

Garden Island Orchid Society Newsletter

July - August 2020

President's Message

Well it has been an interesting couple of weeks. I, like many of you, have a lot of orchids in my yard and in a small shade house. With Douglas heading straight for the islands, I started cleaning up my yard and moving all my orchids and other plants into a small shed and in my garage. I also moved a lot of the miscellaneous outdoor things like lounge chairs, umbrellas, bar be que, etc first. The spots where I was placing my orchids prohibited watering so I waited, and then it was a rushed two days. Hard work, but if Douglas hit, I did not want to lose all my plants.



Above, small shed filled with orchids

It wasn't until the night before it was predicted to hit did we learn that it was only going to skim the islands. Such a relief as the impact of the wind and flooding here on Kauai would have been huge. 2020 has been difficult enough without a hurricane. The next morning I thought, "dang, now I have to put it all back together."



The garage and truck make excellent storage locations!

I admit I didn't do much that first day, deciding instead that sitting down for a nice cup of tea was all I could manage. But the next day I went out to my shade house and realized that without the shelving, trays and plants it was a perfect time to clear out the mess of pampas grass between the shade house and the fence. It is a constant battle since it is so invasive. Wearing gloves was a must as the blades of grass are so sharp. I have included a couple of pictures that I took during this time.

Everything will be back in place soon. And I hope we make it through the season without another hurricane. Take care and stay safe!



Hopefully I will see you soon! Elizabeth

Upcoming Events

General Meeting ~ The next General Meeting scheduled for October 9, 2020, at the United Church of Christ in Hanapepe has been cancelled.

2020 General Meeting Schedule: 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](#).

Sharing Our Orchids Through Photos

Featuring story, recent blooms and photos
by Dennis Olivas



Tolu Golden Glow 'Brenda Aday'

I started collecting Equitant Oncidiums, currently classified as Tolumnia, in the late 1960s from Mr. Shimonishi at Shomonishi Orchids in Hanapepe on the Island of Kauai. Mr. Shimonishi hybridized many different types of orchids. He did his own flasking and cloning in a small lab that he built under the stairway of his home.

When I moved to the Bay Area, I collected Tolumnias from Jon Oka when he would vendor at the Pacific Orchid Exposition in San Francisco. I also purchased plants from Anita Aldrich. Most of that collection rotted when my heater to the greenhouse in Half Moon Bay died one winter.

In 2014, we moved my collection of Orchids, Anthuriums, and Epiphyllums to a greenhouse In Daly City. Hence the renewal of my interest in growing these beauties which was no problems during the late spring through the early fall. In a colder winter environment, I've learned not to water them to prevent fungal and bacterial rotting.

I recently purchased plants from Mel Waki. He has a great breeding program and produces beautiful Tolumnias and Rodrumnias.

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2020 Membership Dues

Stay current with your dues to stay current with what GIOS is doing. If you have not yet paid your 2020 GIOS dues of \$20, please contact Bobbie Agena or mail it to the return address on this newsletter.



Rrm Moonmist x Hula Lady 'Dionicio Olivas'



Rrm Volcano Flare 'Carolina Olivas Afaop'



Rrm Kent Dumlao x Tolu Talisman
'Santiago Olivas'



Tolu Jiaho Rose 'Fantasy Rose' AM AOS



Rrm Harvest Moon
'Christino Olivas'



Tolu Genting Orange
'Cora'
(Name not registered)



Epiphyllum Cheeka
(cactus)

Blooming Orchids

Paul Brun has generously shared with us the following beautiful orchids from his collection.



Bulbophyllum



Coryanthes



Dyakia



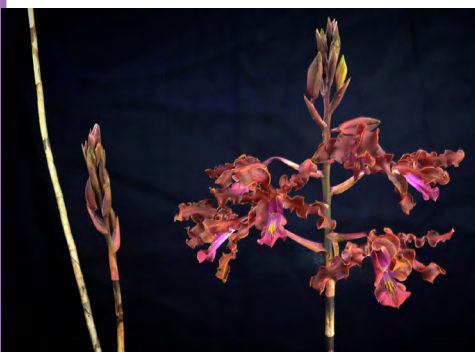
Phalaenopsis



Epidendrum



Three varieties of Grammatophyllum



Two varieties of Schomburgkia



White Egret

Please submit photos of your orchids to Newsletter@gardenislandorchidsociety.org for inclusion in future newsletters.



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Novice Paphiopedilum Culture Sheet, learn more at:
<https://www.aos.org/orchids/culture-sheets/novice-paphiopedilum.aspx>

Blooming Orchids

courtesy of Elizabeth Borchelt



BDC Gilded Tower
 'Mystic Maze'



Coconut Orchid



Phalaenopsis cornu-cervi

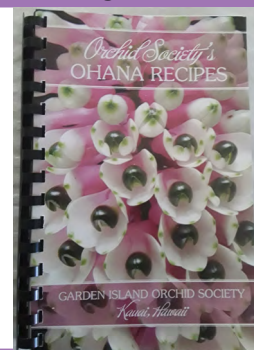


Galeopetalum Arlene Armour
 'Conching'

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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