Next Meeting
Date: Sat., May 13, 2017
Time: 1:30-4:00
Place: Kamana Senior Center,
127 Kamana St., Hilo
Speaker: Julie Goettsch
Topic: How the Big Island Became the Orchid Isle

Do you know why our beautiful island has the nickname “The Orchid Isle”? This month our own Julie Goettsch will tell us the story of orchids on the Orchid Isle: what orchids were here before mankind, what orchids came here next and who brought them, and the fascinating story of Vanda Miss Joaquim that was grown here by the millions.

Julie grew up in Santa Ana, CA and first came to Hawaii in 1969 as a teacher. After a stint teaching in Okinawa, Japan, she returned to Hawaii, married a submariner from Colorado, and went to Colorado with him, where she became a school principal and then worked for IBM Global Services in Boulder, CO. Julie started growing cattleya orchids in Colorado in her living room window. In 2006 she retired and moved to Hakalau on the Hamakua Coast, where she lives with her four Persian cats and grows 300+ orchids.

In addition to her Hilo Orchid Society activities, which included serving as President for three years, Julie is busy traveling the world and scuba diving twice a week.

If you’re curious about the story of the Orchid Isle, don’t miss this meeting!

Create a Miniature Display
Everyone loved the miniature 16”x16” displays at last year’s show. Why not see if you can create one? There’s no fee for having a display; in fact, you might be eligible for a subsidy. It only takes a few orchids. The space may be limited, but there’s no limit to your imagination and creativity. If you’re interested, get the registration form on our website at www.hiloorchidsociety.org/amateur-registration, and mail it in or bring it to the meeting. The deadline is May 13, so don’t delay!

Show Committee
The Show Committee will meet on Weds. May 17 at 5:00 pm at the Kamana Senior Center. If you’d like to help out with the show, please join us.

New Recording Secretary
The Board of Trustees has appointed Dorothy Imagire as Recording Secretary, replacing Niki Robinson who resigned for personal reasons. Dorothy was born in Japan and lived around the world as a child, including Chicago, Guam, Iran, Italy, and Virginia. She graduated from the Rhode Island School of Design in 1990 with a Master of Fine Arts in Photography. Dorothy is a mixed-media artist and has had exhibitions across the country, from the New Museum and Parsons School of Design in New York to the Houston Center of Photography to the Long Beach Museum of Art in California. Dorothy is enthusiastic about contributing to HOS and the orchid show, and we welcome her to the Board.
April Members Choice

Above left: Hobbyist 1st place: *Coelogyne lawrenciana*, grown by Thane Pratt

Above right: Hobbyist 2nd place: *Rlc. (Blanche Aisaka ‘Yuki’ x Volcano Star ‘Volcano Queen’)*, grown by Dana Culleney

Right: Hobbyist 3rd place: *Cattleya skinneri var. suavissima*, grown by Janice Williams

Below left: Commercial 1st place: *Dendrobium palpabrae*, grown by Karen Kimmerle

Below center: Commercial 2nd place: *Cattleya Memoria Alice Mathews*, grower not specified on plant slip

Below right: Commercial 3rd place: *Ascda. (Bigness x Kobpha)*, grown by Karen Kimmerle
April AOS Awards

Photos by Glen Barfield

Left: *Cattleya mossiae* ‘Big Momma’ AM/AOS, grown by Orchid Eros
Center: *Cattleya mossiae* ‘Mirtha Isabel’ HCC/AOS, grown by Orchid Eros
Right: *Cattleya nobilior* ‘Big Daddy’ AMAOS, grown by Orchid Eros

Left: *Cattleya schilleriana* ‘Aglaia’ AM/AOS, grown by Orchid Eros
Center: *Cattleya aclandiae* ‘Mirtha Isabel’ AM/AOS, grown by Orchid Eros
Right: *Cattleya warneri* ‘Shogun’ HCC/AOS, grown by Shogun Hawaii

Left: *Paph. hirsutissimum* v.* equirolii* ‘Lehua’s JEM II’ AM/AOS, grown by Lehua Orchids
Right: *Paph. sanderianum* ‘HOF Best’ AM/AOS, grown by Hilo Orchid Farm
Below left: *Paph. delenatii* ‘Lehua’s Morning Glow’ CCM/AOS, grown by Lehua Orchids

Below center: *Paph. Johanna Burkhardt* ‘Black Mastery’ AM/AOS, grown by Hilo Orchid Farm
Below right: *Paph. Lady Isabel* ‘Summit’ AM/AOS, grown by Hilo Orchid Farm
The Show is Almost Here

The 65th Hilo Orchid Society Show and Sale, “Jewels of the Jungle”, is coming on June 2-4 at the Edith Kanaka’ole Stadium, Hilo.

There are three things that we’re counting on members for:

1. **Tickets.** We’re hoping you can sell the 15 show tickets you received to friends and neighbors for $3 each, a bargain price (admission is $5 at the door), or buy them yourself and give them away. Of course you’re not obligated to buy or sell the tickets, but if you can, it’s a great way to help the Society.

2. **Orchids.** We’re counting on you to lend us your blooming orchids for our Society exhibit, which will be front-and-center at the show (see article on page 5). Please bring your orchids to the stadium from 9:00 to noon on Tuesday, May 30. Pick them up when the show closes Sunday at 2:00 p.m.

