

# GIOS NEWSLETTER

GARDEN ISLAND ORCHID SOCIETY IS AFFILIATED WITH THE AMERICAN ORCHID SOCIETY

## GARDEN ISLAND ORCHID SOCIETY UPCOMING EVENTS

**General Meeting**— Holiday Party and Makana Redemption is December 3rd at the United Church of Christ in Hanapepe. Take note, our meeting is on SATURDAY starting at 6:00 PM. No special speakers but an opportunity to socialize with fellow members at our annual holiday potluck party. Please bring a dish to share. There will be no learning center or display plants for this meeting. See page 2 for more details.

Also, its time to renew your membership for 2017. So, please bring your membership fee of \$20 to the meeting.

Also the design for our club shirts is completed. There will be options on the type of shirt. Orders will be taken at the meeting and need to be paid for at that time.

**2017 General Meetings:** February 10th, April 14th, June 9th, August 11th, October 13th, and December 2nd.

**2017 Spring Show** will be April 7th and 8th, set-up on April 6th.



D. DIANE SHIMAGU, Owner  
Al Sugano, Photo by Ryan Metzger

## PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

It's hard to believe that another year is coming to an end. We've had so many successes with our two orchid shows, our informative speakers and all of the new members that have joined that it is a good time to look back and celebrate. We always try to have our last meeting of the year on the first Saturday of December so we do not interfere with our members other holiday plans. I hope many of you will be able to join us on the 3rd.

We start at 6:00pm with a potluck. We usually have left overs so bring a container if you would like to take some home with you! We have three activities that we have scheduled for the meeting.

As we have in the past we are asking for food donations to be given to HUCC. They will make sure that they are passed on to folks in need. Please review the information in this newsletter.

We will also be providing members who have volunteered in 2016 their makana points. You will be able to use your makana points to purchase orchids and supplies. After members have used their

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makana points, all members will be able to purchase any remaining orchids and supplies. This is a good moment for new members to see one of the benefits of volunteering.

I'm really excited about the 3<sup>rd</sup> activity we have planned. The T-Shirt committee led by Gwen and Carol will be presenting and taking orders for the new GIOS T-Shirts. There will be lots of different types of shirts to choose from so I'm sure we will all find the perfect one to order. Or two, or three!

Elizabeth Borchelt, GIOS President

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- \* **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

**DID YOU KNOW?**

The Garden Island Orchid Society would like to welcome our newest members Eliseo Bolosan and April Layne.

The door prize orchids in October were Den. Burana Green x Mary Trowse, Den. antennatum var. dalbertsii 'short', and Den. (Thongchai Gold x Candy Stripe).

Please **be aware** we have had some theft in the parking lot outside the general meetings. Make sure you lock your cars.



The October meeting was well attended (above). Below is Bob Harris our guest



speaker from Orchidpeople.

**DECEMBER MEETING**

Our December holiday party will include three great activities! We have Sharing the Bounty, Onolicious Potluck, and reaping the benefits of our year long volunteer support to the society by redeeming our Makana points! Also, its time to renew your membership for 2015. So, please bring your membership fee of \$20 to the meeting.



**Onolicious Potluck**—Please bring a dish to share. We always end up with a great variety!

**Sharing the Bounty**—We will again be providing gift wrapped boxes to the United Church of Christ to hand out to folks in need at their community luncheon in December. We're asking all members to bring **non-perishable items** to be included in the boxes. Suggested items for the boxes include food products (meats, soups, pastas, etc.) and other essentials (like toothbrush, toothpaste, travel size shampoo, etc.). Please don't bring rice, it is too bulky. If you have extra wrapping paper, ribbons, and package decorations, please also bring those for decorating the boxes. Each table will gift wrap boxes to be given away.



**Makana Point Redemption**—Our volunteers have worked hard all year and now you'll be rewarded! See more details on page 3.

