Spring Fantasy Show—The annual show is **coming up.** Set-up is on March 31st and the show is April 1st and April 2nd. See more information about the Spring show on page 4.

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General Meeting—April 15th at the United Church of Christ in Hanapepe. NOTE: This is a change to the previously released schedule. The general meeting will start at 6:30. Al Sugano will hold the Learning Center. Scot Mitamura, Orchid Horticulturalist for the Honolulu Botanical Gardens, will be our guest speaker. Scot will talk about orchid judging-how it works and why one plant wins over another. Don't forget to bring any blooming orchids you want to put on the display table and you'll get an orchid to take home. If you brought a display orchid in February, you'll receive your "free" one at the next meeting.

2016 General Meetings: June 10th (hands-on), August 12th, October 14th, and December 3rd.

2015 Events: Fall Show set-up is August 24 and the show is August 25th - 28th.



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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Our February meeting took care of a lot of business and we got to talk about Bugs! The enthusiasm our members show at every meeting when listening to our program speakers or getting some great advice from Al Sugano during the Learning Center is contagious. I leave the meeting excited about what I should be doing with my orchids. I don't always follow through but I always learn something.

So now it's time to look forward to our Spring Show. We have many locals and visitors who make sure they are on island to enjoy our wonderful display. We have a chance to sell our

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| orchid crafts made by our members, our plate |
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| lunches and baked goods. And our member |
| orchid vendors not only bring plants for the |
| display they also have lots of orchids to sell. |
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| General Meeting to April 15th. |

Elizabeth Borchelt, GIOS President

GIOS BOARD

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DID YOU KNOW?

If you haven't renewed your membership, please contact Bobbie Agena. Membership must be current to receive the newsletter, display flowers at the show, and to receive display "free" orchids.

If you have any extra serving utensils, please consider donating them to GIOS. These will be used for our dinners and meeting refreshments.

If anyone is interested in cement, clay or plastic pots, Mrs. Ebaka has some available. Contact her directly at 346-6359.

GIOS FEB MEETING

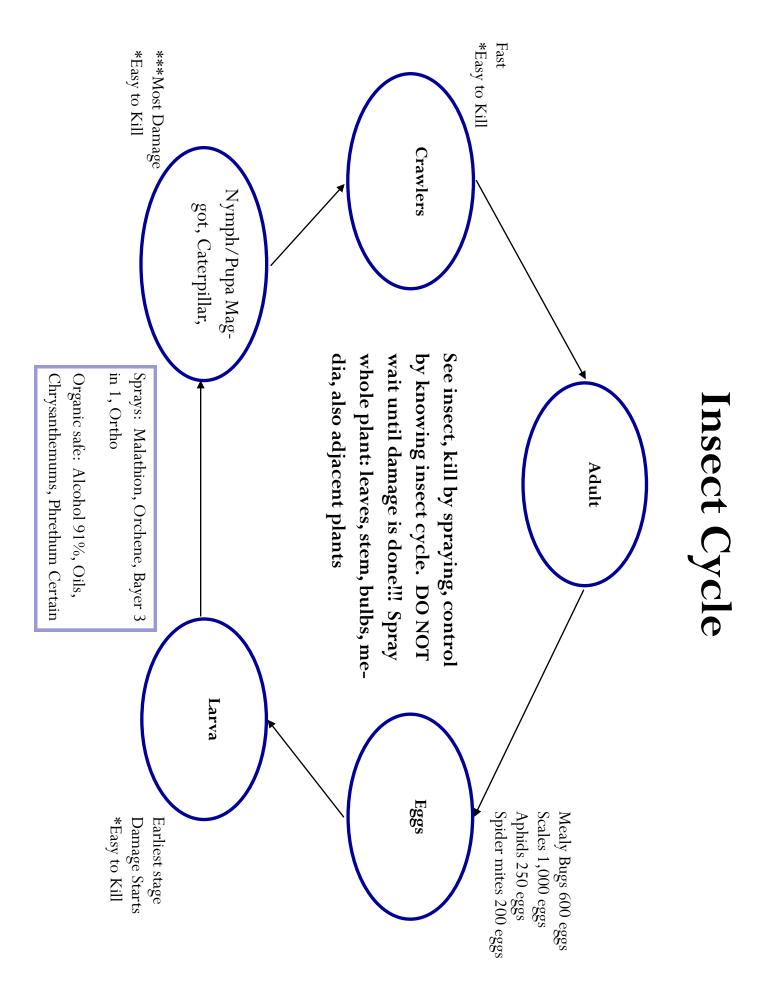
Al Sugano conducted the Learning Center and was our guest speaker in February. The foundation of the learning center is two fold—how to Learn about and Grow orchids. You can't grow something if you don't understand it. Al had members put down our concerns and what we want to learn on cards so he can categorize and influence future programs. Everybody has different orchids and different environments. When the opportunity comes, you bring your concerned plant. We talk about what needs to be done and others learn also because they may have the same problem now or in the future. By exchanging ideas on success and failures, we all learn.

