

Garden Island Orchid Society Newsletter

May - June 2020

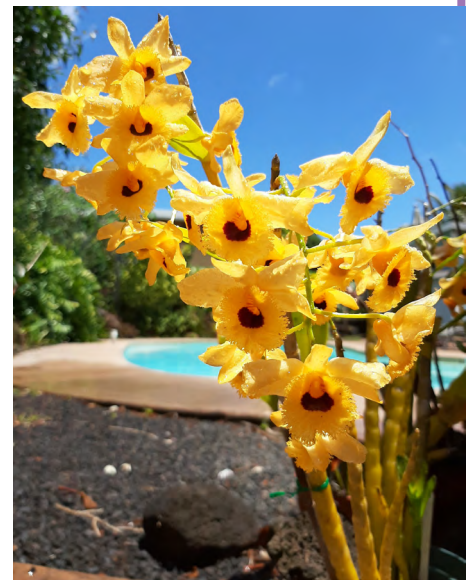
President's Message

I feel we are fortunate to be on Kauai where we currently have no active cases of the Corona virus. We are doing our part to continue to be safe and healthy by staying in our homes and practicing safe distancing when we are not at home. Until the Mayor and Governor determine it is safe for large gatherings, we will not be holding our general club meetings. Once we are given the all clear, we will work with the Hanapepe United Church of Christ to restart our meeting schedule at their Hall and will notify you of any updates.

I must admit that I have not worked as hard as I should have on getting my small shade house in order, or completed all of the maintenance needed on my orchids. I tend to procrastinate and am just lucky that orchids are pretty forgiving here on Kauai. In April I had a lot of plans and made lists of a bunch of orchid related things that needed to be done. I now realize I need to step back and do one thing at a time so that I do not get overwhelmed. So, a new to do list will be created and I will start one thing, not getting bogged down by how much I should be doing. I will also take the time to not worry about my orchids, but instead enjoy the process of taking care of them and enjoy the blooming that is taking place across my yard and in my shade house. I hope you will join me in enjoying the beauty of nature occurring all around you.

Thank you for your patience and understanding as we travel through this difficult time. Having to cancel both our Spring Show and our display at the Farm Fair will impact us financially but not significantly. Your Board will adjust the 2020 budget and update actual expenses so that we can provide this information in the next newsletter. We have a strong club and I know as members we will jump right back into the swing of things as soon as we can.

Hopefully I will see you in August!
Elizabeth



*Yellow Dendrobium
owned by Elizabeth Borchelt*

Upcoming Events

General Meeting ~ The next General Meeting scheduled for June 12, 2020, at the United Church of Christ in Hanapepe has been cancelled.

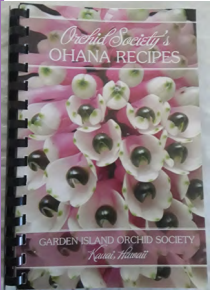
2020 General Meeting Schedule: August 14, October 9, and December 5

2020 Events: Orchids In Paradise Show at the Farm Bureau Fair ~ cancelled

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

Fund Raising Projects

We want to let everyone know we are selling three different items to raise funds for the Society. We planned on introducing these items at the Spring Show, but were forced to cancel the show due to the pandemic. This is just a little road bump, but we are ready to bring the three fund raisers to our meetings once they are rescheduled, as well as have them available for our 2021 shows.



The first fund raising item is the 2020 GIOS Cookbook, which has been available for several months now. For more details about this wonderful cookbook, please see the back cover of the Newsletter.



The second items are the cloth pots shown above, all designed for standard 4" pots. These are very handy when you need to bring a blooming orchid inside to work on, or want to temporarily dress up your orchid. Available in different colors and patterns, our member Kim Schafer volunteered to hand craft a number of these cloth pots and I know they will sell out fast.

The third item is a GIOS T-shirt that we planned to sell at the shows this year. It is a standard crew neck T-shirt with the GIOS logo on the front available in a variety of sizes.

All three items are now for sale at affordable prices of between \$10 and \$15, allowing the Society to earn money for the operation of the club.

To purchase any of these items, please send an email to President@gardenislandorchidsociety.org.



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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 August meeting. Your dues must be current to display orchids at the Shows!

Blooming Orchids

Since we had to cancel our Spring Fantasy Show, hopefully the following orchids will substitute for now. Below are some blooming orchids submitted by several of our members. You can submit photos of your orchids to Newsletter@gardenislandorchidsociety.org for inclusion in future newsletters.



*Japanese Spiral
owned by Paul Brun*



*Honu Honu owned
by Sarah Paiste*



*Dendrobium Aggregatum
owned by Nancy Nakama*



*Oncidium Heaven Scent "Redolence"
owned by Michelle Fastenau*



*Honu Honu
owned by Sarah Paiste*



*Dendrobium Nobile
owned by Paul Brun*



*Dendrobium Nobile Dream "Ace"
owned by Michelle Fastenau*



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Novice Phalaenopsis Culture Sheet, learn more at:
<http://www.aos.org/orchids/culture-sheets/novice-phalaenopsis.aspx>



Make Your Own Hanging Orchid Pots

Are you interested in hanging pots for some of your orchids? Have you been searching high and low for hanging orchid pots to no avail? Don't want to order expensive pots on-line?

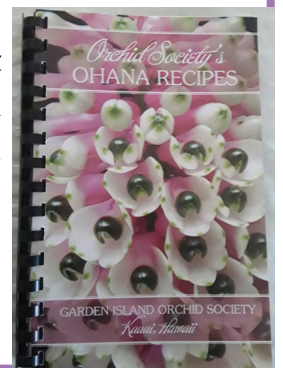
If you want to make easy and simple hanging pots yourself, check out this is a fantastic YouTube video. These pots are so easy to make and take only minutes to do. You can even do it for already potted orchids.

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=ejQyRZe4AXE&feature=share>

2020 GIOS Cookbook For Sale

The 2020 GIOS Cookbook is now available for sale. 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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