

# Garden Island Orchid Society Newsletter

November - December 2020

## President's Message

Aloha and Happy Holidays to all!

It will be a subdued celebration here at my house with the small group of folks who are in my safe Covid 19 pod. I will miss the burst of blooming orchids that usually are in the house after our Christmas party, but we will definitely be celebrating everyone's health and happiness. I am feeling safe here on Kauai and looking



forward to 2021 when the roll out of the vaccine occurs and we are able to meet again. This will take time, so your GIOS Board is planning on Zoom meetings for our 2021 General meetings. We will work on providing interesting content and some of our favorite speakers. We will schedule these on the same dates that we would have been regularly attending (the second Friday of February, April, June, August, October, and the first Saturday in December). If we are able to actually meet in person towards the end of 2021 that will be wonderful.



If you haven't Zoomed yet, don't worry. In the newsletter prior to the February meeting we will include instructions and helpful hints. We will also provide information on 2021 dues, which the Board will adjust based on the current environment.

I hope you have enjoyed our 2020 Newsletters and the pictures of members' blooming orchids. Continuing with that theme, here are some blooming Cattleyas from my garden. I want to take the time to thank our Newsletter Chair, David Fastenau, for doing a great job keeping us connected.



Hopefully we'll see each other in person soon,

Elizabeth

## Upcoming Events

**General Meeting** ~ Please watch this space in the February newsletter for information on a possible Zoom meeting.

**2021 General Meeting Schedule:** Possible Zoom meetings on February 12, April 9, June 11, August 13, October 8, and December 4

**2021 Events:** Event schedule to be determined

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

# Sharing Our Orchids Through Photos

Featuring blooms and photos taken  
by Dennis Olivas



*C. purpurata* 'Vicenta Olivas'

*Laelia purpurata*, now known as *Cattleya purpurata* and the closely related species including *tenebrosa*, *crispa* and *lobata* are Dennis Olivas' favorite in the *Cattleya* alliance.

*C. purpurata* originated in the Brazilian states of Rio Grande do Sul, Santa Catarina and São Paulo. They are temperature tolerant and bloom in the late spring throughout summer in Dennis' unheated greenhouse in Daly City California. They require lots of good watering and fertilizing during the growing season. They get transplanted after the blossoms are spent, in a media mixture of 3 parts *Orchiata super* and 1 part #4 (coarse) perlite. Dennis prefers plastic pots.

## 2020 - 2021 Officers

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

## 2021 Membership Dues

Watch this space for  
information regarding  
2021 dues.



*C. tenebrosa* var. *aurea* 'Tiffany'

*Cattleya tenebrosa* from the Brazilian state Esposito Santo are closely related to *C. purpurata*. Dennis gives them the same culture as *C. purpurata* and *C. grandis*.



*C. purpurata* fma *carnea* 'Paul' AM AOS



*C. purpurata* fma *venosa* 'Dolores Campos'



*C. purpurata* 'Stirling'



*C. purpurata* 'JG #2' HCC/AOS

## Blooming Orchids

Several members have generously shared these beautiful orchids from their collections.



*Bulbophyllum* owned by Paul Brun



*BLC Dan O'Neil x Bouton  
D'or x BLC Momllani*  
owned by Elizabeth Borchelt



*Coryanthes* owned by Paul Brun



*Stanhopea* owned by Paul Brun



*Paphiopedilum* owned  
by Elizabeth Borchelt



*Monnierara Millenium  
Magic 'Witchcraft' FCC/  
AOS* owned by  
Nancy Nakama



*Renanthera Kalsom*  
owned by Paul Brun



*Paphiopedilum*  
owned by Paul Brun



*Vanda*  
owned by Paul Brun

Please submit photos of your orchids to [Newsletter@gardenislandorchidsociety.org](mailto:Newsletter@gardenislandorchidsociety.org) for inclusion in future newsletters.



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



## GIOS T-Shirts Still Available

Our GIOS T-shirt is still available for purchase. These are wonderful, high quality crew neck T-shirts with the GIOS logo on the front and are available in a variety of sizes.

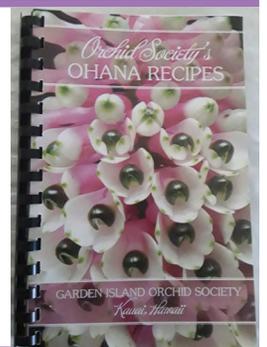
The T-shirts are available for only \$15 and are great for members and to give as gifts. They also provide funding that supports the operation of the club.

To purchase a shirt, please send an email to [President@gardenislandorchidsociety.org](mailto:President@gardenislandorchidsociety.org).

## 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!



Newsletter photos courtesy of Paul Brun, Elizabeth Borchelt, and Nancy Nakama