

# Kona Orchid Society

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*Inducing our new club logo*

*“Educating our members and the public about the collection, culture and appreciation of orchids.”*

### **A Message from our President**

I'm not sure how we can be this far into the year the year already?! Summer is nearly upon us and our plants are hopefully rewarding our hard work with good growth. The club is also growing and changing at an incredible and exciting rate. I for one have been enjoying our reinvigorated mode and all of the actives. It can be hard at times to not just do all of our ideas at once and overwhelm ourselves. I'm going to say that is a good problem to have and I greatly look forward to doing more activities with everyone and getting to know all of you better.

-Whitney

# Club happenings

## Work Parties

July 16- Orchid Isle Project

Aug 20 – Summer Sale and Show

Sep 17- Potting Bulbophyllum in shallow dishes

Oct 22 – Nursery Tour

Nov 19 - Planting orchid with other plants

## Summer Sale and Show

August 20 (set up on the 19<sup>th</sup>) 9 to 2pm

Old Airport Pavilion

With no Mother's Days Sale and Show this year we are trying something new

- Vendors will be charged a flat fee
- The club will not be taking the money and then charging vendors a percentage as with years past.
- We will be charging a \$2 admissions fee
- We have 6 plant vendors all with larger spaces along with a couple of craft vendors
- We will be taking people's email down and entering them in a drawing to win a plant gift basket donated by the vendors
- The club will have an Orchid display of plants brought in by the membership
- We will also have a "membership" hopefully selling merchandise with our new logo
- We will be having classes (on the stage)
  - 10-11 TBD
  - 11-12 Evasive Species- Molly Murphy
  - 12-1 Orchid Disease and Pests- Phoenicia Zeller

### We are going to need Volunteers!

2 Shifts: 9 to 12 and 12 to 2 with clean up from 2 to 3.

We will also need a couple of people to help with set up on Friday moving tables

## July Membership Meeting

Will be on July 8<sup>th</sup> not the 1<sup>st</sup>

Phoenicia Zeller will be speaking on  
Landscaping with Orchids

## Hilo Orchid Show July 29-31

### Theme: Orchid Ohana

Time to get your thinking caps on!

KOS will be doing a table display (6ft table) filled with plants from you, our membership. We need to create a display if you have anything that we can use as a prop or an idea on what we could build we would greatly appreciate it.

Also be looking at your plants and staking any spikes that will be ready for the show.

More information to come in July

## June Board Meeting

- Orchid Isle Project- we need plants please let us know if you have any plants that you would be willing to donate to the Project. Planting will be on July 16<sup>th</sup>
- Check out our website [konaorchidsociety.org](http://konaorchidsociety.org) for all of the changes we are making and updates on upcoming events

### Upcoming Meeting Speakers

July 8- Phoenicia Zeller

August 5 Elevation Work sheet Mixer

September 2 The Orchid People

October 7- TBD

November 4- Ben Olivares

December 3- Holiday Party

**We welcome any and all ideas for speaker topics and activities**

## Member Plant Show and Tell

Mahalo to all the members that shared their blooming orchids.

Please email your photos of blooming plants to [kos@konaorchidsociety.org](mailto:kos@konaorchidsociety.org) to be included.

