

Garden Island Orchid Society Newsletter

January - February 2018

President's Message

Happy New Year!

Another year is upon us and I hope you will be able to join us for our first General Meeting of the new year. Our meeting will open with a meet and greet starting at 6:00 pm where you can sign in and look at the beautiful display table filled with blooming orchids brought by our members. If one of your orchids is in bloom, we would love for you to share it with us. Please bring it along and add it to the display table. We all enjoy checking out our fellow members' successes. During this time you can ask questions about the displayed orchids such as ~ What was the environment they grew in? What type of medium was used? What challenges were overcome? The business meeting will begin at 6:30, followed by the Learning Center with Al Sugano at 6:45, a break at 7:15, and our featured speaker beginning at around 7:30.

January is also a good time to do some maintenance on your orchids. I know that I have a lot of re-potting to do. Before I launch myself into that project, I need to make sure I have all the supplies that I will need. Having a clean area or table to use helps keep your orchids from getting infected with pests and gives you room to have everything immediately available at hand. First I use a long handled lighter to clean my tools like pruners and clippers. Then I identify which size of pots I need and sterilize them overnight in a water solution with 10% bleach. Next I will select what type of medium I will be using, if any. Mostly I use orchid bark, but I also have sphagnum grass and rocks available. My re-potting project can be overwhelming, so to keep focused I'll probably set a goal of re-potting a certain number of orchids each day!

See you in February!

Elizabeth

Upcoming Events

General Meeting ~ The next General Meeting is scheduled for February 9, 2018, at the United Church of Christ in Hanapepe beginning at 6:00 pm. See the agenda in The President's Message above. Be sure to bring any blooming orchids to show on the display table and receive a bonus keiki orchid to take home and nurture.

2018 General Meeting Schedule: February 9, April 6, June 8, August 10, October 12, and December 1

2018 Events: Spring Show ~ April 13 - 14 with setup on April 12
Fall Show at the Farm Bureau Fair ~ August, 2018 - dates not yet available

The Garden Island Orchid Society is affiliated with the [American Orchid Society](#).

2017 Holiday Potluck & Party

We had an excellent turnout this year at our 2017 Holiday Potluck celebration held on December 2. The highlights of the party were the recognition of last year's Board members, installation of the new Board, sharing delicious food, redemption of the 2017 Makana points, and our members' generous donations of food staples which were transformed into many dozens of festively wrapped donation boxes for distribution by the Hanapepe United Church of Christ.

The following pages contain photos of happy GIOS members enjoying the various activities of the party.

2018 - 2019 Officers

President:
Elizabeth Borchelt
Vice-President:
Pearl Wollin
Secretary:
Kimberlee Kain
Treasurer:
Karen Harlow
Ex-Officio:
Bobbie Agena



In the photo above President Elizabeth Borchelt thanks last year's Board for their service. From left to right: Membership Bobbie Agena, Awards Mildred Konishi, By-Laws & Makana Program Nancy Nakama, Secretary Kimberlee Kain, Vice-President Gwen Teragawa, Ex-Officio Carol Kanna, and President Elizabeth Borchelt.

News Bits

The Garden Island Orchid Society would like to welcome its newest members:

Charles Beard
Linda Beard
Richard Janik

If you have not yet paid your 2018 GIOS dues of \$20, please contact Bobbie Agena or bring it to the February meeting!



Above, Elizabeth presents each Board member with a thoughtful, personalized thank you gift.

2017 Holiday Potluck & Party ~ continued

The excellent potluck dinner was an amazing display of tasty main courses, delicious salads, tantalizing side dishes and yummy desserts. Below are some members carefully selecting their favorites from the overstocked table.



*Whew ...
What a spread!*



Stacie Boucher, Harold Shimono, Al Sugano, Christine Brown, Aurora Kiskan, and others filling their plates with delicious dishes!



Below and at the right are some photos of excited GIOS members selecting their treasures with their Makana points!



Caryn Sakahashi and friend examining a beautiful orchid



Chris Steen happily walking away with his goodies!

2017 Holiday Potluck & Party ~ continued

Perhaps the most important part of the evening was giving back to our community and those in need by wrapping Christmas presents filled with food and donating the packages for distribution by the Hanapepe United Church of Christ. Thanks to all of our members who graciously donated their food and time to help those in need. The following photos capture our generous members working on the donated gifts.



