



# Windward Orchid News

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Windward Orchid Society's **NEXT MEMBERSHIP MEETING** is scheduled for **Wednesday, January 4th, 2017** at 7:30 p.m. in the King Intermediate School Cafeteria

## Mounting Orchids

Our January speaker will be Debbie Soutar.

Her topic is Mounting Orchids. It will be hands-on. Each member will make their own to take home.

Debbie is an accredited American Orchid Society judge. She has her own orchid nursery here on the Windward side, called Orchids 'N Paradise. Debbie came here to live from California more than sixteen years ago. She works as an insurance adjuster with Travelers. She raises West Highland Terriers and loves to cook.

~Karen

## A Message From Our President

### Happy New Year!!!



Can you believe it is 2017 already.....I am just amazed at how time is just flying by.

About 95+ WOS members and guests had a great time at the annual Christmas Party.

We had some excellent food and I think that we will continue to work with the same caterer for other events.

Scot brought in some very interesting plants, some species, lots of bloomers and in general everyone went home with a fabulous variety of plants.

Once we turn the corner to 2017 we start to rev up for our annual Spring Show in March.

It is our once-a-year Fund Raiser – we use the profits to run the club, pay the speakers, give away plants to EVERY member at EVERY meeting, supplement the refreshments and get you a fantastic newsletter – just to name a few!

PLEASE, PLEASE, PLEASE volunteer to help. Even for only an hour or two, every little bit helps and it's FUN! See you all at the January Meeting!!!

~Sheron

## Orchid Tip of the Month by Scot Mitamura

Winter began on December 21. But it seems like it's been here for a while. Fortunately, every day our day length increases, which is great for our orchids.

With the constant rainy weather it is imperative that you use all methods to keep you orchids dryer and disease free.

The higher you grow your orchids the better. Keep them minimally over eighteen above the soil line. This what is called the splash zone, where fungus/bacteria and other soil borne pathogens like nematodes, can infect your orchids.

Applying this practice can greatly assist you in growing beautiful orchids.

~Scot

## Upcoming Events:

- ◆ **Wednesday, January 4th at 7:30 p.m.**  
**WOS General Membership Meeting**  
**at the King Intermediate School Cafeteria**
- ◆ **Saturday, January 14th at 9:30 a.m.**  
**Workshop at Dot Sakamoto's House**  
**If you need directions, call 236-4104**
- ◆ **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**





## Come One Come All



We're gearing up for our Spring Show - "Diamond Jubilee - WOS 1957"

March 24, 25, and 26, 2017 at S.W. King Intermediate School

Our show offers a great opportunity to share your knowledge with members and customers, as well as to meet and learn from seasoned orchid growers from other societies locally and from the mainland. Which is one of the reasons we would like our members to volunteer for one or more committees. Please welcome your friends and family to volunteer as well.

Our Spring Show is the main source of revenue we have to keep WOS operational every year to cover operational expenses. It's a big show and we need everyone to participate. It's time to mark the show dates down on your 2017 calendars and support YOUR Society by participating in one or more of the following committees. Sign up sheets will be available at our January meeting for any of the committees below.

Admissions - Lee Deir: Entrance to show, collect tickets and donations, pass out program

Cashier - Dot Sakamoto: Cut tags off plants, conduct transactions, repack plant boxes, assist customers with plants.

Country Store - Toni Walker: Tag all items, stock items and plants, may collect money country store purchases.

Host and Hostess - Hazel Basuel: Holding area: tag and hold purchased plants. Display area: walk around the display area to prevent theft and damaging of plants, may answer customer questions.

Membership - Grace Nishigaya: Sign up new members.

Parking - Susan Lim: Parking attendants to assist with directing and parking traffic, especially for the Handicap area and all day on Friday.

Set-up - CJ Kalopodes: WEDNESDAY: Lay and tape mats on basketball court floor, set-up sellers tables, cover tables with paper, put up signs, make boxes and distribute. We need volunteers all day until done.

Storeroom & Clean-up - Craig Nakahara and Bobby Kauahi: Vehicles and volunteers to bring equipment from the storeroom on WEDNESDAY and return equipment on SUNDAY after the show.

Anyone working a total of 8 hours or more will **receive a T-shirt**.  
Anyone who volunteers will **be invited to the Appreciation Luncheon**.

Anyone wanting to **purchase a golf shirt** can sign up at the January meeting.

**Tickets and posters** will be available at the January meeting, you can help by taking at least 25 tickets and passing them to other organizations, employers, co-workers, friends, family, other businesses, etc.

*Please feel free to contact Susan Lim, 728-1014 if you have any questions.*

### WOS Corner

WOS Cook Book Our first WOS Cook Book is in the making and we would like to include your favorite recipes. Please email them to wpathways@gmail.com or give them to Wendy Saito when you see her. The cook books will be ready to sell at our Spring Show coming up March 24-26.

Parking Chairperson  
is needed for our Spring Show.  
No experience required.  
Our Spring Show committee has started planning and we need you.  
Please see Susan Lim.

Audio Equipment Help  
is needed at our General Membership Meetings.  
Experience is not required.  
Please see Sheron Harwood.

**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 try to answer any questions that you have about them.

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

**Refreshment Contributions Please** Sign up sheets are at the refreshment table or you can email Toni Walker at [toni.walker58@yahoo.com](mailto:toni.walker58@yahoo.com).

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

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your free orchid at our next  
Membership Meeting  
January 4th, 7:30 p.m. at  
King Intermediate Cafeteria.

