

# Hilo Orchid Society Newsletter

August 2016

## Next Meeting

Date: Sat., August 13, 2016  
Time: **1:30-4:00**  
Place: Kamana Senior Center,  
127 Kamana St., Hilo  
Speaker: Alan Koch  
Topic: The Brazilian Cattleya Alliance

So you couldn't go to Brazil for the Olympics? No problem: this month Brazil is coming to us. Alan Koch from Gold Country Orchids in California will talk about some of the gorgeous orchids that come from Brazil, specifically the Cattleyas and their relatives. He'll cover where they grow in the wild (hint: it's not in the Amazon jungle) and how to use that information to grow them well here.

Alan started growing orchids in 1969 with three Cymbidiums given to him by an aunt. He now owns Gold Country Orchids, in the foothills of the Sierras, where he specializes in breeding miniature Cattleyas. He is an AOS judge and has been an AOS Trustee and a director of Orchid Digest.



Alan is offering a 20% discount to HOS members who pre-order plants that Alan will bring to the meeting. But **you must order by Aug. 8**. Visit his website [www.goldcountryorchids.com](http://www.goldcountryorchids.com) to see what's for sale. In addition, he sent us a list of limited availability orchids to order (see last Saturday's email for the list).

It's best to order by email. Send your order to [gcorchids@aol.com](mailto:gcorchids@aol.com). You can pay at the meeting with cash or check. Or you can pay by credit card if you phone in your order to (916) 645-8600. In either case, make sure to mention the 20% discount and

that this order will be picked up at the Hilo Orchid Society meeting.

You can also order via the website, but the orchids on the "limited availability" list cannot be ordered through the website. On the website, enter discount code GCOD (in capital letters), select Delivery to Society as the shipping method (otherwise you'll be charged for shipping) and write "Hilo Orchid Society" in the comments field.

## Orchid Sale at the Mall

Eight of our commercial growers are putting on an orchid sale at the Prince Kuhio Plaza in Hilo on Friday Aug 5 and Saturday Aug 6.

Orchids will be offered by Carmela Orchids, Orchid Eros, Chitose Hawaii, Island Sun Orchids, Hawaii Hybrids, The OrchidWorks, OrchidPeople, and Shogun Hawaii. In addition, HOS will have tables there to publicize our Society and answer people's questions about growing orchids.

Admission is free and the sale is open all day Friday and Saturday, so take advantage of this opportunity to see the fabulous variety of orchids grown by commercial growers on this island and to increase your collection.



## July Picnic

If you missed our annual potluck picnic, held in lieu of a July meeting, you missed a good time. There were tables full of delicious food, as well as tables full of orchids donated by vendors at the orchid show that were auctioned off by silent auction.

Mahalo to Carmela Orchids, Hawaii Hybrids, Shogun Hawaii and James McCully for donating orchids for the silent auction, and mahalo to The OrchidWorks for caring for the donated plants between the show and the July picnic.



Plc. Taida Eagle Eye 'White Angel' FCC/AOS, exhibited by Shogun Hawaii



Left: *Epidendrum longirepens* 'Kaz Mans' CCE/AOS, exhibited by Peter Wiggin

Right: *Epidendrum longirepens* 'Kaz Mans' CCE/AOS, close-up of the flowers

All the awarded plants are great, but two deserve special comment. This month we have two rarely given awards, an FCC/AOS and a CCE/AOS. FCC (first class certificate) is the highest award for flower quality, given to a plant that scored 90 or more points on a scale of 100. CCE (certificate of cultural excellence) is the highest award for culture, given to the grower, not the plant, for a plant that scored 90 or more points. Congratulations to Matthias Seelis and Peter Wiggin for these well-deserved awards!

