



Hilo Orchid Society Newsletter

March
2023

In-Person and Zoom Meeting

Note: the meeting scheduled for Sat., March 11, 2023 will be in-person and will also be broadcast via Zoom.

Date: Saturday, Mar. 11, 2023

Time: **1:30** Informal “talk story”
2:00 Meeting starts

Place: Kamana Senior Center,
127 Kamana St., Hilo

Speaker: Benjamin J. Crain

Topic: Orchid Conservation in Palau

Palau is a group of islands in the western Pacific, north of New Guinea and east of the Philippines. While it is best known for its marine life, Palau is home to nearly 100 species of orchids. Benjamin J. Crain is working with the Palau Orchid Conservation Initiative to study these orchids and their ecology, including their relationship with mycorrhizal fungi, and develop plans for conservation and restoration of the species and their habitats.



Crain is a research ecologist at the Smithsonian. He has been working with rare plants for more than 25 years. His botanical research has taken him from the islands of Micronesia to the tundra of northern Alaska to the cloud forests of Costa Rica to study the effects of environmental change on plant communities.

If you'd like to find out about the orchids of Palau and how scientists are trying to save them from extinction, don't miss this meeting!

Zoom Meeting

From time to time, like this month, we may have a Zoom presentation from a speaker who is unable to come here in person. Those participating via Zoom will be able to see the presentation, but you may not be able to see other parts of the meeting like the review of the orchid show table.

Potluck Refreshment Table

The Board has decided that it's time to resume our potluck refreshment table, a part of the meeting that members enjoy. Members are welcome to bring something for the refreshment table, but it is not required. If you bring something, you will get a free ticket for the Opportunity Plant drawing.

Bring Your Orchids to the Show Table

This month, we are resuming having a “members choice” vote for your favorite orchids on the show table. The top three winners will be shown in the next month's newsletter, and the first place winner will receive 5 free tickets for the Opportunity Plant drawing. So if you have orchids in bloom, bring them in for us to enjoy, and maybe you'll win!

Please Pay Dues – Last Chance!

Your membership dues for 2023 are due by March 31. If you have already paid, thank you.

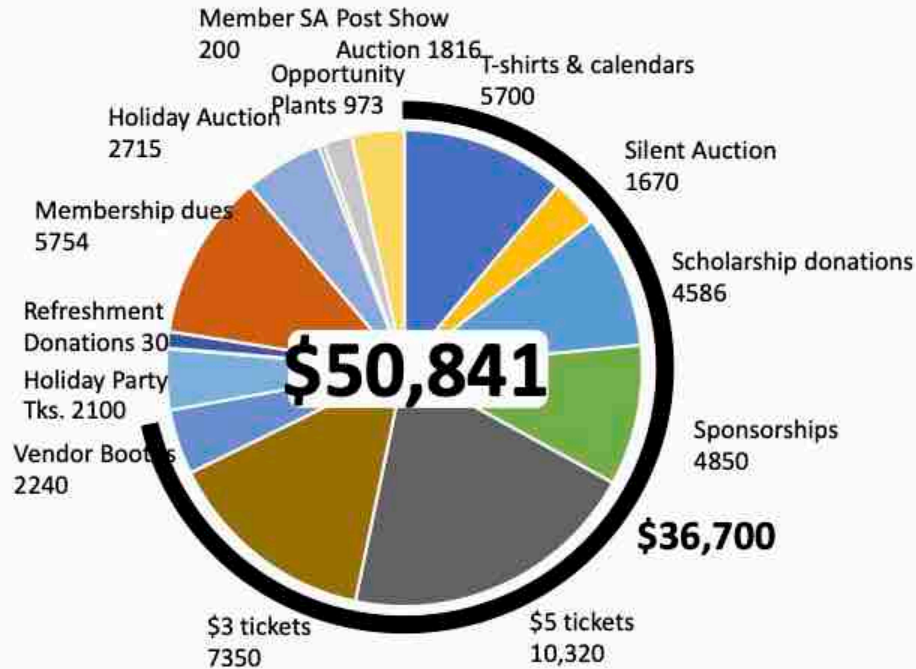
New members who joined in September 2022 or later are considered paid through 2022 and do not have to pay. Also, if you joined at our Orchid Show at Edith Kanaka'ole Stadium last July, your membership runs through the end of 2023 and you don't have to pay.

