

Hilo Orchid Society Newsletter

March 2017

Next Meeting

Date: Sat., March 11, 2017
Time: **1:30-4:00**
Place: Kamana Senior Center,
127 Kamana St., Hilo
Speaker: Paul Storm
Topic: Schombo Sex 102

Paul Storm has been called “Mr. Schomburgkia”. Following a move to Sarasota, Florida, Paul purchased a division of *Schomburgkia tibicinis* at an orchid sale. That was the beginning of an obsession for Schomburgkias and their hybrids – the world of “schombo-love”!

Paul and his wife Mary now have the largest and most diverse collection of this group of orchids and their hybrids in the world at their Sarasota nursery with the Hawaiian name Meke Aloha Orchids.



Schomburgkia was a genus in the Cattleya alliance that has since been renamed, some species becoming Laelias and others Myrmecophilas. But even though they were renamed, the former Schomburgkias still look quite distinctive, having long flower stems (sometimes several feet long!) topped by clusters of flowers with attractive wavy-edged sepals and petals.

Paul does not take credit cards, so if you want to buy orchids from him, be sure to bring cash or checks.

Some time ago Paul spread the love to HOS with his “Schombo Love 101” talk. This month we get the sequel, “Schombo Sex 102”. If that sounds intriguing, don’t miss this meeting!

Last Chance To Pay Dues

If you don't renew your membership by the end of this month, we have to drop you from our membership. Please don't make us do that! If you haven't already renewed, please fill out the form on page 5 and mail it in with your payment, or you can pay at the meeting. Thanks!

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.

Show Committee

The Show Committee will meet on Weds. Mar. 15 at 5:30 pm at the Kamana Senior Center. If you'd like to help out with the show, please join us.

HOS Display Help Wanted

Shelby Smith needs volunteers to help assemble the HOS display for our June show. You can help him on Sun. Apr. 9 and Sat. Apr. 15 at Shelby's house. Please sign up at the meeting or email Shelby at skelatenphish@yahoo.com.

New Photo Gallery

Go to our website www.hiloorchidsociety.org and check out our new gallery of photos submitted for our Photo Contest (in the Galleries menu). We're not listing the photographers' names with the photos so the contest judging will be impartial. To submit your photos for the contest, email them to Larry Kuekes at lkuekes@me.com.

And don't forget our other contest for the person who brings the most orchids in to our Show Table. Winners of each contest will win two tickets to the Holiday Party/Auction.

We're Giving Away Money

Do you know a student at University of Hawaii at Hilo? Tell them to check out the scholarship page on our website www.hiloorchidsociety.org to see if they're eligible for our 2017-2018 scholarships.

February Members Choice

Photos by Glory Garner



Above left: Hobbyist 1st place: *Paph. Chiu Hua Dancer*, grown by Janice Williams

Above right: Commercial 1st place: *Dendrobium (finisterre x polysema)*, grown by Karen Kimmerle

Right: Commercial 2nd place: *Dendrobium farmeri*, grown by Karen Kimmerle

Below left: Hobbyist 2nd place: *Dendrobium spectabile*, grown by Julie Goettsch

Below center: Hobbyist 3rd place: *Schoenorchis gemmata*, grown by Glory Kirkland

Below right: Commercial 3rd place: *Maxillaria endresii*, grown by Karen Kimmerle



February AOS Awards

Photos by Glen Barfield



Above left: *Paph. fowlei* f. *christiana* 'Mrs. Song II Lehua' AM/AOS, grown by Lehua Orchids

Above right: *Paph.* Mem. Gordon Peters 'Strikingly Lehua' AM/AOS, grown by Lehua Orchids

Right: *Paph.* Blushing Petula 'Lehua Sepal Spendor' HCC/AOS, grown by Lehua Orchids

Below left: *Paph.* Chiu Hua Dancer 'Craig David' HCC/AOS, grown by Janice Williams

Below center: *Paph.* Chiu Hua Dancer 'Grandma's Great Joy' HCC/AOS, grown by The Orchid Fix

Below right: *Paph.* Chiu Hua Dancer 'Grandpa's Hula Hoops' HCC/AOS, grown by The OrchidFix



Scholarship Recipient Welcomed



Ruth Robison presents a lei to Edward Bufil as Scholarship Committee chair Shelly Nowaki looks on.

This month Ruth Robison introduced our second scholarship recipient, Edward Bufil, to the membership, after which Edward said a few words. Edward is a senior at UH Hilo majoring in Agriculture with a focus on Tropical Horticulture. He has a passion for saving indigenous plants, including endemic orchid species.

Calendar of Orchid Events

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

Mar. 11	1:30	HOS Meeting
	4:00	AOS Judging
Apr. 8	1:30	HOS Meeting
	4:00	AOS Judging
May 13	1:30	HOS Meeting
	4:00	AOS Judging
June 2-4		Hilo Orchid Society Show and Sale, Edith Kanaka'ole Stadium, Hilo

Did You Know?

The first orchid hybrid bloomed in October 1856 – *Calanthe Dominii*, a cross of *Calanthe furcata* x *Calanthe masuca*. It was named in honor of John



Dominy, the gardener at Veitch Nurseries in London who made the hybrid. As the first orchid hybrid, it was a breakthrough in the horticultural world.

One horticulturalist warned, “You will drive the botanists mad.” It was a perceptive comment. Since then, over 160,000 orchid hybrids have been registered, with several thousand more added each year.

HILO ORCHID SOCIETY MEMBERSHIP RENEWAL FORM

Please print this form, fill it out, and mail with your dues payment to:

Hilo Orchid Society
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Hilo, HI 96720

Dues are \$20 for individual membership, \$25 for family membership.

Please print clearly:

Name: _____

Address: _____

Phone: _____

Email for receiving newsletter: _____

Check one:

- Individual membership (\$20)
 Family membership (\$25)

Check one:

- I grant permission to publish this information in the Hilo Orchid Society Directory.
 I do not grant permission to publish this information in the Hilo Orchid Society Directory.

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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