

Hilo Orchid Society Newsletter

June 2017

There is no June meeting due to our annual show

Key Show Dates & Times:

- Tues. May 30** 9 am to noon – Bring your blooming orchids to lend to the Hilo Orchid Society's display.
- Thurs. June 1** Morning – AOS Judging
Afternoon – Ribbon Judging.
6 pm to 9 pm – Preview Party
- Fri. June 2** 9 am to 6 pm – Show is open
- Sat. June 3** 9 am to 5 pm – Show is open
- Sun. June 4** 10 am to 2 pm – Show is open
2 pm – Show takedown. Pick up orchids if you lent them to the Society display.

All show events are at the Edith Kanaka'ole Stadium, Hilo.



Please Lend Us Your Orchids

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.

If you have some nice orchids in bloom at the time of the show, and they're pest-free, please lend them to our display. Even one or two beautiful orchids make a difference, and if enough people bring them, the result will be spectacular!

Bring your orchids to the Edith Kanaka'ole Stadium on **Tues., May 30 between 9 a.m. and noon**. Plan on picking them up promptly at 2 p.m. on Sunday, June 4 when the show closes. Mahalo!

How to Prepare Your Orchids For the Show

- 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* (see article below).
- 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!



How to Test for Little Fire Ants

We want your blooming orchids for the show, but not if they have little fire ants, which could spread to someone else's orchids.

If you have little fire ants on your property, they could be hiding in your orchid pots, even if you don't see them. We will be testing all plants that members bring in with the "peanut butter" test, but if you have any doubt, please test your plants before you bring them in. Here's how.

Take a thin piece of wood (like half a chopstick or a coffee stirrer) or a strip of cardboard a few inches long, smear a thin layer of peanut butter on one end, and stick it in the pot. Wait an hour. If little fire ants are present, they will be all over the peanut butter.

May Members Choice

Photos by Glory Garner



Above left: Hobbyist 1st place: *Laelia purpurata* f. *schusteriana* HCC/AOS, grown by Bill Rawson

Above right: Hobbyist 2nd place: *Bulbophyllum lobii* 'Kathy's Gold' Am/AOS, grown by Larry Kuekes

Right: Hobbyist 3rd place: *Miltoniopsis* Maui Mist 'Golden Gate', grown by Lise Dowd and Steve Forman

Note: there were no commercial winners this month since no commercial plants had plant slips for voting.



May AOS Awards

Photos by Glen Barfield



Left: *Cattleya warszewiczii* 'Gabriel Amaru' AM/AOS, grown by Orchid Eros

Right: *Cattleya* Mareeba Tiger 'Darth Maul' AM/AOS, grown by Orchid Eros



Cattleya (Laelia) purpurata 'Orchid Eros' AM/AOS, grown by Orchid Eros



Left: *Lc. Flamingo Dance* 'Paco de Lucia' HCC/AOS, grown by Orchid Eros



Center: *Paph. adductum* v. *anitum* 'Midnight Magic' AM/AOS, grown by Hilo Orchid Farm



Right: *Paph. Mount Toro* 'Extremely Ticklishly Lehua' HCC/AOS, grown by Lehua Orchids



Left: *Paph. tonsum* f. *albovirde* 'Green Glory Lehua' HCC/AOS, grown by Lehua Orchids



Right: *Cattleya warszewiczii* f. *alba* 'Cantadora' AM/AOS, grown by Orchid Eros

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