

Garden Island Orchid Society Newsletter

July - August 2022

President's Message

The June meeting was a success with Al providing excellent advice on re-potting and general orchid culture. He brought a Catasetum that had started to grow roots and he explained the importance of managing it through its full growth cycle. Once a catasetum has finished blooming it will eventually lose all its leaves and will go dormant. Take it out of its medium leaving the pseudobulbs bare. You should keep it dry and not fertilize it. Once it starts its growth cycle and has roots coming from the bulb make sure you are careful and not damage the root tips. Hold off potting it up, watering and fertilizing until the roots are a minimum 3 to 5 inches. Now it is ready to be watered and fertilized. This is the information that I took from Al's talk. If you have questions bring them to the next meeting. This helped me and I hope my Catasetum survives. It was still in the medium and was hard to see the new roots and I might have damaged them. It would have been very easy to track the new roots if they had been bare.

Please join us as for the August general meeting. We will be meeting in person at our usual location. As COVID counts are still high we will require face masks to be worn. The Board decided to have another re-potting session in August. Bring your orchids and the pots that you will be using if it is not going into the same pot. All other supplies will be provided by the Club. We will have individually wrapped refreshments for members and welcome members to bring treats if they are packed individually.

I want to thank Paul Brun and Sarah Paiste for donating orchids to be sold for the benefit of the club. It was a win-win for everyone. Paul brought *Dyaka Hendersoniana* Hawaii and Sarah brought some hefty hono honos.

We will have a display table set up, so bring your blooming orchids in.

See you soon, take care and stay healthy! Elizabeth



Upcoming Events

General Meeting - The next General Meeting is scheduled for Friday, August 12, 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 August 12, October 14, and December 3 at the United Church of Christ in Hanapepe.

2022 Events: unfortunately none are scheduled

June Meeting Recap

Our second in-person General Meeting was another success. Its great to visit and talk with everyone in person finally. We hope more of you are able to join us at future meetings.



President Elizabeth called the meeting to order shortly after 6 pm and provided a update GIOS. This was followed by an informative re-potting Learning Center with AI, and then an opportunity to purchase some donated orchids. Overall it was an enjoyable evening.

2022 - 2023 Officers

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Elizabeth Borchelt
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Kimberlee Kain
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Walt Weiss
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Bobbie Agena

2022 Membership Dues

2022 dues are \$10 and are payable now, please see Bobbie.



Some orchids from the member display table.
These tiny spiral orchids were quite amazing and delicate.



Hmmmm, now which of these beauties do I want to take home with me????



The Learning Center: Re-potting

Al provided some excellent tips and advice on re-potting, both in general and for bulb orchids. Here is a summary of his talk:

Re-potting is like a recipe - everyone adjusts and modifies their re-potting plan to work for them and their orchids.

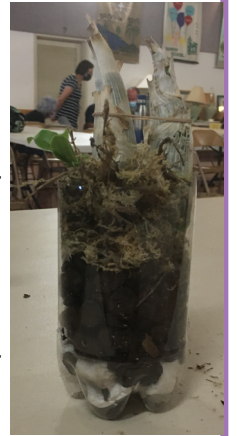


In general, it is time to re-pot when there is new growth coming out of the pot or the roots are overflowing the sides of the pots. Its also best to re-pot when new shoots are coming up at the edge of the pot. Re-pot anticipating the plant's growth. In re-potting, focus on encouraging root growth. When re-potting, put the root mass in the bottom of the pot and put the media on top of the roots to minimize occurrence of root rot.



Catasetum bulb with old roots removed ready for rooting

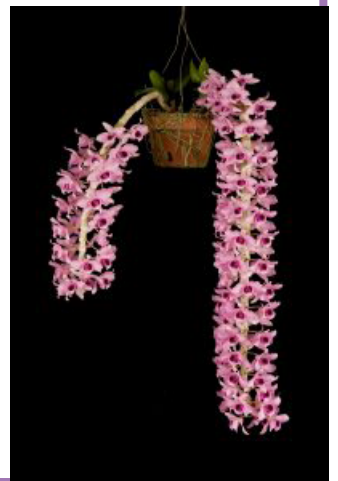
Bulb orchids, such as Catasetum, are completely different. When the leaves fall off a bulb orchid, stop watering until the bulb begins new growth. Then pull the bulb and cut off the old roots. Place the bulb in a pot with no drainage at the bottom and holes 1" up the sides. A soda bottle works well for this. Put some organic material in the bottom up to the holes, then add media above. Place the bulb orchid on top of this and use sphagnum moss to hold it in place. When the new roots reach 5" long, start watering and fertilizing the bulb. Then re-pot when new growth starts.



Soda bottle for rooting a bulb orchid



People often ask me if they should keep or remove old canes from their Honu Honu. The answer is whatever you prefer. The Honu Honu are happy either way. Hobbyist growers tend to keep the old canes while commercial growers typically remove them because the plant does not look as good.





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Live meetings are back at O'ahu's Windward Orchid Society too!
<https://www.windwardorchidsociety.org/>



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.

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 thoughtful gifts!

