



Hilo Orchid Society Newsletter

November
2022

In-Person and Online Meeting

Note: the meeting scheduled for Sat., November 12, 2022 will be held as an **in-person meeting and an online Zoom meeting.**

Date: Saturday, Nov. 12, 2022

Time: **2:00 pm**

Place: Kamana Senior Center,
127 Kamana St., Hilo, or
on your computer or phone

Speaker: Karen Kimmerle

Topic: How to Grow Vandas

A Vanda in bloom can be one of the most spectacular of orchids. They grow easily in Hawaii's tropical climate. But they do have their own cultural requirements, particularly involving watering.

Who better to tell us about Vanda culture than our own Karen Kimmerle, owner of Island Sun Orchids, where she grows gorgeous Vandas among many other things.

Karen is an accredited AOS judge. She was born and raised in Portland, Oregon but came to Hilo in 1975. A year later she happened on an orchid show in Hilo, which kindled her interest in growing orchids. Forty years later, she and her husband run a large backyard orchid nursery, Island Sun Orchids, in Kapoho. Her love of orchids has led her on many trips around the U.S. and internationally. She says, "I have been so fortunate to have a passion that has taught me many skills in life and allowed me to travel and meet many interesting people. And I still get excited about orchids!"

If you'd like to share some of Karen's excitement and find out how to grow Vandas to perfection, don't miss this meeting!



Sign Up for Holiday Party

There will be no regular meeting in December. Instead, we're holding our annual Holiday Party and Auction on Sat., Dec. 3 at the Hilo Yacht Club.

The event includes a delicious buffet lunch, followed by an auction of donated plants, where you have the chance to obtain some special orchids and benefit your Society at the same time.

You must sign up and pay in advance. The price is \$25 per person for HOS members, and \$52 per person (the actual cost of the meal) for non-members. If you want to bring your spouse/partner but you have an individual membership, you can upgrade to a joint (family) membership for only \$5, to avoid paying the \$52 non-member cost for your spouse/partner.

You can sign up at the November meeting. If you miss the meeting, instructions for how to sign up are in the email that accompanies this newsletter.



Orchid Isle 2023 Calendars

Every year we produce our Orchid Isle Calendar, containing photos of gorgeous orchids grown here on the Orchid Isle by members of the Hilo Orchid Society. The calendar photo for January is above.

We will be selling calendars at the Hilo Orchid Society meeting in November, or if you miss the meeting, instructions for how to get calendars are in the email that accompanies this newsletter.

Calendars cost only \$8, and they make great holiday gifts.

Election of Officers and Trustees

The election of officers and trustees for 2023 will take place at the November meeting. Board members serve two-year terms, with half the members up for election each year. For 2023, our Nominating Committee has produced the following slate of officers and trustees:

Vice President

Ben Oliveros has served as Vice President for several years, arranging for our fantastic monthly speakers. Ben owns the orchid nursery Orchid Eros. His special interest is hybridizing and growing quality Cattleyas. He is an AOS judge and has received many AOS awards for his plants.



Recording Secretary

Lise Dowd has served on the Board as Recording Secretary and Corresponding Secretary. Trained as a marine biologist, she is a retired professor of biology. Lise grew orchids in Miami for 25 years before moving to Hawaii.



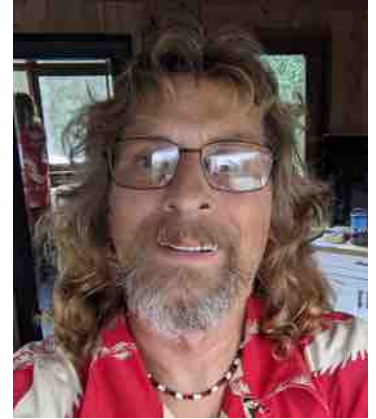
Corresponding Secretary

Larry Kuekes has served as President and Treasurer. He is also our newsletter editor and webmaster. He moved to Hawaii in 2010 and grows a small but diverse collection of mostly species orchids.



