

Hilo Orchid Society Newsletter

April 2016

Next Meeting

Date: Sat., April 9, 2016
Time: **1:30-4:00**
Place: Kamana Senior Center,
127 Kamana St., Hilo
Topic: **Orchid Potting Demos**



Karen Kimmerle demonstrating how to repot a Vanda

Potting orchids is different from potting other plants, because orchids don't grow in dirt. It's not hard, but it's hard to describe. ("If the orchid is sympodial, place the leading edge of the rhizome with room for two years of growth." Huh?)

That's why we like to do potting demos, so you can actually see how it's done. In this case, a demo is worth a thousand words.

Ben Oliveros, Shelby Smith, and Leonard Gines will be our demonstrators at three separate stations so everyone gets a chance to see. They'll demonstrate repotting, dividing, mounting, and more, and they'll answer all your questions.

Even if you're an experienced grower, you may pick up a few tips. And if you're a beginner, this meeting will be invaluable. Don't miss it!

Please Pick Up Your Show Tickets

We're asking all HOS members to buy 15 tickets for the orchid show for \$3 each, and to sell or give them to friends and neighbors. Please pick up your packet of 15 tickets from Donna Barr at the April meeting – it saves us the cost of mailing them to you. The \$3 price is a bargain compared with \$5 at the door.

Sales of early discount tickets are a big part of the Show's financial success. Of course you're not obligated to purchase the 15 tickets, but if you can, it's a great way to help your Society.

Amateur Show Registration

We're encouraging non-commercial growers to create exhibits for our show. Exhibits can be mini-size (16" square), tabletop, or larger. There is no fee for exhibit space; in fact, you may be eligible for a subsidy to offset your exhibit costs. For more information, see the web page "Amateur Registration" under the Orchid Show menu on our web site www.hiloorchidsociety.org. Note that the completed registration form must be returned by May 2.

Newcomers Tour

We're holding another of our popular Newcomers Tours on April 23. This time it's two for one: newcomers get to visit two nearby growers to see two different ways to grow orchids. If you're a newcomer – you joined HOS in the last two years – but you didn't receive an invitation, please contact George Crosthwaite at drghc@hawaii.rr.com. Space is limited, so sign up now!

Show Committee

The Show Committee will meet on Weds. April 20 at 5:00 pm at the Kamana Senior Center, Room 2. If you'd like to help out with the show, please join us.

March Members' Choice Awards

Photos by Glory Garner



Left: Hobbyist 1st place: Unknown species, grown by Janice Williams

Right: Hobbyist 3rd place: *Ludisia discolor* 'Black Beauty', grown by Mildred Winans



Left: Hobbyist 2nd place: *Leptotes pohlitinocoi*, grown by Dana Culleney

Right: Commercial 1st place: *Blc.* Greenwich 'Elmhurst', grown by Karen Kimmerle



Left: Commercial 2nd place: *Paph. venustum* v. *album*, grown by Lehua Orchids

Right: Commercial 3rd place: Hybrid of *Lc.* Trick or Treat, grown by Karen Kimmerle

Note: Last month's Hobbyist 1st place winner should have been listed as Cindy Caldicott. We apologize for the error.



Left: *Paphiopedilum* Petula's Presence 'Lehua's Burgundy Beauty' AM/AOS, exhibited by Lehua Orchids
Right: *Cattleya intermedia* v. *orlata* 'Sweet Lips' HCC/AOS, exhibited by Orchid Eros



Paphiopedilum Paul Parks 'Newman's Twister' AM/AOS, exhibited by Newman's Nursery

What are AOS Awards?

The American Orchid Society maintains a judging program to encourage the growing and breeding of superior orchids. Orchids are judged at various judging centers around the country. We're lucky to have an AOS judging center right here in Hilo.

Judges do not just pick the flower they think is the prettiest. Orchids are judged based on a point system where points are awarded for various characteristics such as size and shape, up to a maximum of 100 points. This is intended to make judging less subjective, since the orchids are competing with orchids that are being judged in many different judging centers.

You can enter your orchids for AOS judging, but be aware that the judges are very tough. They have to be, because your orchid is competing with all other orchids in the U.S, so it has to be really good to win an AOS award.

Becoming an AOS judge involves acquiring a lot of knowledge about orchids, and it takes a minimum of 7 years, so it's a real commitment.

In Hilo, judging takes place right after our monthly meeting in another nearby room. If you're interested in observing the judging process, please see Karen Kimmerle. Observers are welcome, but please be respectful and don't talk or disrupt the judging process.

Carnival of Orchids



The 64th Annual Hilo Orchid Society Show and Sale, “Carnival of Orchids,” is coming! It’s the biggest and best orchid show in the state of Hawai’i. It will be back at the usual venue, Edith Kanaka’ole Stadium, but the dates are new: June 3-5. AOS and ribbon judging activities, as well as the Preview Party will kick off the event on Thursday, June 2. Then the show will open to the public, featuring dazzling displays of orchids and vendor booths. Show hours are:

Friday, June 3, 9 a.m. – 6 p.m.

