



Windward Orchid News

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Windward Orchid Society's **NEXT MEMBERSHIP MEETING** will be on **Wednesday,**

July 03, 2019 at 7:00 p.m. at the King Intermediate School Cafeteria.

No Membership Meeting in June at King Intermediate School.
Instead, We Are Having Our
Installation Banquet on Saturday, June 15th at MCBH Klipper Club

A Message From Our President

Aloha Everyone!

This will be my last message as I will officially become your "out-going" President as of July 1, 2019. I hope you all feel that I have served you well; I have given it my best!! All of us on the Board have tried to make sure that we offer you what you want/need in terms of speakers, education and opportunities to learn about orchids.

This past month was busy for me personally as well, giving some time to the community to promote the Windward Orchid Society. I had two opportunities that were very FUN! One was a lecture to a women's group at Ho'omaluhia Botanical Gardens in Kaneohe. It was a beautiful setting to give a lecture about the culture of orchids and the 20+ ladies had lots of questions about Orchid culture. They even donated \$25 to the Windward Orchid Society as a Thank You!!!

I also spoke at UH Manoa as part of its "Library Treasures" series on rare books in the University's collections. I talked about orchid history and culture, and we looked at many beautiful old botanical books, often with hand-painted illustrations of the plants and flowers. We are being offered a chance to look at the UH Hamilton Library Rare Orchid books on Sunday, July 28th – time to be determined as we get closer to the date. Sign up! It was really something to see these old books, a truly once in a lifetime, and very awe-inspiring knowing that this 'hobby' or addiction has been around for more than a 180+ years.

Anyway, I digress – it has been my honor and privilege to serve as your President and I plan on supporting our new leadership as best I can in the coming months. Please give support to your new President – Craig "See me at Break for Orientation" Nakahara. He has been our one man 'Welcoming Committee' for new members. He has ideas and plans that I hope come to fruition.

Aloha and I'll be seeing you around.

~Sheron

WOS Membership Renewal Information

Because there will be no general membership meetings in June, please be sure to *mail* your Windward Orchid Society Membership renewal for July 2019 to June 2020.

Upcoming Events:

- ◆ **THERE IS NO GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING IN JUNE. SO, DO NOT GO TO KING INTERMEDIATE SCHOOL IN JUNE.**
- ◆ **Saturday, June 8th at 9:30 a.m. HAKU LEI MAKING Workshop at Dot's House**
If you need directions, call 236-4104.
- ◆ **Thursday, June 6th 1:00 p.m. Set up WOS display for the Aiea Orchid Show at Aiea Elementary School Cafeteria**
- ◆ **Fri.- Sun., June 7, 8 & 9th**
9 a.m. - 5 p.m., on Fri. & Sat.
9 a.m. - 3 p.m., on Sun.
Aiea Orchid Club Annual Orchid Show and Sale at Aiea Elementary School Cafeteria.
- ◆ **Saturday, June 15th**
11:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.
WOS Installation Banquet at MCBH Klipper Club. Any questions call Susan Lim 808-728-1014.
- ◆ **Saturday, July 20th Early Morning (Exact Time To Be Determined) REPOTTING ADVENTURE in Aiea Haina for New WOS Members.**
- ◆ **Sunday, July 28th, Time To Be Determined, View Rare Orchid Books at the University of Hawaii Hamilton Library.**

Aiea Orchid Club Annual Orchid Show

Showtimes are Friday and Saturday, June 7 & 8th (9 a.m. - 5 p.m.) and Sunday, June 9th (9 a.m.- 3p.m.) Plant sales close at 2 p.m. on Sunday. The show will be held at Aiea Elementary School Cafeteria, 99-370 Moanalua Rd.

Set-up is on Thursday, June 6th, please bring your blooming orchids, greens, and hinahina to Dot's house by 10 a.m. or by 1:00 p.m. to the Aiea Elementary School. And, remember to put your name on your plant, so that we know who to return it to, as especially if it wins an award.

Breakdown will be at 3 p.m. on Sunday, June 9th and we will need your kokua please.

Please contact Larry Kamiya at 235-3290, if you have any questions.

CALLING ALL MEMBERS – an exciting event – to view the Rare Orchid Books at the UH Manoa Hamilton Library.

When: Sunday, July 28th – Parking is FREE at the UH on any Sunday!

Time: TBD as we get closer – most likely Mid-Morning.

Where: UH Manoa Hamilton Library – Rare Book Collection – Viewing Room

LIMITED to the first 20 people to sign-up. Additional names will be listed on a standby basis in the event people cannot attend. You can sign up at the July meeting – that will be the last time to sign up. You can email me at Sheron@jerryhay.com and I will put your name and phone number on the list.

