



WOS Newsletter

A Windward Orchid Society Publication

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WOS Officers Installed

At an installations banquet held at the Kaneohe MCAS Officers Club on March 11, 1989, the following officers were sworn into office for the current year:

President: Harold M. Yonamine
Vice-President: Robert Yee
Recording Secretary: Kay Kadowaki
Corresponding Secretary: Jeannette Yoshimori
Treasurer: Larry Higa

Also serving the Society with varying terms of office are the following trustees:

To March 31, 1990:
Wilbur Chang
Walter Hiraishi
Irene Wong
To March 31, 1991:
Ted Sumida
Dennis Sasaki
Toyoko Ajifu
To March 31, 1992:
George Izumi
Hattie Holderbaum
Melvin Kwiatkowski

To these selfless volunteers who spend many hours and much effort keeping our Society in operation, we express our sincere appreciation. We look forward to a great year.



Reminder

A reminder to renew your membership if you haven't done so. Non-renewal will result in your name being dropped from the roster, and you will not be receiving your meeting notices and future newsletters.

See enclosed blue flyer for application form. Don't delay, re-up now!

President's Message

We, the officers of your organization installed on March 11, 1989, wish to thank you all for your confidence bestowed on us to guide WOS in the coming year. We shall put our full effort into it. We are confident that it can and will be an interesting, active and educational year, knowing that all of you are willing to cooperate.

Our year started fast, first with the Kunia Orchid Show on March 25 and then the "Big One," our 10th Anniversary Spring Show held on April 14, 15 and 16, 1989.

I always said, "How can we miss" with an organization full of willing, cooperative, and hard-working members with the "ohana" spirit.

Ted and Stella Sumida worked many months planning, laying out and building the props for the WOS exhibit. The four oriental lanterns and the oriental background structure were all made portable and made of wood. Marlene and Herbert Lau were at Sumida's many days to assemble the props.

The consensus of opinion from all indicates that WOS was the "grand prize winner" for its most spectacular and elaborate exhibit. However, we as host with an extra large exhibit, eliminated ourselves from the prize competition. Appropriately, the exhibit was dedicated to the late Everett Knisley for his many years of devotion and outstanding service to our Society.

It was Wilbur Chang and his committee who, since Thursday night, worked immediately to get the plaque in time for Friday's show opening.

There was Dennis Sasaki running all over to arrange publicity and a newspaper interview with Ruth Little. Bob Yee, with the assistance of non-member Minoru Inaba, appeared everywhere to videotape the whole operation from scratch to finish.

When I saw Mrs. Mary Ann Bigelow pick up Dr. George Garis from Honolulu so that he can

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Honolulu Orchid Society Celebrates Its 50th

Congratulations to the Honolulu Orchid Society (HOS) on its Golden Anniversary. Fifty years ago, in December of 1939, the HOS was organized, forever changing the course of orchid culture in Hawaii. Their many contributions ultimately put Hawaii on the map as the orchid center of the world.

The history of HOS abounds with the names of Hawaii's (and the world's) orchid greats and near-greats, some of whom are affiliated with our own orchid society. For a fascinating account of its history, we recommend that you read "Honolulu Orchid Society: 50 Years and Growing" written by Ben Kodama and published in the American Orchid Society's January 1989 issue of their Bulletin. Ben has done an excellent job of researching and recording this valuable piece of historic memorabilia.

Check with our librarian for the availability of this issue. It also features an article on phalaenopsis breeding in Hawaii which you might enjoy.

Hints On Orchid Cultivation for Beginners

1. Start with hardy genera, e.g., vandas, ascocenda, dendrobium, etc., and then go on to more difficult genera such as cattleya, phalaenopsis, paphiopedilum, etc.
2. Choose strong, vigorous plants free from disease and insects.
3. Keep in mind that different orchid genera require different amounts of sunlight, concentration of fertilizer and water.
4. Carefully observe plant growth and modify culture as needed.
5. It is always better to underpot. Don't half bury seedlings in potting media. Cover roots but not the stem.
6. Don't overwater--it is the best way to kill a plant.
7. Fertilizers and pesticides should preferably be applied on a scheduled basis.
8. Never apply strong fertilizers and other pesticides on plants and be even more careful with seedlings.
9. If large plants refuse to bloom, provide more light gradually.

