

Garden Island Orchid Society Newsletter

July - August 2023

President's Message

Aloha members!

Our last meeting consisted of some really good re-potting experience. Some orchids were split into two plants and even one large orchid into three plants, which is a wonderful thing. Some that did not need to be re-potted but benefited by being staked. Even one that the medium was just a solid mass in the pot. I will admit that was mine, but it had plenty of roots outside the pot. It went to a good home that will treat it better. I always enjoy these sessions as everyone gets involved and we all help each other.



We have booked a speaker for the August GIOS meeting. The meeting has been pushed back a week to Friday August 18th. Our speaker is Jurahame A. Leyva of The OrchidFix Nursery on the Big Island. You can check out OrchidFix Nursery on Instagram and Facebook. Take a look before the meeting and bring your questions!

An additional incentive to come to the August meeting, we will have signups for a September 9th field trip to the Orchid Alley nursery. Neill Sams has graciously offered to have the club come and see the magic. Signups will only be at the meeting so make sure you come and bring your friends. We also will be accepting half-year membership fees of \$10 at the August meeting. So, if you know of a previous member or any interested other person, please let them know about the upcoming August 18 meeting.

These photo are some beautiful orchids from the GIOS 2013 Spring Show. See you at the August meeting,

Elizabeth



Upcoming Events

Next General Meeting: The next General Meeting is scheduled for **Friday, August 18, 2023** beginning at 6:00 p.m. at the United Church of Christ in Hanapepe.

2023 General Meeting Schedule: General meetings are scheduled for August 18, October 13 and December 2 at the United Church of Christ in Hanapepe.

2023 Events: Orchid Alley nursery tour on September 9. Details at the August meeting!

June Meeting Recap

Elizabeth called the meeting to order and Walt gave the Treasurer's Report which was approved by the group.

Old Business:

2023 membership dues are due for anyone who has not yet paid. They are \$10 for the remaining half year.



Keiki door prizes were awarded to every member in attendance and members who brought orchids for the display table. Extra keiki door prizes were offered for sale along with blooming oncidiums.

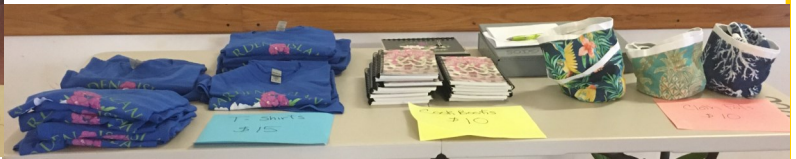
There are several Board and Committee positions still open, anyone interested in volunteering? See Elizabeth!



Some beautiful blooming orchids brought in by members to show on the Display Table



Orchid Society fundraiser items available for sale:
GIOS t-shirts, 2020 GIOS Cookbooks,
handmade orchid pot decorative cozies



New Business:

Michelle Fastenau gave a preview of the Hilo Orchid Show being held on July 28–30 on the Big Island. This is billed as the largest orchid show in Hawaii. There is a Gala Preview Party the evening of July 27. See the Hilo Orchid Society website for more details.

Elizabeth suggested that maybe a group of us could plan on attending the 2024 Hilo Orchid Show next year and visit a few nurseries in the area as well.

Kauai Irrigation will have orchid bark in stock around the end of June/early July, available in two sizes.

Elizabeth asked for a volunteer to examine our AV equipment and see about getting it back in good working order. Thanks to Jim Schafer for volunteering!

2022 - 2023 Officers

President:

Elizabeth Borchelt

Vice-President:

Open Position

Secretary:

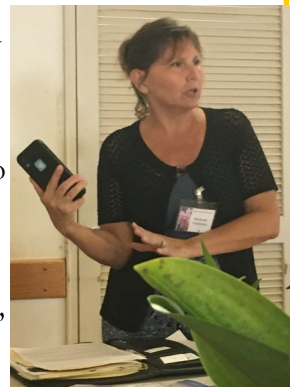
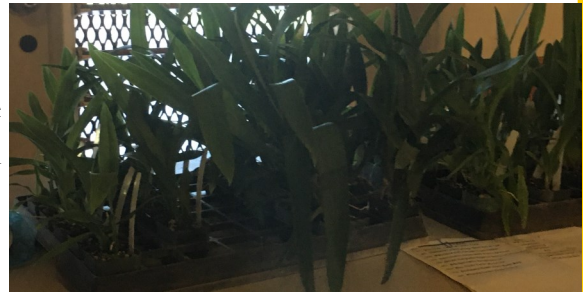
Kimberlee Kain

Treasurer:

Walt Weiss

Ex-Officio:

Bobbie Agena



Re-potting Fun!

The June General Meeting's main activity was a re-potting session. Some members brought quote a few plants in need of re-potting. There was lots of help and advice available and everyone walked away with happier orchids in fresh medium and sometimes larger pots.



Look what we brought in! Jim and Kim Schafer are ready to do some serious re-potting.

This is the before photo.

It's a group effort! Kimberley Kain and David Louthan in the foreground are splitting an orchid to re-pot both halves. In the background, Jim Schafer and Mark Edlund are working on another orchid in need of new medium.



Michelle Fastenau and Mark Edlund are working on a pair of orchids that both need larger pots.

Here is the after photo.

Kim Schafer is proudly showing all of her newly re-potted orchids.



Sarah Paiste is prepared for the re-potting session to start!





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GIOS T-Shirts Still Available

GIOS T-shirts are still available for purchase. Available in a variety of sizes, these are high quality crew neck t-shirts with the GIOS logo on the front.

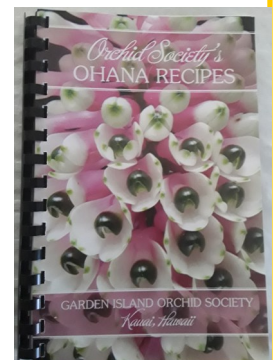
The t-shirts are only \$15 each and are great for members to wear or to give as gifts to other orchid lovers. Funding from the shirts supports the operation of the club.

Shirts are available for sale at every meeting.

2020 GIOS Cookbook For Sale

The 2020 GIOS Cookbook is still available for purchase. One of our Society's largest fund raisers, this cookbook is filled with favorite recipes from many of our members along with photos of beautiful orchids. You have probably eaten some of these delicious dishes at one of our pot luck dinners.

For only \$10 each, buy one for yourself and give others as thoughtful gifts!



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