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Windward Orchid Society's **NEXT MEMBERSHIP MEETING** is scheduled for **Wednesday, July 1, 2015** at 7:30 p.m. in the King Intermediate School Cafeteria

SPEAKER FOR THE MONTH: Walter Hiraishi

His topic will be **Repotting My Way**



He will show us how, by using driftwood, hapu, wood and rocks, we can grow orchids easily. These epiphytes get their moisture and nutrients from the air, and don't really like to be bound up in pots. He will be providing us with samples, prepared with holes for hanging!

A little bit about Walter:

Walter was a secondary science teacher at Waimea Intermediate and Castle High Schools. He was also the science resource teacher for the Windward District and State Office focusing on environmental education.

Walter's avocation has always been PLANTS! Be it orchids, bromeliads, anthuriums, tilandsias, hanging baskets, terrariums etc. He has grown them at one time or another. The Hiraishi plant business is named **Walby**.

In the 1970s he joined Windward Orchid Society to acquire knowledge and information relating to the culture of orchids and met many orchid enthusiasts who shared his love of orchids. He learned much from his orchid "mentors", Johnny Noa, Roy Fukumura, and Ted Sumida among others. Walter's original favorite type of orchids was the vandas and ascocenda. Today his focus is on intergenerics or oncidiae. Walter hybridized miltonias in the past which had been awarded HCC/AOS awards. He cloned the following plants which received awards: *Miltonia* Sandy Cove, 'Walby' HCC/AOS, *Rhv. Vanda* Herbert Kurihara, 'Walby' AM/AOS, and *Hawaiiana* Red Velvet, 'Walby' AM/AOS.

Aloha Everyone!

As your newly elected President I am looking forward to continuing what Dot Sakamoto started in terms of education and promoting the WOS. Your WOS Board is going to try and bring more hands-on events; more back to basics lectures and hopefully more safaris. The membership was recently given a survey and you all asked for these so we are going to try and provide them. Dot will also be continuing her Workshops – which are hands-on and a one-on-one educational opportunity for knowledge. Watch your newsletter for the dates of when she holds the workshops. Please feel free to talk to any one of the board members at the general membership meetings – we will be more than happy to talk orchids!

Now for a new item- I'm going to call it the "Trivia Question of the Month" – you'll get the answer at the general membership meeting. "What is the most popular Orchid sold in the world?" Come to the meeting to find out!

See you at the Meeting!
Sheron

Upcoming Events:

- ◆ **Workshop at Dot Sakamoto's house on July 11, 2015, 9:30 a.m. If you need directions, call Dot at 236-4104.**
- ◆ **Ewa Orchid Society Show at Ewa Elementary School July 18, 19 & 20, 2015**

WOS Corner:

Remember, 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. For questions about the Windward Orchid Society, come and see Craig Nakahara (fluorescent green WOS shirt) when we have our General Membership Meeting.

CONGRATULATIONS TO WINNERS OF AWARDS AT THE AIEA ORCHID CLUB, INC.'S SHOW:



BEST SOCIETY DISPLAY: Windward Orchid Society !!!

BEST LAVENDER CATTLEYA—Blc Mahina Yahiro 'Ulii': Scot & Karen Mitamura

BEST MULTI-FLORAL PAPHIOPEDILUM—Paph. Isabel Booth: Larry Kamiya

BEST MISCELLANEOUS VANDA—Ren. Kalsom 'Red Dragon': Larry Basuel

We had such a good variety of orchids: Cattleyas, Oncidiums, Vandas, Phalenopsis, Brassi, Phaphs, Dendrobiums, and lots of species! What a great way to send out our outstanding WOS president Dot Sakamoto!!!

We really appreciate all of our volunteers who give tirelessly of their time & efforts!!

Chairperson: Larry Kamiya

Display helpers: Betty, Kathy, Lee, Sheron, Hazel, Ruby, Dot, Emily, Maxine, Susan, Walter H, Scot, Walter Y, Tyler, Larry and Craig

Now, We need your Kokua for our display at the Ewa Orchid Society Show!

**Important Dates to Remember: The Ewa Orchid Society Show will be held on
July 18, 19 & 20, 2015 at the Ewa Elementary School.**

Meet at Dot Sakamoto's house on Luluku Road before 11:00 a.m. Leave Dot's house at 11:00 a.m. to go to Ewa. Help is needed to set up the WOS display area, assist in unloading plants and materials from vehicles. Bring your flowering orchid plants for our display! We also need help to take down our display at 3:00 p.m. on July 20, 2015.

It really helps to have everyone bring a blooming orchid plant or two.....it seems like we never have enough flowers.....so we encourage all WOS members to bring yours, too.

Orchid Tip of the Month:

Visit our website: www.windwardorchidsociety.org! There are downloads for the care of Cattleya, Dendrobium, Phalaenopsis and many more. Learn about the history of WOS. Take advantage of the many Links to other Orchid Societies, Informational Sites, Orchid Nurseries. Read up on the benefits of being a WOS member and get a copy of our Membership Application form.

And, Remember to Renew your WOS Membership for July 2015 to June 2016.



A Year to Remember! WOS 2015 Installation & Recognition Banquet

A great time was had by all who attended our installation banquet on Saturday, June 20, 2015 at the Bayview Grill & Catering. Everyone enjoyed the raffle and went home with many orchid plants. A special thank you to Roy Andrade for assisting in the swearing in of the officers for 2015-2017.

CONGRATULATIONS!

ORCHIDIST OF THE YEAR: Grace Nishigaya

ORCHIDISTS OF THE DECADE: Hazel Basuel
and Scot Mitamura

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