



Hilo Orchid Society Newsletter

January
2024

Next Meeting

Date: Saturday, Jan. 13, 2024
Time: **1:30** Informal "talk story"
2:00 Meeting starts
Place: Kamana Senior Center,
127 Kamana St., Hilo
Speaker: Leslie Hayes-Cullins
Topics: Hands-on Repotting Session

Potting orchids is different from potting other plants, because they don't grow in dirt. It's not hard; it's just different. It's hard to describe in words, but it's easy to learn by watching someone else do it, or even better, doing it yourself.

That's what this month's meeting is all about. Leslie Hayes-Cullins will lead a hands-on repotting session, where you get to learn how to repot an orchid by actually doing it.

Leslie is originally from the Bay area in California, but with Hawaiian roots – her mother was born in Hawi. Leslie and her husband moved to Hawi in 2003 where they own and operate a small plumbing business. Her love for orchids started very early with Cymbidiums, and it became a full-fledged obsession after moving to Hawaii, growing Dendrobiums, Vandas, Bulbophyllums, and more. Her current favorites are miniature species, the more unusual the better. Leslie is an AOS judge.

If you'd like to learn how to repot your orchids or brush up your repotting skills, and don't mind getting your hands dirty, this meeting is for you! And as an extra bonus, you get to take home the orchid that you repot. Don't miss it!



Dues Are Due

Your membership dues for 2024 are due. New members who joined at our Orchid Show at Edith Kanaka'ole Stadium in July and members who joined in September 2023 or later are considered paid through 2024 and do not have to pay.

For the rest of you, dues are still only \$20 for individual membership or \$25 for family membership. In return, you get a year of interesting speakers, newsletters, and activities, plus the chance to get together with folks who share your interest in these beautiful and fascinating plants.

You can pay at the meeting, or fill out the form on page 5 and mail it in with your payment (address is on the form). Thanks!



Show Theme and Artwork Contest

HOS President Ellen Train has announced that the theme of the 2024 Hilo Orchid Show will be **Orchid Hula**. The show will be held July 26-28, 2024.

Ellen also announced a competition for the show artwork that will end on Jan. 30, 2024. The winner will be announced at the February meeting. Anyone may submit an entry. The winning entry will be used on the 2024 T-shirt design, posters, and elsewhere.

The artwork for the show does not necessarily have to reflect the theme as it has done in the last few years. It may be as serious or whimsical as you wish.

The prize for the chosen artwork is: a 70th Annual Orchid Show T-shirt, a booth at the show for you to sell orchids or other products, and HOS recognition in various places.

To enter, please send an image of your artwork to pecetrain@gmail.com by Jan. 30, 2024. Good luck!

2024 Officers and Trustees



Julie Goettsch (at left) swore in the new Board of Trustees for 2024 at the holiday party. From left: Karl Mendonca, Greg Luettticke-Archbell, Kathryn Duval, Rick Kelley, Kathy Gollaher, Larry Kuekes, Lise Dowd, Ellen Train, Sandra Dixon. Not present: Ben Oliveros, Cyndi Helton.

Master Gardeners Outreach Volunteers Needed

On Sunday, January 28th, the Master Gardeners organization is holding a plant sale, and HOS will have an information table at the event. We won't be selling any orchids, although we might have some beautiful blooming orchids at our table to attract attention. Instead, we'll be telling people about the Hilo Orchid Society and perhaps signing up some new members.

The event will be from 10:00 am to 2:00 pm on Jan. 28 at the Komohana Research and Extension Center, 875 Komohana St. in Hilo.

If you'd like to help out at the table, even if you can only come for an hour, please contact Kathryn Duval at kathryn.s.duval@gmail.com. Mahalo!

Holiday Party

Our holiday party was a good time for all who attended. The event was held at the Hilo Yacht Club. After talking story with a great oceanside view, we had a delicious lunch and our official swearing in of officers and trustees for 2024.

Those who participated in the orchid gift exchange drew numbers to see what gift orchid they got to take home. Finally, Glen Barfield led a

spirited auction of gorgeous orchids to raise funds for your Society.

Mahalo to all those who donated orchids for the auction and to all those who helped out!



Orchid Isle 2024 Calendars

Orchid Isle 2024 calendars are still available. If you didn't get one, it's not too late! The calendar contains photos of gorgeous orchids grown here on the Orchid Isle by members of the Hilo Orchid Society.

Calendars will be for sale at the meeting. The price is only \$9.

November 11 AOS Awards

Photos by Glen Barfield



Cattleya Pole-Star (*briegeri* 'Orchid Eros Flare' x *coccinea* 'Sublime') AQ/AOS, grown by Orchid Eros



Left: *Cattleya trianae* 'Luscious Lips' AM/AOS, grown by Orchid Eros



Right: *Paphiopedilum* Hansen Brothers 'Beaumont' AM/AOS, grown by Hilo Orchid Farm



Left: *Cattleya quadricolor* 'Outstanding' AM/AOS, grown by Orchid Eros

Right: *Cattleya walkeriana* h.f. *coerulea* 'Deep Blue C' AM/AOS, grown by Orchid Eros

December AOS Awards

Photo by Glen Barfield



Paph. Fred Flamboyantly 'Slipper Zone Pink Parfait' AM/AOS, grown by Lehua Orchids

HILO ORCHID SOCIETY MEMBERSHIP RENEWAL FORM

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

Hilo Orchid Society
P.O. Box 4294
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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