

Hilo Orchid Society Newsletter

December 2016

Note: In lieu of a December meeting, we're holding our annual Holiday Party. The deadline for reservations is past – sorry, we can't take any more!

Date: Sat., December 10, 2016
Time: **11:00** Doors open to talk story
12:00 Luncheon buffet
Place: Nani Mau Gardens
421 Makalika St., Hilo
Program: Holiday Party and Auction



Holiday Party and Auction

There will be no regular meeting in December. Instead, we're holding our annual Holiday Party and Auction on Saturday, Dec. 10 at Nani Mau Gardens. Only those who signed up and paid in advance can be admitted. Sorry!

The event features a social hour and sumptuous buffet lunch at the scenic Nani Mau Gardens, providing a chance to get together with old friends and maybe make some new ones. Then comes the auction, an opportunity to obtain top-quality donated orchid plants at bargain prices and benefit your Society at the same time. This event is not open to the public, but is open to Hilo Orchid Society members and their guests by reservation only.

For those who signed up, doors will open at 11:00 a.m. to enjoy beverages and talk story, followed by the installation of officers at 11:45. Lunch will be served at 12:00, followed by the orchid auction at about 1:00.

For a map and directions to Nani Mau Gardens, see page 5.

Orchid Workshop at Volcano Art Center



On October 15, Shelby Smith, Ben Oliveros and Larry Kuekes conducted an Orchid Workshop at the Volcano Art Center. Larry gave a presentation on Orchids Around the World, Ben talked about orchid culture, and Shelby led a hands-on potting demonstration (photo above).

Fall Nursery Tour



On October 29, HOS members got to visit and buy orchids at three local nurseries: The OrchidWorks, Carmela Orchids, and Hawaii Hybrids. Above, at The OrchidWorks, Ken Armour shows part of the group some of the Phalaenopsis species that are behind thousands of Phalaenopsis hybrids.

November Members Choice Awards

Photos by Larry Kuekes



Left: Hobbyist 1st place: *Potinara* Marlene Lundquist 'Orange Delight', grown by Pauline Brault
Right: Hobbyist 2nd place: *Bulbophyllum laxiflorum*, grown by Jeff Fendenz



Left: Hobbyist 3rd place: *Bulbophyllum* Jersey 'Okika', grown by Glory Kirkland
Right: Commercial 1st place: *Stanhopea graveolens*, grown by Malika Orchids



Left: Commercial 2nd place: *Habenaria* Regnieri, grown by Karen Kimmerle
Right: Commercial 3rd place: *Habenaria rhodocheila*, grown by Karen Kimmerle

November AOS Awards

Photos by Glen Barfield



Above: *Stanhopea graveolens* "The OrchidWorks" AM/AOS, grown by The OrchidWorks.



Right top: *Paph.* Royal Eagle 'Perfection' AM/AOS, grown by Hilo Orchid Farm



Right middle: *Paph.* Iantha Stage 'Triple Gem Lehua' AM/AOS, grown by Lehua Orchids

Right bottom: *Paph.* Excitingly Wood 'Flirtateously Laura Lehua' HCC/AOS, grown by Lehua Orchids



Below left: *Paph* Willow Crest 'Holiday Season' HCC/AOS, grown by Hilo Orchid Farm

Below center: *Paph.* Hawaiian Pleasure 'Lehua's Joyous Splendor' HCC/AOS, grown by Lehua Orchids

Below right: *Paph.* Hawaiian Illusion 'Wowie Lehua' HCC/AOS, grown by Lehua Orchids



HOS Supports Conservation



As an organization, one of our goals is to support orchid conservation. This has become critically important as native habitat for tropical orchids is disappearing at an alarming rate as forests are cleared for farming and palm oil plantations.

We believe that the most effective way for us to support conservation is to support organizations such as the Orchid Conservation Alliance (OCA) that are doing something practical to protect threatened species. OCA purchases threatened orchid habitat to be set aside as protected reserves, safe from

development. To date they have created or expanded reserves in Ecuador, Brazil and Colombia, and they are considering other projects worldwide.

