



Hilo Orchid Society **September** **Newsletter** **2021**

Online Meeting

Note: the normal meeting scheduled for Sat., September 11, 2021 has been **replaced by an online Zoom meeting.**

Date: Saturday, Sept. 11, 2021
Time: **2:00 pm**
Place: On your computer or phone
Speaker: James Keach
Topic: The Genus Disa

Disa is a genus of orchids from Southern Africa, boasting flower colors from fire engine red to light sky blue. However, it remains relatively rare in orchid collections and is unknown to many growers. Disas have the reputation of being hard to grow because of their watering requirements. In nature, Disas grow beside streams, and they like copious but very pure water.

This month our own Dr. James Keach will tell us all about Disas. His background is in plant breeding: developing new cultivars and forms of flowers and edible crops through traditional breeding techniques. In this capacity he has worked with a range of crops, including impatiens, sweet potato, taro, squash, peas, and many more. Prior to returning to Hawai'i, he headed an Orchid Improvement and Education project with Gardens by the Bay in Singapore. James is currently Kaua'i Assistant Extension Agent for Ornamental Crops with the University of Hawai'i. He is an AOS judge.



If you'd like to find out more about these beautiful but seldom-seen orchids, don't miss this meeting!

Scholarship Award

This year, our Board of Trustees approved our Scholarship Committee's recommendation to give the Yasuji Takasaki Memorial Scholarship for the 2021-2022 academic year to Tabitha Holloway.

Ms. Holloway is a senior and Dean's List scholar majoring in Agriculture with a Tropical Agroecology specialty. She transferred to UH Hilo from Alaska, where she grew up, and she intends to remain in Hawaii after graduation.



Each year, the Hilo Orchid Society gives \$3000 scholarships to students at the University of Hawaii at Hilo. Our scholarships are named in honor of Yasuji Takasaki, one of the pioneers of orchid culture and commercial orchid growing on the island of Hawaii, work that is carried on today by his sons Sheldon and Gerrit. Unable to go to school beyond 8th grade, Yasuji made a promise that each of his children would go to college to have the opportunities that he never had. By working multiple jobs, he kept that promise. Eventually he founded Carmela Orchids and grew it into an internationally recognized orchid business. He passed away in 2011 at the age of 95.

Yasuji Takasaki believed in the power of education to help young people achieve their dreams.

Sandra Dixon Named to Board

The Board of Trustees has voted to appoint Sandra Dixon to the Board to fill the position vacated by Ingrid Mendoza, who resigned due to other commitments. Sandra is active in AOS judging. We welcome her to the Board.

President's Message

Dear Hilo Orchid Society Ohana,

One step forward, two steps back. That is the way the world feels right now.

We seemed so close to getting back to some semblance of normal. Alas, we must continue on the same path of 2020, a year that we all wish we could put behind us. We had a nice taste of freedom last July when we managed to have a very successful orchid event at the stadium. What got us through was following the rules and everyone's cooperation. If only we could say the same about other aspects of life on our planet, and our beloved Hawaii.



If I can offer a bit of hope, we really have made significant progress these past 18 months. We know so much more than we did back then and have learned to adjust. We have understood how we must care about each other's well-being and sacrifice for the greater good. Orchids bring out that nurturer in us. What a wonderful group of people to be associated with. Here's to us orchid people riding this current wave, together, with a better world waiting on the shore.

Tom

Did You Know?

Orchid seeds are incredibly tiny. Scientists counted the seeds of one species (*Cycnoches chlorochilon*). The result: a single seedpod contained 3.7 million seeds.



Orchid seeds on an English penny.

Last Chance for Photo Contest

This is the last month that you can submit photos for our 2021 orchid photo contest. The deadline is October 1. We welcome submissions from members. There are only two rules:

- The photo must include an orchid.
- You must be the photographer. You don't have to be the grower. In other words, it can be somebody else's orchid, but it can't be somebody else's photo.

You may submit as many photos as you like. Email photos to info@hiloorchidsociety.org.

In October, we will have a panel of judges narrow down the photos to the "top 10", and then in November, you, our members, get to vote to choose the winner.

The winning photographer will get two tickets to our December Holiday Party, worth \$50. If our Holiday Party gets cancelled, the photo contest winner will receive a \$50 gift certificate for buying orchids.

So, don't delay. We know you have some beautiful orchid photos, and we want to see them!



Rick Kelley's photo of *Rlc.* George King 'Serendipity' won the photo contest in 2019.

CALENDAR OF ORCHID EVENTS

Sept. 11	2:00 pm	Hilo Orchid Society Zoom meeting
Sept. 11	4:00 pm	AOS judging, Extension Center, 875 Komohana St., Hilo
Aug. 27	4:00 pm	AOS judging, Extension Center, 875 Komohana St., Hilo

Members' Photos

We love to share photos of our members' orchids, so please send them in. Here are some recent photos.



Blc. Suzanne's Hallelujah, grown by Vivian Ueoka



Cattleya warneri, grown by Rick Kelley



Cattlianthe Final Blue, grown by Julie Goettsch



Miltoniopsis, grown by John Boyer.



