

Garden Island Orchid Society Newsletter

January - February 2019

President's Message

Our holiday year-end celebration was full of fun games, good eats, orchids and aloha. We continued to wrap food boxes for those in need and appreciate the church for giving them out. We started out with a bang, getting to know each other with the question and answer game. Thanks Karen, the games were fun and sort of hilarious! Our door prizes for the evening were budded and blooming plants that I hope all enjoyed over the holidays. They were a thank you gift to all of you for being part of our club. And wow, the amount of great food our group can put together is simply amazing. I wasn't able to taste every dish, but I sure did make a good effort. What I really enjoy about our year-end meeting is being able to sit down and spend time talking to fellow members that I don't always have time for in the general meetings. Enjoying the company of fellow orchid enthusiasts is a key benefit of being a member.

We have a busy schedule for our first meeting in 2019. In addition to the Learning Center and speaker, we will be holding volunteer sign-ups for the Spring Fantasy Show. The reason we need to have the sign-ups so early is the show is scheduled for April 5th and 6th, which is the week before our April meeting. If you will not be able to attend the February meeting but would still like to sign up, please let Teri Nakamoto, the Makana Chair, know your wishes. Once the first round of sign-ups is complete, the Makana team will sign up those not able to come to the meeting but wanting to volunteer before the second round of sign ups.

Happy New Year and see you soon!

Elizabeth



Upcoming Events

General Meeting ~ The next General Meeting is scheduled for February 8, 2019, at the United Church of Christ in Hanapepe beginning at 6:00 pm. See a preview of the agenda later in the newsletter. Be sure to bring any blooming orchids to show on the display table and receive a bonus keiki orchid to take home and nurture.

2019 General Meeting Schedule: February 8, April 12, June 14, August 9, October 11, and December 7

2019 Events: Spring Fantasy Show ~ April 5 - 6 with setup on April 4
Orchids In Paradise Show at the Farm Bureau Fair ~ August, 2019 - dates tbd

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

2018 Holiday Potluck & Party Recap

We had an excellent turnout this year at our 2018 Holiday Potluck celebration held on December 1. The highlights of the party were the recognition of everything the Society accomplished last year, sharing delicious food, playing a holiday-themed matching game for great prizes, redemption of the 2018 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

Membership Dues Are Due

If you have not yet paid your 2019 GIOS dues of \$20, please contact Bobbie Agena or bring it to the February meeting!



The evening started with a fun matching game using traditional holiday themes that encouraged everyone to mingle, meet new people and socialize.

The prize table for the holiday game. Everyone who participated in the game got a prize! The Paphiopedilums, or Lady Slippers, at the far right of the table were snapped up quickly! For those of you lucky enough to get one, check out the American Orchid Society's Novice Paphiopedilum Culture Sheet at <http://www.aos.org/orchids/culture-sheets/novice-paphiopedilum.aspx>

An Incredible Potluck

This year's annual potluck was another amazing dinner with a delicious selection of tasty main courses, tempting salads, tantalizing side dishes, and yummy deserts. With so much wonderful food at the table, no one went home hungry. Here are two photos of the overstocked pot luck table.



Giving Back To Our Community

One of the most important parts of the evening was the opportunity to give back to our community and our neighbors 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. The following photos capture our generous members preparing and wrapping the donated gifts.



A table full of beautiful gift wrapping materials and accessories

Stacie Boucher, Donna Arnold and Greg Iten packing their boxes with a variety of food staples



Barbara Prigge and Cheryl Morris making sure the wrapping paper covers the entire package



Lee Anderson proudly showing off his professionally wrapped gift, note the beautiful gold ribbon and bow



Mark Edlund and Joyce Kraszeski carefully wrapping a gift box, in the foreground are the lovely Paphiopedilum orchids they won during the holiday game earlier in the evening

GIOS members celebrating the end to another successful year and proudly showing all of the wrapped gifts being donated to the United Church of Christ



Makana Point Redemption

The meeting ended with members redeeming their 2018 Makana Points for a variety of beautiful orchids, supplies, and gardening tools.

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



A sampling of the many wonderful orchids (upper left and above) and handy gardening supplies (lower left) available for purchase with Makana Points this year



Rod Sonoda is certainly excited about his treasures

Robert Barkevich showing off several orchids he got with his Makana Points



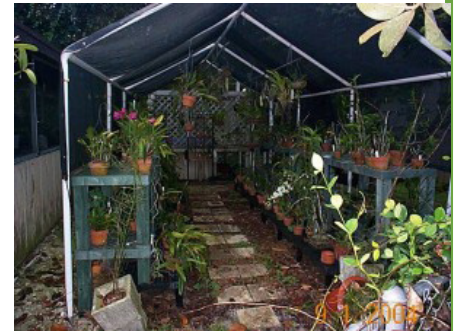
February Meeting Preview

We are planning a busy agenda for our February meeting, so plan to attend, participate and learn something new! Following are the featured topics for the meeting.

Al Sugano will be hosting the Learning Center focused on caring for plants in need. Do you have orchids in your infirmary? Orchids in need of some serious help? Then bring them to the meeting and let Al examine them and offer advice for restoring those plants back to health! Al will also provide information and suggestions on the best way to prepare your orchids for display in the Spring Fantasy Show. By using his advice, your special plant could become an award winner!



Our special guest speaker is Kelvin Sewake, the Interim Associate Dean for Extension of the College of Tropical Agriculture and Human Resources (CTAHR). This is a special return engagement for Kelvin, whose presentation last June on building orchid shade houses was hindered by technical difficulties. Kelvin is returning to complete his presentation on building shade areas for our orchids.



Spring Fantasy Show Sign-ups



We are encouraging everyone to participate in the Society's annual Spring Fantasy Show. In order to make it one of our best events yet, we need many volunteers to help out before, during and after the show. We need helpers for set up on Thursday, April 4, and tear down Saturday night, April 6. Volunteers can work in shifts during the show in a wide variety of roles from Security to sales. And of course, all blooming orchids are wanted for the display and to compete for Best in Show.

Sign-ups will be held at the February meeting or contact Teri Nakamoto or any Board member to volunteer. Thank you in advance for your generous support!

New Zealand Orchid Bark Supplier

The company we've ordered orchid bark from in the past has closed. We discovered this when we were ordering bark for Makana point redemption this year. Never fear! We've identified a new outlet where you can order more ~ Simplot Hawaii!

Kiwi Orchid Bark - Radiata No. 3 Medium - 22 lb. bag - Free delivery
Call Tim Low at 808-652-2567 or email him at tim.low@simplot.com



Contact Tim to get the latest prices and place orders if you're interested.



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Courtesy American Orchid Society, learn more at <http://www.aos.org/blog/orchids-issues/cattleya-lueddemanniana.aspx>

Pot Carrying Trays For Sale

GIOS ordered 4- and 5-inch pot carrying trays for Makana redemption last December. However the trays did not arrive in time for our potluck. The club will be selling these trays at the Spring Fantasy Show but prior to that, will offer them at reasonable prices to our members first at the February meeting.



Audio / Video Chair Position Open

GIOS is seeking a volunteer to chair the Society's Audio/Visual position.

This person is responsible for:

- * Maintaining and storing all GIOS electronic equipment
- * Setting up needed equipment 15 to 30 minutes prior to events as needed
- * Coordinating with speakers to determine what equipment, if any, they will need
- * Collecting electronic data to be used prior to each meeting
- * Testing equipment and data to ensure all is in proper working order



If you are interested, please contact Elizabeth Borchelt or any Board member.