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Windward Orchid News

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Windward Orchid Society's **NEXT MEMBERSHIP MEETING** will be on **Wednesday, March 4, 2020** at 7:00 p.m. at the King Intermediate School Cafeteria.



Come On Members!!!

We need your support for OUR SHOW so our Society can continue to grow.

Here's where you can help:

We have a shortage of volunteers for Admissions, Host and Hostess, Parking, Cashiers, and the Country Store. Come to the March meeting to sign-up.

We need all of your flowering orchids for our display, please bring them on Wednesday Night, March 18th or Thursday, March 19th, by 10 a.m. Wouldn't it be wonderful to see your plant displayed? You may also win an award!

Bring cardboard boxes and newspaper on Wednesday, March 18, to help set up, we have plenty to do. We will be at the gym from 9 a.m. to 9 p.m.

We're looking for a volunteer to prepare the coffee and juice refreshments for the volunteers every day, Wed, Thu, Fri, Sat, and Sun. If interested, contact Susan Lim at 728-1014.

We're looking for a Host and Hostess Chairperson, who is responsible for the display area and plant holding area. Contact Susan if interested.

We will be selling Ani's sweet bread and cinnamon bread at the show. All profits will be our donation to King Intermediate School.

All volunteers who work 8 hours or more will receive a WOS t-shirt.

All volunteers (members and non-members) are invited to an Appreciation Luncheon. The Luncheon time and place to be announced later.

I encourage everyone to join the fun and good fellowship that we share in orchestrating our Annual Spring Show.

WINDWARD ORCHID SOCIETY'S
40th Annual Orchid Show & Plant Sale
March 20-22, 2020
"There's No Place
Like the Windward Side"



Country Store Friendly Reminder

This year the Country Store is running on a skeleton crew, so if you did not make prior arrangements with me, this is just a friendly reminder that the Country Store will be accepting **ONLY** plants and plant cuttings deliveries during the Spring Show set up.

Also please notify me via text at 292-1407 if you are planning to drop off any plant items. I'm trying to compile a list and ensure that I have labels for your items if time permits. It would be greatly appreciated if you could please drop off your delivery no later than 12 noon on Thursday, March 19th.

Lastly, here is a shout out to everyone that made donations to the Country Store throughout this year. The response has been overwhelming and much appreciated. Look forward to a very successful show and thanks again for all your support.

Toni Walker
Co-Chair, WOS Country Store.

Miniature Tabletop Displays

WOS members, I am looking for 12 individuals or teams that are willing to set-up a Miniature Tabletop display that is 16 inches x 16 inches.

The display needs to have at least one blooming orchid plant and a theme for the display, or you can use the show theme "There's No Place like the Windward Side".

The display will be judged by our AOS judges and 5 displays will be awarded a ribbon. And, if your orchid is registered, it will be judged too.

If you're interested in participating, please contact Craig Nakahara at 284-4718.



A Message From Our President

Can you believe it? In just 20 days our WOS Spring Orchid Show will open! **According to our Show Chair, Susan Lim, we are still very short of volunteers and we also need one or two members to step up to be our Co-Host and Hostess chair!** We can guide and support these individuals, but we can't chair it, as we are already chairing other show committees. Please contact Susan Lim at 728-1014 or Craig Nakahara at 284-4718.

We need people to help out starting Wednesday, March 18th through Sunday, March 22nd.

Kudos to Roy Tokunaga for his talk on Orchid Culture and tips on watering, equipment and supplies. Everyone picked up some good advice and information, even us seasoned growers. Thanks to Roy and Nora for the variety of plants for sale (great deals) and for their generous donation of plants to WOS.

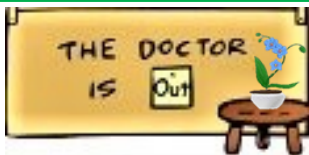
Finally, Dot's Haku workshop was a hit! We now have 8 talented Haku Lei makers...check out the photos in this newsletter.

Looking forward to seeing everyone at our March 4th meeting.

Mahalo, Craig Nakahara, WOS President

No Orchid Doctor in March

We will not have our usual Orchid Doctor session at the March General Meeting.



University of Hawaii Library Rare Orchid Book Display

Save the date: Sunday, July 26th. Details and sign-up at the April Membership Meeting.
~ Sheron Harwood, WOS Director

Orchid Tip of the Month by Scot Mitamura

March brings us into our annual orchid show. This is our biggest fundraising event of the year. One of our challenges is having enough orchids for our large display. This is where our membership needs to step up to provide the flowers. Unfortunately, it's often a slow time of year for some flowers. It is also difficult for our wholesalers. Making matters worse is the cloudy and rainy weather in the first two months of the year that will delay the flowering of orchids for March.

Phalaenopsis orchids should not be affected much and should be spiking or in flower already. Hopefully, we have staked the spikes early and faced them to the South (or predominant direction of the sun). This will allow us to have the beautiful cascading sprays of flowers.

