Next Meeting
Date: Sat., February 11, 2017
Time: 1:30-4:00
Place: Kamana Senior Center, 127 Kamana St., Hilo
Speaker: Larry Kuekes
Topic: What’s In a Name, or How To Read An Orchid Label

Beginners may not pay attention to the labels in their orchid pots. They may even throw the labels away! Or they may be put off by strange abbreviations and incomprehensible Latin names. But your orchid labels can tell you a lot. This month, Larry Kuekes will explain all for beginners, along with a few digressions for more experienced growers, like what happens if you mispronounce those Latin names (the horror!)

Larry started growing orchids on his windowsills in Connecticut in 1984. He concentrated on cool and intermediate growing orchids, and served as President of the Connecticut Orchid Society. In 2010 he retired and moved to Hilo, where he started a small but diverse collection of mostly warm-growing orchids in a shade house near sea level. Although he grows some hybrids, he’s a self-described “species nut”.

Larry was President of the Hilo Orchid Society from 2014-2015 and currently serves on the Board of Trustees and is our newsletter editor and webmaster.

Want to find out about the Latin Pronunciation Police? Don’t miss this meeting!

Dues Are Due
Your membership dues for 2017 are due. New members who joined at last year's orchid show or in September or later are considered paid through 2017. Dues are still only $20 for individual membership or $25 for family membership.

If you haven’t already paid, please fill out the form on page 7 and mail it in with your payment (address is on the form), or you can pay at the meeting. Thanks!

There Really IS a Free Lunch
The HOS Board announced two contests for members to win free tickets to the 2017 Holiday party in December. The first contest is to encourage hobbyist members to bring in their blooming orchids for our Show Table. The hobbyist who brings the most orchids for the show table from now until October will win a pair of Holiday Party tickets ($50 value). Be sure your name is on the plant tags so you are credited properly.

The only rules are that the orchids you bring must be in bloom, and they must be free of pests such as scale and little fire ants (we don’t want to spread pests). Winner will be announced in November.

Photo Contest
Are all your orchids attached to trees? Do your orchids avoid blooming on the second Saturday of the month? Our second contest is for you. Photograph your blooming orchids at their peak and then email your high-resolution photos to Larry Kuekes at lkuekes@me.com. There is no limit on how many photos each member may submit. In addition, Larry may select some of these photos for the Orchid Isle 2018 and 2019 calendars. All submitted photos will be considered for the contest. For the calendar selection, only photos in landscape (continued on page 2)
Photo Contest (continued)

orientation can be used, and preference will be given to photos of orchids growing in trees. Photos must be your originals. No cheating by submitting someone else’s photo! One of our monthly speakers later this year will provide advice on creating great orchid photos. Maybe some of those pointers will help you win!

In addition to possibly being used for the calendar, the winning photographer will receive a pair of tickets to our annual Holiday Party in December ($50 value). Winner will be announced in November.

Scholarship Recipient Welcomed

Jed Akao, one of our scholarship recipients, was presented to our members at the January meeting. Jed was awarded a scholarship starting in the fall 2016 term, but he spent that term as an exchange student at Chico State in California, so this was his first chance to meet us. Jed’s scholarship continues with his senior year spring term at University of Hawaii at Hilo.

Ruth Robison presented Jed to the members, Jed made a short address thanking us for the scholarship, and Barbara Heintz presented him with a lei (see photo).
January Members Choice

Left: Hobbyist 1st place: *Mediocarcar decoratum*, grown by Sherry Partlow
Right: Hobbyist 2nd place: *Phragmipedium longifolium f. gracile*, grown by Janice Williams

Left: Hobbyist 3rd place: *Dendrochilum wenzelii*, grown by Dana Culleney
Right: Commercial 1st place: *Rhynchostylus gigantea* orange, grown by Karen Kimmerle

Left: Commercial 2nd place: *Angraecum leonis*, grown by Karen Kimmerle
Right: Commercial 3rd place: (*Ascda. Blue Key x Vanda coerulea) x Vanda Rothschildiana*, grown by Karen Kimmerle
January AOS Awards

