

GIOS NEWSLETTER

GARDEN ISLAND ORCHID SOCIETY IS AFFILIATED WITH THE AMERICAN ORCHID SOCIETY

GARDEN ISLAND ORCHID SOCIETY UPCOMING EVENTS

General Meeting—The next general meeting is August 11th at the Hanapepe United Church of Christ. Bring your display plants for an extra door prize. Business meeting will start at 6:00. During our break we will have sign ups for volunteers working the Fair. This is your chance to earn some Makana points for redemption at the December meeting. After the break, Al Sugano will be our speaker on Orchid Culture.



2016 Farm Fair Best in Show: Owner Carol Kanna, D. Enobi Purple Splash
Photo by Ryan Metzger

2017 General Meetings: October 13th, and December 2nd.

2017 Events: Fall Show set-up is August 23rd and the show is August 24th - 27th. See more details on page 2.

Special Outing: For those interested, the Santa Barbara Orchid Show is in March of 2018. Information about the trip is available on page 4.

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Aloha everyone, I want to remind you, especially our new members, to bring in one of your blooming orchids for display at the meeting. You will receive an additional door prize orchid for doing so and it's a joy to see our members successes. I have a couple of things to bring to your attention about the meeting. We will have sign ups for volunteers for the Farm Fair Show that is coming up in late August and we will be encouraging members to sign up for

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officer and chair elections. The actual election will be held at our October meeting so we need to organize the slate prior to the meeting. There is additional information on both subjects in this newsletter.

Elizabeth Borchelt

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

DID YOU KNOW?

NEW MEMBERS

The Garden Island Orchid Society would like to welcome our newest members Laurie LaRoque and Dana Valle.

GIOS SHIRTS

T-shirts are available for pick-up. If you haven't picked yours up yet, they will be available at the August meeting. There are also some extras available, so if you didn't have a chance to order one, bring your check book and pick one up at the meeting.

Many thanks to **Jackie Kanna** for providing and donating the beautiful artwork used on our shirts!



The theme for this years' Orchids in Paradise show is "Tutu's Play Yard".

We are looking for greenery to be included as filler in the display. Cuttings that will last in the heat of the summer are best, like Norfolk Pine or Star of India. Also looking for donations of a battery operated power drill and an electrical extension cord. So if you have an extra one, let Pearl or Stacie know.

GIOS and our member plant vendors, will be selling plants. These are typically very nicely priced so shop early to get the best selection! The **public** fair hours are:

Thursday, 8/24, 6 pm to midnight	Friday, 8/25, 6 pm to midnight
Saturday, 8/26, Noon to midnight	Sunday, 8/27, Noon to 11 pm.

GIOS display set up is on Wednesday, 8/23. Volunteer sign-ups will be done at the August 11th meeting. Elizabeth Borchelt, the Show Chair, and Pearl Wollin, the Display Co-Chair, will be available at the sign-ups to assist. **Check the sign-up sheets for the exact times.** We will be staggering some of the start times to better facilitate the set-up. Fair entry and parking passes will be passed out at that time also. Volunteers will be needed for: plant sales, display set-up, security during the show, and display cleanup. If you are not able to be at the meeting to sign-up, either have someone else sign you up at meeting who will be there or contact Nancy Nakama.

Water, snacks, and dinner will be provided for set-up volunteers. Judging will take place Thursday morning at 8 am. Tear down of the display will start on Sunday at 2:00 pm. If you are not working on the tear down, please make sure you pick up your plants at 2 or arrange with someone to move them out of the display.

Start prepping your plants now. There are some tips on Page 6 we have previously received from Scot Mitamura for prepping our plants (check out the 2016 July August Newsletter on the web site for the whole article).

Plants should be delivered NO later than 4:00 pm to the display for placement. This includes having the plant name tags already attached. If you need help on getting your plants to the display, contact one of the Officers or Show Display Chairs.

Plant names for tags should be given to Karen Harlow at the August 11th general meeting or send an e-mail (harlows@hawaii.rr.com) or USPS Mail (PO Box 597, Kalaheo 96741) to arrive no later than **Sunday, August 20th.** Laminated tags will be available for pick-up on Wednesday, August 23th at set-up. Please provide any names for plants you think might be ready since the display looks more professional if we do not have hand-written tags. Names should include the plant owner's name, the plant Genus and the given name or species name. An example would be Epi Pacific Sunset. If the plant name has been lost, include the Genus (i.e. Epi). Sometimes, one of our orchid experts will be able to figure out the name based on what the plant looks like and where you obtained it.

