

Hilo Orchid Society Newsletter

March 2015

Next Meeting

Date: Sat., March 14, 2015
Time: **1:30** Informal "talk story"
2:00 Meeting starts
Place: Kamana Senior Center,
127 Kamana St., Hilo
Speaker: Art Chadwick
Topic: First Ladies and Their
Cattleyas: 1929 to the Present

For nearly the past century, orchid hybridizers have honored the wives of U.S. presidents by naming large, showy Cattleya hybrids after them. In recent decades, the firm of Chadwick & Son of Richmond, Virginia, has continued this tradition. This month, Art Chadwick will tell us all about the hybrids that were named for the first ladies and the breeding and species behind each cross.

Art grew up with Cattleyas. His father, Arthur A. Chadwick, started growing orchids in 1943 and is the author of 36 articles in the AOS magazine. The son, Arthur E. Chadwick, founded Chadwick & Son with his father in 1989. Father and son co-authored the book *The Classic Cattleyas*, about the large-flowered unifoliate Cattleya species and their history.

Art has named Cattleya hybrids after the last four first ladies and personally presented the plants to them.

Join us to find out a little bit of orchid history and what goes into making a special Cattleya hybrid.



Last Chance to Pay Dues

If you haven't renewed your membership, your dues for 2015 are overdue. According to our Bylaws, if you don't pay by the end of March, we will have to drop you from our membership list. Don't make us do that! Dues are still only \$20 for individual membership or \$25 for family membership.

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, you should have received a membership renewal form in the mail from membership chair Victoria Azuolas. Please fill out the form and mail it in with your payment), or you can pay at the meeting. Thanks!



Looking for Show Volunteers

The big HOS annual orchid show is coming up August 7-9, 2015. This year we will be moving to the nearby Civic Center due to renovations at the tennis stadium. A project this large depends on the efforts of over a hundred volunteers. This is a great way to get more involved in the society and make new friends along the way. Plus, it is a lot of fun. We have jobs both large and small that are suited to just about anyone's background and talents.

We especially need people to head up two critical committees. We need a member to organize the silent auction that funds the Yasuji Takasaki Memorial scholarship program at UH Hilo. We also need a chair for the Sponsorship Outreach committee that raises funds from the local business community. If you are interested in learning more about these jobs or any other aspect of the show, please contact Rick Kelley at 756-8145 or rickkelley@att.net.

February Members Choice Awards

Photos by Glory Garner



Left: Hobbyist 1st place (tie): *Denbrobium spectabile*, grown by Victoria Azuolas

Right: Hobbyist 1st place (tie): *Laelia* Santa Barbara Sunset 'Showtime', grown by Bill Rawson



Left: Hobbyist 2nd place: *Blc.* Mem. Grant Eichler 'Lennette', grown by Bill Rawson

Right: Hobbyist 3rd place: *Lc.* Orglades Grand 'Yu Chen Beauty', grown by Rick Kelley

Thanks, Gloria

The refreshments table at our monthly meetings is something that we all enjoy, but we tend to take for granted. But it doesn't just happen by itself. For the members who bring food to the meetings: thank you, and please keep bringing your delicious offerings! But in addition, for five years, Gloria Myklebust has been working behind the scenes, setting up the table and making sure everything that we need is provided. Gloria now has other commitments, and we now have a new Refreshment Committee to take over from Gloria. So this seems a good time to thank Gloria for taking care of us for so many years. Mahalo nui loa, Gloria!



February AOS Awards

Photo by Glen Barfield



(Oncidopsis Yellow Parade x Onc. Mem. Kiyoshi Akatsuka)
'Kai' HCC/AOS, exhibited by Walter Scheeren

Thanks, Volunteers

Another job that doesn't happen by itself is setup of our monthly meeting room and cleanup afterwards. We have a dedicated group of volunteers who come early to help set up chairs, tables, etc. Another task was just added to their duties: someone needs to take away the trash after the meeting, because we have an agreement with the Kamana Senior Center to leave the place clean.

We know that hauling trash is not a glamorous job, but luckily, members have stepped up to take care of it. We'd like to thank Barry Yamada, Steve Gollis, Rick Kelley, Eric Guttormsen, Joe Bush, Normand Goupil, George Crostwaithe, and Jeff Fendenz for agreeing to help out with this un-sexy but necessary task. Mahalo!

