



Windward Orchid News

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

3 Weeks to Spring Show: March 24 - 26

Our Society needs your help at our "Diamond Jubilee Spring Show."

We really need help on Friday, Saturday, and Sunday for the following committees: Cashier (Fri and Sat afternoon, all day Sunday); Host and Hostess, Parking, and Country Store all shifts.

In addition, we also need members to help with set-up, taking everything out of Storage on Wednesday and taking everything back on Sunday after the show.

Please sign up at the March membership meeting.

We need items for the Country Store, and flowering plants for our WOS Display. Items for the Country Store can be brought to King on Wednesday afternoon, and should be marked "For Country Store".

Flowering plants for the display should be brought in by 10am on Thursday. If you're unable to bring them in on Thursday, you may bring them in on Wednesday evening.

We will have a miniature display and need flowering miniatures too.

Talk, sing, water, fertilize, or whatever it takes to get your orchids to bloom for our show, because there is nothing more rewarding than to see YOUR BLOOMING ORCHID IN THE DISPLAY, WITH YOUR NAME, and it may win and AWARD! That would be so cool.

We're counting on you to come out and help our society as you have in previous years.

Sign-up sheets will be available at the General Membership Meeting.

Please sign-up, or just call, to volunteer on at least one of the following committees:

- Admissions - see Lee Deir -220-8220
- Cashiers - see Dorothy Sakamoto - 226-2393 or 236-4104
- Country Store - see Toni Walker - 292-1407
- Host/Hostess - see Hazel Basuel - 343-1103
- Parking - see Susan Lim - 728-1014
- Membership Sign-up - see Grace Nishigaya - 383-8485
- Set-up - see CJ Kalopodes -247-3136
- Storeroom and Clean-up - see Bobby Kauahi or Craig Nakahara - 284-4218

Volunteers who work 8 cumulative or more hours will receive a free WOS tee-shirt, during the Show. You may sign up for any number of committees during the 3 days of the Show. We encourage you to bring your family and friends to volunteer.

All volunteers will be invited to attend an Appreciation Luncheon; date to be determined.

Admission is Free. Donations are appreciated. We also need your help in promoting our show and getting the word out to as many people and businesses as possible. **OUR GUESTS DON'T HAVE TO BE ORCHID GROWERS TO ENJOY THE SHOW!**

We need everyone to come out on Wednesday, March 22nd, for set-up and Sunday, March 26th, to help clean-up!!!

A Message From Our President

Aloha -

I'm glad my friends and family survived this last windy rainy stormy month we had. Just a little flooding in the garage, but no damages.

My orchids also survived the weather. I hope you and your families were safe and your orchids suffered no injury.

The WOS show is in just a few weeks. Get ready to volunteer and have some fun! Hopefully everyone has been doing their part and passing out tickets.

We need to get the word out to come see our show!!

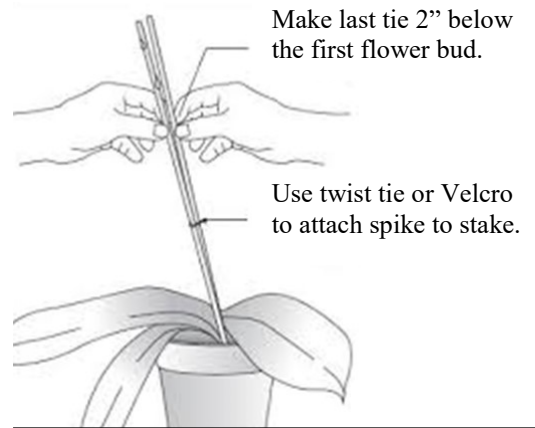
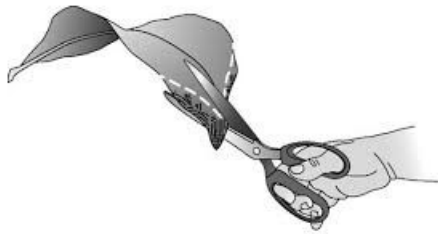
See you at the Meeting!

~Sheron

Grooming and Staking

Bring your blooming and budding orchids to our meeting on March 1st.

Scot Mitamura will show us how to make your orchids ready for display at our Spring Show or in your home.



Staking flower spikes of spray-type orchids like Phalaenopsis or Oncidiums.

Orchid Tip of the Month by Scot Mitamura

March is already here. This means that our Spring Show is only three weeks away.

Not only are we busy with our committees preparing to host the show, but we must also start preparing our orchids for our super large display.

Start grooming and staking whatever orchids that are coming into bloom; we are going to need a whole lot to fill our display.

