



# Hilo Orchid Society Newsletter

June  
2023

## In-Person Meeting

Note: the meeting scheduled for Sat., June 10, 2023 will be in-person. There will be no Zoom meeting.

Date: Saturday, June 10, 2023

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

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

Speaker: Karl Mendonca

Topic: Orchid Show Mini-Displays

One of the popular features of the Hilo Orchid Show in the past has been the mini-displays. In these displays, the base of the display can be no larger than 16 inches x 16 inches, but there is no limit on height.

This month we'll see some beautiful and artistic mini displays from past shows and learn how to make one with just a few orchids plus driftwood, bamboo, foliage, or other props and materials. Mini displays are not judged on the individual orchids in the display but on the artistic merit of the design as a whole.

What does it take to create a mini-display? A few orchids plus some imagination. Come to the meeting and maybe you'll be inspired to create one!



## Show Volunteers Needed

Our volunteers are so valuable to the annual Hilo Orchid Show. The show can't happen without you!

We need volunteers in 2 hour shifts during the show for the following activities:

- **Front Gate** Selling or receiving tickets, cashier, stamping hands, greeting visitors.
- **Keiki Korner** Children's activities centered around growing orchids.
- **Plant Hotel** Place for people to park their purchased orchids while they browse for more.
- **Membership Table** Greeting visitors, signing up new members.
- **Security** Telling people not to take orchids from the exhibits; greeting visitors.
- **Fragrance Table** Telling people how to vote for fragrance contest.
- **Selling T-Shirts** Selling HOS T-shirts at the HOS booth.

### Orchid Show Shifts:

- **Friday, July 28: 9-11, 11-1, 1-3, 3-6**
- **Saturday, July 29: 9-11, 11-1, 1-3, 3-5**
- **Sunday July 30: 10-12, 12-2**

Please sign up at the next meeting or email Kathy Gollaher at [raiateawoodworks@gmail.com](mailto:raiateawoodworks@gmail.com) and provide name, phone number, time, and activity for which you would like to volunteer. You can also text Kathy at 808-937-2583.

There will also be sign-up sheets at the next meeting and the committee chairs will be there to give you more information or answer any questions.

Volunteering at the Orchid Show is a great way to meet new people, see beautiful plants and learn about orchids.

**Thank you so much for your support. Remember, Orchids, Growers/Sellers, and VOLUNTEERS are integral to the success of the show!**

Kathy Gollaher

## Waves of Orchids

The 69th Hilo Orchid Society Show and Sale, “Waves of Orchids,” is coming! It’s the biggest and best orchid show in the state of Hawai’i. It will take place at Edith Kanaka’ole Stadium, July 28-30. AOS and ribbon judging activities, as well as the Preview Party will kick off the event on Thursday, July 27. Then the show will open to the public, featuring dazzling displays of orchids and vendor booths. Show hours are:

- Friday, July 28,  
9 am–6 pm
- Saturday, July 29,  
9 am–5 pm
- Sunday, July 30,  
10 am–2 pm

July is not far away, and show preparations are already in full swing. Ellen Train is working hard as our Show Chair, and she has a group of folks on the Show Committee helping to make the show a reality. Here’s what is going on.

**Show Tickets.** Tickets will be available from any member of the Hilo Orchid Society for \$3 if purchased prior to the show. The ticket price at the door will be \$6.

**Judging.** On Thursday, July 27, before the show is open to the public, events begin with AOS judging in the morning and ribbon judging in the afternoon. Ribbon judging will be done by teams of HOS volunteers, awarding 1st, 2nd, and 3rd prizes (blue, red, and white ribbons) for dozens of categories as well as Best in Show trophies. This is a fun way for HOS members to learn more about orchids and the traits that make them outstanding.

**Preview Party.** Thursday night, 6-9 pm, the Preview Party gala will be held at the show site. Attendees will be able to buy their pick of orchids from show vendors before the show opens.

**HOS Display.** We need volunteers to help with show setup and setting up the HOS exhibit.

Of course, our exhibit will feature wonderful orchids grown by members. If you have some beautiful orchids in bloom at show time, lend them to our display. You will get them back, of course, and you just might win a ribbon or a trophy. Start fertilizing now and as spikes come up, stake them to be their most beautiful. Let’s all help create another award-winning masterpiece for the Hilo Orchid Society!



**T-shirts and more for sale.** We will have T-shirts with the show art (at left) for sale, as well as other items. And our new Orchid Isle 2024 calendars will be for sale.

**Refreshments.** There will be a variety of delicious dishes from food vendors, or you can eat at one of the nearby restaurants.

**Speakers.** We will have a series of talks and demonstrations presented by knowledgeable HOS members throughout the three days of the show. Topics will cover various types of orchids and how to grow them.

**HOS/Membership Table.** This is where visitors can find out about and join our Society.

**Orchid Doctor.** Julie Goettsch will have a fun Orchid Doctor stand, modeled after Lucy’s “Psychiatric Help 5¢” stand in the Peanuts cartoon, where attendees can get orchid questions answered.

**Will you help?** Putting on a show means taking care of a myriad of tasks, as you can tell from the descriptions of activities above. Volunteers are needed for many tasks (see article on page 1) plus setup, take down, creating the HOS exhibit, and other tasks that happen outside of show hours to make the show possible.