Trustee

Rusty Gorton was recently appointed Trustee to fill the position of Matthias Seelis, who resigned. Rusty arrived in Hawaii from Arizona just as the pandemic struck. He always had an interest in orchids, but living here has given him an appreciation for all the different types.



Trustee

Natalie Hebden landed in Hawaii in 2019 after a Peace Corps tour in Segal, West Africa as an agricultural extension agent. She is an avid gardener and a multi-instrument musician. Natalie has been volunteering to help with the orchids at Hilo's Pana'ewa Zoo.



Additional nominations may be made from the floor. Any additional nominees must be present at the meeting and willing to run against the slate endorsed by the Nominating Committee.



CALENDAR OF ORCHID EVENTS

The following events are held at Kamana Senior Center
Nov. 12 2:00 pm Hilo Orchid Society meeting
The following events are held at Komohana Ag Extension Center, 875 Komohana St, Hilo Room 202
Nov. 12 4:00 pm AOS judging



Cattleya brevipedunculata 'Sebastian Ferrell' AM/AOS, CCE/AOS, grown by Orchid Eros



Left: *Cochlezeella* Tsiku Chuchango 'Mateo's Blue' AM/AOS, grown by Kalapana Tropicals
Right: *Coelogyne mayeriana* 'Okika' AM/AOS, grown by Okika



Rlc. Princess of Hawaii AQ/AOS, grown by Shogun Hawaii



Left: Rlc. Princess of Hawaii 'Hawaiian Goddess' AM/AOS, grown by Shogun Hawaii



Right: Rlc. Princess of Hawaii 'Pastel Queen' HCC/AOS, grown by Shogun Hawaii



Left: Rlc. Princess of Hawaii 'Seductive' AM/AOS, grown by Shogun Hawaii



Right: Rlc. Princess of Hawaii 'Shogun's Summer Nights' AM/AOS, grown by Shogun Hawaii



Cattleya brevipedulata 'Gabriel Amaru' FCC/AOS, grown by Orchid Eros



Left: *Cattleya coccinea* 'Okika' AM/AOS, grown by Okika



Right: *Cattleya labiata* h.f. *semialba* 'Shogun's Dream Catcher' AM/AOS, grown by Shogun Hawaii



Cattleya walkeriana 'Venda Nova' AM/AOS, grown by Orchid Eros



Left: *Coryhopea* Imagination 'Shogun's Spotted Dragon' AM/AOS, CCE/AOS, grown by Shogun Hawaii



Right: *Dendrobium kentrophyllum* 'Pearl' CCE/AOS, grown by Island Sun Orchids



Cattleya trianae 'Mick Jagger' AM/AOS, grown by Orchid Eros



Left: *Oncidium ornithorhynchum* 'Okika' HCC/AOS, grown by Okika



Right: *Rlc. Mem. Crispin Rosales* 'Volcano Queen' HCC/AOS, grown by Shogun Hawaii

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President – Karl Mendonca

Vice President – Ben Oliveros 345-1371
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Treasurer – Rick Kelley

Recording Secretary – Lise Dowd lisedowd@aol.com

Corresponding Secretary – Amy Friesen

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Past President – Tom Miranda biophiliak@gmail.com

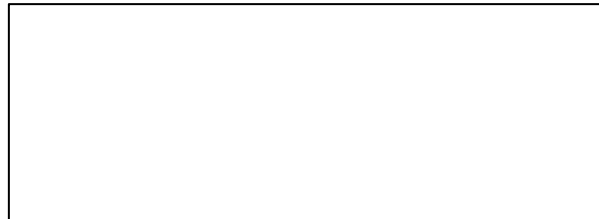
Trustee 2021-2022 – Larry Kuekes

Trustee 2021-2022 – Rusty Gorton

Trustee 2022-2023 – Kevin Evans

Trustee 2022-2023 – Sandra Dixon

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