

Garden Island Orchid Society Newsletter

September - October 2024

President's Message

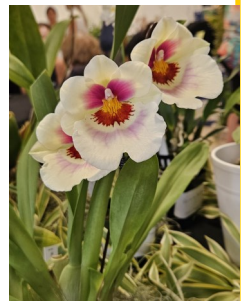
I hope you were able to attend our August general meeting with Dennis Olivas as our speaker. It's always a pleasure to have Dennis speak to our club. We are fortunate that he travels to Kauai to visit family so we can take advantage of his orchid expertise. And he is a great friend to our club and a generous member. We hope to see him more in 2025!

The Board surprised you last meeting with our participation at the Farm Fair held at Kukui Grove Mall. It was a surprise to all of us and was put together over a few weeks. I want to thank Michelle Fastenau who played a key role in getting us involved. And a big thank you to all of you members who volunteered on such short notice and those who brought orchids for the display. We couldn't have done it without you. If we participate in 2025, we expect we will have a longer period for preparation. With that said, I'm happy to announce it was a very successful event and I hope you were able to attend.

Our October meeting will focus on taking care of your orchids with the Spring Show in mind, as well as our elections.

Here are some close ups of orchids on display at the Grove Farm Show,

Elizabeth



Next Meeting

Orchid Care – what to be doing now for your orchids and looking ahead to displaying them at the Spring Show presented by Mark Edlund, a GIOS member and Florida orchid nursery owner for over 25 years

GIOS Elections – see the proposed slate of officers and chairpersons on page 6 in this newsletter

Upcoming Events

Next General Meeting: The next General Meeting is scheduled for **Friday, October 11, 2024** beginning at 6:00 p.m. at the [Hanapepe United Church of Christ](#).

Upcoming General Meeting Schedule: General meetings are scheduled for October 11 (Elections), December 6 (Holiday Party), February 14 2025, and April 4 2025 at the [Hanapepe United Church of Christ](#).

Upcoming Events: GIOS Spring Show & Sale – April 11 & 12, 2025

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



August General Meeting

Elizabeth called the meeting to order and thanked everyone for coming. Last meeting's minutes were approved. Walt gave the Treasurer's Report, which was approved and said soon we would have credit card capability through Square.



2023 - 2024 Officers

President:

Elizabeth Borchelt

Vice-President:

Michelle Fastenau

Secretary:

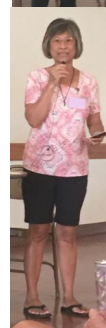
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Treasurer:

Walt Weiss

Ex-Officio:

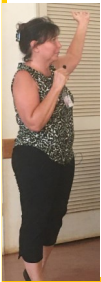
Teri Nakamoto



Old Business:

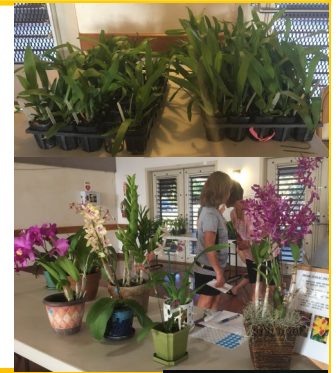
Stella discussed the October elections, highlighting open positions and the two year terms.

Keiki orchid door prizes (shown at right) were awarded to every member in attendance as well as to members who brought orchids for the display table, some of which are also shown here.



New Business:

Michelle Fastenau presented our participation in the Grove Farm Show at Kukui Grove in August. Volunteer sheets were available for sign up and member's blooming orchids are greatly appreciated. Details were provided.



Seasonal Orchid Care

The following information about seasonal orchid care comes from the American Orchid Society website. The embedded links take you to [AOS.org](https://www.aos.org) for more information.



Long before there was the internet, monthly checklists of orchid care were a staple of AOS orchid information. These checklists have long been a regular feature in the AOS publications. Because plant growth and flowering are both in tune with the changing seasons, these [seasonal checklists](#) will remind you of what needs to be done when in your orchid collection throughout the year.

Most relevant now is the [September and October Checklist](#), which offers specific recommendations for cattleyas, cymbidiums, dendrobiums, paphiopedilums, phalaenopsis, and others.