3. **Volunteers.** We’re counting on volunteers to help out at the show. If you have already volunteered, thank you. We could still use volunteers to help with several jobs, all easy:

   - Front Gate: collect people’s tickets as they come in and give them show programs.
   - Security: you don’t have to be big and burly. Just ask people not to walk into the exhibits, or check that orchids leaving the show have the little colored dots.
   - Silent Auction: watch the silent auction tables and help straighten up if necessary.
   - Plant Hotel: hold people’s purchases for them while they continue to enjoy the show.

Here’s what we have planned:

**Monday, May 29:**
- Show setup begins.

**Tuesday, May 30:**
- 9:00 a.m.–12:00. Bring your orchids to lend to the HOS display.

**Thursday, June 1:**
- Morning: AOS Judging
- Afternoon: Ribbon judging
- 6:00 p.m.–9:00 p.m. Preview Party

**Friday, June 2 through Sunday, June 3:** The show is open, featuring:
- Dazzling displays of orchids
- Vendor booths tempting you to buy just one more orchid.
- Entertainment featuring a variety of local musicians.
- Refreshments
- A series of speakers and demos
- Membership, Sales, and Orchid Society tables, where visitors can buy T-shirts and calendars, ask questions, and join our Society.

Our show can only succeed because Society members volunteer to help. If you’re asked to help out, please say yes. It will only take a couple of hours of your time, and it’ll make you feel good!
Gala Preview Party is June 1

To kick off the orchid show, our friends at the Ku‘ikahi Mediation Center are holding a Preview Party from 6:00 to 9:00 p.m. on Thursday, June 1 at the Edith Kanaka‘ole Stadium. The gala event features refreshments, live music, and orchid viewing and pre-sales.

Libations include a selection of fine wines, plus beer from Kona Brewing Co., served in a souvenir wine or beer glass. Delectable food will be catered by Island Naturals and AJ & Sons Catering. Party-goers will have the first chance to purchase exciting new hybrids and exotic orchid species, as well as other unusual plants and orchid-related products.

Proceeds of the Preview Party benefit the Ku‘ikahi Mediation Center. This non-profit organization empowers people to come together—to talk and to listen, to explore options, and to find their own best solutions. To achieve this mission, Ku‘ikahi offers mediation, facilitation, and training to strengthen the ability of diverse individuals and groups to resolve interpersonal conflicts and community issues.

Proceeds of the Silent Auction at the Preview Party benefit the Hilo Orchid Society’s Yasuji Takasaki Memorial Scholarship fund, which provides scholarships for University of Hawaii students, as well as orchid education and orchid conservation.

Tickets are $70, of which $25 is tax deductible, and can be purchased at: Hilo Coffee Mill (17-995 Volcano Hwy.), Day-Lum Rentals (2 Kamehameha Ave.), The Most Irresistible Shop (256 Kamehameha Ave.), and Ku‘ikahi Mediation Center (101 Aupuni St, Suite PH 1014 B-2). Or contact Jenifer at 935-7844 ext 1 or jenifer@hawaiimediation.org.

How to Prepare Your Orchids For the Show

We want your orchids for the HOS exhibit! Don’t think that somebody else will provide them. The big growers can’t lend us orchids because they have their own displays. So we’re counting on the little growers. If everyone can lend us one or two nice orchids, our display will be gorgeous. If nobody does, it will be bare and ugly.

Now is the time to start thinking about it. Here’s how:

• Look at what’s in bud and estimate what’s likely to be in bloom for the show.
• Continue watering and feeding to encourage best blooming. Now is not the time to let a drought ruin your flowers.
• Consider staking the flowers for best viewing if they aren’t naturally held upright. Staking needs to be done before the flowers open. After they open, staking them will put them into unnatural-looking positions.
• We can only use healthy plants, so they must have no scale or other insects and especially no little fire ants.
• Prepare a list of the orchids you’re lending us and give us the list along with the plants. This helps us keep track of them and makes sure you get back the plants you lent us.

Mahalo!

CALENDAR OF ORCHID EVENTS

The following event will be held at the Old Airport Events Pavilion, Kona
May 12 9:00-6:00 Kona Orchid Society Mothers Day Sale
May 13 8:00-4:00 Kona Orchid Society Mothers Day Sale

The following events are held at Kamana Senior Center, Hilo
May 13 1:30 HOS Meeting
4:00 AOS Judging
May 17 5:00 Show Committee meeting

The following show events will be held at the Edith Kanaka‘ole Stadium, Hilo
May 30 9:00-12:00 Bring plants for HOS display
June 1 morning AOS Judging
June 1 afternoon Ribbon Judging
June 1 6:00-9:00 Preview Party
June 2 9:00-6:00 Hilo Orchid Show and Sale
June 3 9:00-5:00 Hilo Orchid Show and Sale
June 4 10:00-2:00 Hilo Orchid Show and Sale
**Photo Contest Gallery**

Here are a couple of photos recently submitted for our Photo Contest. Check out our Photo Contest gallery on our website [www.hiloorchidsociety.org](http://www.hiloorchidsociety.org) (in the Galleries menu) and see which photos you like best. Even better, submit your photos for the contest by emailing them to Larry Kuekes at lkuekes@me.com. The contest runs through October.

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.

**Seen Around Town**

This spectacular Brassia is growing on a tree on the University of Hawaii at Hilo campus. It’s a great example of the goal of our Orchid Isle project: to put beautiful orchids where people will see them. Photo by Larry Kuekes.
## Treasurer's Annual Financial Statement
### 2016 Financial Summary

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### Sources of Revenues

- Orchid Show, 78%
- Member Dues, 7%
- Other, 3%
- Meeting Plant Sales, 4%
- Holiday Party, 8%
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