## July AOS Awards (continued)

Photos by Glen Barfield



Above left: *Paph. superbiens* Hilo Magic AM/AOS, exhibited by Hilo Orchid Farm

Above center: *Paph. superbiens* 'Perfect Balance' AM/AOS, exhibited by Hilo Orchid Farm

Above right: *Paph. Shen-Liu Prei* 'Hilo Hapa' HCC/AOS, exhibited by Hilo Orchid Farm

Right: *Cattleya* Tai Rose 'Aloha Makuu' AM/AOS, exhibited by Gines Orchids



Below left: *Rlc.* Pamela Ann Oliveros 'Georgia Peach' HCC/AOS, exhibited by Orchid Eros

Right: *Rlc.* Pamela Ann Oliveros 'The Byrd' HCC/AOS, exhibited by Orchid Eros





Left: Grand Champion *Cattleya leopoldii* 'Paul AM/AOS. Photo by Dana Culleney.

Right: Reserve Champion *Vanda Adisak* 'Blue'. Photo by Rick Kelley.

## Champion Orchids

This year our annual show had a completely new mix of flowers because the date had been moved up two months. Besides new varieties, there were far more total flowers than last year because we had over twice the square footage of floor space devoted to exhibits compared to the 2015 show in the Civic Auditorium. The judges had a huge challenge to examine so many thousands of spectacular plants and recognize the best of the best with our top two awards. This job fell to our own members who volunteered to serve as ribbon judges. After a long afternoon of work, they presented *Cattleya leopoldii* 'Paul' AM/AOS displayed by Orchid Eros (Ben Oliveros) with the Yasuji Takasaki Grand Champion trophy. This is Ben's second grand champion in recent years and he also won reserve champion in 2013. *Vanda Adisak* 'Blue' displayed by Island Sun Orchids (Karen Kimmerle) took home the Florence Kodama Reserve Champion trophy this year. We would like to thank long time show sponsor James Fang of Hilo Orchid Farm for generously contributing the cash award that accompanies these trophies. Grand Champion wins \$300 and Reserve Champion receives \$200.

Rick Kelley

## Orchid Isle Project

Our Orchid Isle project aims to make this island deserve its nickname, the Orchid Isle, by placing orchids where visitors and residents can see and enjoy them. Lately, the project has been busy in West Hawaii with the help of the Kona Daifukuji Orchid Club. But there's still lots to do in East Hawaii. If you have ideas for places we could put orchids, whether public spots or in conjunction with businesses, or you'd like to get involved in the project, please contact project chair Julie Goettsch. You can call her at 333-5989 or email her at [juliegoettsch@gmail.com](mailto:juliegoettsch@gmail.com).



## Where Are They Now?

Julie Goettsch recently heard from Jade Miyashiro, one of our scholarship winners in 2012. She reports that she has finished school and is now working with the Big Island Invasive Species Committee to help teach people how to combat little fire ants. We're pleased that she's doing something to make a difference!



Jed Akao flanked by Scholarship Committee members (from left) Barbara Heintz, Linda Damas, Ruth Robison and Sonia Juvik.

## Scholarship Winner

The Scholarship Committee has announced and the Board of Trustees has approved the award our Hilo Orchid Society Yasuji Takasaki Memorial Scholarship for 2016-2017 to Jed Akao.

Jed is a senior at University of Hawaii at Hilo in the College of Agriculture, Forestry and Natural Resource Management, specializing in Tropical Plant Sciences and Agroecology. His mother's family are ranchers in Waimea and his father's family are coffee farmers in Kealahou.

He worked as a research assistant in pathology and genetics under Dr. Susan Miyasaka at the Komohana Research Extension and was a student in Dr. Michael Tanabe's tissue culture class. After those experiences he says, "I can definitely envision

myself working on or directly with those in the orchid/floriculture industry."

This fall he will be going on National Student Exchange to Chico State in California, returning to Hilo in the spring. After college, he is considering a Master's degree program in plant science.

## CALENDAR OF ORCHID EVENTS

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

Aug. 5-6	All day	Orchid sale at Prince Kuhio Mall, Hilo
Aug. 13	1:30	HOS Meeting
	4:00	AOS Judging
Sept. 10	1:30	HOS Meeting
	4:00	AOS Judging
Oct. 8	1:30	HOS Meeting
	4:00	AOS Judging

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