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

COMING SOON! VALENTINE'S DAY PLANT AND ROSE SALE

WHEN: Friday, February 13, 2015 10:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.

Saturday February 14, 2015 10:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.

WHERE: Windward Mall

We will need volunteers for set up and sellers. Set up will be on Friday, February 13, 2015, at 7:00 a.m. to 10:00 a.m. Break down will be on Saturday from 4:00 p.m. until pau.

Karen Kim will be asking for volunteers to man the tables at this event.

Sheron Harwood will be doing workshops on orchid culture on Friday and Saturday.

MORE DETAILS TO FOLLOW....



Upcoming Events:

- ♦ Workshop at Dot Sakamoto's house on January 10, 2015, 9:30 a.m. If you need directions, call Dot at 236-4104.
- ◆ Valentine's Day Plant & Rose Sale on Friday, February 13, 2015 & Saturday, February 14, 2015
- ♦ WOS Spring Show on March 20, 21 & 22, 2015

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WOS Corner:

Volunteers are needed for our February, 2015 general membership meeting. Sign up sheet for refreshments will be available at our membership meeting or you may email Toni Walker at toni.walker58@yahoo.com.



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. Please come to the 7:00 pm workshop or come and see Craig Nakahara (fluorescent green WOS shirt) when we have our General Membership Meeting.

SPEAKER FOR JANUARY:

Scot Mitamura will be our January speaker. He is going to show us how to prepare our plants for displaying. With the upcoming March show, it is a good idea to brush up on his techniques for making those beautiful blooms 'smile' if we are intending to show them off in our club's display.

Orchid Tip of the Month by Scott Mitamura:

Our cool and wet winter weather has arrived! We have been very fortunate that the weather systems have not lingered and our plants are able to dry before the next one arrives. This has been keeping our fungal problems minimal so far. Most Hono Honos should be dormant by now and should be kept on the dryer side. This will encourage them to drop their leaves and set the flower buds. Many complex Paphiopedilums are also blooming. It is a good idea to stake up the flowers just before bringing them indoors, so that water does not get into their pouches. The phalaenopsis like the Hono Hono, like the cooler temperatures and most of them are spiking. Be careful not to move or turn them or you might get twisted flowers or uneven flower sprays. They will normally face the direction of your main light source or to the west. Once the first or largest bud is the size of a pea, you can stake the flower spray upright allowing the rest of the spray to gracefully fall. Staking phalaenopsis early is the key to getting them "Show Ready".

Aloha Everyone,

Wow.... did you attend the Christmas Banquet? It was a blast! So many plants that were raffled!! Singing Christmas Carols challenging each group, was just one of the highlights. That was a great competition, fortunately we were all winners. I got a real cute grab bag and was very happy with how everything ended. Hazel did a great job coordinating this event, unfortunately she was not able to attend. Her husband Larry was not well but we all wish him speedy recovery. Craig was an awesome MC keeping the party alive and everyone having a great time. Thanks Hazel, another party well planned!

I hope all of you enjoyed the holidays. I, for one am glad it's over, and am ready to move on to the next event, which all of you know is the up coming Orchid Show in March. I look forward to seeing all of you at the January meeting. We will be signing up volunteers for the Orchid Show. Please help us out and sign up. WORKSHOP will resume in January. ORCHID WIZ if you are still interested please see me at the meeting. Any questions please see me.

Ahui Hou Dot Sakamoto President



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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