Photos by Glen Barfield

Left: *Paph. Shun-Fa Golden ‘HOF A380’* FCC/AOS, grown by Hilo Orchid Farm
Right: *Bulbophyllum lasiochilum f. album ‘For Pete and Lottie’* CHM/AOS, grown by Orchid Fix

Left: *Paph. Astonishingly Wood ‘Lehua With Thanks’* AM/AOS, grown by Lehua Orchids
Right: *Paph. Cascading Henry ‘Lenua’s Purple Schnoz’* AM/AOS, grown by Lehua Orchids

Left: *Paph. venustum f. measuresianum ‘Antidisestablishmentarianism Green’* AM/AOS, grown by Orchid Fix
Right: *Paph. (Crazy Horse x Emerald Lake) ‘Saturn’s Orbit’* HCC/AOS, grown by Hilo Orchid Farm
Left: *Paph.* (Pacific Shamrock x Emerald Lake) ‘Jackpot’ HCC/AOS, grown by Hilo Orchid Farm  
Right: *Paph.* Jaeger ‘Spotted Trouble’ HCC/AOS, grown by Hilo Orchid Farm

Left: *Paph.* Jolly Mele ‘Fall Abounds Lehua’ HCC/AOS, grown by Lehua Orchids  
Right: *Paph.* Millenium Dream ‘Clean Spots’ HCC/AOS, grown by Hilo Orchid Farm

Left: *Paph.* Orange Peel ‘Spring Time’ HCC/AOS, grown by Hilo Orchid Farm  
Right: *Paph.* Pink Fantasia ‘Lehua’s Denver Diva’ HCC/AIS, grown by Lehua Orchids
Orchid Isle Project Report

Julie Goettsch submitted this report on what our Orchid Isle Project did in 2016, centered largely on the Kona side of the island, with the collaboration of the Kona Daifukuji Orchid Club:

Happy New Year Folks!

Recently I delivered another carload of mixed orchids for the Buddha’s Cup Coffee Farm Visitors’ Center. If you are out for a ride, I highly recommend a visit there. It is high above Holualoa in the rain forest next to the forest reserve. It is just gorgeous there, complete with an incredible view of the Kona Coast and award-winning delicious coffee! Sarah Fogelstrom, Past President of the Kona Daifukuji Orchid Club, initiated this project and with the help of club members continues to create a real “Orchid Oasis”!

And here's a report from Joyce Hancock about continuing work on other projects:

“Betty & I got the orchids (that Julie delivered) planted also at Greenwell’s Coffee Farm & the hospital. I had left other cymbidiums (to be divided) so those went in at Greenwell’s as well. Everyone was so happy to have more orchids, the CEO at the hospital was so grateful he came back with complimentary hospital umbrellas for us. When I get back, I would like to do more with the landscaping at the coffee museum, add more orchids & maybe work in some other plants to compliment the orchids & attack the nobile dendrobium planter that needs thinning.”

I am so pleased and thrilled with all the wonderful work Sarah, Joyce, Betty, and the Daifukuji folks have been doing! We need to give them a huge pat on the back!

Julie Goettsch

Calendar of Orchid Events

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

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HILO ORCHID SOCIETY MEMBERSHIP RENEWAL FORM

Please print this form, fill it out, and mail with your dues payment to:
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Dues are $20 for individual membership, $25 for family membership.

Please print clearly:
Name: ____________________________________________________________
Address: _________________________________________________________
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Check one:
☐ Individual membership ($20)
☐ Family membership ($25)

Check one:
☐ I grant permission to publish this information in the Hilo Orchid Society Directory.
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Signature: __________________________________________________________

Optional:
Are you interested in volunteering to help with any of the following activities? Check as many as you like.
☐ Monthly meetings
☐ Annual Orchid Show
☐ Orchid Isle Project (mounting orchids on trees in public spaces)
☐ Orchids at the Zoo
☐ Serving as an officer
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