Upcoming Oahu Orchid Shows in March

Windward Orchid Show: March 23-25 ~ Friday and Saturday 9am-7pm, Sunday 9am-4pm
S. W. King Intermediate School Armory, 46-155 Kamehameha Hwy, Kaneohe, HI 96744

Kunia Orchid Show: March 23-25 ~ Friday and Saturday 9am-5pm, Sunday 9am-4pm
Leilehua High School Paul Kobayashi Gym, 1515 California Ave, Wahiawa, HI 96786

Road Trip to the annual Santa Barbara International Orchid Show

Yes, a few of our intrepid members are planning to attend this amazing orchid show running from March 9 ~ 11, 2018 at the [Earl Warren Showgrounds](#) in Santa Barbara, CA. The show boasts fabulous displays of exotic orchids from around the world, thousands of orchids, supplies and art work for sale, a juried exhibition of orchid-themed fine art, free workshops on orchid care led by experts in the field, and an amazing and unique flower arrangement exhibition.

Based on sharing hotel rooms and cars, the approximate cost of attending the show is around \$1,330 per person plus taxes. If you are interested in attending the show, please contact Karen Harlow at treasurer@gardenislandorchidsociety.org for more information.

Installation of 2018 ~ 2019 Officers and Chairs

The 2018 - 2019 GIOS Officers and Chairs were confirmed at our December meeting. Below is the list of these key volunteers by office or committee, and their GIOS e-mail address if available.

President	Elizabeth Borchelt	president@gardenislandorchidsociety.org
Vice-President	Pearl Wollin	vicepresident@gardenislandorchidsociety.org
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Ex-Officio	Bobbie Agena	
By-Laws	Stella Shimatsu	
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Audio/Video	Chris Steen	
Plant Name Tags	Jennifer Abrams	
Refreshments	Gwen Teragawa & Jason Matsuoka	
Show Judging	Mildred Konishi	
Crafts	Joanne Nishihara	
Photographer	Ryan Metzger	
Learning Center	Al Sugano	
Spring & Fall Show Chair	Elizabeth Borchelt	
Spring & Fall Show Display	Nancy Nakama	
Spring Show Food Booth	Caryn Sakahashi	

*Thanks to all of these
dedicated individuals for
their time and effort on
behalf of GIOS!*

American Orchid Society Website is an Excellent Resource!

The American Orchid Society website (www.aos.org) is an excellent resource for both experienced as well as new orchid growers. The website is filled with information about identifying, caring for and growing orchids of all varieties.

Currently at the AOS website's home page is an offer to download the fully-illustrated Orchid Care For Beginner Guide PDF for free. The PDF discusses light, water, air, temperature, and feeding of orchids at a fairly high level. Its great for beginners who need an overview and don't want to kill off their plants. Experienced orchid growers will want to delve into more detailed information about their specific type and genus of orchid to understand and provide the optimum care.

Have You Seen It?

We have a new website! Same great information, same resources, new look! Due to technical issues with the old website's software platform, the website was rebuilt using WordPress and is now up and running in its new incarnation. Check out www.gardenislandorchidsociety.org and let us know what you think! You can help us make the website even better for all members. E-mail newsletter@gardenislandorchidsociety.org with any feedback, suggestions, additions or corrections.



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**Makana Program: What are Makana points?
How do I get them?
What do I do with them?**

The Garden Island Orchid Society offers a Makana Program which is designed to encourage participation by all of our members in the various activities and responsibilities of the Society.

Members earn Makana points by volunteering for specific activities and earning Makana reward points appropriate for that activity. The key ways to earn Makana points are by serving on the Board of Directors, chairing one of the standard committees, or volunteering to help at our Spring and Fall orchid shows. There may be other opportunities to earn Makana points throughout the year, so keep your eyes and ears open.

At the annual December meeting, members who have earned Makana points can redeem them for fun and exciting items including a variety of orchids, supplies and containers. It's a great way to add new orchids to your collection or get some much needed supplies.

For more information, please contact Teri Nakamoto at makanaprogram@gardenislandorchidsociety.org.