NEW MEMBER EVENT: A Hands on – Repotting Adventure in Aina Haina

This is initially open to new members only – preferably so new that you are not sure what is going on!!! It is limited to the first 10 to sign-up. After that, we will have a “standby” list in the event someone cancels out.

When – Saturday, July 20th, Time – Early-morning – we will set the time as we get closer. A hosted Lunch afterwards at the Greek Marina to recap what we learned.

Where – We will most likely meet in Hawaii Kai at Koko Marina by the theaters, and car-pool to Aina Haina.

What – We will be working with and repotting about 50 or so orchids – all types – and I will talk about Orchids 101 during the repotting. You will have a chance to learn about Orchids A – Z and actually repot some to get the hang of it. Once I show you the ‘tricks’ you will see how easy it really is to care for your orchids!

Look for the sign-up sheet at the July meeting – that will be the last time to sign up. You can email me at Sheron@jerryhay.com and I will put your name/phone number on the list.

I WISH I had an opportunity like this when I first started out – it would have saved the lives of many, many, many of my orchids as I struggled along learning what to do!! – Please join me – don't let this pass you by – Aloha, Sheron

Orchid Tip of the Month by Scot Mitamura

June brings us into the beginning of summer. It looks like it will be a good, long, hot summer, which is great for growing our orchids. These long days are beneficial for our orchids to grow big and strong, so that they can produce beautiful blooms later in the year. Let's start increasing our watering and fertilizing, the orchids are hungry!

Repotting is the biggest push throughout summer as many of our orchids are in some sort of growth stage.

If you haven't cut your Hono Hono stems, it is still not too late. Cut them into four inch sections and lay them in a pot on top of any type of moist potting medium and watch the keikis emerge. Make sure you label what type of cuttings they are, as some of us have different types that bloom at different times. You surely don't want to mix them up. Resist the urge to pot them individually this year. Let them grow strong and repot them next year around this time and they should bloom the following season. My adult Honos are being repotted too. I like to use sphagnum moss, for its ability to retain moisture and fertilizer.

One problem is the weeds. They are actually my worst pest in my orchid collection. Many of the small artillery plants (this is the common name for several weeds that have tiny seeds that become airborne), need to be pulled before seeding. Whenever you have an orchid with lots of weeds, just repot it. Remove all the media and hose it down to remove all the seeds. You will find that the pot is full of tiny roots. In the media, these roots compete for nutrients, moisture, and airspace. If not dealt with, they will overrun the slow growing orchid. So let's get out there with our tweezers, and keep a very low tolerance for them. Oh, and please collect and dispose of the pulled weeds; if you just throw them on the ground, they will be a problem there too!

~ Scot

WOS May Orchid Culture Awards



1st Place – Novice Division
Gram. Scriptum
Owner: Tammy Pocock



1st Place – Intermediate Division
Ornithocephalus bicornis
Owner: Duncan Chun



1st Place – Masters Division
Den. Usitae
Owner: Walter Hiraishi



2nd Place – Novice Division
Paph. Susan Booth 'Sherroh'
Owner: Stewart Young



2nd Place – Intermediate Division
V. Sanchoi Gold 'Spot'
Owner: Deborah Collins



2nd Place – Masters Division
Lc. Zul 'Pastel'
Owner: Scot & Karen Mitamura

WOS Corner

At our May 1st meeting, 66 members and 5 guests learned techniques for growing dendrobiums on the Windward side of the island. Thanks to Roy Andrade!



See Pictures of Past WOS Events
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April 24th UH Manoa presentation "Journey Through the Natural Sciences in Hamilton Library's Rare Book Collection". The detail and accuracy of these hand-drawn orchid prints were amazing, right down to bug bites on the stems.

May 4th Manoa Orchid Show. Beautiful orchids on display.

WANTED: Nominations for Orchidist of the Year and Orchidist of the Decade

These are individuals who have over made significant contributions to promote and strengthen Windward Orchid Society.

Orchidist of the Year, WOS member for at least 3 years

Orchidist of the Decade, WOS member for at least 12 years

Email nominations to Sheron at sheron@jerryhay.com by June 8th.

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 Vacant

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The WOS meets on the first Wednesday of every month at the King Intermediate School Cafeteria (except in June & December).

*Windward Orchid Society Membership
for July 1, 2019 to June 30, 2020*

Please complete and mail the form below with a check payable to WOS or Windward Orchid Society.

_____ **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:** _____

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

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

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

_____ **Regular Membership (July 2019 to June 2020) \$25.00**

_____ **Regular & Assoc. (Partner) Membership (July 2019 to June 2020) \$35.00**

_____ **Associate (Partner only) Membership (July 2019 to June 2020) \$10.00**

_____ **Lifetime Membership \$300.00**