orchids grown by our members. Special thanks to Newman’s Nursery, which didn’t have their own exhibit this year, for lending us orchids to supplement the display, and to Rick Kelley, who purchased and provided some Vandas at the last minute just so the display would look fuller.

The exhibit was a huge hit with the public, and it did not go unrecognized by the AOS judges. They gave it two awards: an AOS artistic certificate, and the show trophy for best exhibit.

To Shelby and everyone associated with the exhibit: thank you and congratulations!

For more photos of the exhibit, see the 2014 Hilo Orchid Show gallery on our website www.hiloorchidssociety.org
Photos From the Show
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Left: Building the HOS exhibit. From left: Shelby Smith, Mary Beth Cohen, Eric Guttormsen, Rick Kelley. Photo by Sheryl Rawson.
Right: Shogun’s clever exhibit. A group of Paphs, facing away from us, form the applauding “audience”. Photo by Larry Kuekes.

Left: Karen Kimmerle gives a talk and demo on Basic Orchid Culture.
Right: Show Chair Sheryl Rawson (left) with Linda Levine (right) selling scrip for the Food Court. Photos by Julie Goettsch.

Left: Carmela Orchids’ amazing flowering tree – the “flowers” are dozens of individual plants of Dyakia hendersonianum.
Right: Hawaii Hybrids’ colorful exhibit. Photos by Larry Kuekes.
August AOS Judging Awards

Photos by Glen Barfield

Left: Paphiopedilum Dollgoldi ‘Lottie & Pete Haspe’ AM/AOS, grown by Lottie & Pete Haspe
Right: Bulbophyllum grandiflorum ‘Leonard’s Leopard’ AM/AOS, grown by Bill Rawson

Left: Bulbophyllum occultum ‘Maku’u’ CBR/AOS, grown by Gines Orchids
Center: Dendrobium Green Lantern ‘Red Carpet’ HCC/AOS, grown by Hilo Orchid Farm
Right: Dendrobium sanderae v. luzonicum ‘Hilo Snow’ CCM/AOS, grown by Hilo Orchid Farm

Left: Dendrobium laevifolium ‘Fuchsia Diamond’ HCC/AOS, grown by Hilo Orchid Farm
Right: Millioniopsis Lennart Karl Gattling ‘Hula Skirt’ AM/AOS, grown by Hilo Orchid Farm
August AOS Judging Awards (continued)  

Photos by Glen Barfield

Left: Bulbophyllum tingabarunum ‘ISO Flame’ CCM/AOS, grown by Island Sun Orchids  
Center: Stanhopea Assidensis ‘Oui’ HCC/AOS, grown by Janice Williams  
Right: Vandachostylis Five Friendships Pretty ‘Pearl’ AM/AOS, grown by Island Sun Orchids

Note on Awards: in addition to the familiar AM and HCC flower quality awards and CCM awards for superior culture, this month’s awards included a CBR (Certificate of Botanical Recognition). This award is given to rare and unusual species of educational interest.

Orchid Isle Project Starts Placing Orchids Downtown

Our Orchid Isle Committee, headed by Julie Goettsch, has as its mission the placement of orchids in publicly visible places, making this island truly live up to its nickname “the orchid isle”. On Aug. 14, we took the first step to place some orchids in downtown Hilo, assisted by William McKnight of the Downtown Hilo Improvement Association and three Americorps volunteers. Together we mounted about twenty Oncidium intergeneric orchids in trees in Kalakaua Park and then mounted some Dendrobium nobile hybrids on palms outside the Tsunami Museum. A good time was had by all, and this was just the first step. Next on the agenda: putting sun-tolerant orchids in the planter boxes outside the bayfront shops.

Right: Julie assists William mounting an Oncidium Sharry Baby in a tree. Photos by Taylor Martin.
Symphony of Orchids Volunteers Appreciation

The following people contributed mightily to the great success of this year’s orchid show. On behalf of the entire Hilo Orchid Society, and the Board of Directors, I thank you all for your contributions. I have tried to obtain a thorough list of all involved from our various show chairpersons but if I have missed someone I apologize. I’d love to publicly celebrate every one of the following individuals’ contributions (e.g. Elizabeth Hansen put in hours and hours of detailed work making up the bid sheets for and helping to set up the silent auction, Lillian Paiva put in 200 hours working on the plant hotel, Lisa Steinmeyer did more than I can tell you on behalf of our t-shirt project) but Larry couldn’t possibly devote enough space for all of this in the newsletter. So I am only listing names!!! I know how much you all put in and you do too! A show chairperson is only successful because of all the volunteer help received! I highly recommend volunteer service and getting involved in this way. You will never regret it. Thank you for giving me the opportunity to serve as your show chairperson again this year. Also, I thank you all for making it a fantastic and rewarding experience.

Sheryl Rawson, Show Chairperson

Assistant Chairperson: Rick Kelley

2014 Show Steering Committee: Ken Armour, Rayna Armour, Susan Forbes, Julie Goettisch, Rick Kelley, Greg Kobayashi, Larry Kuekes, Ben Oliveros, Bill Rawson, Ruth Robison, Sandra Song

Show Committees
AOS Judging, Judges Lunch: Co-chairpersons: Sandra Song and Karen Kimmel

Daytime Security: Chairperson: Eric Guttormsen; other volunteers: Jack Caldicott, Joan Carol, Mary Beth Cohen, Rosie and Don Eller, Jeff Fendentz, Bob Ferazzi, Caron Fernandez, Roger Hansen, Erica Johnson, Rick Kelley, Barbara Heintz, Bill Rawson, Jim Walker