You have to understand the physiology of the plant. This drives what you do with the plant and when. There are three factors for growing orchids. Al calls it the LAW of growing orchids. L—light. If light is low, enzymes are diminished. A-air circulation. Stabilizes the temperature of the plant and can compensate for the lack of light. W-water. Consistency of watering from all directions.

This year the insects will get away from you with the warm winter we've had. An insect has a cycle and it is easier to control them if you can catch them earlier in the cycle (see diagram on page 3). Because of the crawlers you need to spray the whole plant (leaves, stem, bulbs and the media) and any adjacent plants. Crawlers can come from trees (like Papaya) near by. Taking care of the problem you see, is only a temporary step.

We have a number of sprays to use but each has a degree of toxicity. You have to pick which one you are comfortable using. If you want low toxicity use the Alcohol 91% or some of the oils. Pyrethrin (see pic below) is a good choice.





SPRING FANTASY SHOW

The theme for this year's Spring Fantasy Show is kikowaena kumu a'o ho'oulu 'okika, the orchid kumu's learning center. The show will be held at the United Church of Christ in Hanapepe.

Set-up: March 31st at 1:00 PM.

Friday: April 1st open from Noon to 7 PM. Lunch will be served starting at 11:00 AM.

Saturday: April 2nd open from 9 AM to 4 PM.

Please bring your blooming orchids for the show. All member's orchids will be needed to ensure our show is as spectacular as previous years. Members must be current on their dues to participate.

Those bringing plants to display should provide a list to Karen Harlow by March 30th (Wednesday) either thru email harlows@hawaii.rr.com or USPS mail PO Box 597 Kalaheo 96741. 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 **2:00** PM and **4:00** PM on Thursday afternoon to allow the display team to finalize the display. If you have signed up for set-up, be at the show at 1:00 PM Thursday. We will be providing dinner for the volunteers on Thursday.

The Spring Show is our main fund raising opportunity for the year. The food booth will be providing tasty plate lunches—like baked salmon and pork roast, and baked goods starting on Friday at 11:00 AM right outside the front doors (since the show doesn't open until noon). The craft booth will be selling orchid-themed items like table place mats and our cookbook.

Our member-orchid vendors — Orchid Alley, Nancy Nakama, and Al Sugano — will have a great selection of orchids for sale. GIOS will also be selling some plants.

Ribbons/Awards - Both ribbons and cash awards will be given. We have five places (1st-\$10, 2nd-\$7, 3rd-\$5, 4th-\$3 and 5th-\$2) for each category. The Best in Show prize is \$50. Judging will take place on Friday morning.

Dennis Olivas will be joining us again at the Show providing expert advice on how to take care of orchids and doing live demos. Tell your friends.

Breakdown of the exhibit will begin at 4 PM on Saturday. Please ensure you are there to pick up any orchids you may have brought for the display.

Help Needed: 1) We are still looking for 1 worker to stake road signs in Hanapepe. This can be done Thursday afternoon (set-up time) or Friday morning before 11am. 2) If you have any cut greenery (like branches) that will stay fresh looking, please bring to set-up. The greenery will be used to fill in areas of the display.

Volunteer Sign-Ups: Please take note of your volunteer time (see page 5). If you are unable to make it for some reason, please contact Nancy Nakama, 338-1423, so a replacement can be found.

