

Hilo Orchid Society Newsletter

February 2015

Next Meeting

Date: Sat., February 14, 2015
Time: **1:30** Informal “talk story”
2:00 Meeting starts
Place: Kamana Senior Center,
127 Kamana St., Hilo
Speaker: John Jusczak
Topic: Antelope Dendrobiums

Most people in Hawaii grow Dendrobiums. Hybrids with the familiar Phalaenopsis-shape flowers in pink, purple and white can be purchased everywhere. But the genus is huge (1200 species), and there are many lesser-known varieties that are worth growing.

This month, John Jusczak will talk to us about a group of Dendrobiums that every grower should try: the section Spatulatum, or “antelope” Dendrobiums, so-called because of their twisted petals that look like miniature antelope horns (see photo). The plants are floriferous, the flowers are long-lasting, and they grow well in our climate.

John Jusczak is well known to HOS members, being active in the Society and having served on the Board of Trustees. John has been growing orchids for over 30 years. He had a small nursery in New Hampshire called P&J Orchids before moving to Hawaii with his wife Pat. He is currently most interested in Paphs and the Cattleya alliance, but he has dabbled with many genera and has bred and registered a number of hybrids over the years, including naming a new hybrid genus Mendelara. John is currently a student judge in the AOS judging program.



Dendrobium antennatum, an “antelope” Dendrobium

If you’d like to learn more about these uncommon but uncommonly nice Dendrobiums, be sure not to miss this meeting!

Dues Are Due

Your membership dues for 2015 are due. 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.

If you joined as a new member in September or later, or at the orchid show in August, you are already paid through 2015. Otherwise, please fill out the form on page 3 and mail it in with your payment (address is on the form), or you can pay at the meeting. Thanks!

CALENDAR OF ORCHID EVENTS

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

Feb. 14	1:30 HOS meeting 4:00 AOS Judging
Mar. 14	1:30 HOS meeting 4:00 AOS Judging
Apr. 11	1:30 HOS meeting 4:00 AOS Judging

January Members Choice Awards

Photos by Glory Garner



Left: Hobbyist 2nd place: *Dendrochilum tenellum*, grown by Glory Kirkland
Right: Hobbyist 3rd place: *Dendrochilum wenzelii*, grown by Glory Kirkland

January AOS Judging Awards

Photo by Glen Barfield



Hobbyist 1st place: (*Renanthera* Kalsum x *Rhynchostylus gigantea*),
grown by Rick Kelley



Paph. Aladdin 'Master Piece' AM/AOS, grown by Hilo Orchid Farm

Note: no commercial grower plants were entered for competition on the show table.

Member of the Month

By Pauline Brault

Lisa Steinmeyer

Lisa Steinmeyer was born and raised in Tulsa, Oklahoma and attended Oklahoma State University in Stillwater, Oklahoma, obtaining an Associate's Degree in Business. She started her career working for attorneys but quickly found she needed to earn more money, so she went to school to become a licensed court reporter. She was a court reporter for 32 years in Tulsa, owning her own business, Tulsa Freelance Reporters. At her 30-year high school class reunion, she ran into an old friend, Mark Hughes and started dating. They then made a decision to sell everything and move to Hawaii. They bought a house in 2011 in Onomea Bay Vistas. They planned to get married at the end



of September but due to a serious accident Lisa was in, they ended up getting married earlier, while she was in a wheelchair, at an inkjet cartridge refill store on Kinoole!

Most people recognize Mark wherever he goes as he works in the paint department at Home Depot. They spend their free time taking care of their five acre property. They especially love to spend time in Hawaii Volcanoes National Park hiking. Mark and Lisa are both rabid football fans, both college and NFL. Mark's dad played for the Pittsburgh Steelers, so the Steelers are one of their favorites. They love to play Maj Jong, practice Zentangle, do yoga, walk and play with their orchids. They both have enjoyed being involved in the Hilo Orchid Society and have met many good friends through the Society.

HILO ORCHID SOCIETY MEMBERSHIP RENEWAL FORM

Please print this form, fill it out, and mail with your dues payment to:

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