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October 2, 2019  
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Windward Orchid Society's **NEXT MEMBERSHIP MEETING** will be on **Wednesday, October 2, 2019** at 7:00 p.m. at the King Intermediate School Cafeteria.

**Come to the Orchid Clinic and  
Learn to Help Your Sick Orchids to Get Well Soon**

## A Message From Our President

Dear WOS Members,

For you Vanda lovers, we hope you made it to the last meeting. Scot gave a great presentation about Vanda culture and brought some interesting specimens that showed the diversity of these sun-loving orchids. Thank you, Scot!

The last Oahu orchid show of 2019 is coming up. It will be hosted by the Honolulu Orchid Society. They will be celebrating 80 years of orchids! This event will be held Oct 11<sup>th</sup> to Oct 13<sup>th</sup>. We want to end the show year with a bang. To do this, we need blooming orchids --- your blooming orchids! If you can, please put your name and phone number on your plants and bring them to Dot's house on the display set-up day, Thursday, Oct. 10<sup>th</sup> by 11 a.m., or by 12 p.m. at Washington Intermediate School. Then, our Display Chair Ariel Harwood, will lead our display team and create a bedazzling display for hundreds of orchid admirers to enjoy. Please do your best to groom your plants and check your plants to be sure that there are no thrips, or spider mites, or other critters on your plants when you drop them off.

If you missed the Saturday Workshop at Dot's house in September, you will have another opportunity in 2020. Watch your newsletter for details.

We sincerely thank the new refreshments committee and all the members that have donated snacks and made monetary contributions. The foods have been so good! This committee comes early to set up and takes care of the clean-up after the meeting. Let's all be sure to express our appreciation to them for their time and thoughtfulness.

One of the most unique events of the year for WOS is coming up in November. The annual Orchid Auction Night will be held in lieu of our November General Meeting. We host this once a year opportunity for the public to get bargain prices on a variety of orchids, orchid supplies and delicious foods. We will be encouraging our members to come out and donate some of their delicious baked goods for sale and to also take advantage of the auction to grow their own collections. It's always a fun-filled night. I hope to see you all there.

Aloha,  
Craig Nakahara, WOS President

## Common Symptoms Caused by Orchid Pests and Diseases

At our October 2nd meeting, Scot Mitamura will hold an Orchid Clinic.

Members are encouraged to bring their sick orchids for analysis and some repotting.

Scot will also bring flash cards showing common symptoms caused by orchid pests and diseases and people can test their knowledge.



### October Events:

- ◆ **Wednesday, October 2nd at 7:00 p.m.**  
**The Last General Membership Meeting of the Year** at King School Cafeteria.
- ◆ **Thursday, October 10th** **Set up WOS display** at the Honolulu Orchid Society Show.
- ◆ **Fri.- Sun., October 11, 12 & 13**  
**Honolulu Orchid Society's Orchid Show** at Washington Middle School, 1633 South King St.

### November Event:

- ◆ **Wednesday, November 6th at 7:00 p.m.**  
**W.O.S. Public Orchid Auction**  
at King School Cafeteria. Don't miss this Bargain Bonanza on orchids, orchid supplies, tasty treats and more.

### December Event:

- ◆ **Sunday, December 8th at 11 a.m.— 3 p.m.**  
**Christmas Luncheon**  
at the Klipper Club MCBH. Save this date. Treat yourself and others to this good-fun celebration.

# WOS September Orchid Culture Awards



1st Place – Novice Division  
Crphm. Sunshine Queen  
Owner: Anna Edwards



1st Place – Intermediate Division  
Rhynchochardis Bangkok Sunset  
Owner: Elaine Higa



1st Place – Masters Division  
Blc. Mystic Lady 'Lime Morning'  
Owners: Scot and Karen Mitamura



2nd Place – Novice Division  
Onc. Honey Butter  
Owner: Meldy Villanueva



2nd Place – Intermediate Division  
V. Suksamren Beauty 'Bubblicious'  
Owner: Adam Almeida



2nd Place – Masters Division  
V. Ratchaburi Charming  
Owner: Walter Hiraishi

## Orchid Tip of the Month by Scot Mitamura

Signs of heat stress to our orchids show up as white or darkish areas on the central and uppermost parts of the orchid's leaves. Other signs might be dark irregular spotting, raised irregular bumps (ruptured cells), wilting, dried edges.

