

Garden Island Orchid Society Newsletter

July - August 2019

President's Message

At our upcoming meeting we will be discussing this fall's Orchids in Paradise Show at the [Kauai Farm Bureau Fair](#) and will be conducting volunteer sign ups during the refreshment break. Our Society's orchid display, along with the bonsai and anthurium clubs' displays, are always a big draw and a highlight of the Fair for many attendees. Since I first joined GIOS I've constantly been amazed at all the hard work our members do to make sure we have a successful show. The Fair is an excellent opportunity for members to display and share their blooming orchids to a large audience, as well as to encourage others to get involved in growing orchids.



View of our 2018 Orchids In Paradise display with awards presented

I also want to mention we will be having general elections at our October meeting. The term of office for all positions is two years and begins January 1st. We are now soliciting for volunteers in all positions. There are many benefits of volunteering and taking a larger role in our club. If you have any questions please ask me, one of the other board members, or Stella Shimatsu, our By-laws Chair. Stella is organizing the elections and will be reaching out to members. She will be presenting all of those who volunteer for a position at the September Board meeting and the club will vote at the October general meeting. I encourage everyone to consider contributing in new and exciting ways to the operation of our Society. The broader participation of our members helps us be successful and brings new ideas to the club.

See you all at the meeting!
Elizabeth, President



Upcoming Events

General Meeting ~ The next General Meeting is scheduled for August 9, 2019, at the United Church of Christ in Hanapepe beginning at 6:00pm. The meeting will start with a business meeting. Sign-ups for the fall Orchids in Paradise show will be taken during the break. The featured speaker is Neill Sams of Orchid Alley who will provide a presentation on successfully growing Bulbophyllums. Also, 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: August 9, October 11, and December 7

2019 Events: Orchids In Paradise Show at the [Farm Bureau Fair](#) ~ August 15-18, 2019

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

June's Potluck and Repotting Meeting

Our June meeting was a huge success, with both a delicious potluck and educational re-potting session.

The potluck featured a smorgasbord of incredible dishes with a wide variety that satisfied every appetite.



Hungry members enjoying some tasty dishes

Members then were able to get assistance from experts offering help in re-potting some of their most challenging orchids. From heavily overgrown plants to some not even in a pot, all re-potting challenges were successfully potted.

2018 - 2019 Officers

- President: Elizabeth Borchelt
- Vice-President: Pearl Wollin
- Secretary: Kimberlee Kain
- Treasurer: Karen Lawrence
- 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 August meeting!



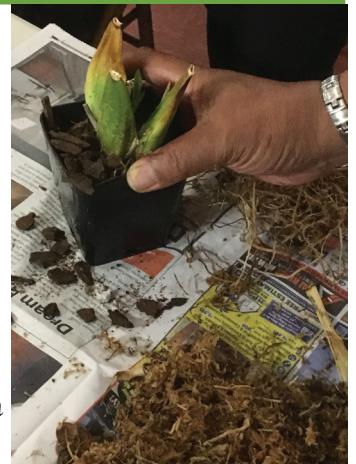
An orchid in need of re-potting judging by the roots overhanging the pot



Another orchid needing attention, this one outgrowing its wooden container



A large orchid being divided and the smaller sections re-potted



Old peat moss removed and replanted in new back medium



Loose branches of a coconut orchid (maxillariella tenuifolia) (left), now happy in their new pots and medium (right)

Display Orchids



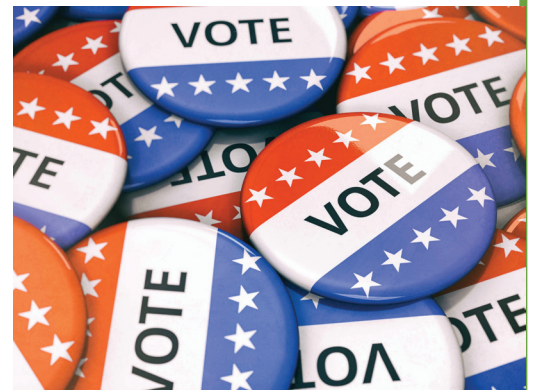
Now is the time to start looking for those orchids that you expect to be blooming during the August Farm Fair. Every orchid we have and are able to display is important to GIOS. This is an opportunity for all members to let others enjoy their successes. Don't be shy, every orchid is beautiful!



