

# Garden Island Orchid Society Newsletter

January - February 2021

## President's Message

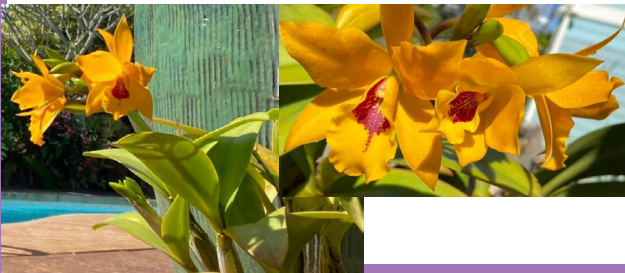
Happy New Year!

We are embarking on a new adventure this year. Not knowing when we will be able to meet in person, we will hold our first Zoom general meeting on Friday, February 12th, at 6:00 p.m. I hope that you all will mark this in your calendar and plan to join me. This past year your Board has continued to meet and take care of Society business using Zoom and it has worked well. At the February 12 Zoom meeting, we will start with a short business meeting and then move quickly to our guest speaker, Dennis Olivas. Dennis always has interesting and helpful information to share with us. I am glad he is willing to be our first Zoom speaker.



This is all new to GIOS, so we will have some bumps in the road. Please give us a chance to improve each meeting as we gain confidence in the process. We hope to have different speakers at each meeting and possibly mix it up with a live re-potting demonstration.

Included later in this Newsletter are instructions and information to help you get the most out of the Zoom meeting experience. If this is your first time using Zoom, reach out to family and friends for assistance if you need help. During this pandemic, a lot of folks have discovered how easy it is to stay connected with family and friends through online applications like Zoom.



Hope to see you soon, meanwhile please enjoy these photos of Cattleyas from my garden.

Elizabeth

## Upcoming Events

**General Meeting** ~ The next General Meeting is scheduled for February 12, 2021 beginning at 6:00 p.m. and using Zoom as our on-line meeting platform.

**2021 General Meeting Schedule:** Zoom meetings are scheduled for February 12, April 9, June 11, August 13, October 8, and December 4 until regular in-person meetings can be held.

**2021 Events:** Spring Fantasy Show ~ to be determined if we can hold a show this spring  
Orchids In Paradise Show at the Farm Bureau Fair ~ to be determined by the  
County of Kauai

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

## Participating In The Zoom Meeting



Because of the ongoing COVID-19 pandemic, GIOS will host its first General Meeting by Zoom on Friday, February 12, 2021 at 6:00 p.m. To participate you must first have a Zoom account set up on your personal computer, laptop or tablet. Many people have already done this, but if you have not, some basic instructions are provided here.

First of all – what is Zoom? Zoom is a cloud-based video conferencing tool that lets you easily host or attend virtual one-on-one or team meetings. With powerful audio, video and collaboration features, this tool connects remote members with each other. The account is FREE for most users. There is only a charge for those hosting large meetings for extended periods of time.

### Getting Started With Zoom

Step 1: To get started with Zoom, go to [www.zoom.us](http://www.zoom.us) and click on the “SIGN UP” button that’s at the top-right corner of the screen.

Step 2: Create a new account using the e-mail address you use to receive your newsletter.

Step 3: Zoom will now send you an e-mail with a confirmation link. Click on that link to go to Zoom’s Sign-Up Assistant and sign in using your credentials. This will install the program on your device and an icon should appear on your desktop.

### How To Join the Zoom Meeting

Several days before the meeting, GIOS will send out an e-mail with a meeting link. Using this e-mail, there are two ways to joining the meeting as follows:

#### 1. Join using the Meeting Link

On the day and time of the meeting, go to your e-mail and just click on the link embedded in the e-mail, or paste it into your web browser to join the meeting.

#### 2. Or, You May Join Using the Meeting ID

In the e-mail, you will also see a meeting ID and possibly a Password. Open the Zoom app and click on the “Join” icon. Paste or type the Meeting ID in the box provided, add the Password, if one is provided, and add your display name for the meeting and click on the “Join” button.

You only need to use ONE of these methods to sign in for the meeting. Both options are provided in case you have any difficulties with one of the methods. It is suggested that you sign in to the meeting about five minutes prior to the starting time.

## 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.



## Additional Important Zoom Information

Once you sign in, there will be a message asking if you want to join with audio and video. You will click to do both. If for some reason your image does not appear on the screen, there will be an icon that looks like a camera towards the bottom left side of the bar on the bottom of your screen, click on that to start your camera. (You will need to know if your computer has a camera as part of its basic setup.) You will also notice an icon that looks like a microphone on the lower left side corner of the bar at the bottom of your screen. It most likely will have a red line through it, which means that you are muted. The host will have everyone muted at the beginning of the meeting and during the presentation. If the meeting is opened for questions, you will need to click on that icon to unmute before asking a question.

Try to be in a room without a lot of other people walking by so that you are not distracting others in the meeting. Also, it is helpful to have a bright light IN FRONT of you and NOT BEHIND you to enhance the video portion. If you know someone who has used Zoom before, they may also be helpful as you try to navigate through this. The most important thing is that you sign up for your account well in advance of the meeting, and then sign in for the meeting. Other instructions can be given to you if needed during the meeting.

## Blooming Orchids

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



*Angraecum Sequipedole*  
owned by Elizabeth Borchelt



*Angraecum eburnum*  
owned by Mark Edlund



*D johnsonlae x macrophyllum*  
owned by Elizabeth Borchelt



*Bulbophyllum blumei*  
owned by Elizabeth Borchelt



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





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Vanda Culture Sheet, learn more at:  
<https://www.aos.org/orchids/culture-sheets/vanda.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!

