

## GARDEN ISLAND ORCHID SOCIETY UPCOMING EVENTS

**General Meeting—April 14th** at the United Church of Christ in Hanapepe. **The general meeting will start at 6:00.** After our break, Al Sugano will be our speaker for the evening.

**Spring Fantasy Show** will be here soon! Set-up is on April 6th and open to the public on the 7th and 8th.

**2017 General Meetings:** June 9th, August 11th, October 13th, and December 2nd.

**2017 Events:** Fall Show set-up is August 23rd and the show is August 24th - 27th.



Judy Matsumoto's Iwanaga Apple Blossom 'hihimanu'  
Photo by Ryan Metzger

## PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Our Spring Show is almost upon us. I am looking forward to seeing the hall transformed into a splash of colors with many different types of blooming orchids. It's been an interesting winter in our garden, some orchids have bloomed already that I normally bring to the show. So it will be a bit of a surprise to see what is ready to show. We are very fortunate that we have so many members bring plants for the display even if it's just one or two because each one adds to the beauty of the display. And I always appreciate our member orchid vendors who not only sell orchids at the show but also put on display many of their best orchids.

Please remind your friends and neighbors to come enjoy the wonderful display. Our Spring Show also gives us the chance to sell our orchid crafts made by our members, our plate lunches and baked goods. The income we make off of our sales allows us to keep our dues low, support the volunteer Makana program, orchids at every general meeting, awards for displayed orchids and speaker fees for our general meetings.

See you at the show. Elizabeth Borchelt

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Remembering 2015 Spring Fantasy Best in Show:  
Carol Kanna's Lc Gold Digger Fuch's Mandarin

- \* **President:** Elizabeth Borchelt
- \* **Vice President:** Gwen Teragawa
- \* **Secretary:** Kimberlee Kain
- \* **Treasurer:** Karen Harlow
- \* **Awards:** Mildred Konishi
- \* **Ex-Officio:** Carol Kanna
- \* **Membership:** Bobbie Agena
- \* **By Laws/Makana:** Nancy Nakama

The theme for this years' Spring Fantasy Show is "**April Showers; it's Raining Cats and Dens**".

**Set up** for the show: Thursday, April 6th at 1:00 PM

**Open** to the public:

Friday, April 7th, 12:00 PM - 7:00 PM

Kitchen offering meals starting at 11:00 AM

Saturday, April 8th, 9:00 AM - 4:00 PM

**Clean-up** starts as soon as the show is closed at 4:00 PM. Please check the volunteer sign-ups in this newsletter on page 3. Contact Nancy Nakama (338-1423) if you weren't able to sign up but are interested in helping or if you are unable to make it for some reason, so a replacement can be found.

#### DID YOU KNOW?

The Garden Island Orchid Society would like to welcome our newest members Jennifer Abrams, Renie Judd, Shari Keller, Edith Moe, Sonja Moffat, Dean Nakamoto, Sarah Paiste, Robin Silva, and Sarah Styan.

Door prize plants in February were: Onc. Twinkle 'Fantasy', Zygonisia Cynosure 'Dove of Peace', and Pot. Beau's Golden Touch 'Touch of Class'.

If you haven't paid your dues for 2017, you will not be able to show your orchids in the show and you will no longer receive the newsletter.

The Spring Show is our **main fund raising** opportunity for the year. The food booth will be providing tasty plate lunches—like baked salmon and meat loaf, and baked goods starting on Friday at 11:00 AM right outside the front doors (since the show doesn't open until noon). If you are able to donate some baked goods to be sold at the Show, bring them at set-up or whenever you are able to deliver them. Packaging into containers can be done by the kitchen volunteers.

The **craft booth** will be selling orchid-themed items like table place mats and our cookbook.

Our **member-orchid vendors** — Orchid Alley, Nancy Nakama, Gwen Teragawa, and Al Sugano — will have a great selection of orchids for sale. GIOS will also be selling some plants.

Dennis Olivas will be joining us again at the Show providing **expert advice** on how to take care of orchids and doing live demos. Tell your friends.

Please bring **all your blooming orchids** for the display. All member's orchids will be needed to ensure our show is as spectacular as previous years. Members must be current on their dues to participate.

**Ribbons/Awards** - Both ribbons and cash awards will be given. We have five places (1st-\$10, 2nd-\$7, 3rd-\$5, 4th-\$3 and 5th-\$2) for each category. The Best in Show prize is \$50. Judging will take place on Friday morning.