SPRING FANTASY SHOW—VOLUNTEER ASSIGNMENTS

| March 31 Thursday – 1:00 Set-Up | | | |
|---------------------------------|--|-------------------------|--|
| Set-up tent - Kanna Family | Team leaders | 7 Kimiye Koide | |
| | table/risers: Karen Harlow | 8 Margie Funk | |
| U-HAUL | tablecloth: Amy Sugano | 9 Barbara Prigge | |
| 1 Stacie Boucher | lattice: Nancy Nakama (trays, stakes, etc) | 10 Tina Berkeley (4:30) | |
| 2 Pearl Wollin | orchids: Carol Kanna | 11 | |
| 3 Aurora Kisken | greenery: Ted Kawamura (2:00) | 12 | |
| 4 Joanne Nishihara | pot cover: Jason Matsuoka | 13 | |

April 1-2 Friday 12-7pm Saturday 9am-4pm

| | Greeter | Craft Sales | Security | Plant Sales |
|--------------------|-------------------|----------------------|--------------------|-------------------|
| Friday-3hr 45min | 1 Bobbie Agena | 1 Judy Matsumoto | 1 Harold Shimono | 1 Mildred Konishi |
| 11:30 – 3:15 pm | 2 Stella Shimatsu | 2 Margaret Padilla | 2 Stacie Boucher | |
| Friday-3hr 45min | 1 Bobbie Agena | 1 Judy Matsumoto | 1 Gertrude Saiki | 1 Mildred Konishi |
| 3:15 – 7:00 pm | 2 Stella Shimatsu | 2 Mary Jane Naone | 2 Mildred Yamauchi | |
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| Saturday-3hr 45min | 1 Bobbie Agena | 1 Judy Matsumoto | 1 Greg Iten | 1 Mildred Konishi |
| 8:45 am – 12:30 pm | 2 Stella Shimatsu | 2 Janice Nitta | 2 Paul Brun | |
| Saturday-3hr 45min | 1 Bobbie Agena | 1 Judy Matsumoto | 1 Barbara Prigge | 1 Mildred Konishi |
| 12:30 – 4:15 pm | 2 Stella Shimatsu | 2 Sheri Kunioka-Volz | 2 Cheryl Morris | |

Food Booth

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| Fri – Apr 1 | cashier: Karen Har- | 3 Joanne Nishihara | Sat – Apr 2 | cashier: Karen Harlow | 3 Joanne Nishihara |
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| 8am – 1:30 | 1 Gwen Teragawa | 4 Elizabeth Borchelt | 8am – 12:30 | 1 Gwen Teragawa | 4 Carol Kanna |
| 5 hr 30 min | 2 Evelyn Tsubakihara | 5 Carol Kanna | 4 hr 30 min | 2 Evelyn Tsubakihara | 5 Elizabeth Borchelt |
| Fri – Apr 1 | cashier: E. Borchelt | 3 Joanne Nishihara | Sat – Apr 2 | cashier: E. Borchelt | 3 Joanne Nishihara |
| 1:30 – 7pm | 1 Gwen Teragawa | 4 Teri Nakamoto | 12:30 – 5pm | 1 Gwen Teragawa | 4 Irene Diaz |
| 5 hr 30 min | 2 Evelyn Tsubakihara | 5 Jessie Nakamoto | 4 hr 30 min | 2 Evelyn Tsubakihara | 5 Karen Harlow |
| Helpers | Ice: Stacie Boucher | Rice: | Helpers | Ice: Stacie Boucher | Rice: |
| | | Joanne Nishihara | - | | Joanne Nishihara |

April 2 Saturday Clean-up – 4 pm till finish

| Tent – Kanna family | Team leaders | | 11 Kimiye Koide |
|---------------------|--------------------------------|----------------------------|-----------------------|
| U-HAUL | table/risers: Peter Wiederoder | pot cover: Christine Brown | 12 Lynette Balderas |
| 1 Stacie Boucher | tablecloth: Carolyn Carveiro | sweep: Susan Uchida | 13 Barbara Prigge |
| 2 Pearl Wollin | lattice: Ted Kawamura | mop: Cheryl Morris | 14 Rona Miura |
| 3 Joanne Nishihara | orchids: Nancy Nakama | 9 Jailanee Munar | 15 Theresa Wiederoder |
| 4 Aurora Kisken | greenery: Karen Harlow | 10 Alison Koga | 16 Tina Berkeley |

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FEBRUARY MEETING



Cheryl Morris had the library display (left) out at our February meeting. Extra copies of old newsletters were available as well as leaflets on taking care of orchids.