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Windward Orchid Society's **NEXT MEMBERSHIP MEETING** is scheduled for **Wednesday, March 4, 2015** at 7:30 p.m. in the King Intermediate School Cafeteria

Aloha Everyone

March is here and our Spring Show is just around the corner. Yes we still need volunteers. Cashiers need volunteers for Friday morning and after noon, Saturday all day and Sunday morning. Country store, Security and Display set-up can also use some help. If you can't make the meeting but would like to volunteer please give me a call 236-4104.

Our Valentines Day event is over and I would like to thank all of the volunteers that came to help. I believe we could have done much better with our plant sales but unfortunately the weather the night before was so bad that it caused some damage on the windward side. I hope all of you escaped with minimal damage. Our purpose for this event was to advertise our up coming show and Windward Mall was gracious enough to invite us to help us advertise. Again! Mahalo to all our volunteers, without your help none of this would have been possible. Looking forward to seeing you at the March 4th meeting.

Ahui hou
Dot Sakamoto
President



Upcoming Events:

- ◆ **Workshop at Dot Sakamoto's house on Saturday, March 14, 2015, 9:30 a.m.** If you need directions, call Dot at 236-4104.
- ◆ **WOS Spring Show on March 20, 21 & 22, 2015**

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WOS Corner:

At our February Membership Meeting we had 79 members and 7 guests. We will have a sign up a sheet for refreshments at the Membership table at our General Membership Meetings or you can email Toni Walker at toni.walker58@yahoo.com.

New members, if you have a question about your orchids, please bring them to our 7:00 p.m. workshop and Scott Mitamura will gladly try to answer any questions you have about them. Come and see Craig Nakahara (fluorescent green WOS shirt) when we have our General Membership Meeting if you have any questions on membership.

SPEAKER FOR March: Larry Kamiya

His topic is Taking the Fear out of Growing Exotics.

Larry grows the most beautiful paphiopedilums, or Lady Slippers. But some of us are afraid to buy them because we think we might kill them. Larry will show us what to do. It seems all of Larry's orchids are grown so well they have many hardy blooms, good roots, etc.

Orchid Tip of the Month by Scott Mitamura:

Here is the tip of the month: After a rainy December, January was extremely calm and dry, with February bringing quite a few days of unsettled weather. I expect March to be fairly wet and I am praying for good weather for our show. Quite a lot of flowers are blooming for this time of the year. It appears that many of the orchids that normally bloom for our show will be blooming early. Many Hono Hono are already initiating buds. It would be a good idea to treat them for thrips, before the young buds dry and turn brown. Phalaenopsis are also blooming. Start staking your flowers early so that they are ready for our Spring Show. It is our most important show of the year for us, and we have to fill a large display area. Hopefully everyone will be able to display an orchid or two.

In addition to having Larry speak at our next meeting, a representative from the Oahu Invasive Species committee, Erin Bishop will talk for a few minutes before Larry, updating us on the Little Fire Ant problem. She will leave testing kits and pamphlets with us.



ORCHIDWIZ SOFTWARE:

We are putting together an order for the OrchidWiz software and to get the best price, we need to order 20 or more copies of the software. The bulk order price is \$153.00 which includes 3 updates. The one copy price is \$295.00. The software runs on Windows and Mac users will need Fusion or Parallels in addition to Windows.

If you are interested in purchasing a copy, please contact Dorothy Sakamoto at 236-4104. For more information on OrchidWiz, go to their website: <http://www.orchidwiz.com/servlet/StoreFront>

**We need your Kokua at our WOS Spring Show -
Important Dates to Remember – Show Chairperson: Susan Lim – 728-1014**

Wednesday Morning: March 18, 2015 starting at 9:00 am

We will need help in setting up the gym. Volunteers to tape down the mat to the gym floor, setting up the sellers and display tables, setting up the display area, covering the tables, assisting with bringing everything from our storage, assist in unloading plants and materials from vehicles, etc..

Wednesday Afternoon: starting at 1:00 pm to 9 pm

We will need help making boxes, crushing newspaper, and continue to set up. Put up signs. Bring any boxes you collected. If you have plants to bring for our display and cannot come on Thursday, you may bring them that evening. Assist with setting up our Country Store.

Thursday, March 19, 2015 starting at 9:00 am

We will need your help setting up our display for the show, County Store, and getting ready for the first day of our show. **Bring in your flowering plants for our display by 10:00 a.m.**

We need everyone's help to make our show a success!! Please sign up to volunteer for the various committees listed below. On Wednesday and Sunday we need everyone's help for set-up and clean-up.



Sign-up sheets will be available at the General Membership Meeting.

Please sign-up to volunteer on at least one of the following committees:

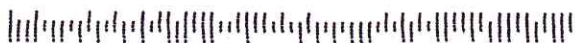
- Admissions - see Lee Deir or Lynn Chang
- Cashiers - see Dorothy Sakamoto
- Country Store - see Toni Walker
- Host/Hostess - see Hazel Basuel
- Security and Parking - see Fran Craft
- Membership Sign-up - see Grace Nishigaya
- Plant Registration – see David Ziemann
- Set-up - see CJH Kalopodes or Susan Lim
- Clean-up - see Craig Nakahara

Other Committees which may need your help prior to the show:

- Marketing and Publicity - see Karen Kim or Scot Mitamura
- Donations - see Dawn Bonak
- Transportation - see Maxine Lee
- Tickets and flyers - see Susan Lim

Volunteers who work 8 or more hours will receive a free WOS tee-shirt, during the Show. Bring your family and friends to volunteer.

Admission is Free - donations are appreciated. We need your help in promoting our show and getting the word out to as many people and businesses as possible. OUR CUSTOMERS DON'T HAVE TO BE ORCHID GROWERS TO ENJOY THE SHOW!



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REMINDER !!!
Meeting to be held at
King Intermediate
School's Cafeteria

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