

Garden Island Orchid Society Newsletter

March - April 2020

President's Message

It was great to see so many members at our first general meeting of 2020. Everyone I spoke to enjoyed speaker James Keach and his presentation. I hadn't thought much about Singapore and orchids, but after seeing the beautiful gardens and flowers in his presentation, I think I should put Singapore on my travel wish list. It looked like a fascinating city-state. We also had a wonderful display of member's blooming orchids at the meeting and it was a great to hear James talk about them, providing the owners with tidbits of knowledge. It was very helpful and interesting.

We are already coming up to our Spring Fantasy Show with set up on April 9th and the show April 10th and 11th. Our meeting is the Friday before the show which allows us to have volunteer sign ups and provide additional information about the show. Start looking at your orchids now to help prepare them for the show. Fertilizing, staking and making sure they are pest free is important.

This time of the year I start getting e-mails and questions from the community verifying that we will be putting on our show. They all comment on how much they enjoy seeing so many beautiful orchids in one place and all blooming. We always hope to have a nice variety of orchids on display. This may help encourage folks to branch out and try growing an unusual orchid, or maybe just different than what they've always had.



So please remind your friends and neighbors to come enjoy the wonderful display. Our Spring Fantasy Show also gives us the chance to sell orchid crafts made by our members, our plate lunches and baked goods. Our member vendors always have plenty of orchids to sell also. The income we make from sales allows us to keep our dues low, support the volunteer Makana Program, offer monetary awards at our shows, provide orchids at every general meeting, and present awards for displayed orchids and speaker fees at our general meetings. It's a win-win for everyone.

See you in April!

Elizabeth

Upcoming Events

General Meeting ~ The next General Meeting is scheduled for April 3, 2020, at the United Church of Christ in Hanapepe beginning at 6:00 pm. Dennis Olivas will be the guest speaker at the April meeting.

2020 General Meeting Schedule: 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 6 - 9, 2020

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

Spring Fantasy Show ~ April 10 & 11

This year's Spring Fantasy Show is April 10 & 11 with set up on April 9. Our next meeting is the Friday before, so we will be focusing on final preparations for the Show. Following is key information about the show and how you can participate at the show and support GIOS.

Spring Fantasy Show

Friday, April 10, 12pm ~ 7pm

Saturday, April 11, 9am ~ 4pm

Hanapepe United Church of Christ



The show is open to the public and everyone is encouraged to attend.

Volunteer Opportunities

Participation from a large number of volunteers is key to the success of the show. Many members have already graciously volunteered their time for one or more important role at the Show. If you have not yet and want to, or if you are able to commit some additional time, following are the various volunteer opportunities for which we still need assistance.

Please contact Teri Nakamoto at 482-0602 to volunteer or for more information or sign up at the April 3 meeting.

Set Up Day ~ Thursday April 9, 1pm until finished

Set Up Day is exactly that. The Society transforms the church's hall into an extravagant tropical floral display. This encompasses a wide variety of tasks and dedicated effort, ranging from setting up tables and display walls, decorating the hall, receiving and labeling hundreds of orchids, preparing the food, and much more.

During the Show ~ volunteers are needed to provide security, sell plants and materials, staff the kitchen, and provide support for a variety of other services during Show hours.



Clean-Up ~ clean up begins immediately after the Show ends on Saturday at 4pm. Clean-up includes returning display orchids to their owners, breaking down tables, moving equipment to storage, cleaning the facilities, and disposing of trash.

Display Orchids ~ every active member of the Society is encouraged to display their blooming orchids at the show, and possibly win ribbons and awards. Please see the later articles on bringing orchids to the show, submitting name tags, and preparing orchids for display.

Donating Baked Goods ~ one of the Society's fund raisers during the show is selling delicious baked goods. Please see the Baked Goods article later in the newsletter.

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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 April meeting. Your dues must be current to display orchids at the Show!

Spring Fantasy Show additional information ...

Following is some additional information about how members can volunteer at the Show and other things happening to create the best orchid show possible.

Food Booth – Since we have a kitchen available at the meeting hall, we are able to sell plate lunches and baked goods. This is one of our significant fund raisers every year. Food Booth Chair Caryn Sakahashi does an excellent job of planning for the booth, leading the volunteers, and organizing the delicious menus. Many of you donate to the food booth and we appreciate that very much. See the following article for the types of baked good donations we are looking for.

Plant Doctor – In addition to judging, Dennis Olivas plays the role of plant doctor at the show giving demonstrations and providing helpful information for all orchid owners including re-potting and providing orchid culture information.



Crafts – Selling crafts at the show is a long time fund raising activity of the Society. The items sold are handmade by members of the Society. We will also be selling GIOS t-shirts for only \$15.

Greeters – An important part of every show is making sure everyone who enters the display hall receives a welcoming greeting and is given information about membership and donation opportunities, such as our lucky orchid basket drawings. Membership Chair Bobbie Agena makes sure all of our friendly greeters are ready to help.



Orchid Vendors – We cannot forget to thank our member vendors, Nancy Nakama, Amy and Al Sugano, and Neill and Fely Sams. Not only do they provide orchids for display, they bring orchids to sell to attendees. Everyone looks forward to checking out all of the available orchids and to buy that special one to take home. The club receives monetary donations from all of the vendors.



Plant Sales – During the year we receive donated plants to sell at the Spring Fantasy Show. Mildred Konishi and Steve Uyehara collect and take care of these plants until they are ready to sell. Over the years this has grown into another good fund raiser for the Society.