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## SPRING SHOW VOLUNTEERS

**Below are the date and time volunteers should be at the Show site. If you have any questions, contact Nancy Nakama.**

**April 5** Bring plants/props to HUCC: Patsy Delapenia, Pearl Wollin, and Aurora Kiskin

**April 6** 1:00 Set-up at HUCC: Ted Kawamura, Elizabeth Borchelt, Margaret Smith, Steve Uyehara, Lorraine Kawane, BJ Prigge, Jennifer Abrams, Kimiye Koide, Tina Berkeley, and Nancy Nakama

**April 7**

Photo helper: Paul Brun (call Ryan for time)

Food committee: Gwen Teragawa, Bobbie Agena, Barbara Prigge, Karen Harlow, Joanne Nishihara, Stacie Boucher

Time	Craft Sales	Security	Greeter	Plant sales
11:30 - 3:15	Bonnie Kakinami, Cheryl Brady	BJ Prigge, Jim Brady	Stella Shimatsu, Kelly Shimatsu	Mildred Konishi
3:15 - 7:00	Margaret Padilla, Janice Nitta	Mildred Yamauchi, Gertrude Saiki	Stella Shimatsu, Bobby Agena	Mildred Konishi

Time	Food Booth
8:00 - 1:30	<b>Cashier:</b> Karen Harlow <b>Kitchen Crew:</b> Lorraine Kawane, Evelyn Tsubakihara, Harold Shimono, Joanne Nishihara, Allison Toma
1:30 - 7:00	<b>Cashier:</b> Tina Berkeley <b>Kitchen Crew:</b> Lorraine Kawane, Evelyn Tsubakihara, Harold Shimono, Stacie Boucher, Pearl Wollin

**April 8**

Time	Craft Sales	Security	Greeter	Plant sales
8:45 - 12:30	Tammy Ando, Arlene Jardin	Paul Brun, Cheryl Morris	Bobbie Agena, Teri Nakamoto	Mildred Konishi
12:30 - 4:15	Sheri Kunioka-Volz, Tina Berkeley	Christine Brown, Glenn Santos	Bobbie Agena, Teri Nakamoto	Mildred Konishi

Time	Food Booth
8:00 - 12:30	<b>Cashier:</b> Greg Iten <b>Kitchen Crew:</b> Lorraine Kawane, Evelyn Tsubakihara, BJ Prigge, Joanne Nishihara, Caryn Sakahashi
12:30 - 5:00	<b>Cashier:</b> Caryn Sakahashi <b>Kitchen Crew:</b> Lorraine Kawane, Evelyn Tsubakihara, Elizabeth Mares, Carol Kanna, Joanne Nishihara

**4:00 Clean-up** (please check-in with Nancy Nakama):

Susan & Alvin Uchida, Carolyn Carveiro, Ted Kawamura, Alison Koga, Jailanee Munar, Theresa & Peter Wiederoder, BJ Prigge, Patsy Delapenia, Kimiye Koide, Christine Brown, Rona Miura, Sarah Styan, Glenn Santos, Lynette Balderas, Steve Uyehara, Tina Berkeley, Geraldine Bolosan

U-Haul plants/props to storage, green waste/trash to dump: Ted Kawamura, Pearl Wollin, Aurora Kiskin

HUCC checklist: Carol Kanna

## NEWCOMER'S CORNER

Below are some excerpts of previously published articles in the newsletter. There is a wealth of information on orchid culture as well as beautiful pictures from both of our shows each year. These newsletters are available on our [website](#) under e-news.

### MAKANA

If you're new to the Garden Island Orchid Society, you've probably heard the terms Makana and Makana points bandied around by the president and other members. The Makana Program was established to encourage members to volunteer and participate in club activities. When you volunteer for specific activities you are rewarded by earning Makana points which you can redeem at the December meeting. A wide variety of orchid plants and supplies are available to choose from based off of the number of points you have earned through out the year.

I'm sure you're all ready to jump in and earn some points! What's the best way to do that? Serve in one of the officer positions, chair one of the standard committees or volunteer to help at the Spring and Fall shows. This fall we will be looking for volunteers for all board and chair positions for the 2018-2019 period. Current volunteers will be happy to let you know what their job entails. If you have any questions about the Makana program contact the chair, Nancy Nakama at 338-1423, email at [nnkauai@hawaii.rr.com](mailto:nnkauai@hawaii.rr.com) or catch up with her at the next meeting.

### GETTING MORE ORCHIDS—DOOR PRIZES AND DISPLAY PLANTS

As a newcomer to the Garden Island Orchid Society and to the culture of orchids, I have tried to be a sponge absorbing as much of the information as I can and taking advantage of all of the GIOS benefits. One of the biggest benefits of our organization is the members who have this vast knowledge that they are willing to share.

Another way to gain knowledge is to acquire more orchids! Membership to GIOS helps with that. Have you seen the table of orchids in the corner behind the table holding the name tags? Those are door prizes for every member who attends the meeting, picks up their name tag and returns their name tag before leaving.

