

Garden Island Orchid Society Newsletter

March - April 2023

President's Message

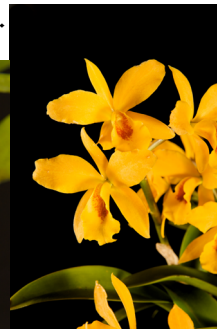
Our club is coming back after the COVID years, unfortunately we are not strong enough at this time to put on our annual Spring Fantasy Orchid Show. We sent out an announcement to all members on March 9th that we were canceling the show we originally scheduled for April. Your Board and you, our members, are still passionate about our club, but we have many open positions in key areas and have not been able to fill them. We need to spend 2023 having productive and fun general meetings, while also focusing on filling vacancies in our structure so we can come back strong in 2024 with our Spring and Fall shows.

Please take a look at the open positions and descriptions listed within this newsletter and see if you might be interested in taking on one of them. We will also discuss these openings at our April meeting and have detailed information available, including responsibilities and duties.

See you at the general meeting on April 14th! Mark Edlund will be our speaker. At the February meeting we had an impromptu chat with Mark where he briefly talked about his background. It will be interesting to get more information on his life with orchids both in Florida and since his move to Kauai.

Here are some orchids displayed in our 2013 Spring Fantasy Show.

Elizabeth



Upcoming Events

General Meeting ~ The next General Meeting is scheduled for Friday, April 14, 2023 beginning at 6:00 p.m. at the United Church of Christ in Hanapepe.

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

2023 Events: Spring Show - cancelled

Farm Fair Show - dates tbd

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

February General Meeting Recap



Elizabeth kicked-off the February General Meeting with a review of the December Pot Luck and outlook for 2023. Walt Weiss provided a Treasurer's Report which was accepted by the group.



2022 - 2023 Officers

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

New Business:

The Board scheduled the Spring Fantasy Show and began planning it (unfortunately this has since been cancelled)

We are still waiting to hear if the 2023 August Farm Fair will be held

There are many Board and Committee positions open (see page 5)

Member keiki prizes were re-started at the meeting with Maxillariella tenuifolia (coconut orchids) keikis given away {Thanks Nancy!}

Excess Holiday decorations were given away



2023 Membership Dues

2023 dues are \$20 for the year and payable at meeting.

Learning Center

In February's Learning Center Al's message was that GIOS members should work together as a team to share information and learn from each other. Everyone has their own experiences and areas of expertise that we can learn from. For example, learn how to grow a different type of orchid from a member who has had success growing that orchid. Let's talk to each other and ask questions!



Orchids for sale from Nancy

Boy were they popular!



Pretty orchids at the member display table



Mark Edlund introduces himself to the group and shares a little of his background

Windward Orchid Society: Orchid Display and Plant Sale

The Windward Orchid Society of O'ahu held its Orchid Display and Plant Sale last month. There were some beautiful orchids on display including many specimen plants with a large number of blooms. There were also about fifteen vendors selling orchids and orchid supplies. The show had around 500 visitors on the first day with brisk plant sales and several hundred more visitors by midday of the second day.



Photos of orchids on display



A WOS Board member said the show exceeded expectations.



A large selection of plants and supplies from many vendors



Remembering Allen Yamada

The Garden Island Orchid Society would like to celebrate the life of Allen Yamada. He was very involved in our organization while he and his wife lived on Kaua'i, and was considered an honorary member. He passed this year on Oahu. We've asked some long time members to share their thoughts of Allen.



Allen proudly holding his Best in Show orchid at the GIOS 2013 Spring Fantasy Show

When I joined, Allen sold orchids at our shows and I remember that he came up with the names for our Spring and Fall Shows: Spring Fantasy and Orchids in Paradise.

