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# Windward Orchid News

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Windward Orchid Society's April Events Are Canceled.

We Are Looking Forward to Days Post COVID-19.

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A Hui Hou Kākou

# **A Message From Our President**

Dear WOS Members,

Unfortunately, we had to make a really tough decision and cancel our 40th Annual Spring Orchid Show.

With the Coronavirus still lingering with no cure in sight, we felt that the safety of our volunteers, vendors, speakers, and the public was our top priority.

The Orchid Show is our primary money-maker to keep the club at status quo. We are going to have to cut expenses somewhere. This is where the membership can help with ideas and suggestions on how to make money and/or cut expenses.

We need everyone's support to help keep our club going strong. Renew your membership early, donate when you can, help at the meetings and most of all show your appreciation by attending our meetings and events when it is safe to resume them again.

Special thanks to our Show Chair, Susan Lim, WOS board members, and committee chairs for everything you do to support our society and members.

To our vendors, we sincerely apologize for the last-minute cancellation. We'll work to think of ways for you to sell some of your plants and hopefully recover some expenses.

Both the Kunia officers and Windward officers are looking at what would be best for our societies; which goes to show we can lean on each other in good times and bad times.

Our President, Governor, Mayor, and Dept. of Health are requesting groups to cancel any events and activities with large crowds of people. We felt we needed to do our part.

We hope the cancellation of April's Membership Meeting and Saturday Workshop will help you stay healthy and keep you safe. Hopefully, we can come back in May and make the rest of 2020 SPECTACULAR!!!

Mahalo,

Craig Nakahara, WOS President

#### **Tentative Events:**

- ◆ Friday May 1st, Manoa Orchid Society Show Setup.
- Saturday and Sunday, May 02-03, Manoa Orchid Society Show at Noelani Elementary School.
- Wednesday, May 6th at 7:30 p.m., WOS Membership Meeting at King Intermediate School. Election of officers and nominations for Orchidist of the Year and Orchidist of the Decade.
- Saturday, May 9th at 9:30 a.m.
   Workshop at Dot Sakamoto's House.
   If you need directions, call 236-4104.
- Wednesday, May 20th Turn-in your Base Pass Information for the June 20th Installation Banquet.
- ♦ Wednesday, June 10th Payment due for the June 20th Installation Banquet.
- ♦ No Membership Meeting in June. Please attend the Installation Banquet on June 20th instead.
- Saturday, June 13th at 9:30 a.m.
   Workshop at Dot Sakamoto's House.
   If you need directions, call 236-4104.
- ◆ Thursday June 11th Aiea Orchid Club Show Setup.
- Friday, Saturday and Sunday, June 12-14, Aiea Orchid Club Show at Aiea Elementary School.
- ◆ Saturday, June 20th 1:00 p.m.- 5:00 p.m., WOS Installation Banquet at The Klipper Club on MCBH.
- ◆ RENEW WOS MEMBERSHIP for July 1, 2020 to June 30, 2021.

### Orchid Tip of the Month by Scot Mitamura

Since viruses are on everyone's mind, let's talk about viruses that affect orchids. It is extremely important that they are kept in check. Viruses can greatly reduce vigor and flowering in orchids.

Orchids may, or may not, show visual symptoms such as color break in flowers (irregular dark pigmentation), crippling of flowers and or leaves, chlorosis (yellow streaks in the leaves), necrosis (black streaks or dead tissue in the leaves), sunken streaks and pitting of foliage.

Virus infected orchids often lack vigor, but the tricky part is that you may never know. The only way is through testing with the University of Hawaii or with an Agdia Test Kit. Either way, tests run around five bucks each. The unfortunate thing is that they only test for the two most prevalent viruses, Cymbidium Mosaic (CMV) and Odontoglossum Ring spot (ORSV) Viruses. Through years of personal experience with working with the UH Virology Department, we have found that orchids that are virus free of CMV and ORSV, could still be infected with other viruses. These viruses can jump from one plant species to another. So in other words testing will give you a false sense of security.

The most reasonable way to handle diseases such a viruses, is to assume that each orchid or plant could harbor some sort of an infection. It could be viral, fungal, or even bacterial. Sanitation is the key! The most common way to transmit viruses and other diseases is through your unsterilized pruner. The best way to sterilize your pruner is with heat, a self-igniting propane torch will do the job just fine. Other options are barbeque lighters (weaker flame and will take longer to heat and dry the orchid sap), or even cigarette lighters will do. Just remember to sterilize before cutting into the next plant. If the flames bother you, then dipping them in a soap water and 10 percent bleach solution would also work.

Don't forget to also sterilize all of your utensils, such as props, stakes, pots, trays, hangers, and clips. I normally soak them in a 10 percent bleach solution overnight, making sure to scrub off all of the white roots with a scouring pad. ORSV is very resistant in the environment and could infect an orchid just by reusing an old unsterilized pot. If you haven't been sterilizing, it's never too late to start.

There is no cure for orchid viruses, so prevention is the key. If kept in good health like humans and viruses, your orchid could mask its symptoms, but when put under stress (after repotting, or in times of over watering or drought), symptoms can reappear or the plant could just die. So let's all take the necessary steps to keep our orchids healthy.

