

GARDEN ISLAND ORCHID SOCIETY UPCOMING EVENTS

General Meeting—February 7, 2014. Take note, this month’s meeting is the **FIRST** Friday of the month. The meeting will start at 6:30 pm in the United Church of Christ in Hanapepe and Al Sugano will be our featured speaker (no learning center this month). Al will be answering questions the members have and will end with a hands-on demonstration of planting the door prize Phalaenopsis “plug” plant. Members will then have the opportunity to repot their door prize plant.



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2013 General Meetings: April 4th, June 13th, August 8th, October 10th, and December 6th.

Other 2013 Events: Spring Fantasy Show is April 11 & 12th. The Orchids in Paradise show at the farm fair is August 21st through the 24th.

PRESIDENT’S MESSAGE

Happy New Year to all!

Every January we have new beginnings and I am honored to be starting the job of representing GIOS as your new president. Following in the footsteps of our very talented past presidents will keep me on my toes and I will need all of your help to continue with the successes we have all accomplished.

Looking back to 2013, the holiday party was a huge success and I want to thank all of you who participated and brought such wonderful food for our pot luck. In fact, we had so many choices, I think next year we will need to add an extra table to hold it all. Also it was wonderful to see the piles of items that were brought by members to fill the donation boxes. You all exceeded the Boards expectations and we ended up with an amazing number of boxes. Included in this newsletter is additional information and pictures from the community luncheon where the baskets were handed out.

Looking forward we have many exciting events coming up. Our Spring Show is just around the corner and we will need your beautiful orchids for the display and your help with putting on this highly anticipated event. Everyone looks forward to coming to our show, taking pictures, buying orchids from our vendors, picking up orchid craft items and buying our delicious food!

Elizabeth Borchelt, President

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BOARD 2014-2015

- * **President: Elizabeth Borchelt**
- * **Vice President: Gwen Teragawa**
- * **Secretary: Kimberlee Kain**
- * **Treasurer: Lee Anderson**
- * **Awards: Mildred Konishi**
- * **By Laws/Ex-Officio: Carol Kanna**
- * **Membership: Bobbie Agena**
- * **Newsletter: Karen Harlow**
- * **Show Display: Nancy Nakama**

GIOS 2013 CHRISTMAS PARTY

Our annual Christmas party was held on December 7th. Members shared a wide variety of tasty savory and sweet dishes.

After dinner, we had a short business meeting swearing in the new officers for 2014-2015. Kimberlee Kain shared with us videos of Elves dancing that appeared to be members! It was quite entertaining, Mahalo Kimberlee.

This year we didn't have a special program but members brought non-perishable food and supplies to be used in gift boxes. The club supplemented the supplies with bags of rice. Cheryl Morris and Pearl Wollin organized the donations as they came in. Each table crafted multiple decorated boxes with various items picked from the large assortment available. In the end, GIOS donated **TWENTY-NINE** gift wrapped presents to be given away at the United Christ of Church's free luncheon. The response by our members was way beyond our expectations. Check out the photos in this newsletter that were taken at the luncheon.

While the gifts were crafted, members with Makana points were called out to pick from a beautiful variety of orchids and supplies their awards for volunteering in 2013. Vendors providing orchids included Nancy Nakama, Al Sugano, Neill Sams, and Gwen Teragawa.

DID YOU KNOW?

The door prize plant for December was Den. Tanida Two Tone. Check to see if yours came with a tag.

Do you have any ideas on what you'd like to have covered in our general meetings? Or do you have a suggestion for a special speaker? Gwen Teragawa is in the process of lining up the 2014 speakers and subject areas. Either call her at (808) 482-0704 or send her an e-mail with your ideas to: gteragawa@gmail.com.



Officers for 2014-2015, Elizabeth Borchelt, Gwen Teragawa, Kimberlee Kain and Lee Anderson.

Pictured from left to right: Elizabeth Borchelt and Harold Shimono, Bobbie Agena at the membership desk, and Amy Sugano, Jason Matsuoka and Gwen Teragawa.