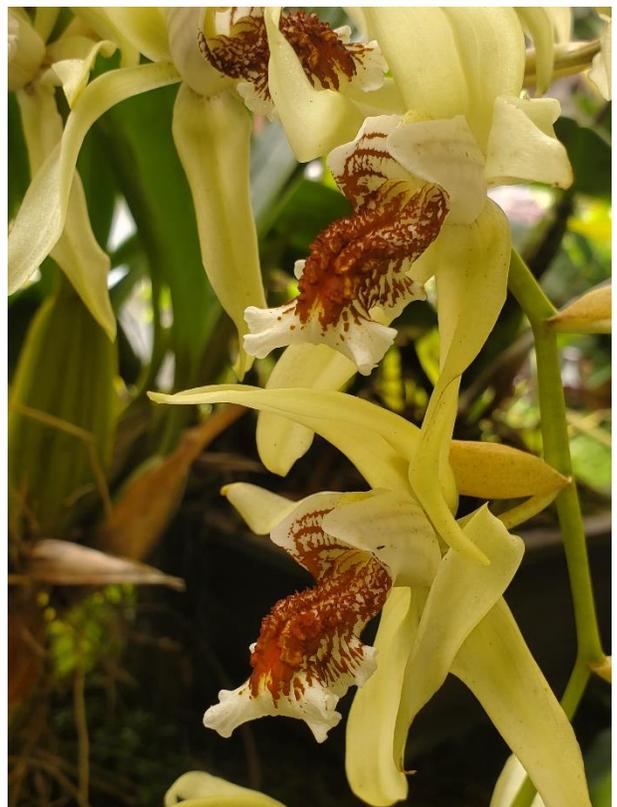
*Feel free to send photos of problem orchids so we can help.*



*Orchids in the landscape, Geri Allison*



*Cymbidium hybrid, Anita Kelleher*

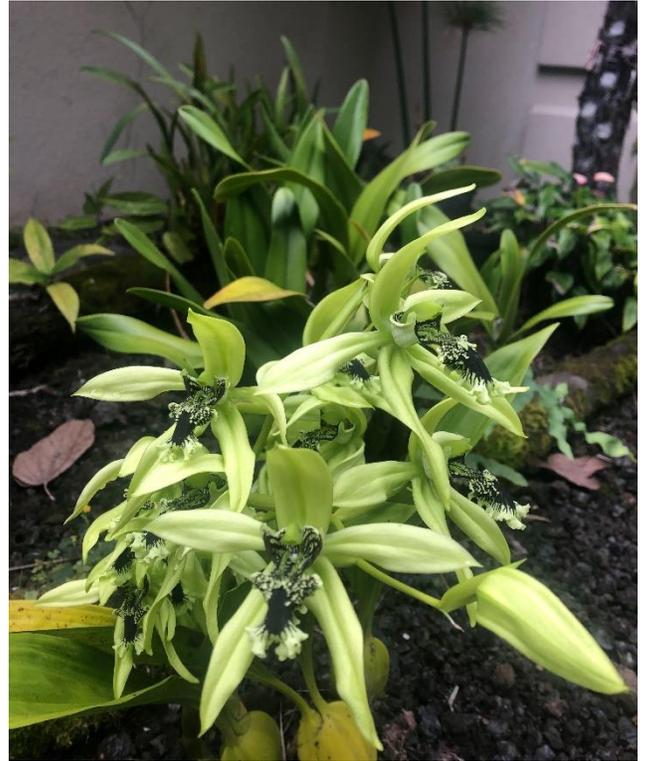


*Coelogyne ??, Zachary Langridge*

# Member Plant Show and Tell



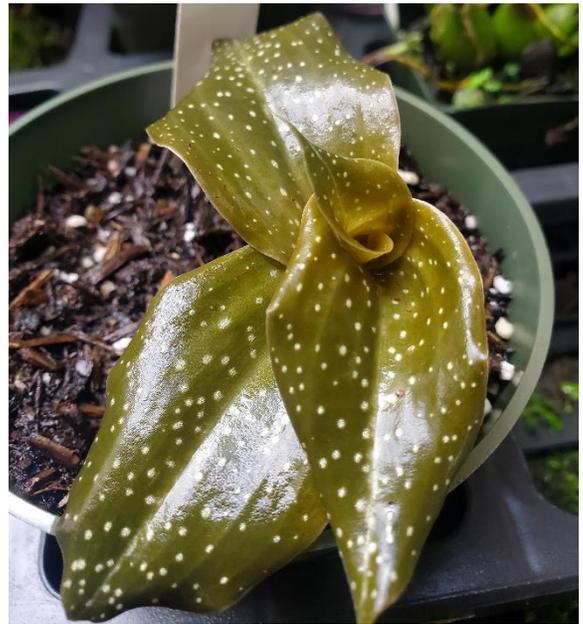
*Cattleya hybrid*, Anita Kelleher



*Coelogyne mayeriana*, Geri Allison



No name, Phoenicia Zeller



*Habinaria Cornea* 'Coral Pink', Sometimes the foliage can be as amazing as the flowers.  
Whitney Stele

