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Windward Orchid Society's **NEXT MEMBERSHIP MEETING** is scheduled for **Wednesday, September 2, 2015** at 7:30 p.m. in the King Intermediate School Cafeteria

For our **WOS September meeting**
we will provide:

Plant Dr. Workshop on Steroids

Each member should:
Bring in one (1) plant that you are needing help with.
Up to 10 plant doctor tables will be set up to accommodate everyone.
The focus is to troubleshoot problems with the plants you bring in, identifying insects or blight, etc, (a lighted loupe will be provided for close up inspection, as well as culprit-identifying photo sheets). We will correct by getting rid of bad/old roots and trouble spots, bugs, etc. providing helpful information.



Bring One Plant That
You Are Needing
Help With.



Aloha Everyone!

I just got back from a business trip to sunny (and hotter than us) California. I am amazed when I travel that, no matter where I go, I still see Orchids everywhere! Sacramento had beautiful displays of Phals in all the interior buildings I visited and with temps in low 100's it is good thing they were indoors. I did talk to a backyard grower at my meeting, and he was struggling with air circulation and constant misting to keep his plants cool! It was interesting to hear the issues and we have the same problem here with this hot weather...air circulation is VERY important to keep your plants cool. San Francisco was cooler and everywhere I looked I saw big beautiful Cymbidiums. The cool growing ones really thrive in S.F. with the sun and cool fog temp at night. The days went from low 80's to high 50's at night. 20-25 degree difference was the norm! Anyway I'm glad to be back and I'm really looking forward to our Plant Doctor on Steroids night at the upcoming General Meeting.

See you all there!!

Sheron

P.S. NO Trivia this month...since no one has asked me for the answers....I figure no one is really reading my message anyway.

Upcoming Events:

- ◆ **General Membership Meeting on September 2, 2015 at 7:30 p.m. at King Intermediate School Cafeteria.**
- ◆ **Workshop at Dot Sakamoto's house on September 12, 2015 at 9:30 a.m. If you need directions, call Dot at 236-4104.**

WOS Corner:

Remember, if you have a question about your orchids, please bring them in at 7:00 p.m. (before the General Membership Meeting starts) and we will gladly try to answer any questions you have about them. For questions about the Windward Orchid Society, come and see Craig Nakahara (wearing the **fluorescent green WOS shirt**) when we have our General Membership Meeting.

Kokua Please 😊 **Sign up to bring refreshments for our General Membership Meetings.**
Sign up sheets are at the refreshment table or you can email Toni Walker at toni.walker58@yahoo.com.

At our August 5th Membership Meeting we had 83 members and 3 guests.

→ If you haven't paid your membership dues for this year, this is your last newsletter.

