



WOS Newsletter

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Three Members Honored As Orchidists of Year

Three outstanding WOS members were chosen "Orchidists of the Year" by their peers and were so honored at the WOS Installation and Awards dinner held on March 14, 1992 at the Kaneohe Marine Corps Officers Club. They are:

Larry Higa. Current President of the Society, Larry has served as President and Treasurer of the Society for a number of years. He has also worked on our Spring Show Committee as Treasurer and as Chairman and Co-Chairman of the Trophy Committee. He gets involved in all orchid shows in which we partici-

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Windward Orchid Society

13th Annual Spring Show "Carousel of Orchids"

April 17, 18, 19, 1992

at

King Intermediate School
Armory-Gym, Kaneohe

Show hours

Fri. 9:30 a.m. - 9:00 p.m.

Sat. 9:30 a.m. - 9:00 p.m.

Sun. 9:30 a.m. - 4:00 p.m.

Donation \$1.50

1992 Officers Installed

According to our constitution and by-laws, officers may serve a second consecutive term of office in their respective positions. It has become customary for a given slate of officers to stay in office for a second term. It is therefore with gratitude that last year's officers (with once exception) were voted back into office and subsequently sworn in at an installation and awards banquet held on March 14, 1992 at the Marine Corps Air Station Officers Club. They are:

Officers

President: Larry Higa
Vice-President: Kay Kadowaki
Recording Secretary: Stella Fujikawa
Co-Corresponding
Secretaries: Mary Ann Choy
Brad Wakefield
Treasurer: Melvin Kwiatkowski

Directors

Directors serve for staggered terms of office of three years each. The following directors were also sworn into office:

Term to Expire March 31, 1993

Wilbur Chang
Ellie Christie
Scot Mitamura

To March 31, 1994

Violet Izumi
Ted Sumida
Randy Tajima

To March 31, 1995 (Newly elected)

Toyoko Ajifu
George Izumi
Susan Baker

State of Hawaii Orchid Societies

Schedule of 1992 Shows

(Subject to Change)

OAHU

Windward Orchid Show	April 17-19	King School Armory
Manoa Orchid Show	May 2-3	Noelani School
Aiea Orchid Show	June 12-14	Aiea Elementary School
Hawaii Kai Orchid Expo	June 26-29	McKinley High School
Ewa Orchid Show	August 7-9	Waipahu High School
Kaimuki Orchid Show	August 1-2	Kahala Elementary School
Honolulu Orchid Show	October 15-18	Neal Blaisdell Center
Club 100 Greenthumbs	November 21-22	Club 100

NEIGHBOR ISLANDS

Maui Orchid Society Shows	February 13-15	Kaahumanu Shopping Center
	April 16-19	Maui Prince Hotel, Wailea
	May 7-9	Maui Mall
	October 1-4	Kahului, Maui
Lahaina Orchid Society Shows	May 8-9	Lahaina Shopping Center
	November 20-21	Lahaina Shopping Center
Hilo Orchid Show	July 18-21	Butler Building
		Civic Auditorium
Kona Daifukuji Show	July 26	Daifukuji Hall
Garden Island Orchid Show	September 3-6	Lihue Convention Center
West Hawaii Orchid Society Show	Nov 14-15	Old Airport Pavilion (Kona)

Three Named Orchidists of the Year

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pate. Larry's pleasant and unassuming demeanor belies a dependable persona. If we can't find someone to do a job, it's invariably "Let Larry do it!"

Harold Yonamine. Amicable and organized, Harold is renowned for his skill in handling people as well as his efficiency in getting a job done. Past president of the WOS, Harold is one of those rare individuals who is a born leader. His enthusiasm is pervasive and contagious. Generous with his praise of others, Harold is capable of inspiring others to willingly produce "to the max" while working as hard, if not harder, than those he tasks. He has actively participated in all facets of WOS activities.

Robert Yee. Diligent and effective, Bob is past Vice President of the Society. He has served as Assistant Chairman as well as Chairman of WOS spring shows. He chaired last year's highly successful spring show--a real feather in his cap. Bob handles difficult and short-fuse projects such as ensuring that the Spring Show program is printed and ready for distribution from the time the judging is completed to the time the show opens (overnight!).

Congratulations to Larry, Harold and Bob. Their consistent efforts to promote the interests and cause of the Windward Orchid Society are gratefully acknowledged and appreciated.

Phalaenopsis Culture ... Try It!

