

Hilo Orchid Society

Newsletter

July 2017

Note change in meeting room

Next Meeting

Date: Sat., July 8, 2017

Time: 1:30-4:00

Place: Kamana Senior Center,
127 Kamana St., Hilo
Lanai (Picnic table area)

Program: Potluck Picnic and Auction

July won't be a regular meeting. Instead, we're having a picnic, and you're all invited! We're meeting in our usual place, Kamana Senior Center, but on the lanai or picnic table area, not in the meeting room.

There's no official program – just eating, talking story, having fun, and picking up some bargains at the silent auction (see below)! Feel free to bring your kids, family, and friends.

Everyone is asked to bring a favorite pupu or potluck dish to share. We'll have some soda and water to drink, but you are also welcome to bring wine or beer.

Because it's a picnic, we're not having a regular meeting. There won't be any show table or sales table, so please don't bring any orchids.

But there will be orchids there! We're having a silent auction of some beautiful orchids donated by our generous show vendors. So bring your wallet or checkbook, bring your potluck dish, and we'll see you there!

Daifukuji Orchid Show

The Kona Daifukuji Orchid Club is holding their annual orchid show and sale on Sunday, July 23 from 8:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. at the Daifukuji Soto Mission in Kealakekua. Admission is free. For directions, see www.daifukuji.org/map.html.

Another Great Show

Once more, with the help of all of you who volunteered, we pulled off the largest orchid show in the state of Hawaii.

The show theme "Jewels of the Jungle" inspired the exhibitors. The 40-foot-long HOS exhibit (see photo) was another work of art designed by Shelby Smith. It had a faceted shape suggesting both a jewel and a Victorian greenhouse, with echoes of Jules Verne's Nautilus. Many thanks to everyone who lent their orchids to fill this spectacular display.

Malika Orchids won the award for best use of the show theme for their exhibit, designed around the Jungle Book.

Also popular were 16 artistic miniature displays. They showed what can be done with a few orchids and a lot of creativity.

Of course, visitors could buy orchids as well as look at them. Visitors could also get food, relax, and view demos about how to grow orchids or hear live local musicians.

We deeply appreciate the generosity of the people and organizations who supported the show financially as show sponsors and as donors to our Silent Auction. Please see our website for lists of these generous supporters.

And finally, we thank all the volunteers who worked so hard to make the show possible. We couldn't have done it without you. Mahalo nui loa!

Contest Reminder

We still have two contests ongoing – for the person who brings in the most orchids to the Show Table at our meetings, and for the best orchid photo (submit photos to lkuekes@me.com). Winners will be announced in November and will each receive two tickets to our annual Holiday Party.



June AOS Awards

Photos by Glen Barfield



Left: *Cattleya tigrina* 'Sebastian Ferrell' FCC/AOS, grown by Orchid Eros

Right: *Grammatophyllum scriptum* v. *citrinum* 'Newman's Nursery' CCE/AOS, grown by Newman's Nursery



Left: *Vascostylis Saisicha* 'Koa's Dream' AM/AOS, grown by Newman's Nursery

Center: *Vandachostylis Thailand Gold* 'Janice Williams' HCC/AOS, grown by Carmela Orchids

Right: *Bulbophyllum lobbii* 'Golden Catapult' JC/AOS, grown by Shelby Smith



Left: *Maxillaria tenuifolia* 'Yamada' AM/AOS, grown by Carmela Orchids

Right: *Laelia longipes* 'Isabel Rosalia' AM/AOS, grown by Orchid Eros

June AOS Awards (continued)

Photos by Glen Barfield



Left: *Dendrobium* Touch of Gold 'ISO' AM/AOS, grown by Island Sun Orchids
Center: *Vanda coerulea* 'Shook' HCC/AOS, grown by Janice Williams
Right: *Vanda* Pachara Delight Pink 'Newman's Nursery' AM/AOS, grown by Newman's Nursery



Left: Hilo Orchid Society Display – Silver Certificate, awarded to Shelby Smith
Right: Hilo Orchid Society Display – Show Trophy



Left: Artistic Certificate AC/AOS, awarded to Sheryl Rawson
Center: Artistic Certificate AC/AOS, awarded to Julie Goettsch
Right: Educational Display ED/AOS, awarded to Ken Armour and Julie Goettsch



These two orchids were credited to the wrong growers in the show program insert.

