

Hilo Orchid Society

Newsletter

July 2016

Note change in meeting place

Next Meeting

Date: Sat., July 9, 2016

Time: **1:30-4:00**

Place: Kamana Senior Center,
127 Kamana St., Hilo
Lanai (Picnic table area)

Program: Potluck Picnic and Auction

July won't be a regular meeting. Instead, we're having a picnic, and you're all invited! The location has changed from last year. We're not meeting in the park. Rather, we're meeting in our usual place, Kamana Senior Center, but on the lanai or picnic table area, not in the meeting room.

There's no official program – just eating, talking story, and having fun! 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, but you are also welcome to bring wine or beer.

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! We're having a silent auction of some beautiful orchids donated by our generous show vendors. So bring your wallet or checkbook, bring your potluck dish, and we'll see you there!



Daifukuji Orchid Show

The Kona Daifukuji Orchid Club is holding their annual orchid show and sale on Sunday, July 17 from 8:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. at the Daifukuji Soto Mission in Kealakekua. Admission is free. For directions, see www.daifukuji.org/map.html.

What a Great Show!

Once more, with the help of all of you who volunteered, we pulled off the largest orchid show in the state of Hawaii, and it was an unqualified success. Over 4,300 people attended, including many parents with children.

The show theme "Carnival of Orchids" inspired the exhibitors to create some fantastic displays. The first thing that visitors entering the stadium saw was the HOS exhibit, another masterful design by Shelby Smith. It was shaped like an abstracted tent and 15-foot-tall Ferris wheel, but made so that visitors could walk through it and see the orchids up close. Carmela Orchids won the trophy for best use of show theme for their exhibit, which included a very real carnival tent and games for the keikis.

And then there was the jaw-dropping exhibit by Newman's Nursery, designed by Matthias Seelis of Shogun Hawaii. It had towers with arms holding up platforms, covered with color-changing LED lights, like a carnival ride but with orchids as the riders, with reflecting pools on either side. The whole exhibit was covered with hundreds if not thousands of orchids. It was the talk of the show.

Not all the exhibits were large. This year we had 16 of the popular miniature displays. Each featuring a different design, they proved that small exhibits can be big in artistic creativity.

Of course, visitors could buy orchids as well as look at them. There were 42 vendors of orchids and crafts. Visitors could relax in the food court and view demonstrations about how to grow orchids, hear live concerts by local musicians, and see the ever-popular fashion show by Wahine Toa Designs.

And since the show theme was "Carnival of Orchids", the keiki were not forgotten. On Friday we had free face-painting for children of all ages; on Saturday free popcorn, and on Sunday free balloon animals.

See page 4 for some photos from the show. Congratulations to all involved!



Phalaenopsis cornu-cervi 'Eugene' CCM/AOS, exhibited by OrchidWorks



Left: *Dendrobium roslii* (syn. *terengganuensis*) 'Hairy Canary' CHM/AOS, exhibited by Hilo Orchid Farm



Right: *Phalaenopsis cornu-cervi* f. *chattaladae* 'Uncle Elgie' CCM/AOS, exhibited by OrchidWorks

June AOS Awards (continued)

Photos by Glen Barfield



Left: (*Slc. Firelighter* x *Cattleya walkeriana*) 'Orchid Eros' AM/AOS, exhibited by Orchid Eros
Right: *Cattleya harrisoniana* 'Next Generation Splash' AM/AOS, exhibited by Orchid Eros



Left: *Dracula woolwardiae* 'Jungle Mist' AM/AOS, exhibited by Jungle Mist Orchids
Center: *Laelia ghillanyi* 'Butter Cream' AM/AOS, exhibited by Orchid Eros
Right: *Cyrtocidium* Midnight 'Dantesque' JC/AOS, exhibited by Mauna Kea Orchids



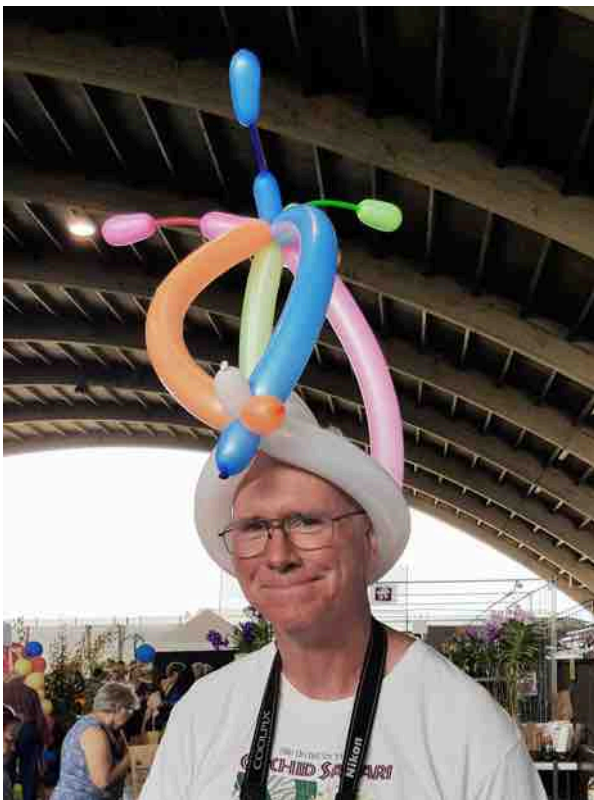
Left: *Dendrobium unicum* 'Tangerine Feast' AM/AOS, exhibited by Hilo Orchid Farm
Right: *Paphiopedilum* Captivatingly Wood 'Lehua's Sneakiness 99' HCC/AOS, exhibited by Lehua Orchids

