

# Garden Island Orchid Society Newsletter

January - February 2020

## President's Message

I hope everyone who attended our year-end holiday party enjoyed themselves. Our pot lucks are always fantastic with so many delicious choices. I try to take small portions so that I can taste as many dishes as my stomach allows. I am always stuffed, even before I get to the desserts, but managed to bring home some treats for later.



*Special prizes for winners of the Christmas trivia contest, all handcrafted by Karen Harlow*

We brought back two popular items from last year -- games and budded/blooming plants for door prizes. Thanks also to Karen Lawrence and Kimberlee Kain for the entertainment and I hope you also enjoyed the slide show I put together. I could tell members were very vested in participating in the games and the competition was on! This is the second year we've ordered the door prizes from Malika Orchids (Orchid Works), a nursery on the big island. We will definitely reach out to them for the next holiday party because they have provided us with excellent plants to reward our members at the end of the year.

The Makana redemption went smoothly and our volunteers were able to choose between orchids and supplies. Thank you to our Makana chair Teri Nakamoto for organizing and gathering an efficient team to keep things moving. Also a big thank you to our member vendors Nancy Nakama, Neill Sams, and Al and Amy Sugano for bringing lots of wonderful choices for our volunteers.

I'm looking forward to our upcoming February general meeting which will kick off another great year for the club. A new member, James Keach, who is Kauai's Floriculture Extension Agent from University of Hawaii, will be speaking.

Happy New Year and see you soon!

Elizabeth

## Upcoming Events

**General Meeting** ~ The next General Meeting is scheduled for February 14, 2020, at the United Church of Christ in Hanapepe beginning at 6:00 pm. Be sure to bring any blooming orchids to show on the display table and receive a bonus keiki orchid to take home and nurture.

**2020 General Meeting Schedule:** February 14, April 3, June 12, August 14, October 9, and December 5

**2020 Events:** Spring Fantasy Show ~ April 10 - 11 with setup on April 9  
Orchids In Paradise Show at the Farm Bureau Fair ~ August, 2020 - dates tbd

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

## 2019 Holiday Potluck & Party Recap

We had an excellent turnout this year at our 2019 Holiday Potluck celebration held on December 7. The highlights of the party were the recognition of everything the Society accomplished last year, sharing delicious food, playing a holiday theme matching game for great prizes, thanking the retiring Board members and welcoming the new ones, redemption of the 2019 Makana points, and our members' generous donations of food staples to the Kauai Independent Food Bank.

The following pages contain photos of happy GIOS members enjoying the various activities of the party.

## 2020 - 2021 Officers

President:  
Elizabeth Borchelt  
Vice-President:  
Bob Barkevich  
Secretary:  
Kimberlee Kain  
Treasurer:  
Walt Weiss  
Ex-Officio:  
Bobbie Agena



The evening started with a fun matching game using puzzles of orchid photos and names that encouraged everyone to mingle, meet new people and socialize.



*Pearl Wollin searching for matching clues.  
Who will she find with the other puzzle pieces?*

## Membership Dues Are Due

If you have not yet paid your 2020 GIOS dues of \$20, please contact Bobbie Agena or bring your dues to the February meeting!

*A winning combination!  
This amazing team quickly pieced together both the photograph of their orchid and its name*

## 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 a couple of photos of hungry people filling their plates from the overstocked pot luck table.



## Changing Of The Board

Last meeting saw the biannual changing of the Society Board. President Elizabeth first graciously thanked all of the retiring Board members for their generous service over the past two years. Then she announced the 2020-2021 Board and the new Board was installed for their two year term.



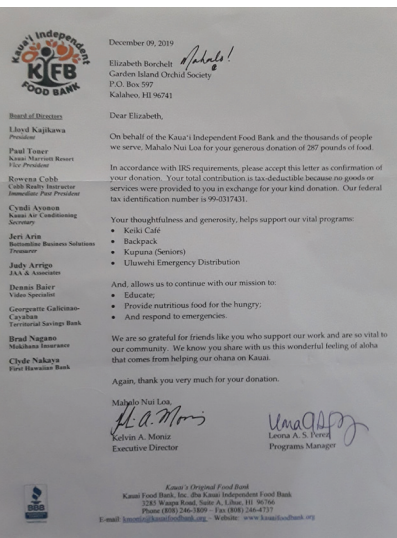
2018-2019 outgoing Board, from left to right: President Elizabeth Borchelt, Treasurer Karen Harlow, Secretary Kimberlee Kain, Membership Bobbie Agena, Vice-President Pearl Wollin, and Makana Program Teri Nakamoto  
Thanks to all of you for serving on the Board!



An excited 2020-2021 Board ready to get started, from left to right: President Elizabeth Borchelt, Vice-President Bob Barkevich, Secretary Kimberlee Kain, Treasurer Walt Weiss, Membership Bobbie Agena, Makana Program Teri Nakamoto, and By-Laws Stella Shimatsu

## Giving Back To Our Community

We had another change this year in that we collected canned goods for the Kauai Independent Food Bank. We received a thank you from them and they let us know we donated 287 pounds of food. They have many programs that they support and I'm thankful we were able to help. A big thank you goes to Dan and Teri Nakamoto for collecting the food items at the party and delivering them.



Here is the thank you letter from the Food Bank for our generous contribution.



Mark Edlund carefully selecting orchids  
Only a few of the many orchids and products available with Makana points



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Growing Orchids in a Greenhouse, learn more at <http://www.aos.org/blog/general/growing-orchids-in-a-greenhouse.aspx>

## 2020 GIOS Cookbook For Sale

We are proud to announce that the 2020 GIOS Cookbook will be available for purchase at the February meeting. One of the Society's biggest fund raisers, for only \$10 you can purchase this beautiful cookbook filled with favorite recipes from many of our members and pictures of beautiful orchids. You have probably eaten some of these delicious dishes at one of our pot luck dinners.

Buy one for yourself and more to give as a thoughtful gifts!

## GIOS Website

<http://www.gardenislandorchidsociety.org/>

Be sure to take advantage of the wealth of information available at our Society's website.

Want to learn more about taking care of a specific variety of orchid? At the website's home page click on the link to the American Orchid Society's [Culture Sheets](#).

Missing a newsletter, visit the website's [Newsletters](#) page for all of the back issues!

A wide variety of other resources are available on the [Resources](#) page.



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