Photographers – The Society would not have the beautiful pictures of all of the gorgeous award winning orchids to place in the newsletter, on the website, and to be used for publicity purposes if we did not have the talented Ryan Metzger as a member and our primary photographer. Others help with their own photographic expertise including Paul Brun, Elizabeth Borchelt and David Fastenau.



Baked Goods Needed For Spring Fantasy Show

Thank you to everyone who has donated baked goods in support of past Spring Fantasy Shows. Its time to get out those family favorite recipes and prepare some delicious treats for this year's Show. If you are interested in donating baked goods, please sign up at the April meeting or contact Caryn Sakahashi at 635-9066.



Baked goods include cookies, breads, brownies, mochi, party mix, energy bars, cakes, pies, and more. Items do not need to be packaged or priced. Please bring all baked goods to the Hanapepe United Church of Christ hall on April 9 between 3pm and 5pm.

WANTED: Blooming Orchids For The Display Tables

Every active GIOS member is encouraged to bring their blooming orchids for display at the Show. An active member is anyone who has paid their 2020 dues. While not all orchids may be prize-worthy, many of them are, and one of yours that you may think would not merit an award might just surprise you.



Regardless of the ribbons and awards, it takes a large number of beautiful orchids to fill out the tables and create an amazing display that fills the church hall to the rafters. Whether as a viable prize winner or a lovely table filler, all orchids are welcome and will be well used to create an overall spectacular display.

All display plants must be delivered to the Church between 2pm and 4pm on Thursday, April 9. This provides the Display Team enough time to set up all the displays. Plant name tags will be available at that time and should be attached to each plant before being left at the site.



Plant Name Tags ~ every orchid being displayed at the Show needs to have a plant name tag affixed to it. GIOS will create the plant name tags for an overall consistent appearance. Every plant name tag must include the name of the plant owner as you wish it to appear on the label, and the complete name of the plant. If the orchid's full name is not known, then simply identify it by the type of orchid, such as Dendrobium or Paphiopedilum.

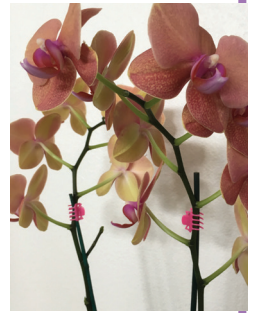
Plant name tag submissions are due at the GIOS general meeting on Friday, April 3. Every member submitting plants for display should e-mail a list of their plant name tags to skshima@hawaii.rr.com, or call Stella Shimatsu at 651-2692. Name tags for late submissions can be created on Thursday, April 9 if needed.



Preparing Orchids For The Show

Following are the basics of grooming and staking your orchid to display its best assets at the show.

Grooming - cut off any old, wilting or spotted leaves, remove spent flowers or blooms in decline that detract from the orchid's beauty, remove any weeds from the media. Before cutting off any leaves or flowers, sterilize a sharp cutting tool and carefully make cuts avoiding any damage to healthy leaves or flowers. Cut back or off any leaves if that helps to display the flowers better.



Pests ~ ensure your plant is free from all pests including snails, slugs, ants, spiders, mealy bugs and more. If your plant has any of these pests, remove all visible creatures immediately and treat for any unseen critters with your choice of neem oil, alcohol or other treatment.



Staking - stake plants early to encourage an upright spike. Cut the bottom of the stake at an angle and insert it into the medium against the plant. Stakes should be no higher than the leaves or buds. Use twist ties, clips or electrical wire to gently but firmly attached the spike to the stake.



Showy display ~ use stakes or pieces of medium to arrange the blooms so that the flowers all (or almost all) face the same direction, be sure to pull the leaves out of the way.

WANTED: Decorations for the Spring Fantasy Show

The Society is looking for some decorative items to spruce up the tables and enhance our displays at the Spring Fantasy Show.

Specifically, we would greatly appreciate any members who are able to donate the following:

- Song of India
- Spanish moss
- Norfolk pine fronds ~ the top 15 to 20 inches of the pine frond tips



Please make sure to wash all donated plants clean of debris and pests so they are looking their best for the Show.

Anyone who is able to supply some of these should contact Nancy Nakama at 338-1423.





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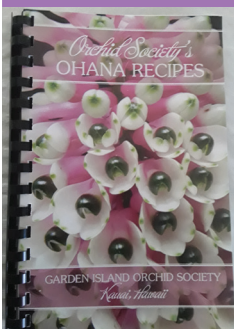
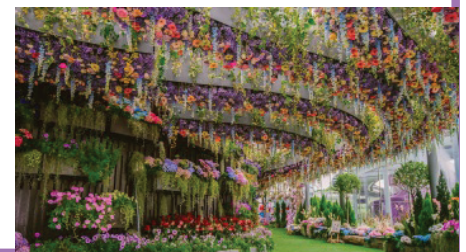
Stanhopeas - A Never-Ending Passion for these New World Orchids, learn more at <http://www.aos.org/blog/orchids-issues/stanhopeas>.



February Meeting Speaker: James Keach

February meeting's guest speaker was James Keach, Kauai's Floriculture Extension Agent. James' presentation was entitled Gardens By The Bay and covered the rich orchid history at both the Singapore Botanical Gardens and the Gardens By The Bay nature park. Opened in 2012, Gardens By The Bay features two huge domed cool houses - the Cloud Forest and the Flower Dome.

Singapore is very connected with Hawaii in general and has a strong history of orchid trade. The Singapore Botanical Gardens has the world's oldest orchid, around 110 years old. Gardens By The Bay is doing research and experimentation with an exciting orchid hybrid program.



2020 GIOS Cookbook For Sale

The 2020 GIOS Cookbook will be available for sale at the April 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 give others as a thoughtful gifts!

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