- Nancy Nakama

Allen Yamada was a true mentor to me throughout the years he had his orchid nursery in Kaua'i. He was a teacher always, and was so generous with his knowledge, plants, and his time to all the orchid growers of Kaua'i. We shared two fantastic orchid "hunting" trips to Thailand, visiting so many orchid nurseries and bringing back many Vanda flasks. Some of my favorite memories with Allen were the de-flasking sessions we shared in my carport. We would reminisce about the Thailand trips, all the nurseries we visited, critique the UH sports teams, and chat about growing techniques. I especially loved visiting his greenhouse, there was always something new and wonderful blooming. It was truly a zen experience. We all miss Allen; however, he will never be forgotten.

- Neill Sams

I met Allen when I was a freshmen at Kauai HS. He was one of the football coaches and had a friendly smile, but he had a real 'orchid discipline' coaching style. The following year he moved to Kapaa HS and I did not see him until I retired from Oregon 46 years later. It was at a GIOS meeting we reunited and what a coincidence, we both grew orchids. Of course he was in a different classification. He always encouraged me to try beyond Phals, our Oregon orchid, and gave me many to try. He had so much knowledge beyond growing orchids. He was so interesting what he knew about hybridizing and cloning. Knowing Allen has made growing orchids an adventure. I'll always be grateful to him. - Al Sugano

When I joined GIOS, Allen Yamada was one of the key members who was also an orchid grower. He was very open and helpful to beginners such as my sister and I who had never grown orchids. In addition to his orchid expertise, he created some beautiful pottery. He awarded some of his pieces to first place award winners at one of our shows. I was lucky enough to receive two pieces which are shown here. - Elizabeth Borchelt



Allen and his wife at another GIOS orchid show



I was intimidated when I first joined, knowing absolutely nothing about orchids. But Allen was so welcoming it was no time before I felt at home in the orchid society. He was a gracious man who will be missed by all that knew him.

- Kimberlee Kain



Volunteers Needed: GIOS Open Positions

GIOS has the following Board and Committee Chair positions open. Below is a summary of each position's duties. If you are interested in volunteering or learning more about any of these, please e-mail Elizabeth at ebkauai52@gmail.com.

Vice President:

- Schedule and make arrangements for guest speakers or alternate programs
- Notify Publicity chair and Newsletter editor of program details
- See that all pertinent materials and AV equipment are in place before the meeting
- Arrange for purchases of plants or materials to be used for society programs



Show Display Chair:



- Responsible for the display at the Spring and Fall Shows
- Design the display in accordance with the show theme
- Plan list of props and supplies needed, coordinate with a nursery for rented decor
- Supervise clean up to minimize damage and assure proper return/storage of items
- Provide direction to set up and clean up volunteers

Show Judging Chair:

- Responsible for organizing and managing the judging for the Spring and Fall Show
- Arrange to have club photographer photograph the shows
- Make sure each judging category has a winner's plaque and award ribbons
- Distribute copies of the winner's list to the Board
- Follow the rules & guidelines in the current edition of the AOS Handbook on Judging



Membership Chair:



- Maintain and distribute to the Board a current membership list
- Collect dues throughout the year, deliver all received dues to treasurer
- Sign up new members, verify members information, and welcome new members to the club
- At the general meetings, issue and retrieve name tags, awarding door prizes for attending members
- Manage the orchid display table and provided one door prize seedling for each member
- Provide a poster for membership drive at the Orchid Shows

Audio/Video Chair:

- Responsible for maintaining and storing all GIOS electronic equipment
- Set up equipment 15 to 30 minutes prior to all GIOS events as needed
- Contact guest speakers to learn what A/V equipment they will need
- Secure any electronic material and verify operation with GIOS equipment prior to meeting or event



Publicity Chair:



- Notify news media of upcoming meetings and or activities
- Obtain program information from the Vice President in advance of meetings
- Provide publicity updates to the Newsletter chair
- Maintain a publication list with contact information and media details
- Retain a copy of all press releases for future reference
- Special promotion activities for the Spring and Fall Shows



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American Orchid Society: Black Rot Treatment

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

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