

Garden Island Orchid Society Newsletter

July - August 2025

President's Message

Aloha,

Brace yourselves, we are at it again! We are relaunching our full August Orchid Show this year. Last August we had a small pop-up display and sales event at the Kukui Grove mall. It was successful and we appreciated the opportunity that was given to us. However, we had limited space to work with and it's a long haul from our Hanapepe storage shed. After lots of discussion, the Board decided we were ready to get back to having two full shows every year, both to be held at the church hall in Hanapepe.



There is a lot of information in this newsletter about the August show including sign-ups and bringing your orchids to the show for display. You will also find information about the upcoming August general meeting speaker Roland Barker of [The Vanillery of Kaua'i](#), and we will have orchids for sale at the meeting!

Dive in and I hope to see you at the August meeting and encourage you to take the opportunity to volunteer at our August Show.

Here are some pictures of display orchids from our Spring Show.

Elizabeth



.... the vanda corner

Upcoming Events

Next General Meeting: Friday, August 8, 2025, beginning at 6:00 p.m. at the [Hanapepe United Church of Christ](#).

2025 General Meeting Schedule: August 8, October 10, and December 6 at the [Hanapepe United Church of Christ](#)

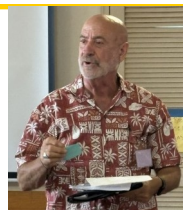
2025 Events: Fall Orchid Show & Sale – August 15 & 16 at the [Hanapepe United Church of Christ](#)

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



June 2025 General Meeting

Elizabeth called the meeting to order and welcomed everyone. The April meeting's minutes and the Treasurer's Report were approved.



2025 - 2026 Officers

President:

Elizabeth Borchelt

Vice-President:

Michelle Fastenau

Secretary:

Kim Schafer

Treasurer:

Walt Weiss

Ex-Officio:

Kimberlee Kain

Old Business:

Elizabeth thanked everyone for the great participation at the April Spring Show & Sale including folks who brought orchids for the display and contributed baked goods for the Bake Sale. She also thanked the Show Chairs Donna and Miranda for a job well done on their first show.

New Business:

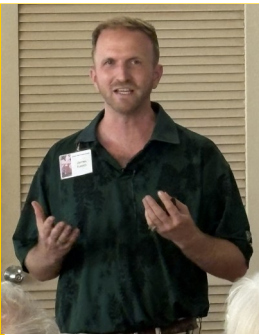
GIOS is collecting donations of basic tools to put together a GIOS Tool Box to make set up and tear down at meetings and shows easier.

The August Show & Sale is coming up on August 15 & 16. Please start looking at your orchids for candidates to bring for the display and think about how you want to volunteer to help with the show.

Display Table Orchids

Many members brought in beautiful blooming orchids to show on the Display Table, here are some photos of them. Remember, you get one keiki prize for bringing orchids to show on the Display Table.





Getting Judgmental: An Overview of Orchid Judging

Dr. James Keach

Our guest speaker was James Keach, the University of Hawai'i extension agent for ornamental and landscape crops, Kaua'i's Master Gardener program coordinator, an Associate Judge with the American Orchid Society, and a member of GIOS. James provided an overview of orchid judging that hopefully helps us better prepare our orchids for the August Show & Sale.

Why judge an orchid at all? For some it is a way to share new and unusual orchids or new hybrids, for others it is an opportunity to show off their growing ability or to appreciate a breeder's success. It also creates a historical record of the wide variety of orchids. For some growers it creates prestige or allows them to ask a higher price for an orchid.

The AOS judging system is based 30% on flower form, 30% on flower color, and 40% on other characteristics. AOS judges write a detailed description of each orchid judged, identifying every part of the flower. AOS offers a variety of awards for both orchids and growers. Some Merit Awards and Cultural Awards are:

First Class Certificate (FCC) awarded to orchids scoring between 90 and 100 points

Award of Merit (AM) awarded to orchids scoring between 80 and 89 points

Highly Commended Certificate (HCC) awarded to orchids scoring between 75 and 79 points

Certificate of Cultural Excellence (CCE) awarded to the exhibitor of a plant of robust health and appearance with an unusually large number of flowers that scores 90 or more points

Certificate of Cultural Merit (CCM) awarded to the exhibitor of a plant of robust health and appearance with an unusually large number of flowers that scores between 80 and 89 points



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Show ribbon judging, which is the type of judging GIOS does at its shows, is done by volunteer judges and can offer a broad range of orchid categories for judging and sometimes has its own judging guidelines.

