



# Windward Orchid News

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**Windward Orchid Society's June 2020 Events Are Canceled.**

## You Have Just Got See Our Website!

Our members grow many beautiful and impressive orchids. Some of our members have shared pictures and information about their orchids on ORCHIDS UNMASKED for everyone to enjoy. Carol Wilkes, a lifetime WOS member now living in Florida, has shared pictures of her orchid plant that has produced over 750 large blooms this year. If you find her information on our website, you'll be surprised by where and when Carol got this now behemoth orchid plant.

The ORCHID E.R. on our website has some interesting orchid questions and pictures from our members and Scot Mitamura provided answers for each one. There are topics like: Should I repot if my plant looks like this? What should I do about scales and mealy bugs? Does this plant look right to you? What is the name of this orchid; are you sure? What's ailing this big beautiful plant? Take a look at [www.windwardorchidsociety.org](http://www.windwardorchidsociety.org) and you might pick up an orchid tip or two.

Our sincere thanks go out to the following members for their contributions of orchid pictures, stories, questions and answers:

**Steve Canham, Deborah Collins, Sheron Harwood, Bianca Kam, Patti Kawahakui, Diana LeFebvre, Larry Marcum, Scot Mitamura, Barbara Pence, Diane Robello, Jackie Whelen, and Carol Wilkes.**

## Here's How to Share Your Orchids with Us

Please share pictures of your orchids along with any captions for ORCHIDS UNMASKED and your orchid questions and pictures for our Orchid Doctor, Scot Mitamura, on ORCHID E.R., via email to [\(available on hard copy only\)](#).

You must be a Windward Orchid Society member to have your information posted to our website, so please include your first and last name in the email message.

In the Subject Line of your email, please enter either: ORCHID E.R. or ORCHIDS UNMASKED.

In the Message of the email, please include the orchid name as it appears on the orchid's tag. If the tag is missing, or unreadable, or if the name is not known, just type "NO NAME".

Also, please provide the date, or the approximate date, of your pictures.

Questions, captions, tips and stories are limited to six sentences.

Pictures need to be in jpg or pdf formats.

Email attachments have a maximum file size of 10 MB. So, if you have trouble sending your email, the picture file size may be too big. If this happens, make a copy of your picture, then resize the copy by right clicking on the picture and choose "Resize" and select the option to make the file size smaller. You will know that your email has been received when you get an automatic reply thanking you for your email.

Mahalo Nui Loa!

# A Message From Our President

WOS Members,

I hope this newsletter finds you in good health and mind, as it's been over 3 months of no WOS meetings, events, and Orchid shows. So far only the HOS show is still a possibility and is still scheduled for October 9-11, 2020.

Also, I don't think that we'll be able to do an Orchid Safari this year with restrictions of no more than 10 people. The WOS board thanks our members for their understanding and continue support, as we aren't able to say when the next WOS General or Board meeting will be held.

We also want to thank our members for renewing their membership, which will really help the Society get back on its feet.

If you have a chance, please take some time to check out our updated WOS website to see the beautiful and amazing orchids some of our members have been sharing. We also could use more photos of your blooming orchids. Although we haven't been able to meet, you can still share your blooming orchids with all our members and followers.

Please continue to practice social distancing and keep safe.

Mahalo,  
Craig Nakahara, President

## Orchid Tip of the Month by Scot Mitamura

June 20th is the start of summer, and it already looks like it will be a hot one! As you know the days are getting longer, it's getting warmer, and we are having more days of strong trade winds. This means our orchids will be drying out faster and will need a lot more watering. It also means that the orchids are sending out new growths, and will be needing more fertilizer. This is the time of year that I really make an effort to foliar feed my orchids. In doing this, I maximize their summer growths and stored energy, this will reward me with spectacular flowering later in the year.

It's also re-potting time! Many orchids are initiating new growths and sending out new roots. Repotting now will allow the new roots to bury into the fresh media and develop a strong root system. Most organic orchid mediums will breakdown (decompose) after two years or so. Definitely after two or three years, you will need to give your orchids new medium. If you are using an inorganic media such as, blue rock, cinders, etc., you can go a little longer, but eventually the medium will crash, as well as your roots and you risk losing your orchid. So look at your orchids and check to see if the stems are shriveling and the old roots are dying, this is a sign that you need to repot. Some folks will note on the back of the label the date of each re-pot. You always want to re-pot before your orchid start to decline, this way they can "get a head of steam" and put on a spectacular flowering. Needless to say, I'm spending much of my time repotting like a madman, because I know the rewards are coming!  
~ Scot

## WOS Members Help to Make Masks

Dot Sakamoto wants to thank WOS members for their donations of fabrics.

Dot used the materials to make hundreds of children and adult sized face masks that were distributed to Shriners Hospitals for Children, Adventist Health Castle, Senior Living Centers, and DSI Windward Dialysis.

**Good Work Dot!**

## To Return Show Signs and Banners

Show signs and banners may be dropped off at Dot Sakamoto's house.

If you need directions, call Dot at 236-4104.

Windward Orchid Society Membership for  
July 1, 2020 to June 30, 2021

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

Name(s): \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City: \_\_\_\_\_ State: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ Cell: \_\_\_\_\_ Work: \_\_\_\_\_

E-mail: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Amount Enclosed: \_\_\_\_\_ Paid By: \_\_\_\_\_ Check No. \_\_\_\_\_ Cash: \_\_\_\_\_ Credit Card: \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_ Regular Membership - \$25.00

\_\_\_\_\_ Regular & Associate (Partner) Membership - \$35.00

\_\_\_\_\_ Associate (Partner only) Membership - \$10.00

\_\_\_\_\_ Lifetime Membership \$300.00

**WOS  
Corner**

We still need recipes for our  
**WOS Cookbook II.**  
You can mail your recipes to our PO Box  
or email your recipes to Wendy at ([email  
address available on hard copy only](#)).



**Please Remember To Renew  
Your WOS Membership For  
July 2020 to June 2021!**

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*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), unless otherwise rescheduled by a pandemic.