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Windward Orchid News

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Windward Orchid Society's NEXT MEMBERSHIP MEETING is scheduled for Wednesday, April 3, 2013

at 7:30 p.m. in the King Intermediate School Cafeteria

President's Message:

Aloha Everyone

Wasn't our show amazing? Congratulations to Larry Kamiya for Best in Show and to the rest of you that won awards for your plants. The display was awesome, the best I have seen in years, congratulations to Lorenzo and Betty and the rest who worked so hard to get the AOS and theme award. Spear

heading this show is a big responsibility, Susan! you have done it again. Of course it takes team work and we had wonderful team players. I must say I am exhausted and I'm sure a lot of you are. It was worth it and I would certainly do it again and I know all of you feel the same. A big Mahalo to all of you, again! you make me proud to be your President.

Mahalo Ahui Hou Dot Sakamoto

Orchid Tip of the Month

Spring is here and the orchids are beginning to bloom. Honohonos and Phalaenopsis are in full flower. Try to keep the flowers dry (as with other orchids as well), to minimize the flower blight (the small brown spots on the flowers). Remove all affected flowers so that the disease does not spread. Although the days are getting longer, April can still be a wet month. So be cautious about over watering your orchids.



Upcoming Events:

- Workshop at Dot's House for April 13, 2013
- Gen Mtg on Wed, May 1, 2013 at King Inter. School Cafeteria
- Workshop at Dot's House for May 11, 2013
- Gen Mtg on Wed, June 5, 2013 at King Inter. School Cafeteria

WOS Officers (2012-2013) President Dot Sakamoto Vice-President Hazel Basuel Recording Secretary Jane Laninga Treasurer Sheron Harwood Corresponding Secretary Lily Brunke Trustees Elizabeth Ajifu Ruby Hiraishi Walter Hiraishi Karen Kim Adam Kono Scot Mitamura Craig Nakahara Toni Walker Susan Lim Director Larry Kamiya Membership Grace Nishigaya Hospitality/Refreshments Fran Craft

Mail correspondence to: Windward Orchid Society, Inc. P.O. Box 23 Kaneohe, Hawaii 96744 The WOS meets on the first Wednesday of every month at the King Intermediate School Cafeteria.

REMINDERS

NEED RECIPES FOR OUR RECIPE COOKBOOK. See Toni Walker or email her at Toni.walker58@yahoo.com

At our April membership meeting, you will be able to nominate new officers for 2013-2014. Voting will take place at our May membership meeting.

Installation dinner at Bay View on Saturday, June 8, 2013. More info to follow!

****** ☆ ☆ Orchid Workshop for April 13, 2013. \bigstar $\stackrel{\frown}{\propto}$ ☆ Session begins at 9:30 am, at Dot's House, ☆ ★ 45-663 Luluku Road in Kaneohe. For more \bigstar \star information, please call Dot Sakamoto at \bigstar ★ 236-4104. ☆ ☆ \bigstar ☆ ☆ ☆ ☆ \bigstar \checkmark

WOS Corner:

Our March General Membership Meeting was held on March 6, 2013. We had 79 members in attendance.

New members, if you have a question about your orchids, please bring them in and we will gladly try to answer any questions you have about them. If you have a sick plant, please bring it at 7:00 p.m. for advice on what to do for your plant. And, if you are a new member, please see Craig Nakahara (fluorescent green WOS shirt) for Orientation when we have our General Membership Meetings.

OUR APRIL SPEAKER:

April's Speaker of the Month is Scott Mitamura.

His topic will be General Orchid Culture.

Scot will share with us how to take care of our orchid plants. For new members, this will be a basic workshop and for the members who have been in the Orchid Society a while, this will be a refresher workshop. Scott is very knowledgeable and has a wealth of knowledge which he is always willing to share. We are very lucky to have him in our repertoire of expert and willing presenters.