Saturday, June 4, 9 a.m. – 5 p.m.

Sunday, June 5, 10 a.m. – 2 p.m.

June is not far away, and show preparations are already in full swing. Dana Culleney is working very hard as our Show Chair, and she has an experienced group of folks on the Show Committee helping to make the show a reality. Here’s what is going on:

Show Tickets. As always, members are encouraged to sell or give show tickets to friends and neighbors. The cost is \$3 if purchased prior to the show. Ticket prices at the door will be:

Adult - \$5

Child 12 or under - Free

Super pass good for 3 days - \$8

Judging. On Thursday, June 2, before the show is open to the public, events begin with AOS judging in the morning and ribbon judging in the afternoon. Karen Kimmerle will coordinate the AOS judging. John Juszczak will be in charge of ribbon and trophy

judging by HOS members. Teams of HOS volunteers lead by an experienced AOS judge or Society member award 1st, 2nd, and 3rd prizes (blue, red, and white ribbons) for dozens of categories as well as Best in Show trophies. This is a fun way for HOS members to learn more about orchids and the traits that make them outstanding.

Preview Party. Thursday night, 6 - 9 pm, the Preview Party gala will be held at the show site. Tickets are \$65. This event always sells out, so buy now! Make checks payable to Ku’ikahi Mediation Center. (See more information on page 6.)

HOS Display. Shelby Smith has kindly agreed to design the Hilo Orchid Society display again this year, and he needs our assistance to make it a success. It will communicate the “Carnival of Orchids” theme. If you have some nice-looking, disease-free and fire ant-free orchids in bloom at show time, please lend them to our display. You will get them back, of course, and you just might win a ribbon or a beautiful etched crystal vase trophy. Start fertilizing now and as spikes come up, stake them to be their most beautiful. Let’s all help Shelby create another award-winning masterpiece for the Hilo Orchid Society!

T-shirts and more for sale. Cindy Caldicott will have gorgeous, white or grey T-shirts, V-necks, crewnecks (grey only) and tanks with this year’s beautiful show logo available at the April HOS meeting for \$15. Also available will be dish towels

with the logo, \$10 each! Bring cash or check to the April HOS meeting to make your purchase, support our fabulous organization, and advertise the Show.

Food and Fun. Rayna Armour is again using her formidable creative energy to organize refreshments, entertainment, and the fashion show. There will be a variety of delicious, reasonably priced dishes from local sources for sale right inside the show, with tables and chairs where you can sit and eat. On Friday and Saturday at lunch time and in the late afternoon, there will be musical entertainment by talented Hawaiian performers. On Saturday, we will host a fashion show on stage by Wahine Toa Designs. Models will display new designs for men and women by acclaimed Hawaiian designer Nita Pilago. This fashion show and sale of items from the clothing line immediately after the show were enormously popular last year. Hana hou!

Keiki activities.

Friday June 3, 10-2: free face painting, done by Jan of Jan's Face Painting

Saturday June 4, 1-5: carnival popcorn for the keiki from Miura's Party Things

Sunday June 5th, 11-1: balloon animals made by Dwane Nishimori

Speakers. Pauline Brault has arranged for an excellent series of speakers and demonstrations to be presented by our most knowledgeable HOS members throughout the three days of the show. Topics will cover various types of orchids and how to grow them.

Silent Auction. Sheryl Rawson has generously agreed to organize the silent auction, where show attendees can bid on donated items to raise money for our scholarship fund. Quality donations are still being sought and accepted. Sheryl needs help with picking up donations after they have been offered. Also, she is looking for volunteers to watch the silent auction items in shifts of a couple of hours each day and help with checkout. Please email Sheryl at sherylhilo@gmail.com

HOS/Membership Table. Rick Kelley and Victoria Azuolas will organize our table where visitors can get questions answered and join our Society.

Will you help? Putting on a show means taking care of a myriad of tasks, as you can tell from the descriptions of activities above. In addition, volunteers are needed for setup, take down, front gate and daytime security. Our show can only

succeed because Society members have been generous enough to volunteer to help. It can be as little as a couple of hours of your time, and you will feel good that our show was a big hit because of you. Get involved and be a part of the Hilo Orchid Society's signature event!

Ruth Robison



Member of the Month Joe Bush



Joe Bush moved to the Big Island from Honolulu in 1986. He was a member of the Honolulu Orchid Society in the late 1970s to early 1980s and enjoys raising miniature orchids. Joe has been a member of the Hilo Orchid Society since 2012, and currently is its Corresponding Secretary. He has applied to the American Orchid Society Judging Center's Student Training Program. A retiree of Hawaiian Electric, Joe is active in his church, walks regularly through our bay front parks, and is an amateur scene and macro photographer.

Pauline Brault

Gala Preview Party is June 2



The 2016 benefit Preview Party kicks off HOS's 64th Orchid Show and Sale at the Edith Kanaka'ole Stadium. Held from 6:00 to 9:00 p.m. on Thursday, June 2, the gala event features refreshments, live music, and orchid viewing and pre-sales.