VOLUNTEERING FOR OFFICERS & CHAIRS

The term for our existing officers and chair persons ends in December 2017. The Board will review the slate in September and upon approval, the slate will be posted in the October newsletter with elections to be held at the October meeting. Additional nominations for any office may be made from the floor at the October meeting but the nominees must be present or if absent, written consent provided before their nomination. If you have an **interest in any position**, contact Nancy Nakama, the By-Laws Chair, or another officer. Each position generates Makana points that can be redeemed at our December meeting.

Below are the proposed officers. Additional nominations are welcomed and if necessary, an election will take place.

President: Elizabeth Borchelt	Vice-President:
Secretary: Kimberlee Kain	Treasurer: Karen Harlow

Below are the current Chairs that already have a volunteer identified:

Librarian: Cheryl Morris	Plant Name Tags: Jennifer Abrams
Membership: Bobbie Agena	Spring Food Booth: Caryn Sakahashi
Show Chair: Elizabeth Borchelt	Show Judging: Mildred Konishi
Refreshments: Gwen Teragawa and Jason Matsuoka	Audio/Video: Chris Steen
Learning Center: Al Sugano	

Below are the Chair positions that currently **do not** have a volunteer identified and are **available** for your consideration (detailed description available from the By Laws Chair):

- **Photographer:** Responsible for the official GIOS photographs. This includes: taking pictures at all general meetings, club functions and all first place winners for both shows for the newsletter.
- **Newsletter:** Responsible for creating/publishing the GIOS Newsletter 6 times a year and maintaining the GIOS website.
- **Show Display:** Responsible for the display at the Spring and Fall Show. This includes: Design the display in accordance with the show theme, coordinate with a nursery, if trees and or ferns need to be rented; Plan out a list of props and supplies needed and assure that everything will be available and ready to assemble at the show site on the designated set-up day; Provide direction to set up and clean up volunteers.
- **Makana:** Manage a reward program to assist the club in recruiting officers, chairpersons and workers. This includes: conduct sign-ups for members to fill work shifts at shows; provide show volunteer duties to members during sign-ups; maintain a list of members and points earned; and at the December meeting, conduct the reward program, by providing various items for members to redeem their points.
- **By-Laws:** Maintaining a list of club policies and procedures as well as the by-laws of the Society. During an election year, the chairperson will seek out candidates for each office and at the same time, solicit the membership for volunteers to fill chairperson positions for all standing committees.
- **Publicity:** Responsible for all club publicity. This includes: notifying news media of upcoming meetings and or activities of the club; providing publicity updates to the Newsletter Chair to include in newsletter and or GIOS website; maintaining a publication list; and providing publicity for the GIOS Spring and Fall Shows.
- **Craft Sales:** Plan and maintain an inventory of items to be sold to generate revenues for the club. This includes: obtaining assistance from members and provide direction on creating assigned craft items; and managing the craft booth at Spring Show.

SANTA BARBARA TRIP BY KAREN HARLOW

A few people have positively responded to my e-mail requesting interest in going to next year's Annual Santa Barbara International Orchid Show. If you are interested, please let me know. The show is March 9th—11th at the Earl Warren Showgrounds.

Show Highlights from their website:

- Fabulous displays of exotic orchid species and hybrids installed by exhibitors from around the world
- Thousands of blooming orchid plants, as well as art work and orchid supplies for sale
- Juried exhibition of orchid-themed fine art and photography
- Free workshops on orchid care led by orchid experts
- Unique flower arrangement exhibition

The show is still quite a ways down the road, but hotel rooms in the area book up pretty quickly. I have already seen the prices change just within the last month. I have done some preliminary look at costs that are identified below. Everyone will be responsible for booking their own airfare and hotel. We can pool ground transportation based on the number of people that want to participate. If you want to take advantage of the carpooling, we need to make sure we all arrive about the same time to LAX. If you are strongly interested, you should **book your hotel immediately**. If you book thru Expedia, you should be able to get a free cancellation (until a few days before the show), just check the fine print. Be thinking about whether or not you want to share a room with someone.

