



Windward Orchid News

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Windward Orchid Society's **NEXT MEMBERSHIP MEETING** will be on **Wednesday, January 8, 2020** at 7:00 p.m. at the King Intermediate School Cafeteria.

Speaking of Species



Dendrobium archipelagense

An Introduction to Species Orchids, Part II By Adam Almeida

Our guest speaker for our January 8th meeting will be Adam Almeida.

He is a member of the Species Club and will provide us with an introduction to Species Orchids, Part II.

Adam has been doing this since he was about 18 years old and has a serious interest in the scientific and judging aspects of the orchid hobby.

~Karen

A Message From Our President

Dear WOS Members,

HAPPY NEW YEAR!!!

2020 is going to be a very special year for WOS as we celebrate our 40th Spring Show. Our Show Chair Susan Lim, and our WOS Display Chair Sheron Harwood, has found a sparkling GEM within our society - a "RUBY"! We need everyone of you to help us make this 2020 Spring Show successful!

How about our Christmas party? Susan, Ariel, and Dawn did a fabulous job from beginning to end. Everyone left in jolly spirits, hands full of plants, and a full tummy! Kudos to Scot, Betty, Ruby, Walter, Deanne, Sheron, Darrell (MCBH) and the very generous plant donors. Special thanks to Taryn Takabayashi for her singing of Christmas carols.

Our meetings will continue to bring you speakers with knowledge on a variety of orchids. And hopefully, we will coordinate an Orchid Safari.

Please stay healthy, safe, and make a new resolution to get more involved with our WOS.

Aloha,
Craig Nakahara, WOS President

Orchid Tip of the Month by Scot Mitamura

January brings us into the new year, and that means resolutions for the year. One of them that I had made last year, was to spend more time with my orchids.

Trying to provide daily walkthroughs, increased fertilizing, paying more attention to my orchid's watering needs, and addressing any problems as I see them. Wow, what a difference my collection has seen!

The daily walkthrough has been a big surprise. Not only is it a relaxing thing to do, but I was able to quickly notice orchid plants that were knocked over from the wind, insect/pest damage prior to an infestation, weeds were pulled before they spread to everything, and orchids with active roots that needed repotting were repotted.

It's fun to see what can happen in just a few days, especially when flower buds are initiated. I can spray insecticides on them prior to thrips and birds eating them while moving them into protected areas and I was able to stake them up earlier for better flower form. I was able to be proactive, instead of reactive, to the problems my orchids would have.

The change was not immediate, but by the end of this past year, my orchids were much larger and were flowering much better. If we can just commit to spending a little more time, daily if possible, I know we can all have orchid collections to be proud of!

~ Scot

WOS 40th Annual Orchid Show - March 20-22, 2020 - King Intermediate School

Our show theme this year is "There's No Place Like the Windward Side". We will set-up a yellow brick road to enchanting orchids and reveal the wizardry of orchid culture. If we're lucky, we may even have some ruby slipper orchids around. At a minimum, we'll have a tornado of plants on display and for sale.

After 40 years of annually amazing orchid emporiums by the Windward Orchid Society, one thing we know for certain is that the more of our membership join in with set-up and advertising and hosting and clean-up, the more fun we have and the better our show is for our guests.



In order for us to keep our society going forward and continue growing, we really do need YOUR help. Please sign-up at the next general meeting to volunteer on at least one of the following committees.

Admissions - see Lee Deir - 220-8220 or Lynn Chang - 457-8374
Cashiers - see Dot Sakamoto - 226-2393 or 236-4104
Country Store - see Toni Walker - 292-1407
Host/Hostess - see Garrett Murata - 319-3727
Parking - see Al Lindo - 722-3516
Membership Sign-up - see Grace Nishigaya - 383-8485
Set-up - see CJ Kalopodes - 247-3136
Storage Sign-up - see Craig Nakahara - 284-4218
Signs & Banners - see Fred Collins - 294-7475

Volunteers who work 8 or more hours will receive a free WOS tee-shirt. You may sign-up for any number of committees during the 3 days of the show. Family and friends are welcome to volunteer, too!

We will be ordering Red Polo Shirts this year for \$20. To get one, sign-up at next membership meeting, or call Susan Lim.

All volunteers (members and non-members) will be invited to attend an Appreciation Luncheon.

Tickets and flyers will be available at the January meeting. Show admission is free - donations are appreciated. We 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!

Feel free to contact the Show Chairperson, Susan Lim, at 728-1014 for additional information.

WALTER YAMADA



Sending prayers and our deepest sympathy to Emily and the Yamada 'Ohana.

Our WOS society will never be the same without Walter Yamada, who brought laughter, jokes, knowledge, and a smile like no other. He was so reliable, patient, funny, helpful, humble, and took pride in his orchids.

His *Dendrobium* Violet Yamaji won so many awards and is so spectacular, it took 5 men to carry it from his house to the show.

Walter not to worry, we will be there for Emily, as you have been there for us.

Until we meet again!
WOS 'Ohana.

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.

Saturday Workshop January 11th

The first Orchid Workshop of the year at Dot's house will be on Saturday, January 11th at 9:30 a.m.

If you need directions, call 236-4104.



WOS Corner

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 - Please bring snacks to share, and please take home any extras at the end of the meeting.

WOS Cookbook II– Send your ono recipes to Wendy wpathways@gmail.com.

WOS Officers 2019-2020: President Craig Nakahara Vice-President Karen Kim Recording Secretary Dawn Bonak
Treasurer Ariel Harwood Corresponding Secretary Deborah Collins Trustees: (2019-2022) Susan Lim Toni Walker
Fred Collins (2018-2021) Duncan Chun Wendy Saito Dot Sakamoto (2017-2020) Steve Canham C.J. Kalopodes
Scot Mitamura Director Sheron Harwood 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).