Libations include a selection of fine wines, plus beer 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. The non-profit community mediation center empowers people to come together—to talk and to listen, to explore options, and to find their own best solutions. To achieve this mission, Ku'ikahi offers mediation, facilitation, and training to strengthen the ability of diverse individuals and groups to resolve interpersonal conflicts and community issues.

Tickets are \$65, of which \$25 is tax deductible, and can be purchased at: Hilo Coffee Mill (17-995 Volcano Hwy.), Day-Lum Rentals (2 Kamehameha

Ave.), The Most Irresistible Shop (256 Kamehameha Ave.), and Ku'ikahi Mediation Center (The Hilo Lagoon Centre, 101 Aupuni St, Suite PH 1014 B-2). Or contact Jenifer at 935-7844 ext 1 or jenifer@hawaiimediation.org.

Julie Mitchell
Kuikahi Mediation Center

CALENDAR OF ORCHID EVENTS

All meetings are held at Kamana Senior Center, Hilo unless otherwise specified.

Apr. 9	1:30	HOS Meeting
	4:00	AOS Judging
Apr. 20	5:00	Show Committee meeting
Apr. 23		Newcomers Tour
May 14	1:30	HOS Meeting
	4:00	AOS Judging
May 18	5:00	Show Committee meeting

The following show events will be held at the Edith Kanaka'ole Stadium, Hilo

June 2	morning	AOS Judging
June 2	afternoon	Ribbon Judging
June 2	6:00-9:00	Preview Party
June 3	9:00-6:00	Hilo Orchid Show and Sale
June 4	9:00-5:00	Hilo Orchid Show and Sale
June 5	10:00-2:00	Hilo Orchid Show and Sale

Treasurer's Annual Financial Statement 2015 Financial Summary

FUNDS RECEIVED

HOS ORCHID SHOW FUNDS RECEIVED	\$41,435.97
SOCIETY FUNDS RECEIVED	
HOLIDAY PARTY	\$1,575.00
DUES/MEMBERSHIP	\$4,205.00
DONATIONS	\$765.00
INTEREST INCOME	\$15.24
PLANT SALES	<u>\$3,650.00</u>
TOTAL SOCIETY FUNDS RECEIVED	<u>\$10,210.24</u>
TOTAL FUNDS RECEIVED	\$51,646.21

FUNDS PAID OUT

TOTAL ORCHID SHOW COST	\$27,359.38
SOCIETY OPERATING COSTS	
HOLIDAY PARTY	\$2,719.35
INSURANCE	\$1,084.75
SCHOLARSHIPS	\$5,500.00
MEETING SUPPLIES	\$1,068.86
SOCIETY OPERATING COSTS	\$2,590.18
PHOTO AWARD	\$1,451.68
PLANT COSTS	\$1,470.00
POSTAGE AND DELIVERY	\$199.43
SPEAKER COSTS	\$3,450.37
OCA CONTRIBUTION	\$1,000.00
STORAGE UNIT RENTAL	\$1,739.55
GE TAXES PAID	<u>\$1,869.38</u>
TOTAL SOCIETY OPERATING COSTS	<u>\$24,143.55</u>
2015 TOTAL FUNDS PAID OUT	\$51,502.93

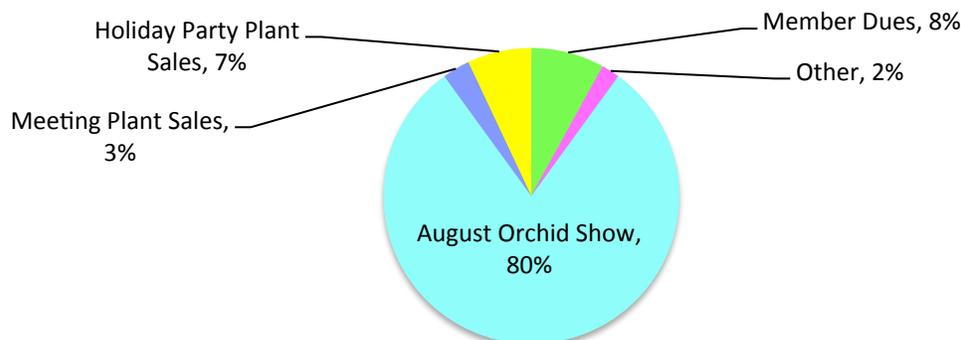
ASSETS

CHECKING / SAVINGS	
CD TROPHY ACCOUNT	\$4,890.23
CHECKING ACCOUNTS	\$26,799.01
SCHOLARSHIP RESERVE	\$16,031.36
SAVINGS ACCOUNT	<u>\$34,960.46</u>
TOTAL CHECKING/SAVINGS	<u>\$82,681.06</u>
TOTAL ASSETS	\$82,681.06

LIABILITIES & EQUITY

LIABILITIES	
ACCOUNTS PAYABLE	<u>\$0.00</u>
TOTAL LIABILITIES	\$0.00
TOTAL EQUITY	\$82,681.06
TOTAL LIABILITIES & EQUITY	\$82,681.06

Sources of Revenues



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