Costs:

Airfare – From Lihue to LAX is about \$600 (then a 2.5 hour drive to Santa Barbara); airfare Lihue to Santa Barbara about \$750; frequent flier miles on Hawaiian right now are 35,000 for round trip to LAX.

Hotel — Assuming a five night stay in Santa Barbara area, below are some available hotels:

- Best Western Beachside the average cost is \$200 a night (for two people) \$1000+taxes
- There are several hotels in the \$175-\$250 a night level
- Motel 6 (several) \$100-120/night + taxes

Car Rental Mini Van (7 people max) \$380 = \$55/person

Summarized Total Cost per person based on sharing hotel and car is around \$1330 (plus taxes). The tickets to the show range from \$12 to \$22, depending on length of pass and your age. The proposal for five nights in the area is because there are lots of things to do besides the orchid show. Below are some possibilities:

Take a stroll along State Street from the Wharf to the Art Museum to enjoy plenty of shopping, great food, and fun people watching	Visit one of Santa Barbara County's many fine wineries or tasting rooms.
Santa Barbara Natural History Museum & Sea Center	Santa Barbara Museum of Art
Santa Barbara Zoo	El Presidio de Santa Barbara State Historic Park
Santa Barbara Historic Courthouse	Ganna Walska Lotusland (reservations required)
Santa Barbara Botanic Garden	Hike Santa Barbara County
Santa Barbara area's beautiful beaches	Santa Barbara Maritime Museum

If you want to extend your trip on the mainland, you can tack it on the front or back. I'm thinking VEGAS!

JUNE MEETING

The June potluck was a success though many were worried the rain would be an issue. One thing about Hanapepe, it doesn't rain much there! Our turn out was smaller than usual but we had a great variety for the potluck. Al Sugano was on hand to help members with the repotting of their plants. Many members took the opportunity to get some difficult repotting done. It is always easier to pull the plant out and apart when you have someone there encouraging you! Also T-shirts were available for pick-up. Unfortunately, I was so caught up in the meeting I forgot to take any pictures!

SPRING SHOW PICTURES

Since we didn't have much room in the last newsletter for shots of our volunteers hard at work at the Spring Show, I've included some here.



Pictured above left to right: 1) Caryn Sakahashi, Carol Kanna, and Lorraine Kawane working in the kitchen. Lots of preparation work needed in the kitchen from cooking, packaging, labeling, etc. 2) Gwen Teragawa and Evelyn Tsubakihara taking a smile break from preparing the lunch meals. 3) Mary Alvarez-Manuel (right) helping a customer with a craft purchase. 4) Glenn Santos working Security during the show 5) Carol Kanna helping judge Steven Uyehara 6) Dennis Olivias assisted by Kelly Shimatsu at the plant repotting demonstration table 7) Caryn Sakahashi holding up the Uncle Mochi treat Gwen Teragawa made for the food booth. It was quite a sight watching the formation of the treats to sell. 8) Judge Dennis Olivias is assisted by Judge Chair Mildred Konishi. 9) Gorgeous colors on Teri Nakamoto's orchid.

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PREPARING PLANTS FOR THE SHOW

Quick tips on prepping before the show and when transporting to the show:

- When your orchids are flowering, keep water off the flowers to eliminate Botrytis or flower blight. Water also makes the flowers hang down. The flowers will get small brown dots. If you let that flower dry up and it falls on the ground, the botrytis can spread.
- Slugs: Check orchids at night. Scot uses slug bait regularly. Once you see damage, it's too late already. Any slug bait is fine (note from Karen Harlow-Sluggo is safe for pets). Sprinkle it roughly on top and a little bit on the ground, you don't need to over apply it. But do it consistently.
- Groom off dead leaves and sheaths. You can cut damage off the leaves (sterilize clippers first). On Cattleyas take off the white sheathing, it can harbor scales. If the scales are really bad, put it on the ground and hit it with a high pressure hose. Any kind of horticultural oil will kill it, if need be.
- Make sure your orchids are free of pests, diseases and weeds. Do not Share with others (slugs sleep in the day and they come out at night).
- Stake all your plants. When transporting, secure them in a heavier pot and then in a box or tray.
- How to prolong flower bloom or hasten the bloom? Put it in more light to hasten and put in shade to prolong!