

## GARDEN ISLAND ORCHID SOCIETY UPCOMING EVENTS

### Spring Fantasy Show—April 5th and 6th.

See more information on page 2 of the newsletter.

**General Meeting—April 12, 2013.** Gwen Teragawa will walk us through mounting Vandas on driftwood. This will be a hands on experience you won't want to miss! The meeting will start at 6:30 pm at the United Church of Christ in Hanapepe.

**2013 General Meetings:** June 14, August 9, October 11, and December 7.

**2013 Orchids in Paradise Show at the Farm Fair:** August 22-25.

**2013 Events:** GIOS is also planning a Big Island orchid tour this summer sometime before the Farm Fair Show. More specific information will be provided as it becomes available.



## PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Spring is finally here. Our orchids are beginning to feel the warmth and are trying to be ready for the Spring Show. I urge you to bring your blooming orchids so that the show will have an array of blooms for the public's enjoyment.

Membership participation is key to a successful organization whether it be by displaying your orchids, volunteering for various jobs and voicing your opinions or requests at our general meetings or to a Board member. Our membership can be proud of our orchid society.

Carol Kanna, President

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Typically when the March/April newsletter is published we've already had our Spring Show and it is filled with orchid pictures. The show is a later this year, so the next newsletter will have all those beautiful photos.

The photo above is from our garden; it is an Epidendrum Reed Orchid. After Allen's presentation on Epi in February (see page 3), I went out into the garden, took this picture and sent it to Allen to confirm it indeed was an Epi. It was in the garden when we bought our house many years ago and it is a real trooper. It blooms for a long time, throws off keikis and seems to love the sun! It is one of the few orchids in our yard that we don't have to worry about. Karen Harlow, Editor

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## 2013 SPRING FANTASY SHOW

Plans are being finalized for the Spring Show next month. The theme of our show will be Spring Fantasy Ashes to Orchids. Our Spring Show will be held in conjunction with the Hanapepe Economic Alliance. Our part of the show will be held on April 5<sup>th</sup> and 6<sup>th</sup>. Set up is on Thursday afternoon, April 4<sup>th</sup> starting at 1:00 PM at our regular venue, the United Church of Christ in Hanapepe. Show times are 1:00 PM until 7:00 PM on Friday and 9:00 AM until 4:00 PM on Saturday.

### Plant name tags

Those bringing plants to display should notify Karen Harlow by email [harlows@hawaii.rr.com](mailto:harlows@hawaii.rr.com); via phone 346-6871; or by mail PO Box 597, Kalaheo, 96741 at least one week before the show. If you find a plant that has opened at the last minute, contact Karen no later than Wednesday evening April 3<sup>rd</sup> to ensure a name tag will be available for the show. Provide the complete name of the plant and the owner's name (as you wish it to appear on the label). All Display plants must arrive between 1:00 PM and 4:00 PM on Thursday afternoon to allow the display team to finalize the display.

### Ribbons/Awards

Since we are no longer hiring AOS judges, we now have the opportunity to expand the categories and places that will be awarded without increasing our costs. Both ribbons and cash awards will be given. We will now have five places (1st-\$10, 2nd-\$7, 3rd-\$5, 4th-\$3 and 5th-\$2) for each category. The Best in Show prize is \$50. This provides more opportunity for members to receive an award. Judging will take place on Friday morning.

### Plant Preparation

Everyone, please bring at least one orchid to display. The 2012 GIOS May/June Newsletter provides some great advice from Scot Mitamura on preparing your plants for the show. It's available on the web site if you no longer have your copy.

### Volunteers

We will supply Thursday evening dinner for the volunteers who are there to help with the set-up. Thus there will be no Makana Award points given for this set-up participation.

Nancy Nakama, the display chair, is looking for Spanish Moss. Please contact her at 338-1423. If you'd like to volunteer to make some baked goods or donate flour/sugar/other baking ingredients, contact Gwen Teragawa at 335-3890.

### Orchid Expert

Dennis Olivas will be joining us again on-site at the show to provide expert orchid advice for visitors and members. Last year, there was always a crowd around his table.

### DID YOU KNOW?

Fertilizers—Magic? No. Fertilizers give an already healthy plant a boost so it can grow better. If there are problems with an orchid, like damaged roots, fertilizer may make the problem worse.