Photos From the Show

Here are just a few pictures from the fantastic show. We have created a photo gallery with many more pictures online, with photos by Rick Kelley, Dana Culleney, Elizabeth Hansen, Shelby Smith, and Larry Kuekes. You'll find it on our website www.hiloorchidsociety.org under the Galleries menu.



Left: Show chair Dana Culleney and Shelby Smith by the HOS exhibit that Shelby designed and built. Photo by Rick Kelley.
Right: Pauline Brault was the first winner of the Sandra Song trophy for best specimen plant. Photo by Rick Kelley.



Left: Rick Kelley in his balloon hat. Photo by Dana Culleney.
Right: Silent Auction volunteers Rod Thompson, Jan Meli, Barbara Heintz and Ruth Robison. Photo by Larry Kuekes.

Members of the Month George & Gail Crosthwaite



After building a new home in Papaikou, the Crosthwaites retired in 2012 after living five years in northern California and seven years in Washington State. They are really not new to Hawaii though. Gail is a local girl growing up right here in Hilo, and they lived on Oahu for twelve years before moving to the mainland. George and Gail share their new home with Elliott and Lilly, their very special golden retrievers (both rescue dogs looking for steady food, affection and a roof over their heads.) They have one acre of terraced landscaping which keeps them busy and of course there is all the other stuff around the house.

George was a pediatric dentist who spent the last several years of his professional life as a consultant and executive with several private and public health organizations in Hawaii and California. Gail retired after 40 years as an educator and clinical occupational therapist, most recently at Harrison Hospital in Bremerton, Washington. Retirement was pretty easy for George since he kept busy doing some volunteer work and home remodeling. Now he has time to read a lot and attend to his orchids and bonsai collection. Gail has gotten involved with lau hala weaving, sewing, card making, AAUW Book Club and exercise classes to name a few. And of course there are the grandkids.

Their children live in Pearl City, San Francisco and Dubai. It's always fun to visit them and see how incredibly fast the grandchildren are growing.

George and Gail enjoy traveling and have been fortunate enough to have visited every continent except Australia, although the Great Barrier Reef is on the list. When asked, they have had several favorite trips but perhaps the one that stands out was a camping safari in Botswana. For the most part Gail goes for the shopping and George is in it for the coffee shops and the people watching. They say the best state to visit probably would be Alaska and best country may be Canada or France.

George first got interested in growing orchids on Oahu about 25 years ago. When they moved to California he took several with him. Having no suitable place to grow them they did not last long. Now he has a modest shade house and a collection of about one hundred and fifty of various hybrids and species. They both enjoy being involved in the orchid society. They currently help out with refreshments at the meetings and the newcomer site visits, as well as helping with the annual orchid show.

Pauline Brault

Christmas In July Sale

Get a jump-start on your holiday shopping at The OrchidWorks Christmas in July sale, Saturday July 23 from 9 am to 2 pm at The OrchidWorks, 29-3800 Mamalahoa Hwy, Hakalau.

Orchids from plugs to blooming plants are for sale including Bulbophyllums, Cattleyas, Dendrobiums, Paphiopedilums, Phalaenopsis, Phragmipediums, Oncidiums, and species. They will also have some surprise vendors from the orchid show.

Directions from Hilo: Go north on Rt. 19 past mile marker 14. 1/4 mile after crossing the Kole Kole bridge, there is an intersection sign; turn right at the next driveway.

For more information, call 963-6233.

CALENDAR OF ORCHID EVENTS

The following events are held at Kamana Senior Center, Hilo unless specified otherwise

July 9	1:30	HOS Annual Picnic and Auction
	4:00	AOS Judging
July 17	8 am-2 pm	Kona Daifukuji Orchid Club Show, Daifukuji Soto Mission, Kealakekua
July 23	9 am-2 pm	The OrchidWorks Christmas in July sale, Hakalau
Aug. 13	1:30	HOS Meeting
	4:00	AOS Judging

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