In order to display orchids at the Fair and be eligible for prizes and awards, members must be current on their dues in order to participate. All display plants must arrive at the Fairgrounds between 2:00pm and 4:00pm on Wednesday, August 14th, to allow the members working on the display to finalize placement. If you need help getting your plants to the display, contact one of the Officers or the Display Chair.

General Elections At October General Meeting

The term for our existing officers and chairpersons ends this December. The new term will be two years (2020/2021) beginning in January 2020. The current Board will review the slate of candidates 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 during the October meeting, but the nominees must be present or if absent, written consent provided prior to their nomination. If you have an interest in any position, contact Stella Shimatsu at 808-651-2692, the By-Laws Chair, or another officer. Each position generates Makana points that can be redeemed at our December meeting for orchids and many other supplies. Below is a list of all GIOS positions:



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Officers

President Vice-President Secretary Treasurer

Committee Chairpersons

Audio/Video	Photographer	By-Laws	Refreshments
Fund Raising*	Spring/Fall Show	Librarian	Show Display
Membership	Show Judging	Spring Show	Food Booth
Plant Name Tag	Makana Points	Publicity	Newsletter/Website

* We are in the process of redefining the Craft Sales Chair to a general Fund Raising chairperson. The Chair of this group will manage multiple fund raising projects in addition to crafts, such as recipe book sales and T-shirt sales. The Chair will have helpers for each project.

Orchids In Paradise Fall Show ~ General Information

The GIOS Orchids In Paradise Show at the upcoming [Kauai Farm Bureau Fair](#) will be upon us soon. In addition to our display, GIOS member plant vendors will be selling orchids. There are always some great deals on plants at the Show. Please mark your calendar now and plan on attending the Fair, also encourage family and friends to visit us in the Commercial & Ag Exhibit Tent.

The Farm Bureau Fair public hours are:
Thursday, August 15th 6pm to midnight
Friday, August 16th 6pm to midnight
Saturday, August 17th Noon to midnight
Sunday, August 18th Noon to 11pm



Our work begins on Wednesday, August 14th, at 1:30 for set-up where we will rely on eager volunteers to help create our beautiful display and set up the plant sales area. Water, snacks, and dinner is provided for set-up volunteers. Judging will take place Thursday morning at 8am. Both ribbon and cash awards are awarded across five places (1st-\$10, 2nd-\$7, 3rd-\$5, 4th-\$3 and 5th-\$2) for each category. We also have Grand Champion and Reserve Grand Champion awards. Tear-down of the display will start on Sunday at 3:00pm. If you are not working on the tear down, please make sure to pick up your plants at 3pm or arrange with someone to move them out of display.

Nancy Nakama, our Show Display Chair, has requested members donate cuttings for the display from the list below if possible. Please clean off debris, dead leaves and keep watered for one day, then bring these to the set up on Wednesday, August 14th.

Podocarpus	3-6 feet tall
Song of India	1-3 feet tall
Norfolk Pine	1-2 feet tall
Dracena	6 inches long



Additional details will be provided at the August 9th general meeting.

Orchids In Paradise Fall Show ~ Plant Name Tags

Plant names for tags should be submitted to Karen Lawrence (Harlow) no later than Monday, August 12th. You may bring them to the August 9th General Meeting or email kslawrence@hawaii.rr.com. Laminated tags will be available at set up on Wednesday August 14th and must be placed on orchids prior to being put in the display and before the 4:00pm deadline. For each Name Tag, please provide the complete name of the plant, including the plant Genus and the given name or species name. The label will also include the owner's name (as you wish it to appear on the label). If you don't have the name of the plant, just identify the type of orchid - like a Dendrobium. If you are using a saved tag from a previous year and there is not an "extra" slip of paper still attached to the laminated tag, let Karen know so she can make up the "extra" tag to adhere. The judges use these when putting together the master list of award winners.

