

# Garden Island Orchid Society Newsletter

March - April 2022

## President's Message

Happy news! The Board has agreed to schedule an in person meeting for Friday, April 8th, at 6:00 pm at the United Church of Christ in Hanapepe. The church has graciously agreed to allow us to meet in our regular meeting place. With the change in COVID rules, an indoor meeting is acceptable. We will set up the hall to allow distancing if needed and encourage mask wearing. If events change prior to the meeting, an update will be e-mailed out.



Our first in person meeting will be a re-potting session. We hope that it will inspire and motivate us back into the swing of things. I know it will benefit and motivate me. I've had lots of time to take care of my orchids, but I've discovered that I need the encouragement of meeting with other orchid enthusiasts. And that's what our club does! Brings us together to celebrate our successes and share empathy in each others challenges.

This first in person meeting we will not be handing out door prizes. But hope to be in full swing for our June meeting.

GIOS will provide newspaper, orchid bark, coconut coir and sphagnum moss. Just bring your orchids and your passion!!!

I'm very excited by my Paphiopedilum shown in the photo above. Three blooms at the same time is incredible!

Elizabeth

## Upcoming Events

**General Meeting** ~ The next General Meeting is scheduled for Friday, April 8, 2022 beginning at 6:00 p.m. at the United Church of Christ in Hanapepe. Bring your orchids for re-potting.

**2022 General Meeting Schedule:** General meetings are scheduled for April 8, June 10, August 12, October 14, and December 3 at the United Church of Christ in Hanapepe.

**2022 Events:** Spring Fantasy Show ~ cancelled, or maybe just postponed

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](#).

## American Orchid Society Resources

The American Orchid Society's website is full of excellent resources for all orchid enthusiasts from beginner to seasoned expert. Here are examples of some of these resources for you.

Orchid Care for the orchid beginner:

<https://www.aos.org/orchids/orchid-care.aspx>

Orchid Culture sheets for many species of orchids:

<https://www.aos.org/orchids/culture-sheets.aspx>



Orchid Pests and Diseases - how to treat:

<https://www.aos.org/orchids/orchid-pests-diseases.aspx>

Beginners Newsletters - an excellent resource covering many topics!

<https://www.aos.org/all-about-orchids/beginners-newsletter.aspx>



## 2022 - 2023 Officers

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## 2022 Membership Dues

2022 dues are \$10,  
see below for payment  
details.

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The GIOS Board has set the 2022 membership dues at \$10 per person. The dues are payable now. Please complete the form below and send it along with your check to:

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



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

Board Member \_\_\_\_ Show Design/Display \_\_\_\_\_

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What topics would you like covered in the General Meetings?

What special events would you like to participate in?

## 2018 Learning Center with Al Sugano: Re-potting

In preparation for our re-potting session at the April meeting, the following article is a re-print of a 2018 Learning Center article where Al Sugano shared some specifics about re-potting.

Al offered the following advice and suggestions when it comes to re-potting orchids. Al first encouraged us to be a gardener to our orchids, not just an owner, being more watchful, more protective, and more caring of our orchids.



Re-potting reenergizes the orchid. The timing of re-potting is critical to the overall health of the plant. The best time to re-pot is when there is new growth and short new roots. You should avoid cutting these new roots. If you wait too long to re-pot, the plant will struggle more which may delay blooming.

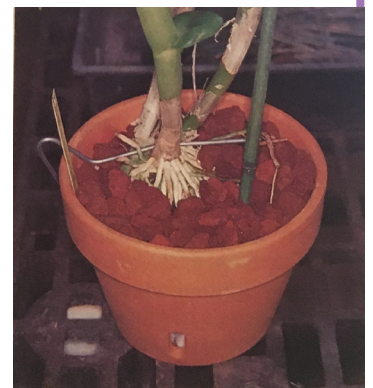


The first step to re-potting is to know when to re-pot. There are two main reasons to re-pot: when the plant is too big for its pot, or when the media it is in decomposes. A key sign that a plant is too big for its pot is when the pseudobulb has grown over the edge of the pot. To determine if the media has decomposed too far, look below the top layer of media to a depth of 1 1/2 to 2 inches to see if the media is firm. If it is soft, it is time to re-pot.

Know which direction you are going with the plant. Typically orchids grow directionally with new growth coming from the more recent growth. Most orchids can be re-potted in the same container or a pot of the same size by removing the old growth. Other orchids can be divided into two plants and potted in the same size or smaller pots. The rule for dividing is to preserve a minimum of three viable pseudobulbs in each new plant.

The re-potting process itself is straight forward:

- a. Carefully remove the orchid from its pot
- b. Carefully remove the old media from the plant and its roots
- c. Keep 3 to 4 bulbs and remove the remainder of the old growth
- d. Peel off the sheath from the bulbs
- e. Put a layer of media in the bottom of the pot
- f. Place the orchid on the media centered in the pot
- g. Top off with more media so that the media hold the plant in place



Orchids will need time to acclimate and adjust to their new pot and new environment, some times they may not bloom in the coming year because of this. If you are working with species rather than hybrids, do not submerge them in bark.



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Orchid Pests and Diseases: Mealybugs, learn more at:  
<https://www.aos.org/orchids/orchid-pests-diseases/mealybugs.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 e-mail 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!