**Volunteer Needed!**

We are still looking for a volunteer to help with the audio and visual equipment at the general meetings. Contact Gwen.

## FEBRUARY GENERAL MEETING—EPIDENDRUMS

Allen Yamada was our guest speaker at the February general meeting. Allen has a long history with Epis. Besides a short session on how to plant Epis, he shared a video reviewing his experience hybridizing Epis in support of the great demand for these special flowers on the mainland.

Epidendrums are in the same family as Cattleyas. Epis grow much better on the mainland than they do in Hawaii. The hybrids cannot handle our damp weather and it is a little too warm at night. They grow straggly. In California, the heads get huge because it is colder at night. Allen attempted to grow in his nursery on island and they didn't do well. They weren't compact like they were in California (Santa Barbara to San Diego).



### Planting Epis

Planting Epis are the same as other orchids. They like to be compact in the pot. When the Epis are too loose, the roots get too wet and then they rot out. The old type Epis grow wild here but the hybrids have trouble. When you put the orchid in the pot, break up the roots because lots of time when they are in a ball it doesn't dry out fast enough —this causes the roots to rot. Loosen the roots, put in the next size pot and make sure you get the back end at the edge of the pot. Leave a lot of room for the front portion to grow. Many times the flowers come out on the Keikis. If you want to make a specimen plant out of it, leave the keikis on. If you want to have multiple plants, cut it off. Using pine bark, Allen showed the group how to repot. You can sprinkle Nutricote on top. For the Keiki's that you cut off, make sure they have a good number of roots before you take it off. If there is only one root, don't take it off. Allen uses sphagnum moss to start off the keiki. After six months to a year, take it out of the pot and remove the sphagnum. Sphagnum moss and bark do not work together. If you get a plant that looks like the plant is wilting, check to see if it is in sphagnum moss. If it is, take it out, remove moss and replant. A lot of nurseries use it, so check all new plants you get.

Allen is a firm believer in using Quick Start for transplanting. It helps the plant with the shock of transplanting. Spray for about a month. Different companies have similar type of products that provide a broad spectrum of nutrients. For Epis, Allen finds slugs and scales are the most common pests.

Handouts were available for attending members. Areas covered on the handout include: temperature, water, light, fertilizer, potting, and tips. See the Librarian, Cheryl Morris, if you missed getting a copy at the last meeting.

## FEBRUARY DOOR PRIZES—EPIDENDRUMS



There were a variety of Epis available as the February door prizes. Many of them were ready to bloom and others developed blooms after the meeting. The Epi to the left is in full bloom now, it is a Epi. (Pacific Sunset x Snow Cocktail) X Epi. (Pacific Sunset x Snow Cocktail). Other varieties available were Epi. Pacific Sunset 'Two-tone Orange' and Epi (Pacific Girl x Hokulea) 'Big Red'.

If you bring a blooming orchid to the general meetings, you'll get an extra door prize plant. So don't forget to take advantage of that opportunity.

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**OTHER 2013 HAWAII ORCHID SHOWS**

**The following orchid shows are planned for 2013:**

March 22-24: 2013 Kunia Orchid Society, Wahiawa, Oahu

March 22-24: 2013 Windward Orchid Society Stairway of Orchids, Kanoeha, Oahu

[www.windwardorchidsociety.org](http://www.windwardorchidsociety.org)

May: 2013 Orchid Society of Manoa, Oahu

May: Hawaii Kai Orchid Society, Mother's Day Plant Sale, Hawaii Kai Shopping Center, Oahu

May 12: 2013 Mililani Orchid Society, Mother's Day Event at Mililani, Oahu

June 7-9: 2013 Aiea Orchid Club, 32nd Annual Aiea Orchid Show, Aiea, Oahu

July 19-21: 2013 Ewa Orchid Society, Ewa, Oahu <http://ewaorchidsociety.tripod.com/>

July: Kaimuki Orchid Society, <http://kaimukiorchidsociety.org>, Oahu

August: Hilo Orchid Society's 61st Annual Show & Sale, Hawaii

October 11-13: 2013 Honolulu Orchid Society, Honolulu, [www.honoluluorchidsociety.org](http://www.honoluluorchidsociety.org)