Larger, wide, and horizontally arranged leaves become heat stressed more easily, so these leaves require more shading. Thicker, skinnier, and often upright leaves require higher light levels and can tolerate more heat. Move your orchids accordingly so they get the right amount of light.

Heat stress does not only have cosmetic damage, but will actually hinder plant growth. The orchid will shut down and will not grow. This stressed plant becomes susceptible to insects, fungal infections, and viruses.

To balance out the effects of heat, the most important factor is increasing air movement. Move them away from buildings, thick hedges, avoid overcrowding them, and growing them on the ground. Mounting and hanging them really keeps them cool. Watering in the morning often keeps the orchids cool as the water evaporates during the day. Keep your orchids cool and watch them grow and bloom for you. ~ Scot





## Honolulu Orchid Society's 80th Annual Orchid Show

Showtimes are Friday, Oct. 11th (9 a.m. - 5 p.m.) and Saturday, Oct. 12th (9 a.m. - 4 p.m.) and Sunday, Oct. 13th (9 a.m.- 3 p.m.) Plant sales close at 2 p.m. on Sunday. The show will be held at Washington Middle School Cafeteria, 1633 South King St.

Set-up is on Thursday, Oct. 10th, *please bring your blooming orchids, greens, and hinahina* to Dot's house by 11 a.m. or by 12:00 p.m. to the Washington Middle School. And, remember to put your name on your plant so that we know who to return it to and especially if it wins an award, your name should be on it.

Breakdown will be at 3 p.m. on Sunday, Oct 13th and we will need your kokua please.

*If you have any questions, please contact Display Chairperson, Ariel Harwood at (808) 679-1227.*

### Payments and Credit Card Fees

In addition to the usual cash and check payments, Windward Orchid Society is now accepting credit card payments for Membership, Banquets, Auction Night, etc. To make this feasible, there will be a nominal fee for all credit card purchases.

## Orchid Auction Night—Wednesday, November 6th

Next month is the Windward Orchid Society Orchid Auction Night, to be held at King Intermediate School Cafeteria, Nov. 6th, 7 p.m. - 9 p.m.

This is open to the public, so please bring your friends and family to this once-a-year event.

There will many sweet deals on lots of orchids and orchid supplies.

We are encouraging our members to donate baked goods and other delicious foods for sale at the auction.

If you have not been to this auction before, have no fear, it's easy and fun. We will guide you through the process. If you've been to this before, we'll see you there.

Because we are hosting the Orchid Auction, there will be no General Membership meeting that night.

## WOS Christmas Party

Our Christmas Party will be at the Klipper Club at the Marine Corps Base Hawaii from 11:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. on Sunday, December 8th.

However, the deadline for Base passes is October 31st (Halloween). Details are on the reservation form that is included with this newsletter.

The payment deadline is not until November 15th. If you decide not to go after all, we will discard your Base pass.

There is no General Membership Meeting in December, so we hope you will join us at the Christmas Party instead.



## SPRING SHOW 2020

### General Store - Toni Walker

Donations are being accepted year-round. Donation deadline is Feb. 5, 2020. When you have an item to donate, please don't wait. Text Toni at 808-292-1407. Except for live plants and cuttings...please bring those to the set-up of the 2020 Spring Show.

### Signs & Banners - Fred Collins

We are looking for members willing to put a Spring Show yard sign or a banner on their property. Can you help? Text Fred at 808-294-7475.

**At our August meeting,** 68 members and 4 of our guests listened as horticulturist, Scot Mitamura, shared his extensive knowledge about the differences in the care for various types of Vandas.



Thank you, Scot!

**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 Karen Kim during our General Membership Meeting.

**Refreshment Contributions** - If you bring snacks to share, put it where it usually goes and the refreshment volunteers will help set it up. Please take home any extras at the end of the meeting.

**WOS Cookbook II**— Send your ono recipes to Wendy [wpathways@gmail.com](mailto:wpathways@gmail.com).

**WOS  
Corner**

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