

GIOS NEWSLETTER

GARDEN ISLAND ORCHID SOCIETY IS AFFILIATED WITH THE AMERICAN ORCHID SOCIETY

GARDEN ISLAND ORCHID SOCIETY UPCOMING EVENTS

General Meeting—February 8, 2013. Allen Yamada, will be the guest speaker talking about Epidendrums. Following a question and answer period, Allen will help members repot any Epidendrums they bring in. The meeting will start at 6:30 pm in the United Church of Christ in Hanapepe.



2013 General Meetings: April 12, June 14, August 9, October 11, and December 7.
Other 2013 Events: The Spring Fantasy Show is April 5th and 6th and the Farm Fair Orchids in Paradise Show is August 22nd-25th. GIOS is also planning a Big Island orchid tour this summer sometime before the Farm Fair Show. More specific information will be provided as it becomes available.

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

HAPPY NEW YEAR!

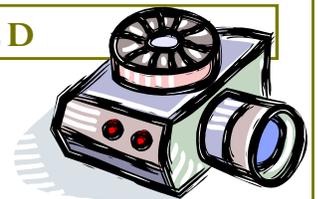
2012 was a good year for GIOS and now a new and exciting year is ahead of us. Our membership grew to 111 paid members. Your GIOS Board is a hard working board of volunteers and I wish to take this opportunity to express my sincere appreciation and thanks to them. I urge our members to reach out to the Board for any questions or suggestions you may have.

In no time the Spring Show will be here. Every orchid is unique in its own special way so it is not too early to start sprucing up your plants. See you at the meeting.

Carol Kanna, President

A/V VOLUNTEER NEEDED

As some of you may have noticed, we run into technical equipment problems periodically during the presentation portions of our general meetings. Today we are using borrowed and rented equipment (computer/projector) which sometimes leads to inconsistencies and in particular, delays in the presentations at the meeting. The GIOS Board wants to fix this but we need some help. We'd like to have a volunteer to gather the requirements for our audio / visual equipment, investigate the options, and report out to the Board. The Board will then authorize the appropriate funds for purchasing the



equipment. Once we have the equipment in place, we'd like the volunteer to help facilitate the use of the equipment at each general meeting. If you are interested in helping or know someone that would be interested, please contact Gwen Teragawa. Volunteering is a great way to earn Makana points which you can convert to beautiful orchids like you see in this edition of the newsletter!

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- * **President:** Carol Kanna
- * **Vice President:** Gwen Teragawa
- * **Secretary:** Kimberlee Kain
- * **Treasurer:** Lee Anderson
- * **Awards:** Mildred Konishi
- * **By Laws:** Elizabeth Borchelt
- * **Membership:** Bobbie Agena
- * **Newsletter:** Karen Harlow
- * **Show Display:** Nancy Nakama

DID YOU KNOW?

What are the ten most common ways orchids are killed?

- 1) Over watering
- 2) Under watering (so the dilemma goes)
- 3) Too much light or heat
- 4) Leaving foliage wet overnight
- 5) Too much fertilizer
- 6) Improper use of Insecticides
- 7) Insects (so the dilemma goes again)
- 8) Purchase of sick plants
- 9) Poor water quality and
- 10) Inadequate ventilation

We've all lost an orchid, so know you are not alone. Think about these ten items so the problems can be prevented.

Fely & Neill Sams with their "Best Authentic Tropical Landscape" award. Display to right.



GIOS 2012 CHRISTMAS PARTY

Our annual Christmas party was held on December 1st. Dinner was catered from Scotty's Barbecue. Desserts included a Haupia Cake and sweet breads from Costco and members, Carol Kanna and Jason Matsuoka, brought additional tasty desserts.

After dinner, Gwen Teragawa explained this year's game — Charades where all the picks from the "hat" were Christmas songs. Some brave members (see pics) stood up and attempted to get their table to guess first. Members also received raffle tickets for special prizes throughout the evening.

A special presentation was given for Allen Yamada. Allen is moving to Oahu in 2013 and will be greatly missed as one of our orchid experts. Over the years, Allen has provided invaluable time and knowledge to GIOS. Bobbie Agena wrote a special song for him using the tune of Rudolph the Red Nose Reindeer. Carol Kanna presented Allen with a special lei and several members spoke about Allen's contributions and the hole it will leave here on Kauai.