Coming up soon, the [November and December Checklist](#) is also valuable now with information for cattleyas, cymbidiums, oncidiums, paphiopedilums, phalaenopsis, vandas, and others.



AOS also offers a more general [Fall Orchid Care](#) overview that is brief, but interesting reading.

Come to the October 11 GIOS meeting to learn more!





Orchids in Situ & How I Grow My Orchids – Dennis Olivas

Dennis Olivas presented a variety of orchids in various growing climates and conditions from around the world, including many he found in the wild. He also showed glimpses of his extensive collection growing in an unheated greenhouse in Daly City and outside in Pleasant Hill. Throughout his talk, Dennis offered quite a number of excellent tips and suggestions for growing our orchids. Most of these are provided here.

Orchids are among the easiest plants to grow with the widest variety, with over 10,000 new hybrids being produced every year. Orchids can be found from sea level up to 13,000 feet in elevation and on all continents but the Arctic and Antarctica.



It is easier to under water an orchid rather than overwater it. To minimize the potential for fungus and rot, Dennis suggested watering in the early morning so that the orchid is dry by noon. Leaves that are too green may indicate the orchid is not getting enough light.

There are two scenarios to reliably bloom orchids: healthy plants with healthy roots, or dying plants that are flowering for the last time to propagate itself. Obviously we all want to have healthy plants with healthy roots.

Healthy plants like regular watering and fertilizer, but don't overwater. With a liquid fertilizer, fertilize once per week at about 1/4 strength. For time release fertilizer, use 1 teaspoon of Nutricote (not Ozmocote) in a four inch pot, which should last for six months. Plan to repot your orchids every 2 to 3 years.



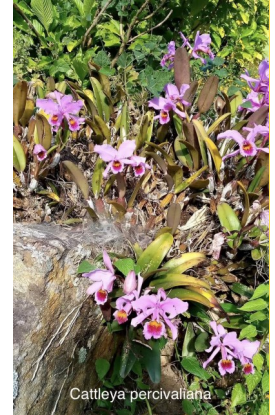
Use Bayer 3-in-1 Rose Care to fight scale, and then treat with malathion or Safari insecticide. Fight ants by sprinkling cinnamon in the pot. When transplanting or repotting an orchid, sprinkle cinnamon on the roots before placing in the new medium.

For rotting areas on leaves, clean small areas with hydrogen peroxide. For larger areas, cut them out leaving a 1/4" healthy margin and apply Neosporin to the cuts. Remember to use a sterile knife or scissors to cut the leaves so no new diseases are introduced. Dennis recommended using a snap-off utility knife and breaking off the old blade after using it on each plant.



To avoid introducing pests or diseases into your collection from new plants, when you receive a new plant, clean it thoroughly and then apply a systemic treatment like Bayer 3-in-1. Quarantine the new plant for 2 weeks before adding it to your general population.

Thanks Dennis for a very enjoyable and educational talk!





Look at that huge vanda in the corner brought by Paul Brun

Grove Farm Show at Kukui Grove

We had a very successful show and sale at the Grove Farm Show held at Kukui Grove on August 17. We were able to set up on Thursday and Friday, and begin selling Friday afternoon. The Grove Farm Show was the post-pandemic return of the Farm Fair. We shared a store with the Kauai Bonsai Club and enjoyed participating with them.

Thanks to all of our members for turning out and supporting the show, both by bringing blooming orchids for the display tables and volunteering to help out at the show.



Lots of amazing blooming orchids brought by our members and put on display



Aurora Kisken and Edie Moe welcoming visitors to our Show



Two beautiful Lucky Drawing baskets were given out to lucky winners



This was a great opportunity to continue re-introducing our club to the community and sign up some new members!

And of course, we had some beautiful blooming and spiking orchids for sale



Two GIOS Board Positions Remain Open

At our October General Meeting we will be electing the 2025-2026 Board of Directors and Committee Chairpersons. Some incumbents have already committed to return for another term and several volunteers have expressed interest in open positions; however, two key positions remain open. These are Secretary and Publicity. A brief description of their duties is below.



