

## GARDEN ISLAND ORCHID SOCIETY UPCOMING EVENTS

### General Meeting—February

**12th** at the United Church of Christ in Hanapepe. The general meeting will start at 6:30. Al Sugano will hold the Learning Center and be our special speaker for the evening. Since the Spring Show is just around the corner, Al will take some time to talk about how to prep your orchids to show. Don't forget to bring any blooming orchids you want to put on the display table and you'll get an orchid to take home.



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**2016 General Meetings:** April 8th, June 10th, August 12th, October 14th, and December 3rd.

**2015 Events:** Spring Show set-up is on March 31st and the show is April 1st and April 2nd. Fall Show set-up is August 24 and the show is August 25th - 28th. An off-island orchid tour is being planned for mid July.

## PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

We had another great year end celebration with lots of aloha in the room. It was wonderful to see everyone participate in creating beautiful packages with the food donations. And I want to give a big thank you to all the members who brought tasty food to share at our holiday potluck. There was so much to choose from I ended up with a very full plate.

Our first meeting in 2016 is coming up and we will have a busy schedule. In addition to the Learning Center and the speaker we will be holding volunteer signups for the Spring Show. Because the show falls on April 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> before the April meeting we will need to take care of some business at this meeting. If you will not be able to attend the February meeting but would still like to sign up, please let Nancy Nakama the Makana Chair know your wishes. Once the first round of signups is complete, the Makana team will sign up those wishing to volunteer before the second round of signups.

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I hope to see you at the meeting!

Elizabeth Borchelt, GIOS President

All photos for this newsletter were taken by Ryan Metzger or Karen Harlow.

## HOLIDAY POTLUCK

It's always fun to walk into the December meeting and see all the orchids that have been brought in for Makana redemption. It is such an explosion of color.

We added an extra table for the food and members did not disappoint—it was filled to capacity.

After dinner, Carol Kanna as the By Law's Chair swore in the new officers and Board. A list of officers and the Chairs is on page 4.

As members redeemed their Makana points, we filled and decorated the donation boxes. Members were very generous and there were over thirty packages this year. The packages were distributed to the community luncheon attendees of the United Church of Christ. There were more packages than attendees so the rest were given to Nana's House in Waimea, a non-profit which provides to the needy.

The door prize plants provided for all the members had many blooms on them this year and there were a couple of choices to choose from.



Above, time to dig in. Right, members filling boxes from the laid out donations. We had food as well as personal items like toothbrushes. Below, Carol Kanna, Cheryl Morris, Aurora Kisken, and Pearl Wollin were our volunteers that organized the donations as they came in for easy filling of boxes. Mahalo everyone for your help.



# HOLIDAY POTLUCK



## 2016-2017 CHAIRS, OFFICERS, AND BOARD

The term of office for each of the committee chairpersons is 2 years. The newly appointed committee chairpersons term began January 1, 2016.

Committee Chairpersons	
Audio/Video	Lee Anderson
By-Laws	Nancy Nakama
Librarian	Cheryl Morris – Mildred Konishi
Makana	Nancy Nakama
Membership	Bobbi Agena
Newsletter	Karen Harlow
Photographer	Ryan Metzger
Plant Name Tag	Karen Harlow – Kimberlee Kain
Publicity	Ada Koene
Refreshments	Elizabeth Borchelt – Jason Matsuoka
Spring & Fall Shows	Gwen Teragawa – Lorraine Kawane
Show Display	Pearl Wollin – Stacie Boucher
Show Judging	Mildred Konishi
Show Craft Sales	Judy Matsumoto
Show Food Booth	Gwen Teragawa

Officers	
President	Elizabeth Borchelt
Vice President	Gwen Teragawa
Secretary	Kimberlee Kain
Treasurer	Karen Harlow

The term of office for each of the officer positions is 2 years. The newly elected slate was installed at the December meeting. The term began January 1, 2016.



### 2016-2017 GIOS Board

Pictured left: Bobbie Agena, Carol Kanna, Karen Harlow, Mildred Konishi, Kimberlee Kain, Nancy Nakama, and Elizabeth Borchelt. Not pictured, Gwen Teragawa.

# Paphiopedilum for Beginners

*This article is a Culture Sheet taken from the American Orchid Society web site. There is a wealth of information available to you. Check it out: [www.aos.org](http://www.aos.org).*

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Paphiopedilums are often called "slipper orchids" because of their unique pouch. They are easily grown as houseplants and their care is very similar to African Violets.

## **Water**

How often you water will depend on whether your plant is potted in bark or a sphagnum moss mix and the amount of light and heat. Paphs need more frequent watering than some other orchids because they have no pseudobulbs to store water. Bark retains less water so will require more frequent watering - every five days is usually sufficient. If your plant is potted in moss, water when the top feels dry. Care should be taken not to overwater to avoid rotting the roots. Soon you will be able to tell by the weight of the pot whether or not it is time to water again. If in doubt, wait a day.

When you water an orchid you want to let the water run through the plant for a minute or so. Place the plant in the sink and use tepid water. Be sure to let the plant drain completely. Do not use salt-softened or distilled water.

This is a good time to look closely at your paph for any sign of insects and to remove any leaves that have browned.

## **Light**

Paphs belong to the "low" light group of orchids. An east window is ideal; west or south windows can also be used if shaded with a sheer curtain. You can tell by the leaves if the plant is getting too much light. A reddish tinge on the edges means you need to provide more shade for your plant. If your paph does not re-bloom, it may not be getting enough light.

## **Temperature**

Paphs generally enjoy the same temperatures that we do in the home; ideally, 60-65° F at night and 75-85° F during the day. Keep in mind that temperatures close to the window on a windowsill will be colder or hotter than your general house temperature. Paphs can be grown outside in mild climates. The plants can stand temperatures from 95°F to the 40s. Protect plants during cold temperatures by avoiding moisture on leaves or in the crowns and in summer from burning from the sun.

## **Fertilizer**

Any balanced orchid fertilizer (look at the numbers on the container, 20-20-20, etc.) can be used to fertilize your orchid. Weakly (¼ strength), weekly works well. Once a month use clear water to flush any accumulated salts from the potting mix.

## **Tips**

Use a shallow tray of pebbles filled with water to increase humidity around your plants. Be sure the pot does not sit in water as this will rot the roots.

Give your plants room for air to circulate around them. Crowding of plants can lead to problems with insect infestations and fungus. A small fan will help provide good air circulation around your plants. When the blooms are finished, cut the spike down to the level of the leaves. Continue watering and fertilizing and within a year a new growth will spike to begin the blooming cycle again! When the plant has finished blooming is a good time to repot your orchid.



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## MORE HOLIDAY PHOTOS