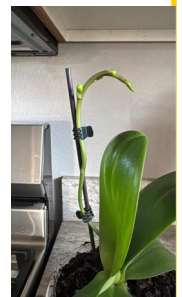
Using examples from the Display Table, James offered these suggestions on how to prepare your orchids for display at a show:

Inspect your plants a month or two in advance looking for new spikes or new buds that might be flowering at show time. Consider the longevity of the flowers as well. How long do they last?

Stake flower spikes early while they are developing to promote tall, upright spikes.

Gussy up your orchid up! Shine the leaves with horticultural oil, remove any water spots from leaves, add moss or Pele's Hair on top of the medium, set the orchid in a pretty pot (but not visually distracting from the blooms).

Avoid and remove any insects, faded flowers, or damaged areas on leaves.



Thanks James for the very informative and useful talk.

2025 Spring Orchid Show Prize Winning Orchids

Here are photos of some of the prize winning orchids on display at our Spring Show last April, with the Grand Champion and Reserve Champion featured at the left and right. Congratulations to Mark and Paul!

All of the other orchids pictured won first place ribbons. Thanks to everyone for bringing orchids to display at the show!



*Vanda Jake Justin
Tkatchenko
Grand Champion
Mark Edlund*



*Phalaenopsis pink
Reserve Champion
Paul Brun*



*Aspasia Epidendroides 'Natural' World
AM/AOS x sib
Orchid Alley*



*Brastidium Kenneth Bivins 'Santa
Barbara' AM/AOS
Mark Edlund*



*Beallara Big Shot 'Pink Leopard'
Grazyna Nowak*



*Phalaenopsis Broken Heart
Andrea Allen*

*Bulbophyllum cootesii x
subumbellatum
Orchid Alley*



Spring Orchid Show Prize Winning Orchids

continued

These orchids were all first place winners.



Dendrobium Jiaho Delight
Grazyna Nowak



Dendrochilum glumaceum
Orchid Alley



Dendrobium (Herminia x Aloha David) x Gouldii 'Hanalei'
Nancy Nakama



Dendrobium aggregatum
Mark Edlund



Dendrobium Anosmum
Sarah Paiste



Dendrobium Alexandrae
Orchid Alley



Dendrobium Gatton Sunray
Elizabeth Borchelt



Dendrobium Canaliculatum
Orchid Alley

Spring Orchid Show Prize Winning Orchids continued

These orchids were all first place winners.



Dendrobium HI Coralie x HI Gem
Nancy Nakama



Dendrobium Super Nestor White
x Sweet Scent
Tina Berkeley



Dendrobium Secundum
Orchid Alley



Enc. Cochleata 'Jules and Elaine' AM/
AOS x Enc. Cochleata "H&R" 4N
Orchid Alley



Epidendrum orange
Paul Brun



Epidendrum Radicans white
Mark Edlund

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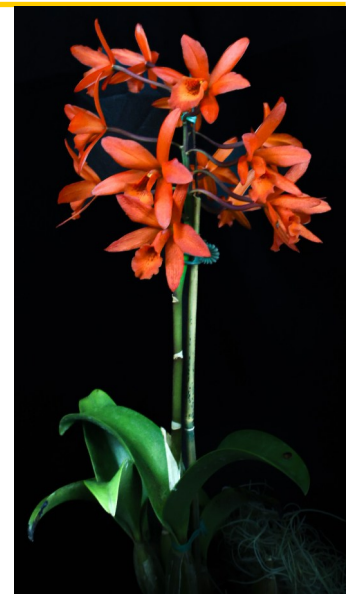
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Phalaenopsis Fancy Fire
Andrea Allen



Maxillaria Tenuifolia
Stella Shimatsu



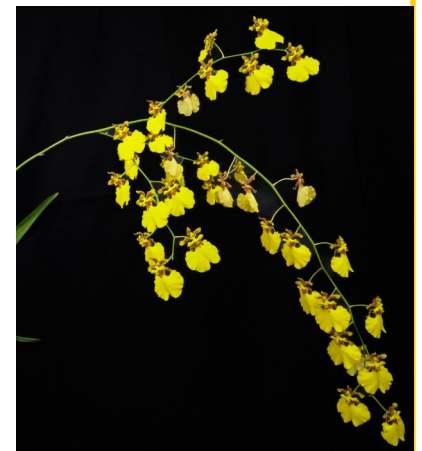
Laeliocattleya Rojo
'Valentine's Day'
Mark Edlund