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Understanding Plant Labels

Confused about the "alphabet soup" on your orchid tags? The following is a few of the more commonly seen code letters. Knowing what these letters mean will take the mystery out of identifying your plants and will take you a step further toward understanding and appreciating your plants.

AER.	- Aerides	
AOS	- American Orchid Society	
ASDA.	- Ascocenda (Ascocentrum x Vanda)	
ASCPs.	- Asconopsis (Ascocentrum x Phalaenopsis)	
AM	- Award of Merit	
AQ	- Award of Quality	
B.	- Brassavola	Inter-breeding of these produces BC, LC, BLC, SC, SLC, etc.
C.	- Cattleya	
L.	- Laelia	
S.	- Sophronitis	
CCM	- Certificate of Cultural Merit	
CR	- Certificate of Recognition	
CYM.	- Cymbidium	
DEN.	- Dendrobium	
DTPS.	- Doritaenopsis (Doritis x Phalaenopsis)	
EPI.	- Epidendrum	
FCC	- First Class Certificate	
HCC	- Highly Commended Certificate	
HOS	- Honolulu Orchid Society	
MILT.	- Miltonia/Miltoniopsis	
ODC	- Orchid Digest Corporation	
ONC.	- Oncidium	
PAPH.	- Paphiopedilum	
PHAL.	- Phalaenopsis	
REN.	- Renanthera	
RHS	- Royal Horticultural Society	
RHY.	- Rhynchostylis	
V.	- Vanda	
VDPS.	- Vandopsis	
VUYL.	- Vuylstekeara	
WOS	- Windward Orchid Society	

Save and start your personal glossary file. We will be adding more as we go along.

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10. Give all plants equal care for a neglected plant spreads diseases and insects to other prized plants.
11. Be patient and consistent in your care of orchids. Never neglect your plants for a long period because it takes a long time to bring them back to a healthy condition again.

Introducing... WOS Newsletter

Beginning with this issue, we will attempt to expand the content of our publication to include articles that will help you with your efforts to cultivate better plants. After all, that's what friends are for!

On a trial basis we will begin by publishing a newsletter once a quarter. Any comments, suggestions or contributions are welcome.

Welcome, New Members!

Thirty-one new members joined our ranks at, and since, our Tenth Annual Spring Show. We welcome all of you and sincerely hope that you will find your membership with us rewarding and enjoyable.

Please feel free to communicate with us about your interests and concerns. You may talk to any one of our Board of Directors listed on the front page of this newsletter or you may write us at Windward Orchid Society, P.O. Box 23, Kaneohe, HI 96744.

A Special Message To Former Members

This complimentary copy is being sent to you to show you what we're up to these days. Our new gung-ho Board of Directors is dedicated to revitalizing the Society to make membership more informative and worthwhile. Re-up! Be a born-again member. An application form is provided on the enclosed blue flyer for your convenience. We would love to have you back!

WOS Tee Shirts Still Available

Sorry you didn't get yourself a designer Tee shirt? Want another? You're in luck! Tee shirts are still available until supply lasts. You may get them at Ruth Little's Frames Hawaii Nei, Ltd., 46-020 Alaloa St., Kaneohe. Phone 235-6408.

Be sure to bring your WOS membership card in order to get them at our special low price of \$12.00.

Spring Show Ticket Pre-Sale Incentive Awards

Marilyn McGovern, pre-sale ticket chairperson, announced that plants will be given out at the June 7 general meeting for those who sold 10, 25 and 50 tickets. Please be present to pick up your plants.

Aiea Orchid Show

The Aiea Orchid Show is scheduled for Friday, June 16 to Sunday, June 18. Please bring your plants for our exhibit to the Izumi's at 45-819 Anoi Road by 1:00 p.m. on Thursday, June 15. Registration forms should be properly filled in with the plant's and owner's names. Breakdown is on Sunday, June 18 at 4:00 p.m.

