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Windward Orchid Society's **NEXT MEMBERSHIP MEETING** will be on **Wednesday,**
AUGUST 1, 2018 at 7:30 p.m. in the King Intermediate School Cafeteria

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Well, that is one way to select an orchid plant.

But, to help us expand our strategies, we have as our August speaker, Craig Nakahara. He will provide tips on choosing orchids for your collection.

These insights will help head off trouble and help you make the most of your investments and orchid enjoyment.



Orchid Tip of the Month by Scot Mitamura

August brings us more warm weather, maybe even warmer than July. If you have noticed, our orchids are really growing fast. I hope we are all taking advantage of the long days to water and fertilize our orchids.

It is also prime time for repotting orchids. If you have not done it for two or more years, you are asking for problems. Old potting media breaks down and often becomes soft and water logged. Salts tend to build up if you fertilize a lot. The pH of the media normally becomes acid (low pH) in time. Old roots often die and begin to rot and sometimes there is no air space in the media when they are taken up by roots. All these factors contribute to your media "crashing". Once this happens your root system and orchid can possibly die.

Watch for initiating roots, this tells you that it is the best time for repotting. After repotting let the orchid dry for a few days, to let the damaged tissues dry and heal. Resist the urge to water right away, this often leads to rotted roots and possibly the loss of the whole orchid. When repotting, inspect the root system carefully. Remove old soft media and dead roots. If the root falls apart when you tug on it, it is probably dead.

On sympodial growth orchids (Cattleya, Dendrobium, Oncidinae, Grammatophyllum, etc), find the lead growths and trace back at least two more growths. Normally three bulb divisions will have minimal set back and could flower on the next growth. Pot into the smallest pot possible and fill firmly with your favorite potting medium. Place the oldest bulb against the pot edge, allowing extra space for the front lead to grow.

It is always a good idea to stake the orchid so that it is firmly anchored into the pot and does not move. If the orchid is wobbly, it will take longer for it to reestablish.

For monopodial orchids (Vanda, Phalaenopsis, Rhynchostylis, Renanthera, etc.), the orchid can be topped if you have a minimum of three good new roots. Set it down deep into a new pot and fill with the appropriate media. The bottom or old part of the orchid can be kept, as it often will send out a new growth.

~ Scot

A Message From Our President

Aloha Everyone!

I'm excited to finally get back to our "regularly scheduled programming" for our General Membership meetings on Wednesday! It seems like it's been longer than just taking our June break and skipping the July meeting.

I hope everyone has had time to get into working with their orchids during this gloriously, fabulous weather we have been having.

I have managed to putter around and get a lot of my plants repotted. Some have not been looked at for several years – but in spite of me – they seem to be all right! I hope to finish up with all of my plants before the shorter days start rolling around and the rainy season starts!

I look forward to seeing all of you! Come early for the Plant Doctor and to meet/greet all your fellow Orchid lovers!

See you at the meeting.
~Sheron

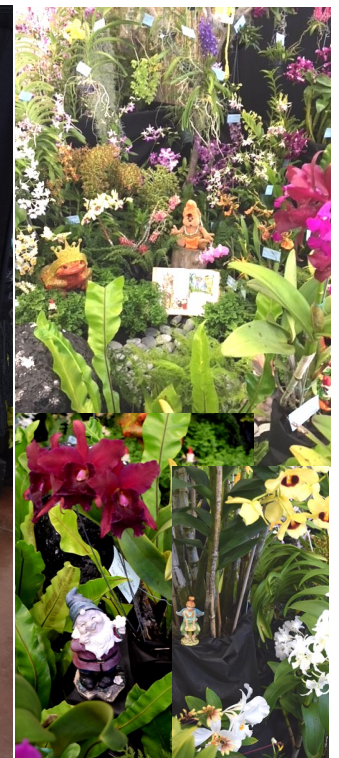
Upcoming Events:

- ◆ **Wednesday, August 1st 7:30 p.m.-9:00 p.m. WOS General Membership meeting** at King Intermediate School.
- ◆ **Saturday, August 11th at 9:30 a.m. The last Orchid Workshop in 2018** at Dot Sakamoto's House. For directions, call Dot at 236-4104.

Windward Orchid Society Awarded 2nd Place Show Display

Yet again, our wonderful WOS members have presented another award-winning display! This time, WOS members' beguiling orchids were shown at the "Orchid Tales" Ewa Orchid Society Orchid Show that was held July 20-22nd. Our team was lead by Susan Lim, WOS Display Chairperson.

Added kudos to our members who had award-winning orchids as well. GOOD SHOW!



Best Lavender Cattleya
Blc. Fatari 'Carmela'
Scot and Karen Mitamura



Best Other Genera
Brs. Memoria Fritz Boedeker
Scot and Karen Mitamura



Best White Cattleya
C. crispa
Scot and Karen Mitamura



Best Miltonia
Alcala Hilo Ablaze 'Hilo Gold'
Duncan Chun

WOS Membership Renewal Information

If you have yet to turn in your Windward Orchid Society Membership renewal for July 2018 to June 2019, please do so at our August meeting or mail in this form posthaste.

_____**Renewal** **WOS Membership 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:** _____

Phone: _____ **Cell:** _____ **Work:** _____

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

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

_____ **Regular Membership (July 2018 to June 2019) \$25.00**

_____ **Regular & Assoc. (Partner) Membership (July 2018 to June 2019) \$35.00**

_____ **Associate (Partner only) Membership (July 2018 to June 2019) \$10.00**

_____ **Lifetime Membership \$300.00**

**WOS
Corner**

IMPORTANT REMINDER:

Please turn in your Windward Orchid Society membership renewal for July 1, 2018 to June 30, 2019.

What's Cookin'?
WOS Cookbooks \$15.

WOS Cookbook Vol. 2

Send your recipes to Wendy:
wpathways@gmail.com

WOS Shirt Sale

Golf Shirts \$20.
Forest Green -M & XL
Navy Blue -S, M, L & XL

2018 T-Shirts \$15.
Construction Green -
All sizes Small to 3XL

Prior to 2018 T-Shirts \$10.
Blue -S to 2XL, Gray -2XL,
Heather Gray-3XL, Orange-S

While supply lasts, shirts will be available at our membership meetings. Call Susan at 728-1014 if you can't make it to a meeting.

Orchid Doctor - If you have questions about your orchids, or have orchids that are not doing well, please bring them early (7:00 p.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 florescent 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 2018-2019: President *Sheron Harwood* Vice-President *Karen Kim* Recording Secretary *Dawn Bonak*
Treasurer *Craig Nakahara* Corresponding Secretary *Deborah Collins* Trustees: (2016-2019) *Susan Lim* *Larry Marcum*
Fred Collins (2018-2021) *Duncan Chun* *Wendy Saito* *Ariel Harwood* (2017-2020) *Steve Canham* *C.J. Kalopodes*
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 (except in June & December).