GIFT BOXES DELIVERED & LUCKY WINNERS

Weekly, the United Church of Christ in Hanapepe provides a free lunch to anyone who would like to attend. On December 19th, the gift boxes that were assembled at our party were given away to the guests attending the luncheon. Each person was given a numbered ticket; then Carol Kanna drew numbers and the guests chose which gift they wanted to take.

The assembly line with Amy Sugano, Mildred Konishi, Jennifer Dahme, Greg Iten, and Elizabeth Borchelt.

Amy Sugano wrapping one of the gifts. Looks like Al Sugano is giving Amy advice.

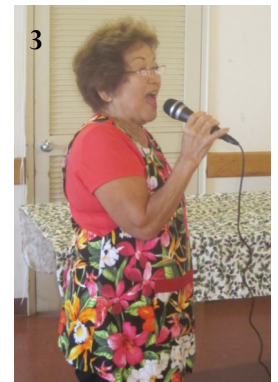
Mildred Konishi putting her special touches on another gift.

Greg Iten and Jennifer Dahme.



Left is the table displaying the gift boxes at the luncheon. Several GIOS members attended the luncheon to represent our efforts. It was very satisfying to see how excited the recipients were to “win” and pick out their gifts.

Below (1) guests were enjoying their lunch before the drawing. Pearl Wollin and Cheryl Morris (2) representing GIOS at the luncheon. Carol Kanna (3) calling out the lucky winners. Three of the lucky winners (4) picking out their gifts. Church members (5) dishing up the lunches.



DECEMBER CELEBRATION

Harold Shimono, Al Sugano, Eugene Jimenez, and Mary Shimogawa dishing up.

Ted Kawamura, Irene Dias, Lola Mae Bukoski and Sam Bukoski enjoying the desserts.



Barbara Prigge relaxing after a long day.

Greg Iten, Cheryl Morris, Mildred Konishi, Caryn Sakahashi (1st picture below left) and Irene Dias, Margaret Makishi, Ted Kawamura, and Lola Mae Bukoski (2nd picture) grazing through the plentiful dessert options. Nancy Nakama and Neill Sams finishing up dinner.



Diane Burton, Lee Anderson, and Ray Burton catching up over dinner.

Dennis Ness, Karen Rupp, and Caryn Sakahashi getting to know one another. Dennis and Karen are new members, welcome!



Jason Matsuoka, Carol Kanna, and Sheri Kunioka-Volz.

Lorraine Kawane, Judy Matsumoto, and Janice Nitta.



MEMBERS CLAIMING MAKANA REWARDS



Above from left to right and then down: Members Janice Nitta, Aurora Beaver, Cheryl Morris, and Stella Shimatsu are checking out with their rewards and purchases. Lorraine Kawane and Sheri Kunioka-Volz accounted for the Makana points being used and any additional money needed to cover Bobbie Agena's choices .



Above from left to right: Neill Sams provides information on some of the orchids he brought for members to choose from. Various supplies (pots, clippers, bamboo stakes, name tags, fertilizer, etc.) were also made available for redeeming Makana points. Kimberlee Kain checks out with her plants with Jason Matsuoka and Nancy Nakama.



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SPRING SHOW 2014

Plans are being finalized for the Spring Fantasy Show in April. The theme will be Orchids in Wonderland held at the United Church of Christ in Hanapepe. Our show will be held on April 11th and 12th and set up is on Thursday afternoon, April 10th at 1:00 PM. Dennis Olivas will be joining us again at the Show providing expert advice on how to take care of orchids and doing live demos.

Volunteers will be needed to help set-up, tear down, security, and other areas. Sign up sheets will be available at the meeting in February. If you'd like to volunteer to make some baked goods or donate flour/sugar/rice/potatoes/other baking ingredients, contact Elizabeth Borchelt at 651-9403.

Because of space limitations, there will be no art sales booths this year; only club crafts and orchid vendor sales. The craft team, lead by Judy Matsumoto, is now busy with making the various orchid themed merchandise. The cookbooks have been completed by the publisher and we expect them to arrive in plenty of time for sales at the show.

Start prepping the orchids you expect will be blooming. More details on plant name tags and delivery will be provided in the March / April Newsletter.

REMINDER: Membership dues should be in by the end of February if you wish to continue to receive the newsletter.

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