

# Kona Orchid Society

E-Newsletter

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*Bllra. Ysabella 'Lunar Eclipse'- Whitney Steele*

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

### A Message from our president

I'm not going to lie I could not be more excited to say that we can finally have club meetings! It has been a long 2 years but we will be having our first meeting April 1, no Fool's joke!! The board has been hard at work planning a banquet dinner along with raffle plants and plants for each 2022 membership.

We all greatly look forward to seeing you, but until then stay safe and may your orchids bloom brightly.

-Whitney

# Club Happenings 2022 Membership Renewal Night

## Kona Orchid Society Membership Meeting

**Date:** Friday, April 1

**Time:** Doors open at 6pm

Dinner at 6:30pm

**With membership application and paid dues tonight's meeting includes a complimentary dinner and gift orchid**

**Orchids from Orchid People of Hawaii, Bob Harris and Jennifer Snyder**

**Dinner catered by Big Island Grill**

Bento box selections are:

- a. Teri Chicken with
- b. Fried Tofu with Asian Sauce
- c. Teri Beef

All include a side of Fruikake rice and vegetables

**Confirm dinner selection and . . .**

**RSVP to [kos@konaorchidsociety.org](mailto:kos@konaorchidsociety.org) by Tuesday, March 22**

### **Special notes:**

1. We ask that you wear masks when not eating at the meeting
2. Bring your own non-alcoholic drink
3. Guests are more than welcome, Individual dinner costs is \$20 per plate

**Meeting location: Makua Lani Christen Academy**

**The Bridge Building at**

**74-4966 Kealakaa St.**



# Meet Our New Treasurer: Susan Elliott

Article and Photo by Susan Elliott

We arrived in Kaulia Kona, July 2017, taking up permanent residence here from Seattle, Washington. After our first and only visit to the Island of Hawaii in October, 2015, we were completely taken by the beauty and energy of this island. On our next visit in December, 2016, we explored many of the island communities and decided that Kona would be our special place, as we were drawn by the spiritual energy here. So, within six months, we moved to Kona, 'lock stock and barrel'.

While Travis has always been the orchid grower and enthusiast in our family, I have benefitted from the fruits of his labor, filling our home and lanai with his lovely orchids.

I joined the board at large in 2019 and I spent time observing the workings of the group and volunteering where I was needed. Then in 2020-2021 I served as secretary. Presently I am the Treasurer, and I hope that I can assist in implementing changes that will enable our club to grow and meet the future needs of our community.

What you may not know is that I have a background in organizational development, and nonprofit fundraising. I have applied my leadership skills in training people to develop negotiating skills and reduce conflict. As an independent consultant for over 10 years, I helped small

businesses to function more professionally to improve many aspects of their business operations. I'm happy to have the opportunity to bring that background to the Kona Orchid Society.

As a member of the society, I am deepening my knowledge of the orchid industry on this island. And as a new resident, I have made friends, which has allowed me to build a friendship circle in my new community.



## Member show and Tell



*C. leuddemmania*, Phoenicia Zeller



No name, Zachary Langridge





## Member Plant Show and Tell



*Leptotes bicolor*, Whitney Steele



*C. intermedia* 'Pine Knot', Phoenicia Zeller

**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.*



*Chamaeangis hariotiana.*, Whitney Steele

**KONA ORCHID SOCIETY**

**MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION FOR CALENDAR YEAR 2022**

**INDIVIDUAL MEMBERSHIP DUES \$25.00**

**Please make check payable to "Kona Orchid Society"**

**Print clearly and bring form to the next meeting**

**Name:** \_\_\_\_\_

First and Last name exactly as you want it on your KOS Name Badge

**Address:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Phone (including are code):** \_\_\_\_\_

**E-mail address:** \_\_\_\_\_

**At what elevation are you growing orchids?** \_\_\_\_\_

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