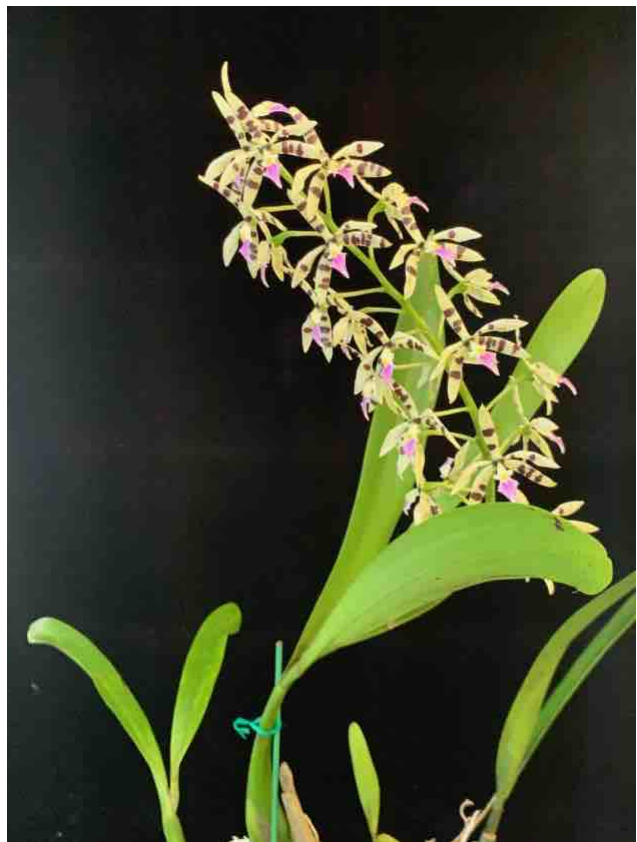
Our show can only succeed if Society members are generous enough to volunteer to help. It can be as little as two hours of your time, and you will feel good that our show was a big hit because of you. Get involved and be a part of the Hilo Orchid Society’s signature event!

## May Members Choice

Photos by Kathryn Duval



Left: 1<sup>st</sup> place: *Cattleya maxima* (fina *alba* x 'Peruvian Pearl') grown by Lise Dowd  
Right: 2<sup>nd</sup> place (tie): *Dendrochilum* species, grown by Janice Williams



Left: 2<sup>nd</sup> place (tie): *Prosthechea prismatocarpa*, grown by Sherry Partlow  
Right: 3<sup>rd</sup> place: *Dendrobium* Green Lantern, grown by Steve Meyer



Left: *Cattleya warscewiczii* 'Put On Your Dancing Shoes' FCC/AOS, grown by Orchid Eros  
Right: *Gomesa Jiaho Queen* 'Jiaho' FCC/AOS grown by Hilo Orchid Farm



Left: *Angraecum arachnites* 'Manga's return' AM/AOS, grown by Tom Miranda  
Right: *Angraecum viquieri* 'Gabriel Amaru' AM/AOS grown by Orchid Eros



Left: *Bulbophyllum* Wilbur Chang 'Rotten Sunset' AM/AOS, grown by Jungle Mist Orchids  
Right: *Cattleya* Mareeba Tiger 'Darth Vader' AM/AOS, grown by Orchid Eros



Left: *Cattleya mendelii* 'From Pacho' HCC/AOS, CHM/AOS, grown by Orchid Eros  
Right: *Cattleya warszewiczii* 'Island Sun Orchids' AM/AOS, grown by Island Sun Orchids

## Judging Time Change

The time for AOS judging on the second Saturday of the month has changed from 4:00 pm to 9:00 am. Judging on the 4<sup>th</sup> Friday of the month is still at 4:00 pm. Both judging sessions are at the same location, the Komohana Ag Extension center in room 203.



Left: *Miltassia* Phoenix Rising 'White Light' AM/AOS, grown by Okika  
Right: *Miltoniopsis* Rubenesque 'Survivor' AM/AOS, grown by Okika



*Epidendrum* Sky Cloud 'Night Out' AM/AOS, grown by Orchid Eros



Left: *Paphiopedilum* Henrietta's Charm 'Slipper Zone Tall Grace' AM/AOS, grown by Lehua Orchids  
Right: *Paphiopedilum* Henrietta's Charm 'Slipper Zone White Grace' HCC/AOS, grown by Lehua Orchids



Left: *Cattleya warscewiczii* h.f. *alba* 'Cumbre Blanca' HCC/AOS, grown by Orchid Eros  
Right: *Cattleya warscewiczii* h.f. *alba* 'Graduation Day' AM/AOS, grown by Orchid Eros



Left: *Cattleya warscewiczii* h.f. *coerulea* 'Sanson' AM/AOS, grown by Orchid Eros  
Right: *Encyclia randii* 'Sebastian Ferrell' AM/AOS, grown by Orchid Eros

## Glen Barfield Honored by AOS

Glen Barfield received an award from the American Orchid Society at their members meeting in April. This was an honorary award for hybridizing, recognizing his contribution to the orchid world in his breeding of *Oncidium* alliance orchids. He has received many AOS awards over the years and has contributed many varieties of *Oncidinae* to the

potted plant industry. It truly was an honor to be given this recognition and a very nice trophy.

Though he was not there, I was at the meeting in San Diego, and I was proud to be associated with Glen and to be one of the members representing Hilo Hawaii.

Karen Kimmerle

## Hilo Orchid Society Officers and Trustees

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