THANK YOU TO OUR CHAIRPERSONS FOR LEADING OUR DIFFERENT COMMITTEES TO SUCCESS AT OUR STAIRWAY OF ORCHIDS SHOW !

Admissions - Rae and Lorenzo Ordinado Cashiers - Dorothy Sakamoto Country Store - Toni Walker and Laurie Yamane Host/Hostess - Liz Ajifu and Hazel Basuel Security and Parking - Adam Kono Membership Sign-up - Grace Nishigaya Plant Registration - Mary Bealer or Kathy Tonokawa



ALL VOLUNTEERS PLEASE INFORM YOUR COMMITTEE CHAIRPERSONS IF YOU WILL BE ABLE TO ATTEND THE APPRECIATION LUNCHEON ON SATURDAY, APRIL 27, 2013

WELCOME TO OUR NEW MEMBERS:

Nancy Adams; Christopher K. Akana; Jean Bishop; Maggie Booth; Steven Carroll; Jocelyn Cheng; Barbara Chong; Deborah Collins; Fred Collins; Lita Colton; Ramona Davis; Marge DeGroot; Patricia J. Dukes; Kathryn Hurd; Cindy Flinchbaugh; Sarah Flinchbaugh; Karen Fuke; Mike Goehring; Brian E. Nanauka; Judy Hayes; Debra Hess; Daniel Kamalu, Jr.; George Kanoa; Jordan Kapu; Adam Kyser; Doreen Kyser; Sinnamin Lopez; Kathleen Martin; Glen H. Martin; Renee May; Don May; Marsue McShane;



Sandra Monaragon; Wade Nakagawa; Jerí Nakagawa; Susan Ng; Julían Ng; Patríck Nousíanen; Chívas Nousíanen; Víckíe M. Peíler; Judy Píttman; Karen Plansky; Míke Brown; Cynthía Ríchmond; Jonel Smíth; Trísh Stone; Jíll Swasey; Jaclyn Whelen; Aíleen Yamashíro; Russell Yoshímoto and Carol Yoshímoto.



The genus <u>Cymbidium</u> (the boat orchids) includes approximately 52 species of sympodial, pseudobulbous, herbaceous orchids. They are native to the Old World and were first described by Olof Swartz in 1799. The name is derived from the Greek word *kumbos*, meaning "hole" or "cavity", a reference to the hollow boat-shaped lip.

The vigorous plants are variously epiphytic, terrestrial, or lithophytic and occur as far north as the Korean Peninsula, with species found in Japan, China, India, the Himalayas (including Bhutan and Assam) and through Southeast Asia and Indonesia to Australia. They are easily recognizable by their ovoid pseudobulbs and basal inforescences. Many species bear spectacular flowers.

The thousands of hybrid cymbidiums are among the most popular cultivated orchids due to their adaptability, cold tolerance, and spectacular flowers in a wide array of colors. Cymbidiums have replaced the cattleya as the most popular cut flower orchid for

corsages and arrangements, making them of great commercial and economic importance.

Most of the large-flowered hybrids are derived from cool to cold growing species from the Himalayas and require cool winter night time temperatures (in the 40's F) in order to bloom. Inability to supply cool temperatures to the plants is the main reason for blooming failures with these hybrids.

Some of the smaller cymbidiums from China Japan, Korea, India, and Southeast Asia were collected and grown by Chinese scholars for many centuries and were likely the first cultivated orchids. Often prized more for their foliage than for the flowers, various varie-gated forms were selected and meticulously cultivated by these scholars.

Referred to as "Lan" in Chinese, these orchids were considered to be emblematic of the scholarly and virtuous man. Poetry and paintings depicting these revered orchids can be found in ancient literature and artwork. The gift of such an orchid was considered a supreme compliment and is still considered so today.

The five best known species cultivated in China are <u>C. ensifolium</u>, <u>C. kanran</u>, <u>C. goeringii</u>, <u>C. sinense</u>, and <u>C. faberi</u>.

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