WOS August Culture Awardees

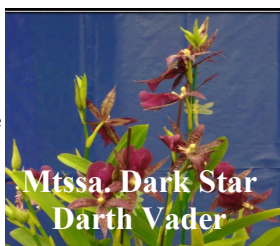
1st Place Winners

Novice



Owner: Kimo H. Kuoha

Intermediate



Owner: Bianca Kam

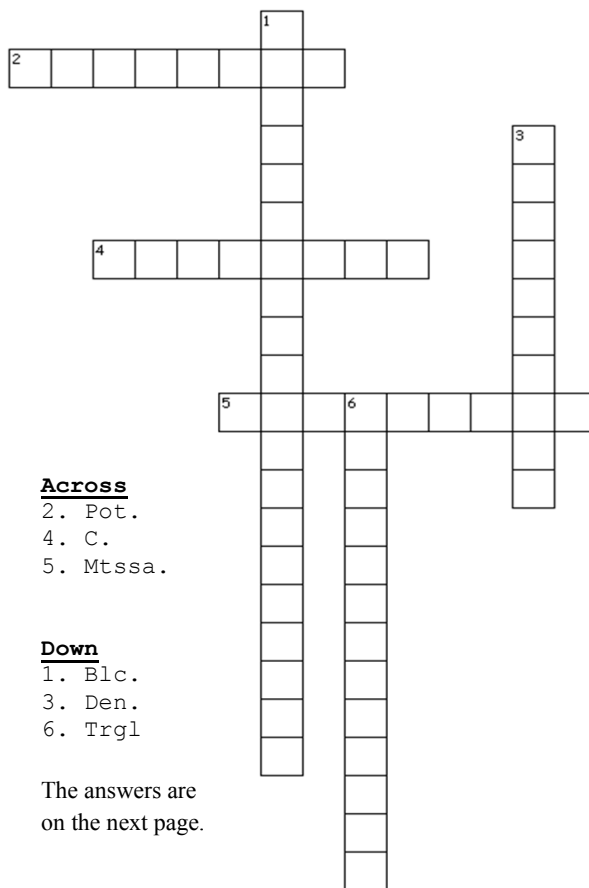
Masters



Owner: Steve Canham

Genus Genius x Word Puzzle

The orchid genus names are often abbreviated.
Can you spell out the genus names of our winning orchids?



Across

- 2. Pot.
- 4. C.
- 5. Mtssa.

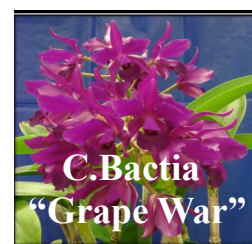
Down

- 1. Blc.
- 3. Den.
- 6. Trgl

The answers are
on the next page.

2nd Place Winners

Novice



Owner: Duncan Chun

Intermediate



Owner: Allyn Lum

Masters



Owners: Scot & Karen
Mitamura

Little Fire Ants (LFA) On a Chopstick



September is "Spot the Ant, Stop the Ant" month.

These Little Fire Ants have been found here, on Oahu. They are dangerous. We must find them before our keiki and animals are bitten and maybe blinded. These ant bites create angry welts that hurt for days.

To find them, spread a thin amount of regular peanut butter on chopsticks and place them around plants in your yard, garden and lanai, wait an hour then check the sticks for ants. If you think you might have caught any, carefully seal them inside a ziplock bag labeled with your name, address and phone number. **PUT THE BAG IN A FREEZER OVERNIGHT TO KILL THE ANTS.** Call the Hawai'i Department of Agriculture Statewide Hotline: **643-PEST (7378)**. Do not disturb or treat the area yourself. You may spread them further. For more information visit www.littlefireants.com.

**Congratulations!!!!
Well Done.**

EWA ORCHID SOCIETY SHOW WOS WINNERS



WOS Display – 4th place
Best Multifloral Paphiopedilum – Larry Kamiya
Best Miltonia – Walter and Emily Yamada
Best Cattleya – Larry Kamiya
Best Other Color Cattleya – Scot and Karen Mitamura
Best Other Color Dendrobium – Scot and Karen Mitamura

Genus Genius x Word Puzzle

Answers: Across 2. Potinara, Across 4. Cattleya, Across 5. Miltassia,
Down 1. Brassolaeliocattleya, Down 3. Dendrobium, Down 6. Trichoglottis

Orchid Tip of the Month by Scot Mitamura

September will still be a very warm month (actually the second warmest after August), so keep your orchids well watered.

We are approaching the heart of our hurricane season, so the weather can change quickly.

In case of an approaching storm with high winds, secure all loose objects including all hanging orchids.

Some preventative pruning will lighten the canopy of your trees, which could help prevent severe wind damage to them.

Put small orchid pots in larger heavier pots to prevent tipping.

Rainfall could be heavy, so clean out gutters and keep drainage areas clear.

Keep sensitive orchids out of the rain or at least raise them off the ground 18" or more, this will help prevent soil borne fungi and bacteria from infecting your orchids. Fungicides are preventative more than curative, so they are better sprayed prior to the heavy rains.

If the orchids become very wet, avoid repotting them until better weather returns. This will avoid possible spread of fungal infections.

After the rain, expect an increase of slugs and snails, so apply the slug bait as soon as the rain subsides.

Let's hope that we can avoid being directly hit by one of these storms, but some passing rain would be nice.

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