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Windward Orchid Society's **NEXT MEMBERSHIP MEETING** is scheduled for **Wednesday, July 6th** at 7:30 p.m. in the King Intermediate School Cafeteria

In Recognition of Excellence

Our Installation Banquet last month was fantastic. Craig Nakahara, the MC with the most-est, kept the evening rolling with his vivacious elocution. And Roy Andrade, President of the Ewa Orchid Society, officially swore in the new inductees. We dined on the scrumptious buffet and were bestowed with various beautiful plants. Many thanks were given to our previous leaders and kind appreciation was expressed to our new officers and trustees.

In case you were not aware, our orchid society is full of warm, generous, talented, knowledgeable and delightful people with a common interest: orchid culture. And once a year we recognize the best of the best of our members by the selection of the WOS Orchidist of the Year and Orchidist of the Decade. Here are this year's honorees:

Ruby Hiraishi 2016 WOS Orchidist of the Year



Craig Nakahara
MC & Treasurer

Ruby Hiraishi
Orchidist of the Year

Sheron Harwood
President

Ruby is a long time WOS member who has been a solid contributor to the WOS in so many ways: as a Trustee, and helps out at our WOS Spring Show, assists in setting up the WOS displays at most of the other Orchid Society shows, helps out at WOS events at the check-in reception table and raffle table. But that's not all, her biggest contribution to the WOS is in sharing her knowledge of orchids to its members at the various functions and meetings. She is always encouraging other members to get involved. She's a go getter and is always around to lend a hand.

At the board meetings, she always makes us think about why we are doing this event or activity. Ruby has been involved with our society for more than 2 decades. Most recently she chaired the committee to amend our WOS Bylaws.

She is the type of member and role model for all our members to be: positive, helpful, resourceful, an educator and willing to share any information that would help a fellow orchidist.

Larry Kamiya 2016 WOS Orchidist of the Decade



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Larry has been a WOS member for many years and is a strong contributor to the WOS 'ohana. He has held various positions in our society: as President, as Trustee, and he helps out at our WOS Spring Show, assists and chairs the set-up of WOS displays at other Orchid Society shows, helps out at WOS events as a chairperson, liaison, educator, speaker at our General meetings. However, his biggest contribution to the WOS is in sharing his knowledge of orchids to its members at the various functions and meetings. He is always encouraging other members to get involved, he has recruited new members and is patient.

At the board meetings, he has always given advice to the board members on cutting costs, as well as giving WOS the opportunity to display, participate and earn some money in the Windward Mall Center Court. He has shared his knowledge with a lot of members and has consistently provided our society with award winning plants. That is his true passion.

We also want to recognize our WOS Leadership: Officers 2016-2017: President Sheron Harwood Vice-President Karen Kim Recording Secretary Dawn Bonak Treasurer Craig Nakahara Corresponding Secretary Deborah Collins Trustees: Susan Lim Bobby Kauahi Fred Collins Steve Canham Toni Walker Adam Kono Scot Mitamura Larry Kamiya Wendy Saito Director Dot Sakamoto Membership Grace Nishigaya Hospitality/Refreshments Fran Craft And many, many thanks to our outgoing trustees for all their years of dedicated work and wisdom donated to WOS : Walter Hiraishi, Ed Catrett and Liz Ajifu.

Upcoming Orchid Show


EWA ORCHID SOCIETY

66th Anniversary

Orchid Show and Plant Sale

Ewa Elementary School
91-1280 Renton Road

Friday July 15, 2016 9 am to 5 pm
Saturday July 16, 2016 9 am to 5 pm
Sunday July 17, 2016 9 am to 3 pm

Plant Sale Closes at 2pm on Sunday
Free Admission (Donations Welcome)  Visit us on Facebook

WOS Display Chair is Craig Nakahara (284-4718)

Display set-up will be on Thursday, July 14, 2016 at 12:30 pm

If you have plants please bring them down to Ewa Elementary School, if you can't please drop them off at Dot Sakamoto's house by 10:30 am on Thursday morning.

Also anyone that wants to car pool, please meet at Dot's house by 11:00 am, we can all go down together.

Display clean-up will be on Sunday, July 17th at 3:00 pm, please come and assist us.

Thanks,
Craig

A Message From the President

Aloha ~

We have started another fiscal year with a new Board that Roy Andrade installed at the Banquet. Great food, lots of fun and there were also LOTS of plants and gift cards that were raffled off.

My message during the banquet was just to remind people that the new board will have some challenges ahead. It will definitely be an interesting dance to try and curb expenses and yet continue to provide education to the membership.

I'd like to repeat my message to the membership. For you new members, and I'm talking about anyone that has been growing orchids for 5 years or less:

- Take advantage of the Orchid Workshops at Dot's house – you get an opportunity to have one on one contact with some of us Old Timers!
- Come to the meetings, talk to any one of the Board members and volunteer when you can – that's when you really get to know everyone.

