

Garden Island Orchid Society Newsletter

March - April 2021

President's Message

Mahalo to all who joined us for our first Zoom General Meeting in February. Our speaker, Dennis Olivas, introduced us to some of his favorite orchids with pictures and descriptions. I hope you enjoyed it. Please join us for our next Zoom meeting on April 9th at 6pm. We are working with Neill Sams of Orchid Alley to be our April guest speaker.



To encourage member attendance at the April meeting, we will be giving two orchids away through two drawings from the names of the members who attend the meeting. When you receive the e-mail containing the meeting link, if you plan on attending please send an e-mail to President@gardenislandorchidsociety.org. During the meeting I will draw two names and announce the winners. You must be present on the Zoom meeting to win.

I have been bringing into the house more than usual some of my blooming orchids. I have them in the kitchen where I can see them and enjoy them all day long. When they are spread out in my yard in pots and in the shade house, it doesn't feel like very many are blooming, but wow when you put them together it's like your own little show display. Give it a try! It has helped me during 2020 and into this year, and reminds me to look forward to the club putting together the Spring Show and Farm Fair in 2022. It seems like a long time from now, but it will go quickly. Pictured here are some Phalaenopsis blooms I am enjoying right now.

Also please send in photos of your blooming orchids so that we can include them in the upcoming newsletters.

Hope to see you at the April Zoom meeting,

Elizabeth



Upcoming Events

General Meeting -- The next General Meeting is scheduled for Friday, April 9, 2021 beginning at 6:00 p.m. and using Zoom as our on-line meeting platform. Log-in information will be sent a few days prior to the meeting.

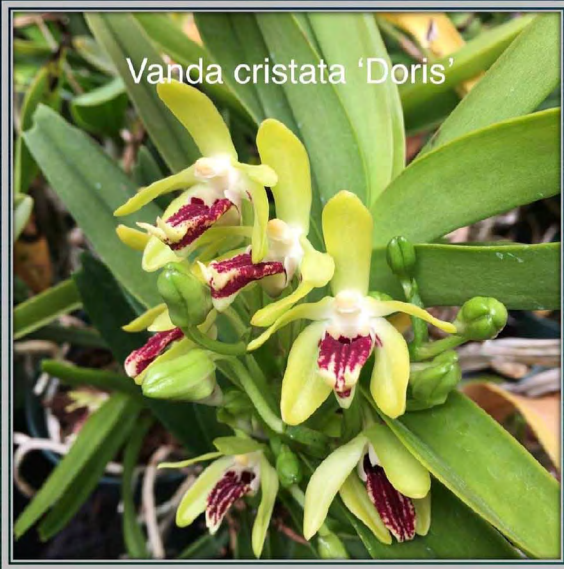
2021 General Meeting Schedule: Zoom meetings are scheduled for April 9, June 11, August 13, October 8, and December 4 until regular in-person meetings can be held.

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



Sharing Our Orchids Through Photos

Featuring blooms and photos by Dennis Olivas



Vanda cristata 'Doris'

Vanda cristata grows in the Himalayas from Bangladesh, India, Nepal, Bhutan and China. It has compact growths and develops keikis easily. It is temperature tolerant. These are the different varieties in Dennis' collection at his Daly City California greenhouse.

2020 - 2021 Officers

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Kimberlee Kain
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Walt Weiss
- Ex-Officio:
Bobbie Agena

2021 Membership Dues

See the article on the next page.



Vanda cristata 'Norvin'



Vanda cristata 'Michael'



Vanda cristata 'Anita Marie'

2021 Membership Dues Information

Aloha Everyone,

Hopefully, this newsletter finds you all in the best of health and adjusting to all these changes we are having to endure. Here's to looking forward to a more favorable year for all. Our Garden Island Orchid Society is raring to return to normal meetings and activities. Until we ride out this pandemic, we will be making some adjustments for the safety of all.



It's that time of the year to begin collection of GIOS Membership dues for 2021. Since we will not be meeting in person until restrictions are over, membership dues of \$10.00 per person will be collected for 2021. Below is a membership application form. Please complete all of the information so we will be able to keep you informed. Send your Membership Application and \$10.00 to:

Bobbie Agena, Membership Chair
Garden Island Orchid Society
P.O. Box 398
Kekaha, HI 96752

If you no longer want to be a member, sending a reply stating such would be deeply appreciated.

Sincerely,

Bobbie Agena, Membership Chair
Garden Island Orchid Society
Membership Application

Remember: 2021 Membership Dues are \$10

To sign up or renew your membership with the Garden Island Orchid Society, please use the following form and return to Bobbie Agena as soon as possible. Updating your information will ensure we are able to deliver the newsletter and contact you throughout the year for various events.

Name _____

Mailing Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip Code _____

Phone # _____ E-Mail Address _____

Interested in volunteering for (please mark all that apply):

Board Member _____ Show Design/Display _____

Committee Chair ___ Committee Helper _____ Other _____

What topics would you like covered in the General Meetings?

What special events would you like to participate in?

Participating In The Zoom Meeting



Because of the ongoing COVID-19 pandemic, GIOS will host its second General Meeting by Zoom on Friday, April 9, 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 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. Plan on signing into the meeting about five minutes prior to the starting time.



Blooming Orchids

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



Cattleya (upper left), Coryanthes (above), and Paphiopedilum (left) owned by Paul Brun

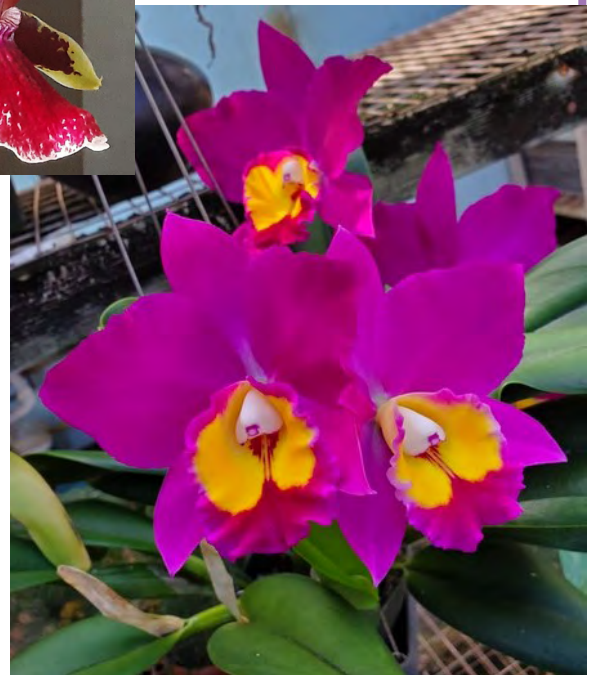


Impressive blooming orchid owned by Cheryl Morris

Orchid owned by Elizabeth Borchelt



Orchids at left and above owned by Martina Hilldorfer



Potinara Hawaiian Prominence 'America' owned by Nancy Nakama

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



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Dendrobium Culture Sheet, learn more at:
<https://www.aos.org/orchids/culture-sheets/dendrobium.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 or cookbook, please send an e-mail to 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!