State Farm Fair

The State Farm Fair will be held on June 30 to July 3. We would appreciate your bringing your show plants to Izumi's by 8:00 a.m. on Thursday, June 29. Likewise, registration forms should be properly annotated.

Schedule of Events

Oahu

Aiea Show	Jun 16-18	Aiea High School
Farm Fair	Jun 30 -	McKinley High Sch
Show	Jul 3	
Ewa Show	Aug 11-13	Waipahu High Sch
Honolulu Show	Oct 12-15	NBC
Club 100	Nov 25-26	Club 100 Hall
Greenthumbs		
Xmas party	Dec 3	To Be Announced

Neighbor Islands

Hilo Show	Jul 1 - 4	Butler Bldg
Kona Daifukuji	Aug 6	Daifukuji Hall
Kauai Show	Aug 17-19	Lihue Convention Center
Maui Show	Oct 5 - 8	—

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cradle the Vanda 'Rev. Masao Yamada' in the back seat of her car for Martha Motooka's WOS exhibit, I sighed, "We can't miss."

Yukio Nako and Ichiro Tamashiro and their gang started early on Wednesday, two days before the show, to lay out the exhibit areas to accommodate all show participants with the best arrangements.

Here was Richard Thompson at the front door of the Armory at 7:30 a.m. every day coming in from Hauula on the bus to clean the area before the show started. Likewise, Hattie Holderbaum and her gang who started preparing refreshments before 8:00 a.m. every day. And what an impression Toyoko Ajifu's pig's feet soup made with our members as well as other society members--a real treat. Toyoko's early manning of the sales table accommodated the admission of some early arrivals starting from about 8:30 a.m.

The prettiest member was our Admission chairperson, Nani Cruz, with her unusual ti leaf lei and haku lei. Larry Kanaeholo was the one-man show transporting all the orchids and other display materials delivered at curb side to the exhibit areas and plant sellers' tables. "What a cooperative spirit" said the guest society members. Our plant registration headed by our loyal and faithful Lily and Henry Goo registered all incoming plants so fast and efficiently that no backlog occurred.

We saw Eleanor Christie with one arm in a cast and sling, volunteer to register plants as they were brought in.

Ruth Little's T-shirts personally designed by her showing a rhynchostylis orchid with rainbow colors really made an impression with the general public.

Farley Watanabe and his gang were always there to rope off our exclusive orchid show parking areas. On Sunday, with the Dog Show on, Farley was there at 6:00 a.m. to secure the areas. Then there were President Carol Gomes and VP Ann Reid of Maui Orchid Society who came especially to look at our exhibit and plant layout. Carol was so impressed with the WOS exhibit that she asked Ted if she can "adopt" him to take back to Maui. How wonderful to have a young, lovely lady as "Mom."

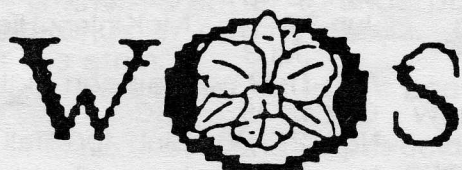
Even Kay Kadowaki was pushing a broom that was bigger than she, and husband Ron Luxon was right behind mopping the floor. And we had faithful Melvin Kwiatkowski, Larry Higa, Irene Wong, Marlene Lau and a few others who took vacation leave in spite of their pressing business schedules.

Wally Nakamoto and the other societies, when presented with their defrayal checks asked Lea, "How come so fast?" The answer was "Because we have an efficient Jeannette Yoshimori who writes checks on the spot, if you are good to her." And Shirley Knisley was always the last one to go to bed every evening since she had to tally and account for all the receipts of each night.

To you unselfish, unnamed members who also put in your full effort, our sincere thanks for your cooperation and hard work.

Again I say, "How can we miss with spirits like these?"

Mahalo!
Harold Yonamine



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