## MEMBER SHOW AND TELL



*C. harrisoniae*, Phoenicia Zeller



May 21 Work Party  
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# PREPARING YOUR ORCHID FOR THE SHOW EXHIBIT

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<https://staugorchidsociety.org/PDF/PreparingYourOrchidfortheShowExhibit.pdf>

Photos by Whitney Steele

If you have a really nice plant that will be in full bloom during the show weekend, you may want to consider entering it into the SAOS exhibit or exhibiting the plant individually for a potential award. To prepare your plant, follow these steps.

**Groom Your Plant.** You should remove dead or brown leaves and pseudobulbs from the plant. Trim dead areas from leaves if possible with a single edged razor blade, but not too early or edges will brown. When cutting tips of leaves, be sure your cut follows the basic shape of the natural leaf ending. Make sure it is insect and disease free. Clean the leaves with a mildly acidic solution like white vinegar, lemon juice, Sprite, 7 Up, etc to remove calcium build up or other spotting. Remove trash, debris, dead leaves or stems and weeds from the pot. Stake the inflorescence to show the flower to its best advantage.

**Identify Your Plant.** To make sure your plant is properly labeled and to make sure you get your plant back.

List Coordinator who will send you a number to identify your plant. You should mark your pot with and your name, e.g., with masking tape and a Sharpie pen. Remove or bury the plant tag in the pot so it is not visible above the potting medium, but is there for your future use.

**Getting Your Plant to the Show.** If you are not going to participate in setting up the exhibit, arrangements will be made to transport your plant to the show. Work with Exhibit Chair to either arrange for an individual to pick up the plant or bring the plant to a central collection location for transportation to the show. In either case, secure your plant in a carry box with newspapers to hold the plant stationary. The plants must be ready no later than the day before set up.



*KOS display at the Hilo Orchid Show 2019*

## **Checklist. Here's a handy checklist to follow for preparing your plants.**

Clean the pseudobulbs and leaves (water helps to soften the dry papery covering (cataphyll) around mature pseudobulbs so that you can gently rub it off).

Make sure the media in the container is clean and free of weeds.

Wipe the top of the leaves (vinegar, lemon juice, sprite, 7 up, diluted milk, etc.) to remove residue. Do not use commercial spray to shine the leaves, it is not good for the plant.

Carefully inspect plant for pests and if any are found remove them with alcohol and a Q tip. If there is a bad infestation, do not bring the plant to the show.

Inspect the flowers for thrips and other damage. If a flower is marred by the spots of Botrytis fungus it is better to leave the plant at home.

Carefully stake the inflorescence if this will help present the flowers to their best advantage. If you can, plan ahead of time. It is best to train the inflorescence as it emerges and is soft, a mature inflorescence is hardened off and can break easily.

Provide the plant label information in the interactive form to the Plant List Coordinator who will assign a plant number to your plant. Take a piece of masking tape, write your name and the number you received from the Plant List Coordinator and affix to the side of pot. This unique number identifies



your plant and this is how the Exhibit Committee knows the proper plant owner so it will be returned to you. Once your plant is identified by your name and the plant number, remove or bury the label in the pot so it is not visible.

Remove any wire hangers, hoops, etc.

Water each plant thoroughly before bringing to the show.

If the plant is in plastic, drop it into a clay pot for stability. Place each plant carefully in a large box or container for transport. To keep the plants from moving around and sustaining damage you can put crumpled newspaper around the pots.



*Photo on the left is a plant before prepping it, on the right is the same plant after.*