Miltoniopsis Herralexandre
David & Debbie Louthan



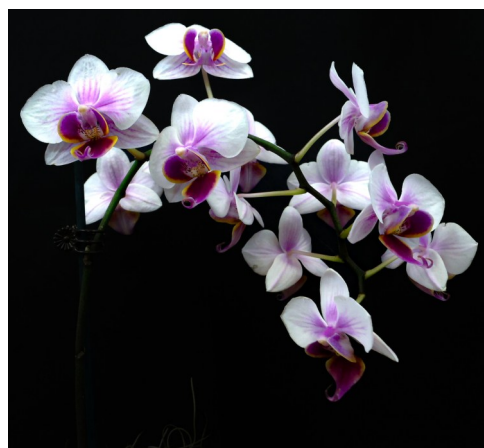
Oeoniella Polstachys
Mark Edlund



Oncidium yellow
Rebecca Indvik



Paphiopedilum haynaldianum
Orchid Alley



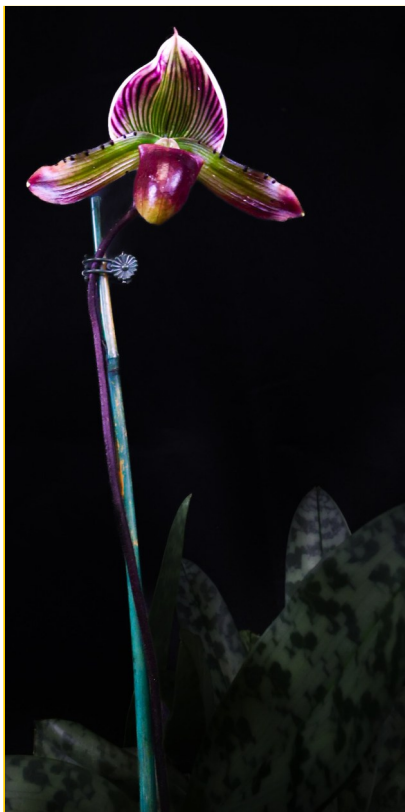
Phalaenopsis white
Andrea Allen

Paphiopedilum
Moguettaenum x
Rothschildianum 'Green
Valley' x 'Doug Fong'
Orchid Alley



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Paphiopedilum Pinocchio 'In Charm' x Paph. 'In Charm White'
'Co-operation' BM/TPS
Orchid Alley



Phragmipedium longifolium var.
'Gracile'
Orchid Alley

Phalaenopsis white with pink
Donna Lambdin



Renanthera Memoria Robin Musolino
(bella x imshootiana)
Orchid Alley



Prosavola Notell (*Brassavola nodosa*)
'Spring' x *Prosthechea Vitellina*)
Orchid Alley



Rhyncolaeliocattleya Perfect Choice 'Purple Lady'
Grazyna Nowak

Vanda Golamco's
Blue Magic
Orchid Alley



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Sarcoglottis speciotis x
sten specrosum
Orchid Alley



Vanda Kultana Delight
x *Vanda Doctor Anek 4N*
Orchid Alley



Sophranitis Wild Fire
Mark Edlund



Renantanda Cherry Rose
Mark Edlund



Vanda Kultana Blue 'Pink Tessellate'
Mark Edlund



Trichoglottis Lonergina
Orchid Alley



Zygopabstia Dragon Kitten 'Pura'
Grazyna Nowak



Vanda Yellow Butterfly
Orchid Alley

Fall Orchid Show & Sale

Information for Your Planning

Our GIOS Fall Orchid Show & Sale is scheduled for Friday, August 15, from 3pm to 7pm, and Saturday, August 16, from 9am to 4pm at the [Hanapepe United Church of Christ](#). Set up is Thursday, August 14, from 12pm to 7pm. We hope all of you will consider participating in one or more ways. Here's how!

Bring Blooming Orchids Bring all of your blooming orchids for our display.

Every blooming orchid is beautiful and a welcome addition for the display and to be available for judging. If you have greenery to donate, please bring that as well. This includes Spanish moss (Pele's hair), Song of India and Norfolk pine boughs. Here is what you need to do:

Email the name of all of your blooming orchids along with your name to Joyce Edlund at joyce.krasz@gmail.com by Monday, August 11 at 10pm. Joyce will make name tags for all of your orchids.

Drop off your orchids at the church between 2pm and 7pm on Thursday, August 14, or make arrangements for someone else to drop off your orchids.

Pick up your orchids at the church between 4pm and 5:30pm on Saturday, August 16, or make other arrangements for someone else to take your orchids from the church.

Donate Baked Goods Our bake sale is always a big hit with people visiting our show. Drop off any delicious baked goods at the church between 2pm and 6pm on Thursday, August 14, or Friday, August 15 after 1pm. Contact Caryn Sakahashi at caryns1@hotmail.com to make other arrangements.