For the rest of you, if we don't receive your dues by March 31, we have to drop you from our membership list. Please don't make us do that!

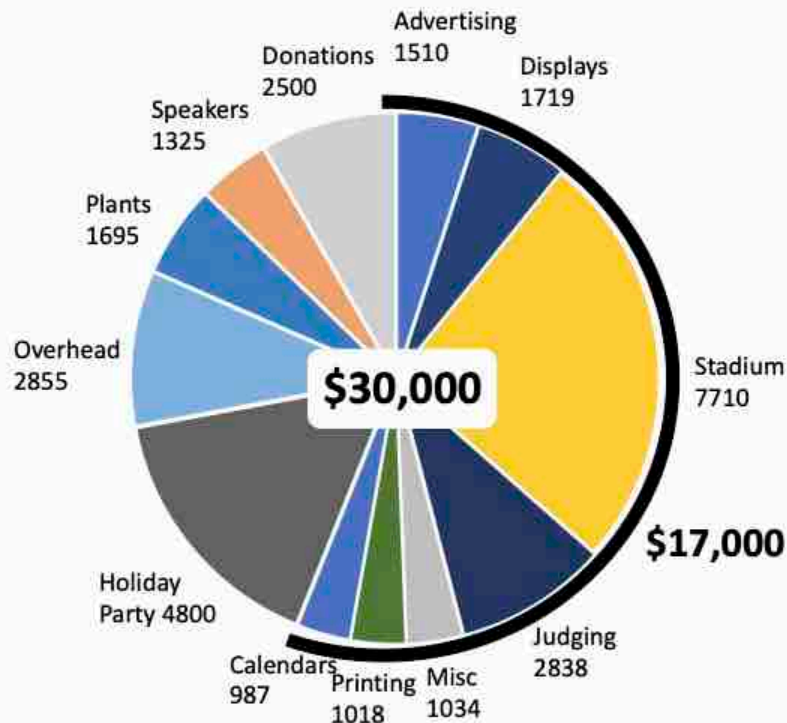
Dues are still only \$20 for individual membership or \$25 for family membership. Please fill out the form on page 5 and mail it in with your payment (address is on the form). Thanks!

Hilo Orchid Society 2022 Financials

At the February meeting, Treasurer Rick Kelley presented these charts to summarize how we did financially in 2022. As you can see, we did very well! The area of each pie chart surrounded by black shows the income and expenses for the Hilo Orchid Show. The show accounts for the lion's share of both our income and expenses. Overall expenses were unusually low in 2022, partly because we did not award any scholarships, so expenses are expected to be higher in 2023.



Income



Expenses

February AOS Awards

Photos by Glen Barfield



Left: *Cattleya schilleriana* 'New School' AM/AOS, grown by Orchid Eros

Right: *Cattleya amethystoglossa* 'Ben's Big Day' AM/AOS, grown by Orchid Eros



Left: *Cattleya amethystoglossa* ('The Bright Spot' x 'The Dark Spot') AD/AOS, grown by Orchid Eros

Right: *Paphiopedilum* Chiu Hua Dancer 'QF Rita' AM/AOS, grown by Quintal Farms





Left: *Cattleya* Pink Pearl 'Izzy's 10th' AM/AOS, grown by Orchid Eros

Right: *Dendrobium* QF Cutie 'OrchidFix Thanks Quintal' AM/AOS, grown by OrchidFix



Left: *Papiopedilum haynaldianum* 'QF Hearo' AM/AOS, grown by Quintal Farms

Right: *Paphiopedilum philippinense* 'OrchidFix Abbondanza' CCE/AOS, grown by OrchidFix

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

Hilo Orchid Society Officers and Trustees

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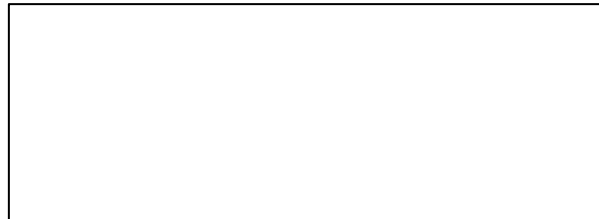
Trustee 2022-2023 – Kevin Evans

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Trustee 2023-2024 – Natalie Hebden

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