

## GARDEN ISLAND ORCHID SOCIETY UPCOMING EVENTS

**General Meeting—August 9, 2013.** Our next general meeting will start at 6:30 pm at the United Church of Christ in Hanapepe. After the business meeting, Al Sugano will demonstrate to members how to transplant Cattleya's. The members will then have an opportunity to practice what they've learned; **bring your own Cattleya to repot.** **The medium for the orchids will be available but bring an extra pot if you plan on dividing your orchid.** This will be another hands on experience you won't want to miss!



**2013 General Meetings:** October 11th and December 7th.

**2013 Orchids in Paradise Show at the Farm Fair:** August 22-25. See more information on page 5.

## PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

How excited are you over the upcoming Kauai Farm Bureau Fall Orchid Show? Very excited I hope. Each year the comments from the public have been overwhelmingly positive. We need all the help we can muster to put on a great show. The theme for the display is 'Our Orchid Isle' chaired by Nancy Nakama.

We do need and ask for volunteers. Nancy is currently working on the Makana program which rewards points to each volunteer. The sign up sheet will be ready at the August general meeting.

Remember to prep and baby your display plants for the show. Every orchid bloom is beautiful so show it in all its glory for the public to enjoy.

See you at the meeting.

Carol Kanna

### JULY—AUGUST 2013

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The Garden Island Orchid Society would like to welcome the following new members since January 2013: Kenichi Shimogawa, Eugene Jimenez, Ed Justus, Pearl Wollin, Lota Nada, Maryanne Kusaka, Geoff Wall, and Susan Davis.

**BOARD 2012-2013**

- \* **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?**

The door prize orchid for April was V. Thailand Beauty 'Carmela' and June was C. Sea Breeze 'Blue Ribbon'.



We have started planning a GIOS cook book to be sold at the Spring Show as a fund raiser for the society. More details will come later but start now thinking about which of your recipes should be included. If you'd like to volunteer to help put the cookbook together, let one of the board members know.

Correction: All orchid pictures from the Spring Show were taken by Ryan Metzger.

## VANDA MOUNTINGS

After the business meeting in April, a hands-on session on mounting Vandas onto driftwood was held. Our door prize for the month was a Vanda Thailand Beauty 'Carmela'. There was an assortment of driftwood available to pick from or you could choose to plant the Vanda in a "basket" pot at home. Experts were available at each of the tables to provide guidance to the members on placement and securing the orchids. A drill was available and some heavy duty wire to hang the driftwood mounted Vandas. Below are some of the results.



## HOW TO GET FREE ORCHIDS

There are a couple of easy ways to get free orchids from GIOS. First — a display table is set up at the entrance of the hall at most general meetings (all except June and December). Members are encouraged to bring in blooming orchids to share. Each member that brings in a display plant, will receive a plant from the society. Second, volunteering earns Makana points which you can then convert into free orchids at the December meeting. Picture on the right is just a sample of the orchids that were available at last December's meeting!



# PROPAGATING HONOHONO

Gwen Teragawa demonstrated how to propagate Honohonos. In picture #1, the Honohono is in full bloom. In picture #2, the blossoms have dropped. Once the new stem (with leaves) has gotten to about six inches you can cut the old stems off for propagating. The old stems will not flower again. If there was a blossom on the node, that node section won't send out a keiki. The picture on the right between the arrows shows a 'node'. You need to cut it where there was no flower (see arrows on left). These are usually the nodes at the top and bottom of the stem. Using a sharp knife or razor cut below it, half way through a node. Make sure you keep track of what is the bottom because you'll need to put it into the pot correctly. You can put four starts in one small pot. Put packing peanuts in the bottom of the pot first, then spagnum or vermiculite, and poke the cuttings into the medium. Water.

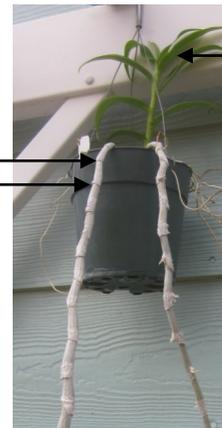
Wait until there are lots of new roots before you transplant it into a new pot. Put about four or five keikis into one pot to get a full hanging basket with multiple stems. Usually just transplant the whole grouping into a hanging basket.



Node's without flowers

Left picture #1: Honohono multiple stems in full bloom  
Right picture #2: Flowers have dropped and new growth is about six inches

Node's without flowers



New Growth

Node



Members closely watching Gwen demonstrate the propagation. Left to Right: Greg Iten, Gwen Teragawa, Maryanne Kusaka, Margaret Makishi, Eugene Jimenez, and Mary Shimogawa



Above are the keiki's cut in the June meeting one month later. The one on the left is planted in spagnum and the one on the right in vermiculite. The one on the left already had some growth in the June meeting but the ones on the right are totally new.

Al Sugano provided some transplanting tips at the meeting: Repotting is the most radical thing you can do to an orchid. You need to know the pattern of growth on the roots. Otherwise, it is guess work. Categorize orchids into two groups – monopodial and sympodial.