Old Timers – yes, you. The ones that have the knowledge, the tricks, and the skills to pass along:

- PLEASE educate and please help promote orchid growing.

The WOS has been around for more than 60 years, the more you can pass along to the next generation, the more you guarantee that the WOS will continue on for another 60+ years.

I hope to see you all at the upcoming meetings and I promise to walk the talk – and I will try and educate, educate and pass along a few tricks I've learned!!

~ Sheron

Best Lavender Cattleya
Blc. Aloha Spirit
'Shady Lady' AM AOS
Owners: Scott & Karen Mitamura

Best of Dendrobium
Den. Lori's Star
Owner: Duncan Chun

Merit Awards
Bulb. cumingii,
CCM HOS 84.7 pts
Owner: Tyler Tajima
Paph. Mark Eickhoff
AM HOS 83.0 pts
Owner: Larry Kamiya
Paph. Isabel Booth
AM HOS 81.6 pts
Owner: Larry Kamiya

Best Other Color Dendrobium
Den. Frosty Dawn
Owner: Tyler Tajima

Best Phalaenopsis or Hybrid
Phal. amboinensis
Owner: Tyler Tajima

Best Single-Flowered Paphiopedilum
Paph. (Mod Maud x Shin-Yi Pie) x Hsinying Rubyweb
Owner: Tyler Tajima

Best Multi-Floral Paphiopedilum
Paph. Yellow Tiger
Owner: Larry Kamiya

To the WOS Participants in
the Aiea Orchid Club Show:

Congratulations!

WOS was 1st Place in the Best Society Display out of six very talented orchid clubs on Oahu.

And kudos to the individual WOS winners listed on the left.

Our sincere sympathies to the family of Norma Young. She was a very active member and we appreciate her service on the Board. She will be missed.

All members are welcome to attend an orchid workshop Saturday, July 9th, 9:30 a.m. at Dot's house, 45-663 Luluku Rd.

WOS membership dues are due July 1, 2016 for our fiscal year July 1, 2016 to June 30, 2017.

Dale Miyasaki will be our Speaker for July.

His topic will be Phalaenopsis Culture. Dale has been growing orchids since he was eighteen years old. He works at Central Pacific Bank.

Hands-on for July! Dale will demonstrate how he pots up a phalaenopsis plant and will offer each of us a seedling to pot up for our take-home plant. He will bring name tags and sphagnum moss. We'll supply empty 2" pots.

Members please bring no. 2 pencils.

See you at the meeting.

~ Karen

Orchid Tip of the Month by Scot Mitamura

July brings up the beginning of summer. Let's maximize this great weather and water and fertilize our orchids. Hot and dry weather can also bring on pests. Flower thrips may cause browning of the edges of our Cattleya flowers and may attack the new growths on the hono hono Dendrobium. Spider mites may cause a silvery under the leaves of Dendrobium and phalaenopsis. In both cases simply watering under the leaves will help deter them and of course practice good sanitation by picking up old flowers and leaves from your growing areas. If you need a pesticide, the Bayer 3 n 1 would be a good choice.

~ Scot

Dues are Due

**Do
Renew your
WOS
Membership
for
July 2016 to
June 2017.**

Mahalo!

_____ **Renewal** **WOS APPLICATION** _____ **New Member**

Mail to: Windward Orchid Society, Inc. P.O. Box 23, Kaneohe, HI 96744
Or bring it to the General Meeting.

Name(s): _____

Address: _____ **City:** _____ **State:** _____ **Zip:** _____

E-mail: _____ **Date:** _____

Amount Enclosed: _____ **Paid By:** _____ **Check No.** _____ **Cash:** _____

_____ **Regular Membership (July 2016 to June 2017) \$20.00**

_____ **Regular & Assoc. (Partner) Membership (July 2016 to June 2017) \$30.00**

_____ **Associate (Partner only) Membership (July 2016 to June 2017) \$10.00**

_____ **Lifetime Membership \$200.00**

WOS Corner:

Welcome to our newest members: **Guy and Michele Watanabe!**

Reminder: If you have questions about your orchids or have orchids that are not doing well, please bring them early (7:00p.m.) to the General Membership meeting and our plant doctor (Scot) will gladly try to answer any questions that you have about them.

For questions about the Windward Orchid Society, see Craig Nakahara (wearing a florescent green shirt) during our General Membership Meeting.

Refreshments at our meetings are compliments of our fellow members.

Please partake of pupus and perhaps periodically participate to provide a pretty party platter.

Sign up sheets are at the refreshment table or you can email Toni Walker at toni.walker58@yahoo.com.

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