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General Meetings 2007/2008:

December 7 - Christmas party

February 8

April 11

June 13

August 8

October 10

December 5

Show Dates:

April 4 and 5 - Spring Fantasy

August 21-24 - Farm Bureau Fair

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Christmas Party - December 7, 2007

The Club will be having a potluck Christmas Party this year on **Friday, December 7, 2007** at the United Church of Christ in Hanapepe.

The party will start at 6:00 p.m. and will probably last until 9:00 p.m. However, we will need help with setting up the tables and chairs at 10:00 a.m.

Please call Gwen Teragawa if you can help at 335-3890 or Cell: 742-0704 and also let her know what you will be bringing i.e. rice, salad, main dish, dessert, etc. Drinks will be provided by the club. There is no deadline but please call as soon as possible. Also please bring a \$5.00 gift for the grab bag. There will be lots of plants and prizes to be given away.

Guests are always welcome. Please ask them to participate in the gift grab bag.



**Please check our Club Website at: www.gardenislandorchidsociety.org.
Click on each category. Tell your friends.**

President's Message

Hi everyone:

I have been privileged to be your president for the past two years and am turning over the job to Gwen Teragawa. I will return as treasurer, a job I held for about 4 years prior to being president. It has been a good two years with ups and downs. I hope to serve you as treasurer of the club beginning now. Good luck and good fortune to all in the future and good planting. Hope to see as many as possible at the annual Christmas potluck on December 7.

Aloha. Bob King

In memorium

The Garden Island Orchid Society Bids Farewell to Edith Oride

Last Year, after the Kauai Farm Bureau Fair, Edith Oride gave several pots of her favorite orchids away to her friends. I was a lucky recipient and brought mine home and cherished it, afraid that I might let it die. I repotted it and then nurtured the two plants and placed them in a favorite spot on my front lanai.

Then in December a driver of a Toyota SUV lost control and literally flew into our front room. The orchids were scattered everywhere and Edith's lovely orchids looked like they would not survive. There were scars on the leaves from the broken glass and the plants had been tossed about. In the midst of the mess, I replanted them and hoped for the best.

Then in July a spike began to appear. The leaves were still scarred but the resulting flowers were delicate and lovely. It was then that we received word that Hideo Oride had passed away (see July-August 2007 issue of this bulletin). Hideo had suffered ill health for several years

but seemed to be getting better. His passing was a shock to us all.

The flowers thrived and we enjoyed them so much. But as they slowly started to fade we got word that Edith too had passed away.

We shall remember the Orides for their beautiful orchid plants and their contribution to the Garden Island Orchid Society, but most of all we shall remember them because these two people were as beautiful as the orchids they nurtured and grew. They leave a void in our club and we shall miss them.

To their loved ones we send our condolences and our love.



Edith and Hideo during happier times at the Garden Island Orchid Society Christmas Party.

Correction to the September-October 2007 Newsletter. The winner of the 3rd place Yellow Cattleya was Judy Matsumoto not Orchid Alley. Sorry Judy.

Best Yellow Cattleya

- 1st Place: Blc. Dinh Thuy Yen x Toshio Aoki – Owner David Neifert
- 2nd Place: Pot. Hoku Gem 'bright star' – Owner Carol Kanna
- 3rd Place: Slc. Selsal's Supernova 'hawaii' x Epi. Stamfordianum – Judy Matsumoto

You can get off alcohol, drugs, women, food and cars, but once you're hooked on orchids, you're finished. You never get off orchids... never.

Joe Kunisch
Commercial orchid grower
Rochester, New York

Excerpted from Orchid Fever by Eric Hansen

Leonard Gines of Gines Orchids talks to GIOS About Oncidiums and the Oncidium Alliance

The Garden Island Orchid Society would like to thank Leonard Gines for his illuminating talk about Oncidiums, Bulbophyllums and Other-Genera—with an emphasis on Oncidiums. Leonard is the owner of Gines Orchids of Keaau, Hawaii. He grows hybrids and species and is engaged in both pot plant and plug production.

The main focus of the evening was potting and repotting.



Our members, many of them beginning orchid growers or hobbyists, are always happy when we have hands-on evenings and this was no exception.

Oncidium is a popular genus among orchid hobbyists and there are

hundreds of species and thousands of hybrids in the Oncidium Alliance. Some have appeared in our orchid shows and are shown on the following page.

Leonard gave us some tips that apply to growing Oncidiums in Hawaii. According to Leonard, Oncidiums prefer to be evenly moist, not wet. But an occasional heavy watering to wash excess salts from the pot is advisable.

You should water your plants before using liquid fertilizer (1/2 to 1 teaspoon per gallon). As there is little or no calcium or magnesium in our local Hawaiian water and none in rainwater, so Cal-Mag soluble fertilizer should be alternated with your regular fertilizer. A time-release fertilizer may be used. Look for a 90- or 180-day release and supplement it every other week with the C a l - M a g fertilizer.

Use an open bark mix (3-4 parts bark with 1 part large perlite). The professional orchid bark has been available at WalMart.



An orchid bark mix of 3-4 parts bark

Below Leonard explains the Oncidium root system.



In the bottom photo we find a small slug imbedded in Gwen's Grammatophyllum roots.



Members of the Oncidium Alliance in the GIOS Collections



Beallara Tahoma Glacier 'Winterwonderland' - Owner Orchid Alley



Oncidium Psychosis dersteegianum - Owner Edith Oride



Brassidium Wild Warrior 'Chieftan' - Owner Orchid Alley



Miltonia Neifert's Gem 'Deborah' AM/AOS - Owner David Neifert of Hanalei Orchids



Degarmoara Mem Jay Yamada 'Lillian' - Owner Allen Yamada



Oncidium Jluhbao Gold Talnam - Owner Gwen Teragawa AM/AOS

The Garden Island Orchid Society

2008 Membership Form

Our dues for membership are \$15.00 a year and are due January 1, 2008. They should be paid by the end of February if you wish to continue to receive your newsletter. Please make checks payable to the Garden Island Orchid Society or GIOS.

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Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year



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