- Monopodial orchids (Phalenopsis, Vandas, Neostylis) are distinguished by the main stem upright with alternating leaves stacked one on top of the other. The important thing is with a set of new leaves you get a set of new roots. Roots come on the base of the plant; concentric overlapping roots.
- Sympodial orchids new growth comes at the base of the previous pseudobulb. When you get a new pseudobulb, you get new roots. As you move back in the sympodials, these have the oldest roots and most prone to rot.

If you feel some of the roots are going to die before next repotting, take them out. Water your plants before you do your repotting. Water can be a good aid to show you which roots you should remove. New roots are green and silver. The green tip is for elongating the root. Most viable roots are tan and hard. Any dark brown and skinny roots— take out. Don't be afraid to trim roots to fit into the pot. Green tips can be trimmed if the roots are already long enough.

# JUNE POTLUCK

At the June meeting, we had our annual potluck. The variety was amazing this year and the dessert table was loaded.



Left to Right: Amy Sugano, Maryanne Kusaka, Esther Richman, Sheri Kunioka-Volz, Monroe Richman, Lee Anderson, and Al Sugano



Gwen at the dessert table.



Left to Right: Amy Sugano, Maryanne Kusaka, Esther Richman, Sheri Kunioka-Volz, Susan Davis, Geoff Wall, Robert Kanna, Monroe Richman, and Lee Anderson



Kenichi Shimogawa, Mary Shimogawa, Betty Ihara, and Aurora Beaver



Margaret Padilla, Bobbie Agena, Stella Shimatsu, and Greg Iten



Margaret Makishi, Cheryl Morris, and Harold Shimono



Facing: Gwen Teragawa, Carol Kanna, Evelyn Tsubakihara, and Geoff Wall.



Facing: Nancy Nakama, Kimberlee Kain, Mildred Konishi, Elizabeth Borchelt and Jason Matsuoka



## AUGUST FARM FAIR

The theme for the Orchids in Paradise show this year is "Orchid Isle". The show chair is Gwen Teragawa and the Display Chair is Nancy Nakama. Set-up will be Wednesday, August 21st. Plants are to be tagged and delivered between 1 and 4 pm to Vidinha Stadium. We will need volunteers to come by 4 pm to help place the plants. We will also need volunteers for security, plant sales, and clean-up. **Sign-up sheets will be available at the August meeting.** Judging will begin at 9 am and last until about noon on Thursday, August 22nd. Those bringing plants to display and need name tags, should notify Karen Harlow via phone 346-6871, by mail PO Box 597, Kalaheo 96741, or by email harlows@hawaii.rr.com by August 19th. Provide the complete name of the plant and the owner's name (as you wish it to appear on the tag). Breakdown of the display will be on Sunday at 3 pm. Please make sure you pick up your orchids at that time.

Nancy Nakama (338-1423) is looking for the following items for the display: plastic sawhorses, spanish moss, asparagus ferns with berries, vines that will not wilt for a couple of days out of water, other greenery (delivered with plants for set-up), truck for transporting display items, and a six foot ladder.

### Fair Display Hours:

8/22—Thursday 5 pm to 11 pm

8/23—Friday 6 pm to 11 pm

8/24—Saturday Noon to 11 pm

8/25—Sunday 9 am to 3 pm (orchid display dismantled at 3pm)

## UPCOMING ELECTIONS

The Garden Island Orchid Society general elections will be held at our October 11<sup>th</sup>, 2013 meeting. The term of office for each of the officer positions and committee chairpersons is two years. The newly elected slate will be installed at the December meeting with their term of office beginning in January 2014.

As the Bylaws chairperson, I am now soliciting the members for volunteers in all positions. The slate of nominees must be submitted to the President prior to the Board meeting on September 1<sup>st</sup>, 2013.

The following is the list of positions:



### Officers

President	Vice President
Secretary	Treasurer

### Committee Chairpersons

Bulletin	Bylaws	Librarian	Membership
Plant Name Tag	Publicity	Refreshments	Shows
Show Display	Show Judging	Show Crafts	Show Food Booth
Makana	Photographer	Audio/Video	

Please take a look at the descriptions of duties attached to this newsletter (*digital copies only*) and contact me if you are interested in volunteering for any of the positions. The benefits of volunteering and taking a larger role in the functioning of the society are many. Not only do you earn Makana points you will strengthen your contacts within the organization and they are always more than willing to provide expert advice and support.

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**MEMBERSHIP FORM**

Our dues for membership are \$15.00 a year and are due in January. Please make checks payable to the Garden Island Orchid Society or GIOS.

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Name \_\_\_\_\_

Mailing Address \_\_\_\_\_

Phone Number \_\_\_\_\_ E-mail address \_\_\_\_\_

I am interested in helping out with (check any or all):

Refreshments \_\_\_\_\_ Show Set-Up \_\_\_\_\_ Show Security \_\_\_\_\_ Serving on the Board \_\_\_\_\_

Newsletter \_\_\_\_\_ Other (Please specify) \_\_\_\_\_

I'm interested in learning about \_\_\_\_\_