Show Program Insert Corrections

By John Jusczak

Unfortunately, we need to report a couple of errors in the Award Insert to the Show Program. The following are the entries as they *should have* appeared:

- Best Phalaenopsis Alliance
Phalaenopsis Yu Pin Middletown ‘Winning’
Shogun Hawaii
- Best Pleurothallis Alliance (Lehua Orchids Trophy)
Masdevallia Redwing
Winning Orchids

We regret that the errors occurred and apologize to the parties wronged by this. The crux of the problem here is twofold. First, the ownership of orchids is kept secret to both AOS and ribbon judges to insure their impartiality; exhibitors are identified only by an ID. This makes it possible for errors to occur when translating the ID to the exhibitor name. Second, the final wrap up to judging is invariably rushed due to the need to vacate the premises for the preview party and also to the need to get the information to the printers before they close. To try to avoid this recurring, we will try to have fresh eyes review the file before sending it off (rather than judges who have already been on site for about 8 hours judging).

The bright spot in this incident is that the trophies & ribbons for these awards were correctly placed so show attendees saw the awards attributed to the correct exhibitors by their physical placement.

Awards List

John Jusczak has prepared a list of trophies and awards given out at the show, including all the orchids that won blue ribbons, which were not listed in the show program insert. It’s interesting to see all the categories – 51 of them – for which our Ribbon Judges gave out blue, red, and white ribbons. That’s over 150 ribbons given out! Why so many? Because we like to encourage growers to bring their beautiful orchids in to the show. Next year at show time, if you have a nice orchid in bloom, lend it to the HOS exhibit. It might win a ribbon!

You’ll find the 2017 Show Awards list under the Orchid Show menu on our website www.hiloorchidsociety.org.

Akatsuka Orchid Workshop

Akatsuka Orchid Gardens is holding a hands-on workshop on Cattleya division and transplanting on Aug. 5. The fee of \$25 includes all materials and supplies and a plant to take home. To register, call 808-967-8234 or visit akatsukaorchid.com.

Updated Membership Directory

We’ve updated our membership directory. For privacy reasons, it includes only members who granted permission to publish their information. The updated directory is available in the members-only section of our website. It requires a password to view it (see the email accompanying this newsletter).

Our policy is that this list may not be used for commercial purposes, and it may only be shared with Hilo Orchid Society members. As an HOS member, you are welcome to access the directory, but please respect our wishes and do not share it with friends who are not HOS members.

CALENDAR OF ORCHID EVENTS

The following events are held at Kamana Senior Center, Hilo unless otherwise noted

July 8	1:30	HOS Potluck Picnic and Auction
	4:00	AOS Judging
July 23	8:00-2:00	Kona Daifukuji Orchid Show at Daifukuji Soto Mission, Kealakekua
Aug. 5	9:00-11:00	Akatsuka Orchid Workshop at Akatsuka Orchid Gardens
Aug. 12	1:30	HOS Meeting
	4:00	AOS Judging
Sept. 9	1:30	HOS Meeting
	4:00	AOS Judging

Photos From the Show

Here are a few photos from the show. Many more show photos are available in a new gallery “2017 Hilo Orchid Show” on our website www.hiloorchidsociety.org under the Galleries menu. Check it out! You’ll see show setup, judging, the Preview Party, orchid exhibits, including some

gorgeous orchid close-ups, mini displays, scenes from the show including vendors, demos and entertainers, and some of the many volunteers who made the show possible. Many thanks to Dana Culleney, Julie Goetsch, Dorothy Imagire, and Larry Kuekes for contributing the photos.



Left: During setup, Ainsley Smith, Joe Bush, Shelby Smith and Karl Mendonca carry in part of the HOS exhibit
Right: “Take a selfie with Baloo” was part of the Jungle Book theme in the Malika Orchids exhibit



Left: Julia Hoskins’ display “Monkeying Around in the Jeweled Jungle” won Best Mini Display
Center: Jurahme Leyva’s talk on “Sex in the Orchid Greenhouse” was well attended
Right: Rick Kelley was easy to spot in a crowd

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