Volunteer To Help As always, we need volunteers to make our show a success. There are many volunteer opportunities, see the following descriptions. Sign ups will be at the August 8 General Meeting, or email Paula Alquiza at pastalqz@gmail.com to volunteer if you cannot attend the General Meeting. To make sure all members have a chance to sign up, we will have a first round where members can only sign up for one shift. After everyone has had a chance, we will re-open sign-ups for members to fill in the remaining shifts. Experienced members will be at the sign-up tables to assist with any questions members may have.

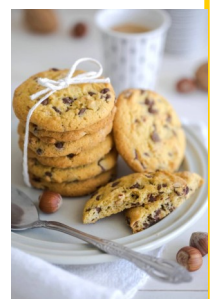
Front Door Greeter - Greet visitors on the lanai prior to them entering the display area. Describe how the show is set up and what the different areas are: Demonstration Area, Membership table, Lucky Baskets, Orchid Cultural table, Display Area, Baked Goods Area, and Sales Area where the orchid vendors are located and the club orchid supplies are sold.

GREETER



Membership/Lucky Baskets/Donations - Welcome visitors at the entrance as they enter the display area. Membership brochures will be on display. Discuss the benefits of being a member such as expert speakers, the re-potting sessions, a free orchid at each meeting, volunteer rewards and other special events. Take entries for the lucky drawing, accept donations, and receive forms and dues for new memberships.

Baked Goods Sales - Manage the baked goods area making sure all donated items are wrapped and priced. Monitor baked goods during the shift and restock as needed. Appointed Baked Goods cashier receives money for sales of baked goods.



Fall Orchid Show & Sale

Information for Your Planning continued

Security - Oversee the plant display area and remain in the display area during assigned shift. Patrol area and notify visitors not to touch or move plants. Answer any questions about plants or other areas of interest.



General Floater - Walk through all areas of the show. Identify and help any people that need assistance. Be prepared and able to fill in any volunteer role as needed.



Orchid Supply Sales - Actively sell supply and craft items that the club offers. Upon arriving at the show, make yourself aware of all the items for sale and the posted price. Answer questions from attendees and make note of any items that are asked about for future shows. Appointed Orchid Supply cashier receives money for sales.

Cashiers - Cashiers in all categories: supplies, food, membership will receive a cash bag/box with an accounting form and an initial bank of funds. A standard form is used for counting and categorizing money received. Upon arrival, the first shift cashier should count the money to validate what the form indicates. Any discrepancy should be discussed with Treasurer. The cashier will count the money again at the end of the day and turn it in to the Treasurer, who will count the money upon receipt of cash bag/box. We do take credit cards. Be aware of who to reach out to for all credit card sales.



Truck Drivers & Helpers - Meet at GIOS shed at 12pm on Thursday, August 14 with your truck, the location in Hanapepe will be provided. Retrieve items identified by the Show Chair from the shed and bring them to the church. Unload the truck and separate items that need to be built prior to set up volunteers arrival. These include the lattice, trellis, bench and hanging stands.

Set Up Team - Volunteers will arrive on a staggered timeline. Set up volunteers will arrive at the church at either 12:30pm or 2:00pm. Early shift helps unload trucks and begins building display materials. Full descriptions of set-up tasks will be provided on site.



Tear Down Team - Volunteers arrive ready to start dismantling the display and vendor area upon closing of show at 4pm on Saturday. This includes removing display orchids, removing greenery from the display, and more. Full descriptions of tear down tasks will be provided on site.

All volunteers please check in prior to your shift with the Baked Goods cashier in the kitchen. A complete list of volunteers by day and shift will be in the kitchen area. Ask for assistance from any Board member or Show Chair if you have any difficulty checking in. All members volunteering for the different areas should be available to answer questions from attendees and direct them to areas such as Membership for detailed information.



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Next GIOS General Meeting: August 8



Plan on attending our next GIOS meeting on August 8. Our guest speaker will be Roland Barker from the [The Vanillery of Kaua'i](#). Roland lives on a 2+ acre homestead on Kaua'i's east side where he has been growing vanilla since 2004. We look forward to learning more about his success growing this variety of orchid.



Also, GIOS will be selling a variety of blooming and non-blooming orchids at the meeting. Our hope is that you fall in love with some beautiful orchids. Not only will they be a great addition to your home, you can also bring them back the next week to display at the August Show & Sale!

GIOS Toolbox Mahalo!

The club recently put out a call for tool donations in order to create a GIOS Tool Box to have on hand at shows and meetings to facilitate any needed assembly, disassembly or repair work. GIOS would like to thank Alicia Carveiro and Mizdebz DeSilva-Carveiro for graciously donating a toolbox full of tools. We are very grateful for your generosity.



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