Orchids In Paradise Fall Show ~ Volunteer Opportunities

Volunteer sign-ups will be held at the August 9th meeting with exact times for shifts of each position. Fair entry and parking passes will be available after the sign-ups are complete. Volunteers will be needed for U-Haul/trucks, display set up, security, plant sales, and display tear down. Descriptions of the positions follow. If you are not able to attend the meeting to sign-up, have someone else sign you up or contact Teri Nakamoto.



Set-Up (U-Haul & Display/Vendor Area)

U-Haul Driver & Helper ~ Several volunteers are needed to help haul items needed for the show. Volunteers must have a truck and pick up and drop off items as directed.

Display & Vendor Area ~ Numerous volunteers are needed to assist during set up. Tables and benches are arranged to provide our orchid vendors sufficient space to sell their orchids or are placed to provide adequate areas for all display orchids. Special display items may need to be put together and placed within the display. When the display is ready for orchids, volunteers place display orchids in the appropriate section based on type of orchid and color.

Fair Volunteers During the Show

Security ~ Oversee the plant display and remain in the display area during assigned shift. Patrol area and notify visitors not to touch or move plants. Answer visitor's questions on the display, orchids and membership opportunities. Discuss the benefits of being a member such as expert speakers, the Learning Center, a free orchid at each meeting, volunteer rewards, and other special events. Visitors wanting expert orchid information, a membership brochure, or to purchase orchids should be directed to the plant sales area.

Plant Sales ~ Remain in the plant sales area during assigned shift. Volunteers in this area either work the desk or assist customers in the orchid sales area. When working the desk you will collect money, track sales by vendor, actively sell other available items and ask each customer if they are interested in membership. When working the plant area, assist customers in viewing the plants. Special attention is required to make sure customers do not reach between plants as this may damage some. Discuss the benefits of being a member such as expert speakers, the Learning Center, a free orchid at each meeting, volunteer rewards, and other special events. Package orchids in boxes to prevent damage to the purchased orchids.

Clean-up (U-Haul & Display/Vendor Area)

U-Haul Driver and Helper ~ Several volunteers are needed to haul items when tearing down the display. Volunteers must have a truck to load items and deliver items for storage. Other items such as garbage or green waste may need to be dropped off at the refuse center.

Display & Vendor Area ~ Numerous volunteers are needed to assist in dismantling the display and vendor area. Display orchids are to be carefully taken out of the display and placed in an area where the owners can pick them up. The display tables and benches are to be taken down and placed where directed. Other display items are to be taken down and loaded onto volunteer's trucks for storage. Help load green waste and garbage on to volunteer's trucks. Sweep area as needed.



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Hereditary Influences of the Cattleya Alliance

Courtesy American Orchid Society, learn more at <http://www.aos.org/blog/general/hereditary-influences-of-the-cattleya-alliance>.

New GIOS 2019 Cookbook

As a fundraiser, our organization is preparing our SECOND taste-tempting custom cookbook featuring favorite recipes from our members. The last one we did in 2014 was a great fund raiser. These cookbooks will be professionally published and contain a table of contents, an index, helpful cooking hints, and recipe category dividers featuring some of the most beautiful orchids our members have displayed. It is sure to be treasured for years to come.

Karen Lawrence (formerly Harlow) will be sending an e-mail out to all members soliciting recipes. Please submit three to five of your favorite recipes so you can be represented in our organization's cookbook. Especially think about recipes for the donations you may have made at the Spring Show. It is always a good seller to be able to tell them that the recipe for that special treat they just bought is available in the cookbook! The number of contributors to the cookbook has a direct relationship to the number of cookbooks we sell. We would greatly appreciate participation from all our members.

In the cookbook, your name will be printed with each of your recipes. Your contribution of recipes ensures that our cookbook will be a big success.

If you are interested in helping Karen with picking the orchid photos to be included and/or proofreading the recipes for consistency and accuracy, please let her know.