## MAKANA REDEMPTION

The Makana Program's purpose is to promote a strong and healthy existence of GIOS. We thank all our volunteers who have stepped forward to guide and support our club's activities. Hopefully, this program will be an incentive for others to get involved in the future.

Our orchid vendors will be providing not only beautiful orchids for us to choose from but other items needed for growing orchids—bark, pots, fertilizers, etc. If you are unable to make the party, don't let your points disappear! Contact Nancy Nakama (338-1423) and let her know if you'd like to have someone else attending redeem them for you. Bring a box for all your orchids and supplies you pick up.

For all GIOS members, there will be lots of orchids and supplies to **purchase** after the Makana points have been redeemed. Please double check the list below and any questions should go to Nancy Nakama at [nnkauai@hawaii.rr.com](mailto:nnkauai@hawaii.rr.com). Points are awarded for the following categories: Officer (President, Vice President, Secretary, Treasurer) 45 points, Board Member 42 points, Chairperson 36 points or co-chairs 18 points, Spring or Fall Show work shift 5-14 points and Committee Helpers 7 points.

Name	Points	Name	Points	Name	Points
Ada Koene	36	Harold Shimono	7	Midred Konishi	148
Al Sugano	45	Irene Dias	8	Mildred Yamauchi	7
Alison Koga	7	Jailanee Munar	7	Nancy Nakama	197
Alvin Uchida	5	Janice Nitta	14	Neill Sams	41
Amy Sugano	24	Jason Matsuoka	57	Paul Brun	57
Aurora Kisken	33	Jessie Nakamoto	5	Pearl Wollin	112
B. Tina Berkeley	30	Joann Nishihara	142	Peter Wiederoder	7
Barbara Prigge	71	Judy Matsumoto	64	Roberta Agena	95
Bonnie Kakinami	7	Karen Harlow	290	Rona Miura	7
Carol Kanna	82	Kelly Shimatsu	11	Ryan Metzger	36
Carolyn Carveiro	7	Kimberlee Kain	99	Sheri Kunioka-Volz	35
Caryn Sakahashi	7	Kimiye Koide	12	Stacie Boucher	172
Cheryl Morris	39	Linda Montgomery	26	Stella Shimatsu	64
Christine Brown	36	Lola Bukoski	7	Steve Uyehara	38
Dennis Olivas	21	Lorraine Kawane	65	Susan Uchida	12
Elizabeth Borchelt	287	Lynette Balderas	7	Tammy Ando	7
Evelyn Tsubakihara	81	Margaret Padilla	7	Ted Kawamura	12
Gertrude Saiki	7	Mark Naone	5	Teri Nakamoto	20
Greg Iten	21	Mary Jane Naone	7	Theresa Wiederoder	7
Gwen Teragawa	157	Mary Manuel	7		

## CYMBIDIUMS—ORCHIDPEOPLE

Bob Harris and Jennifer Snyder from *Orchidpeople* on the Big Island were our guest speakers in October. The handout provided at the meeting is duplicated here in case you were not able to get one.

These orchids are prized for their long-lasting sprays of flowers.

FERTILIZE cymbidiums regularly. They like to be fed a lot! *Orchidpeople* offers 2 kinds of fertilizer. Use one or both.

Water Soluble—16—4—20—”Super” Cymbidium Orchid Food

Dissolve in water, 1 teaspoon per gallon of water.

Fertilize 2-4 times a month.

Time Release—12-4-16—”Super Cymbidium Orchid Food

Place on top of potting mix, 1 teaspoon = 5” pot, 2 teaspoons = gallon pot.

Fertilize every 6 months.

LIGHT is important for growing cymbidiums. They like part day full sun as long as they have at least one good pseudo bulb on them (if they are very young then I keep them under 50% shade for about 6 months to a year). Leaves should be a medium to golden green in color, not dark green.

WATER provide a constant supply of moisture to cymbidiums, which are semi-terrestrial plants,. Water them at least twice a week. They like to have roots kept moist. Some of the Australian native cymbidiums prefer a period of dry in winter.