Neill Sam's provided a slide show of the Hawaii "Islands of Aloha" themed March 2012 Philadelphia International Flower Show. The evening ended with members with Makana points (earned for volunteering) picking from a beautiful variety of orchids and supplies. Nancy Nakama, Makana chair, did an excellent job with the variety available this year. Besides Nancy, vendors providing orchids included Al Sugano, Allen Yamada, Neill Sams, and Gwen



Neill Sams talking at the December meeting. Lorraine Kawane (top left) is in the background. Below—orchids, orchids, orchids — many to choose from with Makana points.



PICTURES FROM CHRISTMAS PARTY

Bobbie Agena, Membership Chair, and Lee Anderson, Treasurer, greeting members and guests at the door.



Harold Shimono and Margaret Makishi leading the line down the buffet table.



On the left of the serving line are Al Sugano, Sam & LolaMae Bukoski and on the right is Tina Berkeley. Fare from Scotty's Barbecue included Pulled Pork, Grilled Mahi, Broccoli Beef with sides of baked beans, macaroni salad, and fried rice.



Allen Yamada and Amy Sugano looking over the dessert assortment. Carol Kanna made her excellent pear cobbler and Jason Matsuoka brought two different types of cheese-cake dishes.



We had a good turn out and all looked to be enjoying their dinner.



ALLEN YAMADA IS LEAVING

Bobbie Agenda (with her ukulele) and Gwen Teragawa led the group in the song "Allen Yamada is Leaving" to the tune of "Rudolph the Red-Nosed Reindeer".

After Carol Kanna, GIOS President, presented a special lei to Allen Yamada, Gwen Teragawa told us a few stories about Allen and his support to the club. What great smiles!



Written by Bobbie Agena
 You know Nan-cy and Gwe-en and A-al and Ne-ill,
 Ca-rol and Mil-dred and Ju-dy and Ka-ren,
 But now say fare-well to our fav-o-rite grow-er of all,
 Al-len Ya-ma-da is leav-ing, mo-ving on to O-A-HU!
 We're so de-pressed he's go-ing, we just want to cry,
 "Boo-hoo."
 He's been our friend and men-tor, tea-ching us plant
 names and care,

He an-swered all our ques-tions, a-bout rai-sing or-chids rare.
 We have learned so much from him, in Or-chids One-Oh-
 One,
 Who will teach us Two-Oh-Two, there's so much to learn
 and do.
 We'll be so lost with-out you, please come back and vi-sit
 soon,
 Al-len Ya-ma-da, Fare-well, Bon Vo-yage and A-lo-ha!
 Bon Vo-yage and A-lo-ha!!!!

GAMES AND PRIZES

Evelyn Tsubakihara, Mildred Konishi, and Allen Yamada....having a good time.



Everyone received an orchid door prize. Monroe Richman, Ada Koene, Esther Richman, and Sylvia Zeevat are in line to claim their plant.

After several attempts at more difficult songs, Nancy Nakama was successful with Let It Snow, Let It Snow, Let it Snow.



Hans Zeevat happily walks away with a prize. Gwen Teragawa, Vice President, put together a wide variety of prizes to give away.



MEMBERS CLAIMING MAKANA REWARDS



Above members Caryn Sakahasi, Allison Toma, and Cheryl Morris claim orchids and orchid supplies for their 2012 volunteer work.



Above, members Aurora Beaver and Bobbie Agena are checking out with their rewards and purchases. Carol Kanna and Lauren Bundschuh accounted for the Makana points being used and any additional money needed to cover the members choices. Evelyn Tsubakihara (on the right) is checking out all the choices for orchids. Below (left) DeeDee Gorospe is walking away with her booty and below right, Sylvia Zeevat and guest are checking out their options.



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SPRING SHOW 2013

Plans are being finalized for the Spring Fantasy Show in April. The theme will be Ashes to Orchids. The Show will again be held in conjunction with the Hanapepe Economic Alliance at our usual venue, the United Church of Christ in Hanapepe. Our show will be held on April 5th and 6th and set up is on Thursday afternoon, April 4th. Dennis Olivas will be joining us again at the Show providing expert advice on how to take care of orchids and doing live demos.

Volunteers will be needed to help set-up, tear down, security, and other areas. Sign up sheets will be available at the meeting in February. If you'd like to volunteer to make some baked goods or donate flour/sugar/rice/potatoes/other baking ingredients, contact Gwen Teragawa at 335-3890.

Start prepping the orchids you expect will be blooming. Last year, Scot Mitamura provided tips on how to prepare your orchids for a show and these were captured in the 2012 May/June Newsletter. The old newsletters are available on the GIOS [web site](#).

More details on plant name tags and delivery will be provided in the March / April Newsletter.

REMINDER: Membership dues should be in by the end of February if you wish to continue to receive the newsletter.

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