The Board will review the slate for 2025-2026 in September and upon approval, the slate will be announced for election at the October meeting. Additional nominations for any office may be made from the floor at the October meeting but the nominees must be present or if absent, written consent provided before their nomination. If you have any interest in these two open positions, or volunteering in any other capacity, please contact By-Laws chair Stella Shimatsu for additional information. Each position generates Makana points that can be redeemed at our December meeting for orchid related items.

SECRETARY

Complete meeting minutes for all Board and General Meetings. Submit minutes to Board members for review.

Request approval of Board Meeting Minutes from Board members and provide General Meeting Minutes at the following general meeting for approval by membership.

Complete official correspondence of the club which may include writing letters of thanks to speakers, businesses, clubs, or individuals who may be involved with society events, provide special contributions, or perform an outstanding service for the benefit of the Society.

Upon request of the Board, arrange for cards of sympathy or concern.

Assist Officers and/or Chairs who need letters or invitations written - to judges, photographers or speakers.



PUBLICITY

Notify news media of upcoming meetings and or activities of the club. Newspaper publicity should be in the relevant issue 4-7 days prior to the event.

Obtain program information from the Vice President in advance of forthcoming meetings.

Provide publicity updates to the Newsletter chair to include in the newsletter and/or GIOS website.

Maintain a publication list to include publication name, deadline for publication, contact person and any other requirements such as press release length, number of copies and photography requirements.

Retain a copy of all press releases for future reference.



The GIOS Spring and Fall Shows require extra publicity which may include radio appearances and/or television ads. Work with the Show chair to create posters, rack cards and banners for the Spring show and to obtain banner permits. Recruit volunteers to help place and take down the banners around the island. Working in conjunction with the Hanapepe Alliance, the rack cards and posters should be delivered to hotels, businesses, other clubs, etc.

GIOS 2025-2026 Elections – Proposed Slate

Elections for the GIOS Board and Committee Chair positions for 2025-2026 will be held at the October General Meeting on October 11. The proposed slate of Officers and Chairpersons is below. The term of office for each of the positions is two years. The newly elected slate of officers and committee chairpersons will be installed at the December meeting and their term of office will begin in January, 2025.

Officers

President:	Elizabeth Borchelt
Vice-President:	Michelle Fastenau
Treasurer:	Walt Weis
Secretary:	Open



Committee Chairpersons

Audio/Visual:	Kim & Jim Shafer	Publicity:	Open
By-Laws:	Stella Shimatsu	Makana Points:	Paula Alquiza
Membership:	Tammy Ando	Crafts/Fundraiser:	Melanie & Gary Bacio
Newsletter:	David Fastenau	Show Judging:	Steve Uyehara
Plant Name Tags:	Joyce Edlund	Show Co-Chairs:	Donna Lambdin Miranda Thornhill
Photography:	Paul Brun Deb Freund	Show Display:	Donna Lambdin Miranda Thornhill
Refreshments:	Caryn Sakahashi	Show Booth Food:	Caryn Sakahashi



A big **THANK YOU** to everyone who volunteered to
be a part of the GIOS leadership team!





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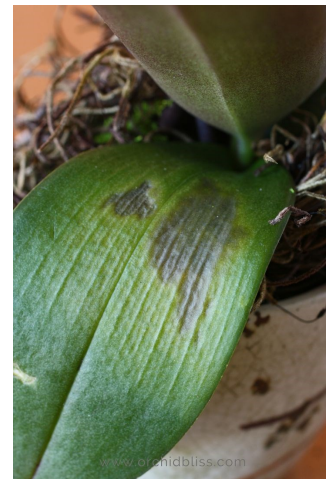


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to the GIOS website:



American Orchid Society Article:
[Troubleshooting Leaf Problems](#)



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 \$15 each and are great for members to wear or to give as gifts to other orchid lovers.

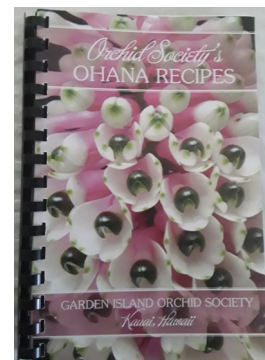
Funding from the shirts supports the operation of the club.



GIOS Cookbook For Sale

The 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.

The GIOS Cookbook is only \$10 each. Get one for yourself and give one to a friend!



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