I have even extended my sterilization to all plants that I cut my pruners, especially ones that are juicy and have a lot of sap. They are the easiest ones to become infected by viruses.  $\sim$  Scot

### WOS Installation Banquet

Our Installation Banquet is scheduled for Saturday, <u>June 20, 2020</u> at the Klipper Club at Marine Corps Base Hawaii from 1:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m.

However, the deadline for **Base Passes** is May 20, 2020. Details are on the reservation form that is included with this newsletter.

The **payment** deadline is not until <u>June 10, 2020</u>. If you decide not to go after all, we will discard your Base Pass.

We hope that you will join us to thank our Board Members for their service, to be there for the reveal of the Orchidist of the Year and Orchidist of the Decade and to have a good time.

If you have questions, please call Susan Lim at 728-1014.

University of Hawaii Library Rare Orchid Books Display

Save the date: Sunday, July 26th. Details and sign-up at the May Membership Meeting.

~ Sheron Harwood, WOS Director

## WOS INSTALLATION BANQUET

(For base passes all member(s), and guest(s), full names & Driver's License numbers must be listed and match)

Saturday, June 20, 2020

Marine Corps Base Hawaii (MCBH)

Klipper Club

WHEN:

WHERE:

Friends

40	(Additional information needed	for anyone with Out of State Licens	res)				
TIME:	1:00 P.M 5:00 P.M.	Lunch will be at 2:00 P.M.					
MENU:	Fruit Salad, Chinese Chicken Salad, Pasta Salad, Chicken Rice Pilaf, Roasted Red Potatoes, Beef Pot Roast, Lemon Butter Caper Mahi, Chantilly Cake, and Water, Coffee, Iced Tea & Hot Tea.						
COST:	\$30.00 per Adult ~\$14.00 per Children 5 - 11 years of age ~ Children 2 - 4 years old FREE!						
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### RECIPE COLLECTION SHEET

For office use only

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DIRECTIONS:							

### **INSTRUCTIONS**

- Print NEATLY IN INK, NOT PENCIL, and place only ONE RECIPE per form.
- If more room is needed, use another sheet of the same size and staple together.
- Please WRITE LEGIBLY, as this will greatly reduce errors.
- List all ingredients in order of use in ingredients list and directions.
- Include container sizes, e.g., 16-oz. pkg., 24-oz. can.
- · Keep directions in paragraph form not in steps.
- Use names of ingredients in the directions, e.g., "Combine flour and sugar."
   DO NOT use statements like, "Combine first three Ingredients."
- Include temperatures and cooking, chilling, baking, and/or freezing times.
- Be consistent with the spelling of your name for each recipe you contribute.
- Any special recipe notes (anything other than ingredients, directions, contributor name, serving size, or recipe title) should be kept as a separate comment on the bottom of this form, as they may not be included unless we pay extra for it.
- · Your recipes should fit into the following categories:

Appetizers & Beverages
Soups & Salads
Vegetables & Side Dishes
Main Dishes

Breads & Rolls, Desserts, Cookies & Candy, This & That

Dear Friend.

Our organization is preparing a taste-tempting custom cookbook featuring favorite recipes from our members. These cookbooks will be professionally published and contain special pages of interest, a table of contents, an index, helpful cooking hints, and recipe category dividers. It is sure to be treasured for years to come.

Please submit 3-5 of your favorite recipes so you can be represented in our group's cookbook. Follow the instructions above. Your name will be printed with each of your recipes. Your help in contributing recipes will ensure that our cookbook will be a big success.

We anticipate a great demand for our cookbooks, and we want to be certain to order enough. You can reserve one or more for yourself and your family at this time to be assured of receiving them.

	Please reserve	cookbook(s)	for me.
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Mail your recipe to WOS, P.O. Box 23, Kaneohe, HI 96744.

Or, email your recipe to Wendy at wpathways@gmail.com.

# WOS March Orchid Culture Awards

Photographed by Fred Collins



1st Place – Novice Division Den. Super Nester 'White' Owner: Evelyn Monden



1st Place – Intermediate Division Den. spectabile Owner: Duncan Chun



1st Place – Master Division Den. Aussie Chip Owner: Ruby Hiraishi



2nd Place – Novice Division Cym. Sunshine Falls 'Butterballs' Owner: Al Lindo



2nd Place – Intermediate Division Rhyn. Gigantia 'Peach' Owner: Kiyomi Young



2nd Place – Master Division Rhyn. Gigantia 'Alba' Owner: Walter Hiraishi

Mel Waki was our guest speaker at our March meeting. He taught about and provided Tolumnia orchids and mounting kits to all 67 members and 1 guest in attendance.

Mahalo Mel!



Until it is safe to resume our normal WOS events and activities, please take care of yourselves, your loved ones and your orchids. Every month, Scot Mitamura writes an orchid tip for our newsletter. You can find many years of Scot's very helpful articles at our WOS website under the tab ABOUT, select ARCHIVES, then click on NEWSLETTERS.

Also, this would be a good time to send in your recipes for our **WOS Cookbook II**— Inserted with this newsletter is a standard format to follow. You can mail your recipes to our PO Box or email your recipes to Wendy at <a href="https://www.wpathways@gmail.com">wpathways@gmail.com</a>.

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