

Garden Island Orchid Society Newsletter

November - December 2022

President's Message

Happy Holidays Everyone!

It always sneaks up on me faster than I'm prepared for. I did buy some additional outdoor lights to spread the cheer in my neighborhood. I might attract some planes once I get them all up, hopefully before our December Holiday Party as I'm leaving for Vegas the next day. I have always enjoyed the season with decorating, baking and meeting up with friends and family. And the GIOS Holiday Party is a good start.



We will not have a business meeting or speaker at the December meeting. We are continuing our potluck tradition, so please bring a favorite dish. The club will provide coffee, water and all of the supplies for the dinner. We will be playing two games and will also have a Holiday Hat contest, read more about that later in this Newsletter. I know everyone who attended the on-line party last year had a good time, but being able to celebrate in person is a treat. The game masters will announce what games will be played and what prizes will be given after dinner.

I also want to remind you that we will be giving out orchid door prizes to all current members at the meeting. So no matter what, you will be leaving with an orchid. If you have not paid dues for 2022, you can still receive an orchid if you pay \$5 for 2022 membership and also pay your 2023 membership of \$20. Now that we are meeting in person, we are hoping to bring back members who have drifted away during the pandemic.

Hope to see you there

Elizabeth



Upcoming Events

General Meeting ~ The next General Meeting is scheduled for Saturday, December 3, 2022 beginning at 6:00 p.m. at the United Church of Christ in Hanapepe.

2023 General Meeting Schedule: General meeting schedule to be announced for 2023, meetings held at the United Church of Christ in Hanapepe.

2023 Events: Watch this space for upcoming events!

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

October Meeting Recap

The October General Meeting was a busy one. We're excited to see more people attending the in-person meetings.

President Elizabeth called the meeting to order shortly after 6 pm with the following agenda items:

- * Treasurer's Report provided by Elizabeth and was approved
- * December 3 Meeting - Holiday Potluck Party and games
- * April 2023 Spring Show - planning is just beginning
- * Learning Center with Al Sugano
- * Orchid Lucky Drawing
- * Orchid Auction



Lucky Drawing Winners



2022 - 2023 Officers

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

2023 Membership Dues

2023 dues are \$20 and are payable at the meeting or by mail.



Member Display Table Orchids



Learning Center: Preparing Orchids For Show

The foundation for preparing your orchids for a Show is re-potting.

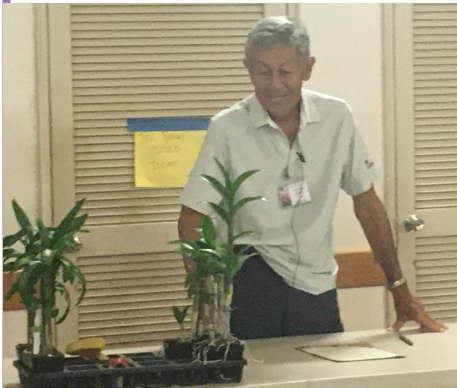
Re-pot an orchid if:

- * It is easy to pull out of the pot
- * It has reached the edge of the pot and the roots have overflowed the pot rim
- * There is no room in the pot for new growth



Elevate and Promote from the Foundation

Put your orchids on a regular watering and fertilizing schedule. "Weekly Weakly" is a good approach. Water your orchids 2-3 times a week and fertilize once a week. You can add a weak fertilizer dissolved in the water or solid time-released fertilizer on the medium. For dissolved fertilizer, 1/4 teaspoon per gallon of 20/20/20, or 1/2 teaspoon per gallon of 10/10/10 fertilizer works well. For time time-released fertilized add a little pinch to each side of the pot as needed.



When watering, water into the pots to fill them and have water running through the pot. Use a spray head that provides a focused volume of flow that is easy to control. It is not necessary to water before fertilizing. For hanging orchids such as Vandas, spray the plants from the leaves down to the roots.

What type of medium should I use? Pine bark is superior to fir bark.

Here's some other helpful suggestions:

Minimizing Blemishes: use a fungicide once or twice a month as needed. Mix 4 teaspoons of baking soda with 2 tablespoons of horticultural oil or neem oil in a gallon of water and spray on plant. A home remedy is one teaspoon of cinnamon in a gallon of water instead of or in addition to.

Dealing with Ants: dissolve 2 tablespoons of sugar and borax in hot water and set out as bait for ants.



Holiday Hat Contest

The December Potluck will include a Holiday Hat Contest!

Pick any hat and decorate it however you want. It could have orchids, Christmas ornaments, shells, stuffed animals, or anything that catches your fancy!

Wear your Holiday Hat to the potluck!

There will be 3 prizes for this contest:

- 1) Best Holiday Hat
- 2) Funniest Hat
- 3) Most Creative



All attending will vote for the winners.



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AOS Seasonal Orchid Care: November-December
<https://www.aos.org/orchids/seasonal-orchid-care/november-december-checklist.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.

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!