2014 Orchid Isle Project Report

This report lists the activities accomplished in 2014 by the Hilo Orchid Society's Orchid Isle Project (OIP). These activities were the results of a plan developed by the OIP Steering Committee at the Hilo Yacht Club on Feb. 5, 2014.

Proclamations:

- Proclamation by Mayor Kenoi of 2014 as the "Year of the Hawaii Island Orchid"
- Proclamation by County Council, same

Group Presentations & Orchids Distributed (plus handouts on care of orchids in trees). Gaining involvement by homeowners.

- Hilo Bay Rotary, gave out 35 Nobiles (Dendrobium nobile hybrids, donated by Winning Orchids)
- HPP neighborhood group, gave out 5 Nobiles
- Hilo Garden Girls, hands-on workshop with repotting sad orchids, gave out 20 Nobiles
- Hilo Garden Girls, Zoo Tour, gave out 10 V. Atherton
- Hilo AAUW, distributed 50 Nobiles
- Waimea and North Kohala business group, BNI Waimea, gave out 30 Nobiles
- Hilo Home Depot: Set up table for answering orchid questions, 6 days during show and other
- Hakalau Homeowners Assn.
- Hilo Woman's Club, gave out 30 Nobiles and V Atherton
- AAUW Luncheon Speaker, instructions and plants, gave out 15 Nobiles

Placement of Orchids in Public Places:

- Hawaii Tropical Botanical Gardens, provided two trays of Nobiles
- Kalakaua Park, placement in four Magnolia trees on Waianuenue Ave. Placed 20 mixed kinds.
- Bayfront trees in front of shops, from Mamo Street to Waianuenue, featuring little Tsunami.
- Museum park. (Teamed with Downtown Hilo Improvement Assn. and student volunteers)
- Placed 100 mixed orchids
- Met with leadership of Kona Daifukuji and Kona Orchid Society re: mission & support of OIP
- Greenwell Coffee Farm, (Kona) with Kona Daifukuji Orchid Club, gave workshop to groundskeepers and mgmt. Provided 40 mixed

orchids for trees, 12 Spathoglottis, 10 Vanda Atherton, and materials.

- Kona Daifukuji Mission, donated Spathoglottis, Vanda Atherton (Miss Joaquim hybrids) for their Orchid Grotto
- Outrigger Kanaloa Resort, donated orchids, materials, and gave workshop
- Hulihe'e Palace, orchids and briefing with Kona Orchid Society
- West Hawaii Veterans Cemetery, KOS
- Donated Nobiles and Vandas to KDOC and KOS for their clubs
- Hospice of Hilo, Pohai Malama Facility, donated 4 trays and materials.
- Contacted Nani Mau Gardens Manager about upcoming Orchid Trail
- Contacted World Botanical Gardens and determined this is not a potentially fruitful site for OIP
- Tried to contact groundskeepers for Hilo Federal Post Office Building. It was determined it was going to be too difficult to get permission from the Feds for placement of orchids on federal property.

Publicity:

- Sent memo to OGA about OIP via Karen Kimmerle
- Numerous Articles and Photos by Hawaii Tribune Herald
- Creation and Sale of 2015 Orchid Calendar
- Creation of Handout on what to do when orchids are done blooming.
- Presentation to Hawaii County Council, Council proclaimed 2014 Year of Hawaii Island Orchid
- Proclamation by Mayor Kenoi of 2014 as the "Year of the Hawaii Island Orchid"
- Mayor Kenoi presented us with a photo op reading the Proclamation from his office.
- Sent memo to OGA about OIP via Karen Kimmerle for their awareness and support.
- Larry and Julie met with other societies' leaders to establish teaming for OIP
- Placed HOS brochures and business cards at Zoo, HTBG, etc.

History Uncovered:

- Through Carol Zakahi of KDOC, the person to introduce the first orchid to Hawaii was Col.
- L W Bryan, a territorial forester, in 1931. Vanda

Miss Joaquim, Singapore National Flower, was created by Miss Agnes Joaquim from species from Burma and Malaysia, 1891.

- Through Mr. Russell Oda, pictures were donated to HOS which were used to create a display at the 2014 Show & Sale depicting the early days of orchid culture and how the Big Island came to be nicknamed "The Orchid Isle".

