

# GIOS NEWSLETTER

GARDEN ISLAND ORCHID SOCIETY IS AFFILIATED WITH THE AMERICAN ORCHID SOCIETY

## GARDEN ISLAND ORCHID SOCIETY UPCOMING EVENTS

**General Meeting**— Holiday Party and Makana Redemption is December 2nd at the United Church of Christ in Hanapepe. Take note, our meeting is on **SATURDAY** starting at 6:00 PM. No special speakers but an opportunity to socialize with fellow members at our annual holiday potluck party. Please bring a dish to share. There will be no learning center or display plants for this meeting. See page 2 for more details.

Also, its time to renew your membership for 2018. So, please bring your membership fee of \$20 to the meeting.

**2018 General Meetings:** February 9th, April 6th (early because of the Spring Show), June 8th, August 10th, October 12th, and December 1st.

**2017 Spring Show** will be April 13th and 14th, set-up on April 12th.

## PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Happy Thanksgiving everyone! The holidays are closing in fast and we will soon be celebrating and enjoying the camaraderie of our fellow orchid enthusiasts on Saturday December 2<sup>nd</sup> at our annual holiday potluck. I'm looking forward to tasting as many of the dishes as I can! Plan on taking some samples home since the choices are many and our stomachs are only so big.

I hope you enjoyed our last meeting as much as I did. Our Learning Center with Al Sugano always has something that helps me with my orchids and I was fascinated listening to Neill Sams from Orchid Alley talk about and demonstrate propagating orchids. It looks and sounds like a lot of work but I can just imagine the thrill when you create a successful cross.

Installation of the new officers for the 2018/2019 term will be conducted at the meeting. This means we will be seeing some new faces on the Board and will be saying good bye to some who have been the backbone of our club. Carol, Gwen and Nancy have chosen to step back from being officers and board members. They will still be active in the club and both Gwen and Nancy will hold Chair positions. Gwen will be Co-Chairing Refreshments and Nancy is taking on Show Display and Crafts. I appreciate everything they have accomplished over the years as they've led the club helping educate members on orchid culture and

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sharing of their vast experience.

We are looking for ideas for speakers and field trips in 2018. A survey will be on each table at December's meeting for you to make suggestions.

Elizabeth Borchelt, GIOS President

- \* 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

## DECEMBER MEETING

Our December holiday party will include three great activities! We have Sharing the Bounty, Onolicious Potluck, and reaping the benefits of our year long volunteer support to the society by redeeming our Makana points! Also, its time to renew your membership for 2018. So, please bring your membership fee of \$20 to the meeting.

### DID YOU KNOW?

The door prize orchids in October were: Phal "Neon" Latest Dutch Hybrid and Phal Magic Art.

Al Sugano provided lots of information in the Learning Center in October.



**Onolicious Potluck**—Please bring a dish to share. We always end up with a great variety!

**Sharing the Bounty**—We will again be providing gift wrapped boxes to the United Church of Christ to hand out to folks in need at their community luncheon in December. We're asking all members to bring **non-perishable items** to be included in the boxes. Suggested items for the boxes include food products (meats, soups, pastas, etc.) and other essentials (like toothbrush, toothpaste, travel size shampoo, etc.). Please don't bring rice, it is too bulky. If you have extra wrapping paper, ribbons, and package decorations, please also bring those for decorating the boxes. Each table will gift wrap boxes to be given away.



**Makana Point Redemption**—Our volunteers have worked hard all year and now you'll be rewarded! See more details on page 3.



Al & Amy Sugano brought the unusual orchid on the left to the October display table, *Cirrhopetalum rothschildianum*.

Paul Brun also brought an unusual and spectacular display orchid (right). Unfortunately, I didn't get the name of the plant!



## MAKANA REDEMPTION

The Makana Program's purpose is to promote a strong and healthy existence of GIOS. We thank all our volunteers who have stepped forward to guide and support our club's activities. Hopefully, this program will be an incentive for others to get involved in the future.

Our orchid vendors will be providing not only beautiful orchids for us to choose from but other items needed for growing orchids—bark, pots, fertilizers, etc. If you are unable to make the party, don't let your points disappear! Contact Nancy Nakama (338-1423) and let her know if you'd like to have someone else attending redeem them for you. **Bring a box for all your orchids and supplies you pick up.**

For all GIOS members, there will be lots of orchids and supplies to **purchase** after the Makana points have been redeemed. Please double check the list below and any questions should go to Nancy Nakama at [nnkauai@hawaii.rr.com](mailto:nnkauai@hawaii.rr.com). Points are awarded for the following categories: Officer (President, Vice President, Secretary, Treasurer) 45 points, Board Member 42 points, Chairperson 36 points or co-chairs 18 points, Spring or Fall Show work shift 5-14 points and Committee Helpers 7 points.

Ada Koene	36	Gwen Teragawa	181	Paul Brun	68
Al Sugano	28	Harold Shimono	12	Pearl Wollin	86
Allison Koga	28	Irene Diaz	10	Peter Wiederoder	28
Allison Toma	14	Janice Nitta	14	Randy Harker	7
Alvin Uchida	12	Jason Matsuoka	59	Robert Barkevich	18
Amy Sugano	5	Jennifer Abrams	49	Roberta Agena	105
Aurora Kiskan	28	Jim Brady	26	Rona Miura	7
B. Tina Berkeley	45	Joann Nishihara	45	Ryan Metzger	36
Barbara Prigge	47	Judy Matsumoto	36	Sarah Styann	7
Bonnie Kakinami	14	Karen Harlow	203	Sheri Kunioka-Volz	28
Carol Kanna	83	Kelly Shimatsu	21	Stacie Boucher	152
Carolyn Carveiro	14	Kimberlee Kain	99	Stella Shimatsu	46
Caryn Sakahashi	31	Lauren Bundschuh	7	Steve Uyehara	31
Cheryl Brady	26	Linda Montgomery	19	Susan Uchida	12
Cheryl Morris	50	Lola Bukoski	14	Ted Kawamura	38
Chris Steen	18	Lorraine Kawane	56	Teri Nakamoto	24
Christine Brown	51	Lynette Balderas	14	Theresa Wiederoder	14
Dan Nakamoto	17	Margaret Smith	5		
Edie Moe	11	Mark Edlund	7		
Eliseo Bolosan	7	Mary Manuel	12		
Elizabeth Borchelt	203	Michelle Fastenau	7		
Elizabeth Mares	8	Mildred Konishi	127		
Evelyn Tsubakihara	46	Mildred Yamauchi	7		
Geraldine Bolosan	12	Nancy Nakama	174		
Glenn Santos	14	Neill Sams	36		
Greg Iten	26	Patsy Delapenia	59		

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## HYBRIDIZING ORCHIDS

Neill Sams was our guest speaker in October. He demonstrated how to get started with hybridizing orchids. The intent of hybridizing is to improve on the existing plants. Maybe you want a stronger plant, different or enhanced color, different shape, etc. After the flower has been pollinated it typically takes about a week for a seed pod to show up. It will take another seven months for the seed pod to ripen. There are about 10,000 seeds in a pod. To continue the process to get the seeds to germinate takes a very specific process with a sterile environment. No, all 10K seeds do not become plants! The success rate of the pollination and germination relies on several factors. It certainly opened our eyes to why so many of us enjoy buying the plants from the experts! Below are some pictures Michelle Fastenau took

during the demonstration.

