

Garden Island Orchid Society Newsletter

January - February 2023

President's Message

Welcome everyone to 2023. Hopefully this is the year we get back on track with our in-person general meetings and our two orchid shows. We have identified and booked the dates for our Spring Show, which are: set up on Thursday April 13th, and the show on Friday April 14th and Saturday April 15th. We'll wait for the announcement on the County Fair, but expect it to be in August.



December was a very busy month for me with traveling to Las Vegas the day after our holiday meeting, and welcoming visiting friends and family to Kauai. But I must say our Holiday Party was definitely a high point of the month. All attending members received a budded/blooming orchid and many won additional orchids during our Holiday Game Bonanza!! Ten members decorated and wore their holiday hats which we all got to enjoy and vote on. We discovered that some members were real artists when drawing pictures on a paper plate that happened to be on top of their head. Also, I realized how hard it is to hum a holiday song that actually sounds like the song. Hilarious, and everyone seemed to be having a great time. As always we had lots of delicious food for our potluck and some of those desserts made their way back home with me. At the end of the party everyone was very helpful making sure the hall was cleaned up with all the tables and chairs back in place.

Hope to see you at the meeting on Friday February 10th where all members will receive a keiki orchid door prize.

Elizabeth

NEWS: Windward Orchid Society of O'ahu
Annual Orchid Show & Plant Sale
March 17-19, 2023 in Kaneohe, HI



Upcoming Events

General Meeting ~ The next General Meeting is scheduled for Friday, February 10, 2022 beginning at 6:00 p.m. at the United Church of Christ in Hanapepe.

2023 General Meeting Schedule: General meetings are scheduled for February 10, April 14, June 9, August 11, October 13 and December 2 at the United Church of Christ in Hanapepe.

2023 Events: Spring Show - April 14 & 15

Farm Fair Show - dates tbd

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

December Holiday Potluck Party

As usual, the GIOS Holiday Party was filled with good friends, good fun, and ono grinds. We played a holiday-themed game, ate amazing food, had a holiday hat competition, and hummed holiday songs to create our own sing-a-long.

*The crowd gathering as the festivities began
Most people had no idea what was in store for them!*



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 for the year and payable at meeting.



As usual, there is plenty of delicious food for everyone to enjoy!

Two full plates ready to be devoured



Holiday Sing-A-Long

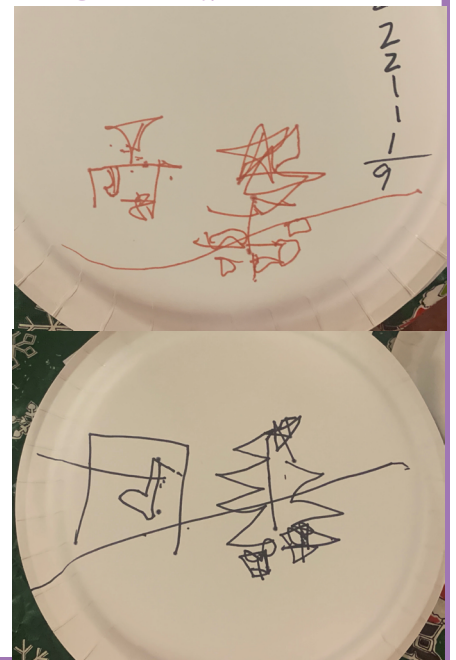
What started out as humming a well-known holiday song to connect with others humming the same tune, quickly turned into a sing-a-long with "Jingle Bells" barely edging out

"Rudolph the Red Nosed Reindeer" for a hotly contested first place prize.



Blind Drawing Competition

Putting a paper plate on your forehead and drawing a holiday scene step-by-step as instructed is not as easy as it might seem. Here are the drawings from our first and second place winners. Can you guess what they were drawing??



Holiday Hat Competition

Members decorated holiday hats and wore them to the meeting. There was a fierce hat contest indeed and winners were determined by a vote of the group.

Look at all wonderful holiday the hats!



The winners for Best Holiday Hat, Funniest Holiday Hat, and Most Creative Holiday Hat (yes, we had a tie!)



GIOS Vice-President Needed



The position of Vice-President is currently open and the GIOS Board invites members to consider expanding their participation in the club and taking on this role. If we have more than one member interested, we will set up a vote. The following is a broad view of the Vice-President's responsibilities. They work closely with, and are supported by, the Board.

The President is in charge of the overall general meetings. The Vice-President is in charge of organizing the general meeting program. This includes arranging speakers and orchid door prizes. Historically we have speakers for the February, April and August meetings, and re-potting sessions for the June and October meetings.

Organize the keiki orchid door prizes for February, April, June, August, and October. Nancy Nakama has volunteered to assist with the door prizes for 2023 and will work closely with the Vice-President.



A full description of procedures for the above duties will be provided to the newly elected Vice-President. Please let any Board member know if you are interested.





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American Orchid Society Video: Divide or Re-Pot?

<https://www.aos.org/orchids/aos-video-library/divide-or-repot.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.

2023 Membership Dues Are Due

Membership dues for 2023 are only \$20 and are now due. Benefits of membership include:

Participation in the upcoming Spring and Summer Orchid Shows

Continued receipt of the GIOS newsletter

A keiki orchid door prize at every General Meeting you attend

Download the membership form here and mail it in, or complete the form at the next meeting:

<http://www.gardenislandorchidsociety.org/about/MembershipForm.pdf>