- Pick one up on your way out after you turn your name tag in to the membership greeters.
- As a bonus watch the newsletter for requests to bring blooming orchids to the meeting. If you have any blooming, be sure to bring one since you will receive an additional door prize orchid.

### LIBRARY

GIOS has a library that is available for their use. Cheryl Morris is our current librarian and she is responsible for maintaining and housing all of the materials. The library includes many things such as the clubs bylaws, previous years general and board meeting minutes, treasurers reports and orchid related books and magazines.

The orchid books and magazines that are available are priceless for members wanting more information. Take the time to introduce yourself to Cheryl at the next meeting and she'll be happy to help you dive into whatever interests you the most.

## NEWCOMER'S CORNER (CONT'D)

### AMERICAN ORCHID SOCIETY (AOS)

The American Orchid Society (AOS) [website](#) has a wealth of information available to the public.

There is one section called “All About Orchids”. The sub-categories are Orchid Basics, AOS Culture Sheets, Monthly Checklists, Orchids A to Z, Pests & Diseases, AOS Video Library and Additional Orchid Resources.

Culture Sheets—If you want to learn more about specific types of orchids, there are over 20 Culture Sheets available for viewing on-line or printing. They also have 13 of these available in 22 different languages including Chinese, Filipino, Japanese, Korean, Portuguese, and Thai.

Each of the culture sheets include information about the needs (light, temperatures, water, humidity, fertilizing, and potting) for the type of orchid.

AOS Video Library—There are “how to” videos for lots of things — like removing a keiki and when to repot.

Take some time to explore it!

### PREPARING ORCHIDS FOR THE SHOW

Excerpts taken from Scot Mitamuri's presentation notes 2012 May June Newsletter:

**Basics of staking and grooming.** You need to make sure when you bring an orchid to a show that there are no slugs or any other bugs. Using a simple spray of rubbing alcohol will kill whatever your plant may have. Check for ants. 99% of the time if you have ants it is because your plant needs to be repotted. The medium breaks down and ants make a nest inside.

Sterilize your tools first. Cut off leaves that may be old or spotted. Take flowers off if there are spots on them because it will affect the new flowers in bud. Cut it so it is visually nice, don't do it too close and catch the leaf by mistake. Take out any weeds; you don't want to spread them to someone else's orchid.

Stake the plant early. Cut the stake at the bottom at an angle to help it grab. When staking the plant put the stake against the plant. Anywhere else it will create a spoon affect. Put it right against the plant and if a root gets broken it is no big deal. Countersink stake to balance it out. We don't want the stake poking an eye out so it shouldn't be any higher than the leaves of the plant. You can use electrical wire or twist ties. Wrap the ties around two or three times and then twist it. That way it won't move up and down. Double wrap it, twist it, and try to get all the leaves together. Lift the lower leaves up, gather all together. It is critical for big flowers that you move the foliage away from the flowers; that way they don't get interrupted by leaves and gives them space to open up. Stake the plant early, let flowers open down, and then in three to four days when they are hard stake it up.

You can cut off some of the leaves if it helps to show the flowers better. Tidy things up and keep the leaves away from the flowers. Sometimes it just needs a little support. Accentuate the natural beauty. You want the flowers facing the audience. The newsletter has tips for every kind of orchid, below is the notes for Paphelidium (lady slippers)

**Lady slippers.** It will take about a week for the flower neck to harden. Right before the show you want to bring it up. If it is not ready and the show is here, you can still fix it. Normally leave alone and let it open for a week, then stake it. Put a small v under the neck. Do I break flowers? Yeah a lot. If you work on staking them early, you're less likely to break the flowers.

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## SPRING SHOW

**Plant Name Tags:** Those bringing plants to display should provide a list to Karen Harlow by April 3rd (Monday) either thru email [harlows@hawaii.rr.com](mailto:harlows@hawaii.rr.com) or USPS mail PO Box 597 Kalaheo 96741. Provide the complete name of the plant and the owner's name (as you wish it to appear on the label). If you don't have the name of the plant (tag has been lost), just identify the type of orchid—like a Dendrobium. If you are using a saved tag from a previous year and there is no “extra” slip of paper still attached to the laminated tag, let Karen know so she can make up the “extra” tag to adhere. The judges use these when putting together the master list of award winners.

All Display plants must arrive between **2:00 PM** and **4:00 PM** on Thursday afternoon to allow the display team to finalize the display. Your name tags will be available at set-up to attach to your plants before putting into the display.

We will be providing dinner for the volunteers on Thursday after set-up.

**We only have 49 cookbooks left, so be sure to pick yours up early at the Spring Show if you want one!**