Major Events:

- Presentation of 2014 HOS Show & Sale, sessions on placing orchids in trees and outdoors
- Created display at show on "Putting Orchids Back on the 'Orchid Isle'" with handouts
- Numerous Society presentations on placing orchids in nature and growing orchids successfully.
- Created and disseminated handouts on orchid culture
- Created and placed orchid photo banners in Downtown Hilo.
- Presented sale of many orchids from local growers

Monthly Events:

- HOS monthly meetings with displays, demos, and speakers
- Holiday Party, with opportunities to own high quality, low-cost plants
- September Picnic, same

Donations From:

- James Fong, regularly supplies orchids for tabletops in Imiloa Sky Garden Restaurant
- Winning Orchids, donated 600 Nobile dendrobiums
- Hawaii Hybrids, donated orchids for Downtown Hilo plantings
- Novelty Greens, donated spathoglottis ground orchids
- Newman Nurseries, donated six trays or mixed blooming orchids
- Larry Kadooka, donated 1,000 Miss Joaquim hybrids
- Julie Goettsch, donated moss, twine, fertilizer, and orchids for tree installations

Other:

- Created linkages, relationships, and OIP teamwork among all three "Orchid Isle" Orchid Societies

Works in Progress:

- Col. Bryan Monument to be moved to Kona Historical Society

Note: we have not contacted the County Parks and Rec because most County departments are still tied up with lava issues and Hurricane Iselle recovery efforts. County resources are already spread thin. Perhaps in 2015, starting with Liliuokalani Park. There is a brand new Director of Parks and Rec.

Aloha!

Julie Goettsch

Orchid Isle Project Needs Your Help

The Orchid Isle Project has a lot of items to do in 2015. We have volunteers for many of these, but many others are open (identified by blanks in the following list). That's where you can help! Many of these involve sites that have been identified as potential places where we could place orchids and/or places to be added to an Orchid Trail map for visitors, but we need people to help make contact with these places and see if they would be receptive to working with us.

To volunteer, call Julie Goettsch, 333-5989 or email juliegoettsch@gmail.com

- Presentation to Kona Orchid Society on growing orchids in nature, Larry
- ". " Kona Daifukuji, Larry
- History of "Orchid Isle " orchid culture at show(s)--possibly Julie
- Hilo Airport, a Contact Airport Mgr Greg Miyashiro, 936-9606 _____
- Kona Airport _____. KDOC and KOS
- Hilo Hawaiian, _____
- Mauna Lani. _____
- Orchid Trail, establish and add to existing tourist maps, _____
 - Pana'ewa Rainforest Zoo and Gardens, _____
 - Nani Mau Gardens, approach Manager Neil. (Hualien has spoken with him about OIP.)
 - Hawaii Tropical Botanical Gardens, Contact Exec. Dir. Dave Tan about OIP Orchid Trail, 964-5233, htb3@ilhawaii.net, _____

- One or more commercial growers (Akatsukas?) who are willing to support the societies and receive tourists, _____
- Kona Daifukuji Orchid Grotto, Julie work with KDOC
- Greenwell Coffee Farm, Julie.
- Akaka Falls? Contact Honomu Lions who are Friends of Akaka Falls State Park, Larry, Aimee, and Julie already made contact with Dean Takabayashi, Supervisor of State Parks on a Big Island, _____
- Fairmont Orchid Hotel _____
- Banyan Drive, work with County. _____
- Punaluu Bake Shop? Picnic Area
- Kona Historical Society, (to include Col. Bryan Monument), Julie
- Liliuokalani Gardens, see John Juscak for how to approach this. See HOS member KT Cannon-Eggers, 895-8130. (KT is Friend of the Park and chair of park milestone anniversary. _____)
- Hilo Bayfront Trail, Peter Kubota, Chair. (Julie sent introductory note. They aren't ready yet but welcome our help when it's time.)
- Volcano Art Center, Shelby
- Move Col. Bryan Monument, Julie and KDOC
- Classes at Volcano Art Center, Shelby
- Class at Home Depot, Recommend we drop this for now.
- More sessions at HBTG? Kamana? Library?
- Do a planting of terete vandas on Hilo Woman's Club grounds, Julie and Dana
- Presentations to a community Groups:
 - Puna Sunset a Rotary, 2/24/2015, Julie
- 2016 Calendar, Larry and Julie
- Orchid of the Month in Tribune-Herald, Julie, Larry, Ruth
- Annual HOS Show and Sale, Rick and HOS
- Annual Kona Daifukuji Show, Hunter Darling
- Annual KOS Show, Kathy Penwell
- Monthly HOS, KDOC, KOS meetings and presentations
- Replenish brochures/business cards at zoo, HTBG, and Nani Mau Gardens, _____

Aloha!

Julie

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