Dendrobium loddigesii, grown by Janice Williams



Epi. (Pacific Punch 'Purple' x Pacific Dragon 'Neon Purple') Hot Pink' x Wedding Valev 'Sakura Komachi', grown by Lou Rhoades

July/August AOS Awards

Photos by Glen Barfield



Left: *Cattleya schofieldiana* 'Jolly Green Giant' FCC/AOS, grown by Orchid Eros
Right: *Dracula gorgona* h.f. *xanthine* 'Pride and Joy' FCC/AOS, grown by Orchid Eros



Left: *Cattleya tigrina* 'Orchid Eros' FCC/AOS, grown by Orchid Eros
Right: *Vanda* Aka's Old School 'Mahalo Ted' JC/AOS, grown by Aka's Orchids



Left: *Cattleya tigrina* 'Voodoo Child' AM/AOS, grown by Orchid Eros
Center: *Cattleya tigrina* 'Voodoo Queen' HCC/AOS, grown by Orchid Eros



Left: *Cattlianthe. Bactia Ice* 'Ice Baby' HCC/AOS, grown by Aka's Orchids
Right: *Paph. Macabre Aura* 'Slipper Zone One Version' HCC/AOS, grown by Lehua Orchids



Left: *Paph. Paph. Petula's Wood* 'Slipper Zone Synsation' HCC/AOS, grown by Lehua Orchids
Right: *Paph. Spring Pleasure* 'Slipper Zone Double Delight' HCC/AOS, grown by Lehua Orchids



Left: (*Cattleya Japala* x *L. lyonsii*) 'Fire Eater' HCC/AOS, grown by Orchid Eros

Right: (*Rhyncattleyanthe* Love Triangle x *Cattlianthe* Chocolate Drop) 'OrchidFix Ditto' HCC/AOS, grown by OrchidFix



Left: *Cattleya pumila* h.f. alba 'White Wine' AM/AOS, grown by Orchid Eros

Right: *Cattleya velutina* 'Leah' HCC/AOS, grown by Orchid Eros



Left: *Bc.* Grand Chocolate 'Profusion' AM/AOS, grown by Aka's Orchids

Right: *Cattleya dowiana* 'Sunshine Daydream' AM/AOS, grown by Orchid Eros



Left: *Cattleya bicolor* h.f. *albescens* 'La Menja' AM/AOS, grown by Orchid Eros
Right: *Cynorkis gibbosa* 'LHC Summer Wonder' AM/AOS, grown by Leslie Hayes-Cullins



Left: *Cattleya* Rhythm and Blues 'Aretha Franklin' AM/AOS, grown by Orchid Eros
Right: *Cattleya velutina* 'Rey' AM/AOS, grown by Orchid Eros



Left: *Cattleya* x *dolosa* 'Isabel Rosalia' AM/AOS, grown by Orchid Eros
Right: *Rlc.* Harriet Brickell 'Sailor's Guide' AM/AOS, grown by Orchid Eros

May AOS Awards

Photos by Glen Barfield



Left: *Cattleya grandis* v. *semi-alba venosa* 'Orchid Eros' AM/AOS, grown by Orchid Eros
Center: *Cattleya Luminosa* 'Dark Waters' HCC.AOS, grown by Orchid Eros
Right: *Cattleya milleri* 'Big Island' CCM/AOS, grown by Orchid Eros



Left: *Cattleya Mareeba Tiger* f. *coerulea* 'Mississippi Fred McDowel' AM/AOS, grown by Orchid Eros
Right: *Cattleya Mareeba Tiger* v. *coerulea* 'Skip James' AM/AOS, grown by Orchid Eros



Left: *Cattleya purpurata* h.v. *werkhauzerei*, *striata* 'Catt Nutts' AM/AOS, grown by Orchid Eros
Center: *Cattleya schilleriana* h.v. *coerulea* 'R. L. Burnside' AM/AOS, grown by Orchid Eros
Right: *Masdevallia Alyssa Maria* 'Okika' AM/AOS, grown by Okika



Left: *Rlc.* Princess of Hawaii 'The Art of Shade' AM/AOS, grown by Lehua Orchids
 Right: *Rlc.* Secret Affair 'Thanks Giving' AM/AOS, grown by Orchid Eros



Left: *Paph. hirsutissimum* 'Paph Zone TBD' AM/AOS, grown by Lehua Orchids
 Center: *Paph.* Macabre Illusion 'Slipper Zone Blood Pressure' AM/AOS, grown by Lehua Orchids
 Right: *Paph.* Petula Aflame 'Slipper Zone TBD' HCC/AOS, grown by Lehua Orchids



Paph. Harold Koopowitz 'OrchidFix Say What' AM/AOS, grown by OrchidFix



Above left: *Paph.* Hilo Black Eagle 'OrchidFix Black Warrior' AM/AOS, grown by OrchidFix



Above right: *Paph. rothschildianum* 'OrchidFix Ideal' AM/AOS, grown by OrchidFix



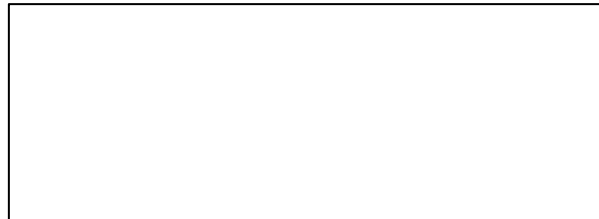
Paph. callosum h.v. thailandensis 'OrchidFix Tiny Gem' HCC/AOS, grown by OrchidFix

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