Demonstrations and Sound System: Chairperson: Pauline Brault; Presenters (all volunteers): Glen Barfield, Pauline Brault; Jeff Fendentz, Bob Ferazzi, Lottie Haspe, John Jusczak, Karen Kimmel, Jerome Siebenrock, Sheldon Takasaki

Finances/Show Treasurer: Bill Rawson

Food Service, Entertainment: Chairperson: Rayna Armour; other volunteers: Josh Black, Ed Bouc, Edie Bouc, Cindy Caldicott, Peter Christensen, Carol Conner, Alyssse and Sam Cowie, Jan Depwe, Dorothea Fendentz, Jeannie Foss, Leslie Hayes-Cullins, Linda and Fred Levine, Christina Nelson, Julia Noyes, Sherry Partlow, Loretta Ricketts, Jim Walker, Janice Williams

Fashion Show: Chairperson: Rayna Armour; other volunteers: Ryan Atiz, Gene Auzioas, Josh Black, Jeff Boggelin, Peter Christensen, Carol Conner, Lottie Haspe, Jennifer Krome, Fred and Linda Levine, Sherry Partlow, Eden Patino, Maria Oldendorf, Loretta Ricketts, Ruth Robison, James Severtson, Kermit Shields, Jim Walker, Barry Yamada


HOS Table: Chairperson: Larry Kuekes, HOS President; other volunteers: Joe Bush, Susan Forbes, Steve Golllis, Ruth Robison, Jim Walker

Ku’ikahi Benefit Preview Party: Ku’ikahai Board of Directors

New Members Table: Co- Chairpersons: Victoria Auzioas/Vivian Ueoka; other volunteers: Jeanne Foss, Patty Goodwin, Nora James, Kay Kozohara, Junko Nowaki, Kenji Oshita, Donald Shintaku, Aimee Takamoto, Barry Yamada

Orchid Isle Project Display and Tribute to A Legacy Orchid-Vanda Miss Joaquim Informational Display: Julie Goettisch, Immediate Past President

Outreach - Condo Associations, Timeshares, B&B’s, Vacation Rentals: George and Gail Crosthwaite

Palm Rental: Bill Rawson

Plant Donation Procurement for New Members: Karen Kimmel / Ben Oliveros

Plant Hotel: Chairperson: Lillian Paiva; other volunteers: Diana Agiar, Brandon Borges, Elena Cairns, DeAnna Medallia, Rosetta Sogo, Deborah Stearn, Momi Gyongyi Szirom

Promotion: Co-Chairpersons: Susan Forbes and Ruth Robison; Other Volunteers: Donna Barr, Julie
Orchid Stories

Imperfect Orchids

Most orchid flowers are perfect. No, that’s not hyperbole; “perfect” is a botanical term meaning the flower contains both male and female parts.

However, there are some orchids, such as Catasetums, that have separate male and female flowers. Female Catasetum flowers all look pretty much the same, no matter what species – basically a green, helmet-shaped structure. But the male Catasetum flowers are wildly different from one species to the next, and wildly different from the female flowers, even within the same species.

In fact, early botanists thought the male and female flowers were different species, even different genera. It wasn’t until someone observed a single plant with both male and female flowers on it that the botanists figured it out.

Look at these photos of male and female flowers of Catasetum pileatum. Would you have guessed they belong to the same species?

Larry Kuekes

Catasetum pileatum, male flowers (red form)

Catasetum pileatum, female flowers. Photo by Glory Garner.

CALENDAR OF ORCHID EVENTS

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

Sept. 13 4:00 AOS Judging
Sept. 14 1:30 Hilo Orchid Society picnic at Waiola River Park.
Oct. 11 1:30 HOS meeting. Thanh Nguyen will speak on Paphiopedilums.
4:00 AOS Judging
Nov. 8 1:30 HOS meeting
4:00 AOS Judging
Dec. 14 Holiday Party at Hilo Yacht Club

Goetsch, Eric Guttormsen, Barbara Fahs, Sandra Rambault

Ribbon Judging: Leonard Gines and John Jusczak
Show ID badges: Vivian Ueoka
Show Program Design and Production: Mary Beth Cohen
Show set-up and tear down/manpower/organizing storage: Chairperson: Bill Rawson; Other volunteers: Normand Goupil, Jeff Fendentz, Bob Ferazzi, Jim Walker and New Hope of Volcano Men’s Volunteers
Silent Auction: Chairperson: Sheryl Rawson; Other volunteers: Rayna Armour, Jane and Bill Boyd, Mary Beth Cohen, Rosie and Don Eller, Peter Christensen, Merle Dendinger, Caron Fernandez, John and Pat Jusczak, Karen Hagen, Elizabeth Hansen, Rick Kelley, Larry Kuekes, Bea Larson, Pat Maroushek, Loretta Ricketts
Society Display: Chairperson: Shelby Smith; other volunteers: Annette Barr, Mary Beth Cohen, Dana Culleney, Merle Dendinger, Eric Guttormsen, Allene Kaplan, Rick Kelley, Larry Kuekes, Julie of Newman’s Nursery and her crew, Peter Opulauoho III of HPM, Ruth Robison, Americorps volunteers Alyshia, Shelley and Callie, and all the HOS members who brought in plants for the display - it would never have worked without you!!
Sponsor Relations and Program Advertising Solicitation: Chairperson: Cindy Caldicott; other volunteers: Jack Caldicott
Ticket presales: Chairperson: Joe Bush
Trophies/Awards Chairperson: Rick Kelley
T-shirt design/procurement/product sales Chairperson: Lisa Steinmeyer; other volunteers: Diep Pierson, Gail and George Crosthwaite
Yasuji Takasaki Memorial Scholarship
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