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# Windward Orchid News

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Windward Orchid Society's **NEXT MEMBERSHIP MEETING** is scheduled for **Wednesday, August 3rd** at 7:30 p.m. in the King Intermediate School Cafeteria

## What's Bugging Your Orchids?

Get a handle on how to keep your plants healthy and happy. Many pesky critters would have your orchids for lunch unless .....you know more than they do.



Scot Mitamura, an orchid horticulturist for the Honolulu Botanical Gardens, and our WOS Orchid Doctor, will be the speaker at our next meeting on August 3rd.

His discussions will help us to sort it all out in order to identify and control what's bugging our orchids.

~ Karen

## For the Love of Orchids

It is time to renew your WOS Membership for July 1, 2016 to June 30, 2017.

What are the benefits of your membership?

- Learn to grow orchids.
- Monthly General Membership meetings:
  - Bring your orchids for help and advice.
  - Learn from guest speakers.
  - Receive a free plant at the end of the meeting.
  - Bring your blooming plants for "Show and Tell" and for judging. Winning plants receive a free plant as a prize.
  - Purchase plants at unbelievable prices.
  - Bring and enjoy potluck refreshments.
- Monthly orchid workshops:
  - Hands-on orchid culture
  - Potluck lunch
- Orchid Events:
  - Create orchid displays at other orchid society shows.
  - Go on Orchid Safaris
  - Attend two annual banquets
- WOS Annual Orchid Show and Plant Sale:
  - Our orchid show is the largest in Hawaii.
  - There are many ways to participate and get to know other orchid enthusiasts.
  - Showcase your blooming orchids and compete for awards.
- Receive a monthly newsletter.

Most importantly of all, we offer the ability to network and make new friends while having fun learning and sharing in our love of orchids.<sup>1</sup>

A regular membership from July 1, 2016 to June 30, 2017 is \$20.00.

More information on how to join or renew a WOS membership is on the application form on the last page of this newsletter.

1. Join WOS, retrieved July 17, 2016 from-  
[www.windwardorchidsociety.org](http://www.windwardorchidsociety.org).

## A Message From the President

Aloha Fellow Orchid Addicts –

The summer months are upon us. If you are not out in your garden, getting dirt in your fingernails and stains on your clothes, you should seriously re-examine your free time. I am a fine one to talk. Unfortunately my fingernails stay way too clean. I am in desperate need of more free time, so I can spend it talking to my orchids.

We recently participated in the Ewa Orchid Show. We had lots of volunteers helping Craig build out the display. I am still (after 24+ years) in AWE watching Betty Oshima and Scot Mitamura do their magic. They take some plants, some greens and they put them all together in a way that is just fantastic. I said they perform magic and they really do!

For those of you that were wondering what goes on at an Orchid Show and building our display, you have one more opportunity this year at the Honolulu Orchid Show in October. Watch for the information in upcoming Newsletters. VOLUNTEER – it's a great way to learn all about orchids and have some one on one time with a lot of the old time growers.

I hope to see you all at the next General Membership meeting....we have a lot of fun planned and a lot of interesting speakers lined up in the next few months. I also heard a rumor that we might be planning another Orchid Safari – stay tuned for more info on that.

See you at the Meeting!

~ Sheron

**WOS Officers 2016-2017:** President *Sheron Harwood* Vice-President *Karen Kim* Recording Secretary *Dawn Bonak*  
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# WOS July Orchid Culture Awards



1st Place– Novice Division  
Blla. Patricia McCully 'Pacific Matriarch'  
Owner: Josie Ray Ray



1st Place– Intermediate Division  
V. Vivian x Kultana Gold  
Owner: Elaine Higa



1st Place– Masters Division  
Blc. Williette Wong 'The Best' AM/AOS/HOS  
Owner: Scot Mitamura



2nd Place– Novice Division  
Zglm. Rhein Harlequin 'Peloric'  
Owner: Duncan Chun



2nd Place– Intermediate Division  
Phal. Yaphon Sir  
Owner: Tyler Tajima



2nd Place– Masters Division  
Rhctm. Ladda Gold  
Owner: Ruby Hiraishi

## Bravo! Best WOS Orchids

At the Ewa Orchid Society Show

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| Best in Show &<br>HOS Merit Award<br>Gram. Scriptum<br>'Grass Hopper II'<br>CCM 89.8 HOS<br>Owner:<br>H&R Nurseries | Best of Other<br>Genera<br>Monn. Millenni-<br>um Magic<br>'Witchcraft'<br>Owner:<br>Susan Lim               | Best White<br>Cattleya<br>C. Angel Bells<br><br>Owner: Foster<br>Botanical Gardens | Best Other Color<br>Cattleya<br>C. Triumphans<br><br>Owner:<br>H&R Nurseries                   |
| Best Oncidium<br>Onc. Sweet Sugar<br>'Lemon Drop'<br><br>Owner:<br>Walter Hiraishi                                  | Best Grammato-<br>phyllum<br>Gram. Scriptum<br>'Grass Hopper II'<br>CCM 89.8 HOS<br>Owner:<br>H&R Nurseries | Best Miniature-<br>Hybrid<br>V. Deep Blue Sea<br><br>Owner: Mid<br>Pacific Orchids | 3rd Place Display<br>Award<br>Windward Orchid<br>Society<br><br>Chairperson:<br>Craig Nakahara |

## Announcement

**The usual Saturday  
Workshop will not be held in  
August.**

**The next Workshop will be at  
9:30 a.m. on Saturday,  
September 10th at Dot's  
House.**

## Orchid Tip of the Month by Scot Mitamura

Since summer is a time for repotting, I would like to remind everyone to sterilize their pruners. They are often attributed to the spread of viruses and other diseases such as fungus and bacteria. The best way to sterilize them is by heating them with a self igniting propane torch. Other methods may be a barbecue lighter or dipping them into a 10% bleach solution.

Your pots, if reused, should also be soaked in the bleach solution with all the white roots being scrubbed off. Anything that is reused should be sterilized by either method. If you haven't been practicing this, it would be a good time to start. We are finding that orchid viruses are not only spread from one orchid to a other, but are spread from other plant species as well.

~ 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: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ 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:

At our July General Membership meeting we had 75 members, 9 guest and 8 new members.

*Welcome* to our newest members: **Adam Almeida, Julie Hellerstedt, Alyson Kimura, Ashley Masarik, Regina Rose, Rachel Sheffield, Owen & Carrie Zane!**

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](mailto:toni.walker58@yahoo.com).



Experience is good but not required  
—will train.

- Two volunteers are needed as audio equipment technicians at our General Membership meetings

Interested members, please see Sheron Harwood at the General Membership meeting.

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