MEDIA use orchid bark &/or cinder. For good drainage, user larger bark in the bottom of the pot.

REPOT when the pots have split, or when the bulbs have grown over the sides or there are many dormant back bulbs. Or every three years, whichever comes first.

DIVIDING When dividing cymbidiums, keep at least 3 bulbs to a division. Back bulbs can be germinated in lightly soaked and drained bark and placed in a Ziploc bag and sealed until they germinate, 1-6 months.

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Additional notes from the meeting (provided by Kimberlee Kain): October through April is the flowering season. Cymbidiums grow 2x faster here than on the mainland. You can use Miracle Grow for fruits/vegies (with red cap) every 3 months and in between you can use water soluble 16/4/20 ratio. Use ultra-pure horticultural oil for pests from Crop Production Services across from the old Oceanic Cable building.

Cymbidiums that are red or orange color do best with high light to bring out the colors. Green, white and yellow do best with low light.

For medium, Bob uses perlite 20%, bark 40% and coco chips 40%. He adds dolomite to keep the media sweet, 1/3 C in 10 gallons of mix. Repotting is best done from Jan-June. When repotting (when new growth) do not put in more than a 2” bigger pot. Divide after they flower. Remove bottom 1/2 of root mass (he uses sawzall) and don’t forget to sterilize your tools.

Orchid People graciously donated to GIOS the plants they did not sell at the meeting. These will be available for Makana redemption or purchase at the December meeting.



## 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 their 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.

A way to gain knowledge about orchids 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.

## OCTOBER LEARNING CENTER—AL SUGANO

Al discussed that different orchids have the same growing pattern. Cattleya will bloom better if it is cut in half (at least 3 pseudobulbs per division) because the back bulbs will not flower unless you divide and repot. The older the plant, the sooner the bloom once it is divided.

Al brought small bags of sample media and fertilizer for the new members. If you wish a topic that has not been discussed, please put it down on an index card and he will discuss at a future meeting. If you're new, don't worry about possibly suggesting something that Al may have already addressed. Repetition is helpful for everyone.

Al brought to the attention of our members the problem of the blossom midge. It is devastating to the Dendrobiums and at this time, there is no control. He brought a sample of what the plant will look like if it has this blossom midge (see right). The flower bud looks deformed and the rest of the buds dry up. It also likes Plumeria, Epidendrums and tomato plants. He suggested if you see this, to cut off the flower stock immediately and discard. What he has been doing is removing the plant to a different protected location as soon as he sees a spike. Hopefully this will keep the fly away.

There is a great article on the Hawaii.edu web site at: [http://www.extento.hawaii.edu/kbase/crop/type/bloss\\_midgei.htm](http://www.extento.hawaii.edu/kbase/crop/type/bloss_midgei.htm).

There are pictures of the midge in its different forms: eggs, larvae, pupae, and adult fly. There are additional pictures showing the damage to several orchids as well as information on behavior and chemical and non-chemical controls.



Special thanks to Kimberlee Kain for providing notes from October meeting.

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## INFORMATION AVAILABLE

Cheryl Morris, the GIOS Librarian, shared the information at the last meeting that is available in the library. There is also a wealth of information in our newsletters that are posted [on-line](#). Notes from the general meetings are included in the newsletter after the meeting so you can refer back to these editions as the need arises. Typically they cover various types of orchids, planting options, diseases and pests, and general orchid culture. See below for examples:

- Propagating Honohono by Gwen Teragawa - 2013 July August
- Epidendrums by Allen Yamada—2013 March April
- Building a Shade House by Roy Yamakawa—2013 November December
- Orchid Basics by Al Sugano—2012 July August
- Prepping your Plants for the Show by Scot Mitamuri—2014 July August and by Al Sugano 2015 March April
- Orchid Moisture Requirements by Al Sugano 2014 March April