General Information

The name "Phalaenopsis" is derived from the Greek term "phalaina," meaning "moth," and "opsis," meaning "appearance," referring to the mothlike appearance of the flowers. Phalaenopsis species range from Asia to the Philippines to New Guinea and parts of Australia. These are all areas of the world where the weather is constantly warm and generally humid. They are epiphytic in habit.

Phalaenopsis have no pseudobulbs to store surplus water and they are monopodial in growth. They store their water in the leaves and need a great deal of air movement and moisture. They must never get direct sunlight. 60-70% shade (1,000 foot candles) is recommended.

It is advisable to water in the morning to allow any water that is collected in the crown to evaporate thereby preventing crown rot, one of the most common ways for beginners to kill this plant. On overcast days it would be best to check your plants late in the day and remove excessive water by tilting the plant or absorbing the water in the crown with tissue.

Use a balanced fertilizer (18-18-18 or 20-20-20) on young plants that have never flowered. Once the plant has matured, use a high nitrogen fertilizer (30-10-10) twice a month.

Occasionally check the underside of the leaves for mite infestation. A plant that looks perfectly healthy may be infested without your knowledge. Since the leaves are wide and floppy, this condition may not be as visible as with other genera.

All in all the flowers are so long-lasting that the time and effort put into raising phalaenopsis are well worth it.

Hints Shared By Randy Tajima

Phalaenopsis is one of the most rewarding plants to grow and, contrary to what a lot of people believe, it is one of the easiest growing plants for the beginner.

One of our most successful growers of phalaenopsis is Randy Tajima, who has won many awards for his prize-winning plants. According to Randy, in order to successfully grow orchids, it is essential to read a good fundamental book on orchid culture. He recommends "Home Orchid Growing" by Rebecca T. Northern.

The following are techniques used by Randy which he generously shared with us:

Young plants weaned from a community pot are planted in individual pots with sphagnum moss. Randy pre-soaks his moss in Physan, fertilizer and superthrive. In about a year to a year-and-a-half, the plants are repotted in larger pots. Do not reuse old media. Randy uses a media mixture of 7 parts bark, 1 part peat moss, 1 part perlite and bits of keawe (mesquite) charcoal. Pots, especially plastic, should have lots of holes on the bottom.

Be sure to tag each plant and mark the date it was repotted as they should be repotted every year if potted in bark mixes. Randy fertilizes with osmocote 14-14-14 at the rate of 1/8 teaspoon for a 4" pot and waters twice a week. When it is time to repot, remove old media and dead roots, trim back long roots, hold the plant in the position desired in a new pot and fill with media mix.

At plant's maturity (about 3-4 years from community pot), insert a 2" clay pot over the hole of a 5"-6" clay pot, position your plant in the larger pot and fill with sphagnum moss. At this stage, left undisturbed for two-three years, the plant will bloom to its full potential. Pre-soak sphagnum moss in fertilizer. Do not use time release fertilizer on sphagnum moss as it will burn the plant.

Tips On Grooming Plants For Shows

Now that our Spring Show is just around the corner, here are some tips on grooming those plants that you are planning to bring in for our exhibit (and we hope you are planning to bring in lots). We need plenty of plants for our "carousel" of orchids.

Remove all weeds.

Clean off any chemical residue from leaves and pots. Obviously, it would be best to refrain from spraying your plants just before the show. Do not spray any residual chemicals within say, 10 days to 2 weeks prior to the show.

Remove all dried leaves, flowers and dried sheaths from pseudobulbs.

Do not submit any plants that are diseased or infested with insects or virus. Your fellow society members will appreciate this.

Do not exhibit a plant whose bloom is past its prime.

Give your plants a heavy watering just prior to delivery to tide them over the next few days of stale air and handling.

Support stems with wire stakes as needed (as unobtrusively as possible) for a pleasing arrangement.

Be sure the labels are legible and accurate. Any plants of questionable origin will be disqualified by the judges.

Annual Arboretum Honohono Show To Be Held

Attention, all honohono lovers. The annual honohono show at the Lyon Arboretum, 3860 Manoa Road (near Paradise Park), will be held on Saturday, March 28. There is no admission charge. Show hours are from 10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.

Due to printing delay, sorry! Shuttle service will be available to compensate for the lack of adequate parking. There will be three shuttle pick-up points on Manoa Road. They are: Manoa Elementary School, Nipo and Manoa Road, and Poelua and Manoa Road.



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