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



Grooming and Staking Guest Speaker: Scot Mitamura

Scot will explain how to stake and groom orchids to make them look their best for display, for shows, and for your personal enjoyment. Staking helps you to present the blooms to express their full beauty, and will help to protect your flowers during transportation.

Orchid Wizardry Show *by the Honolulu Orchid Society*

Friday, October 9th9 a.m. to 5 p.m.
Saturday, October 10th9 a.m. to 5 p.m.
Sunday, October 11th9 a.m. to 3 p.m.
At Washington Middle School Cafeteria

Bring your groomed and staked orchids to Dot's house before 11 a.m. on October 8th. Come along to learn and help set up the WOS display! Members are also encouraged to assist with the breakdown on Sunday October 11th at 3 p.m.

If you need directions, call Dot at 236-4104.

Aloha Everyone!

I don't know about you, but I am really tired of all this rain and humidity. I know my orchids (and ferns/weeds) are loving it! I hope everyone that came to the last meeting got some one on one time with a Plant Doctor? I know I had fun with the people that picked my brains. We have a great speaker for October and then November is our Auction night with the Holidays fast approaching after that. We will set our sights for more hands on and education sessions in 2016! Please remember that our Spring Show will be at a different venue next year, the Kokokahi YWCA, and we need the word to get out so the people that come every year can still find us! Info will be in our newsletters each month until Show time! While it's wet – get the weeds pulled and make sure your plants are draining properly and keep yourselves dry as well!

See you at the October meeting!

Sheron

Upcoming Events:

- ◆ **October 7th at 7:30 p.m.**
WOS General Membership Meeting at King Intermediate School Cafeteria.
- ◆ **October 8th at 11:00 a.m.**
from Dot's house, leave to **set up the WOS display at the HOS Show.**
- ◆ **October 9th, 10th & 11th**
Orchid Wizardry Show at Washington Middle School Cafeteria.
- ◆ **November 4th at 7:30 p.m.**
Auction Night at King Intermediate School Cafeteria.
- ◆ **March 9th—13th**
WOS 2016 Spring Show event at the **Kokokahi YWCA** Midkiff Gym
- ◆ **No workshops in October, November & December.**

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, see Craig Nakahara (wearing the **fluorescent green WOS shirt**) during 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 September 9th Membership Meeting we had 84 members and 2 guests.
Welcome to our new members Joseph and Josie Rayray!

September's Culture Awards

OWNERS

1. 1st Place Masters Division:
B & H Takamatsu
2. 2nd Place Masters Division:
Scot and Karen Mitamura
3. 1st Place Intermediate Division:
Patrick Nousianen
4. 2nd Place Intermediate Division:
Elaine Higa
5. 1st Place Novice Division:
Kimo Kuoha
6. 2nd Place Novice Division:
Carolyn Ching

1. Den. Enobi Purple 'Splash'



2. Blc. Beverly Blietz 'Karen' AM/AOS/HOS



3. Den. Apichart Rainbow x bigibbum "Compactum"



4. V. Vivian x Kultana Gold



5. Den. Bracteosum White



6. Den. Chan Chao



Orchid Tip of the Month by Scot Mitamura

Last month I reminded everyone about securing their orchids during wind storms. I thought that I should also elaborate on the importance of properly labeling your orchids as it provides you with a wealth of information. Orchids have been registered internationally with the Royal Horticultural Society since 1854. Orchids have been registered longer than any other family of plants. Through literature (Sander's List of Orchid Hybrids), or software (Orchid Wiz), orchid enthusiasts are able to research any registered orchid to find out its genealogy, country of origin, cultural information, basically everything you need to know about that particular orchid. An accurately labeled orchid retains its value while a "no name" is just another plant. Orchids mislabeled in shows may be disqualified for merit awards, so it should not be overlooked.

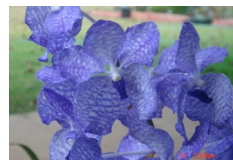
Labels usually contain information such as, (illustrated below) the hybrid grex (Blc. – which is a hybrid containing three different genera, Brassavola, Laelia, and Cattleya [for simplicity, I am using the old nomenclature]), the registered hybrid name (Beverly Blietz – always spelled using capital and lower case letters. If it is a species, it would be spelled in all lower case), the varietal or cultivar name ('Karen' – in single quotes, differentiates individual siblings of a hybrid or species), then the awards (AM/AOS, AM/HOS – this states that the plant received an Award of Merit Award from the American Orchid Society and the Honolulu Orchid Society, and is usually abbreviated in all capital letters). Some labels could get complicated when it contains two or more unregistered plants crossed together (indicated by an x between names).

Blc. Beverly Blietz
'Karen' AM/AOS-AM/HOS

On the back of the label you could write down other information such as; the source of orchid, hybridizer code or information, last repot, description and quantity of flowers, flowering dates, and any other information that may be important for you.

The longest lasting label material are vinyl, less expensive plastic labels quickly crack when exposed to sunlight. It is best to affix labels using a hole punch and wire directly to the plant or even better, to the plant stake. This prevents the label from separating from the orchid in times when the pot is tipped or blown off its growing area, and is also grandchildren proof. You never know when they may want to "help" you with your orchids. The label buried along the side of the pot should be considered a secondary backup label.

A number two lead pencil is the best way to mark your labels. Do not use permanent marking pens; the sunlight will degrade the ink in a few years. Many collections were lost due to the use of these pens.



*In Memory of Elizabeth Chang,
beloved wife of the late
Wilber Chang.*

*Wilber was a founding member
of the Windward Orchid Society.*

Aloha and Mahalo.

The Orchid Plant Give Away to WOS Members at the end of every General Membership Meeting is one of the amazing benefits our members enjoy.

In order to finish our meetings on time (and avoid extra cafeteria rental cost) we have to pass out the plants quickly instead of allowing everyone to choose or trade back plants.

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REMINDER !!!
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7:30 p.m. at King Intermediate
School Cafeteria. Invite your
friends and relatives.