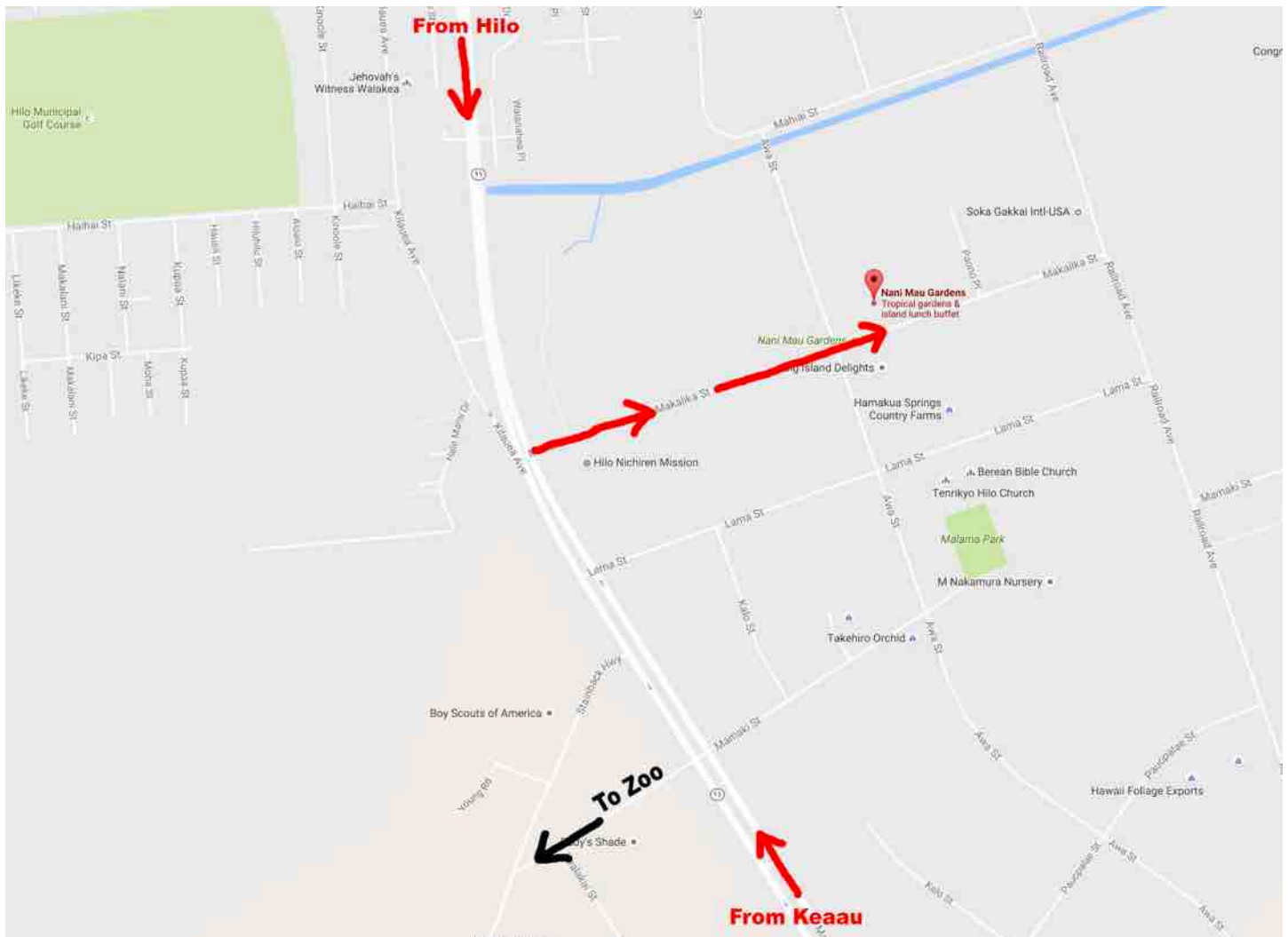
Our Board approved a \$1000 donation to OCA to promote orchid conservation. At the November meeting, longtime OCA member and orchid conservation advocate Pauline Brault accepted our check for \$1000 on behalf of the Orchid Conservation Alliance from President Rick Kelley.

For more information on OCA, see www.orchidconservationalliance.org

Directions to Nani Mau Gardens

From Hilo: Take Route 11 South towards Keaau. After the speed limit increases to 55 mph, take the first left turn onto Makalika St. If you reach the turn for the Hilo zoo, you've gone too far. Head down Makalika St. for about half a mile. Nani Mau Gardens is on the left.

From Keaau: Take Route 11 North towards Hilo. Turn right on Makalika St, which is the second right after mile marker 4 (also the second right after the turn for the zoo). Head down Makalika St. for about half a mile. Nani Mau Gardens is on the left.



Calendar of Orchid Events

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

Dec. 3	1:00	AOS Judging
Dec. 10	11:00-3:00	Holiday lunch and auction at Nani Mau Gardens
Jan. 14	1:30	HOS Meeting
	4:00	AOS Judging

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