Make sure they do not have any bugs; if they do, you will surely want to spray them.

Pull out weeds and treat for slugs too; these are other things that we do not want to share! Stake up, trim back or remove old and damaged stems and leaves to isolate and enhance the focus on the flowers.

Start propping up and separating flower buds, using bamboo stakes and wires. Keep budded orchids out of the rain, as they will spot the flowers and shorten their lives.

If you are having difficulty or don't have all of the supplies, bring your orchids in to the next meeting. We will use the "Orchid Doctor" session to help some of you. We will also be demonstrating the different staking techniques during the lecture session.

Hono Hono alert! Hopefully by now the early bloomers for our show are all budding. This is a critical time where the Flower Thrips and Bulbul Birds like to feed on them. I usually hit them (the buds, not birds) with an insecticide, upon initiation and follow up two weeks later. This should keep both critters at bay and allow you to have some beautiful fragrant flowers for the show. Keep these out of the rain too!

I'm looking forward to seeing everyone and what we will have for the show!

~ Scot

 Our sincerest
sympathies go
out to the
family of Jane Marcum.
We will all miss her
beautiful smile.

Upcoming Events:

- ◆ **Wednesday, March 1st at 7:30 p.m.**
WOS General Membership Meeting
at the King Intermediate School Cafeteria
- ◆ **NOTICE: NO Saturday Workshop in March.**
- ◆ **Friday, Saturday and Sunday**
March 24, 25, 26
WOS Diamond Jubilee Spring Show
Celebrating 60 Years ~ 1957 to 2017
at S.W. King Intermediate School

April Election of WOS Officers

If you have been a member of WOS for two years or more, please consider serving as an officer.

Board elections will be this April.

Candidates for President, Vice-President, Recording Secretary, Correspondence Secretary, Treasurer and three Trustees positions are being accepted. See Sheron.

WOS February Orchid Culture Awards



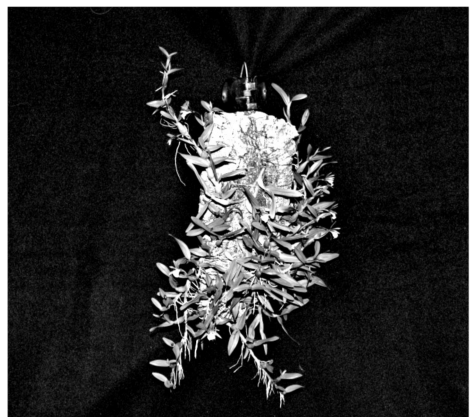
1st Place– Novice Division
Blc. Golden Chieftain 'Akiikii'
Owner: Adam Almeida



1st Place– Intermediate Division
Rhyn. gigantean
Owner: Tyler Tajima



1st Place– Masters Division
Blc. Deesse 'Mount Rainier'
Owner: Scot Mitamura



2nd Place– Novice Division
Ency. polybulbon
Owner: Duncan Chun



2nd Place– Intermediate Division
Bulb. lepidum x Medusa
Owner: Cheryl Eng Link



2nd Place– Masters Division
Max. elatior
Owner: Walter Hiraishi

WOS Corner

February Meeting

At our Feb. 1, 2017 meeting we had 76 members & 6 guests in attendance.

WOS Cook Book

Our first WOS Cook Book will be ready to sell at our Diamond Jubilee Spring Show coming up March 24-26.

Thank you to Wendy Saito for making this happen!

No Saturday Workshop

There will be no Saturday Workshop in March.

New WOS Website

Check out our new website at www.windwardorchidsociety.org

Orchid Doctor 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 orchid doctor (Scot) will gladly identify the problem and try to answer your questions.

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

Refreshment Contributions Sign up sheets are at the refreshment table or you can email Toni Walker at toni.walker58@yahoo.com. Monetary contributions are also welcome.

WOS Officers 2016-2017: President *Sheron Harwood* Vice-President *Karen Kim* Recording Secretary *Dawn Bonak*
Treasurer *Craig Nakahara* Corresponding Secretary *Deborah Collins* Trustees: (2016-2019) *Susan Lim* *Bobby Kauahi*
Fred Collins (2015-2018) *Larry Kamiya* *Wendy Saito* *Toni Walker* (2014–2017) *Steve Canham* *Adam Kono* *Scot Mitamura*
Director *Dot Sakamoto* Membership *Grace Nishigaya* Hospitality/Refreshments *Fran Craft*

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The WOS meets on the first Wednesday of every month at the King Intermediate School Cafeteria.

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