Hono Hono orchids might be late this year. If you don't have half an inch buds by newsletter time, they won't make it. But try to keep them dry and hope for the best.

After the rains, it's important to be on the alert for slugs and snails. All of the slug baits work, but remember that the key to success in their control is to retreat within two weeks, to kill the emerging eggs. If you don't do this you will never get control of the problem. Weeds are also a problem after the rains. Keep your orchids weed free, as the weeds will clog up the media and compete for sunlight and nutrition. As with slug control, make sure you follow up and weed again before they reseed. Be aware that many seeds are airborne, so keeping your surroundings clean is essential.

Hopefully, despite the many challenges we will have enough flowers for the display. If not, it will be the best time to buy more orchids for next year! ~ Scot

Tolumnia or Equeitant Oncidium

Mel Waki will be our speaker for our March meeting. He will be speaking on Tolumnias. Tolumnias were at one time commonly referred to as "Equeitant Oncidiums". The foliage seldom exceeds 6 to 8 inches in height. Flowers are produced primarily in the Spring on 12- to 18-inch inflorescences that are often branched on older plants. Tolumnias come in many colors and with different patterns and markings on the flowers. Their species are endemic to the Caribbean Basin where the growing conditions are similar to Hawaii.

Mel Waki has been raising orchids for more than 40 years in his backyard in Aiea where he grows primarily dendrobiums, cattleyas, phalaenopsis, vandas, bulbophyllums and tolumnias.

Mel is the 1st Vice President and an accredited orchid judge for the Honolulu Orchid Society, as well as a Trustee and former President of the Aiea Orchid Club. He graduated from Kailua High School and received a B.S. degree in Civil Engineering and a M.S. degree in Environmental Engineering from Oregon State University.

~ Karen Kim, WOS Vice President

Saturday Workshop



The last Saturday Workshop at Dot's house featured haku lei making.

The next Workshop is March 14th at 9:30 a.m. For directions call 236-4104.



WOS February Orchid Culture Awards



1st Place – Novice Division
Bllra. Peggy Ruth Carpenter
'Morning Joy' Owner: Evan Barba



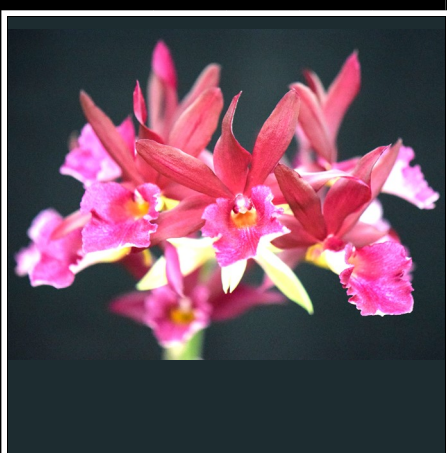
1st Place – Intermediate Division
Brasidium Ashibune
Owner: Bianca Kam



1st Place – Master Division
Den. Violet Yamaji 'Puanani'
Owner: Walter Hiraishi



2nd Place – Novice Division
Den. SOOS Celebrates 50
Owner: Adam Almeida



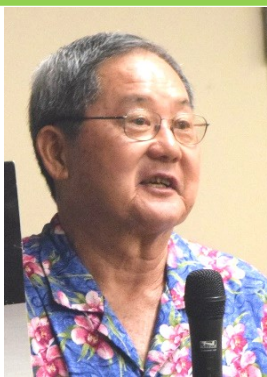
2nd Place – Intermediate Division
Phaioalanthe Kryptonite 'Parkside'
AM/AOS, Owner: Dave Ziemann



2nd Place – Master Division
Blc. Ports of Paradise 'Emerald Isle'
FCC/AOS, Owners: Scot & Karen Mitamura

At our February meeting, we had 61 members and 2 guests hooked by Roy Tokunaga's talk on orchids and orchid growing tips.

Mahalo Roy!



Orchid Doctor - Will not be at our March Membership Meeting.

General Questions - For questions about the Windward Orchid Society, see Karen Kim during our General Membership Meeting.

Refreshment Contributions - Please bring snacks to share, and please take home any extras at the end of the meeting.

Mahalo to our February Refreshment Contributors: Evelyn Monden, Kim Way, Toni Palermo, Craig Nakahara, Sherry Tsutsui, Sharon Matsuyama, Nadine Chun, David Ziemann, Ailyn Lum and anyone that we may have inadvertently missed.

WOS Cookbook II– Send your ono recipes to Wendy wpathways@gmail.com.

WOS Corner

WOS Officers 2019-2020: President Craig Nakahara Vice-President Karen Kim Recording Secretary Dawn Bonak
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Fred Collins (2018-2021) Duncan Chun Wendy Saito Dot Sakamoto (2017-2020) Steve Canham C.J. Kalopodes
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