



Windward Orchid News

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Windward Orchid Society's In-Person Events are Indefinitely Sidelined by the Coronavirus Pandemic.

A Message From Our President

Aloha to All My Orchid-growing Friends,

I hope your plants are getting some extra attention during these hot days. Perhaps some of our plants will be blooming and ready for Show-and-Tell when we are finally able to resume meetings at the school.

Personally speaking, I'm grateful to have such a nice hobby to take my mind off of the unpleasant circumstances right now.

Regretfully, our October meeting is cancelled, and we also have to cancel our November Auction and our Christmas Party, due to the pandemic.

These are lean times for our society, but there is a way to contribute, visit our website to find out how.

Have any of you bought the wild orchid stamps at the post office yet? Check them out.

Stay safe and keep tuned in, everyone.

Aloha, Karen Kim, WOS President



Enjoy Beautiful Orchids and Relatable Orchid Questions by WOS Members

Find orchid inspiration provided by our fellow WOS members' orchids at **Orchids Unmasked** on our website www.windwardorchidsociety.org. It's easy to share pictures of your blooms too. We wait a long time for an orchid plant to bloom. It takes years of care. Then, finally you are rewarded by living artwork in the form of beautiful orchid flowers. That long awaited beauty is short lived. But you can capture the moment by snapping a picture with your iPhone and bring that beauty to many orchid enthusiasts by emailing it to [\(email address on hard copy only\)](#). Every member's contribution is very much appreciated.

Do you have a question about your orchid? Visit the **Orchid E.R.** that is also at our website www.windwardorchidsociety.org. There you can find lots of good questions and smart remedies for many orchid problems. As a WOS member, if your orchid question is not listed, you can get answers to your specific orchid question! Just email your inquiry and, a picture of your orchid, to [\(email address on hard copy only\)](#). Scot Mitamura will share his knowledge and experience to help provide answers.

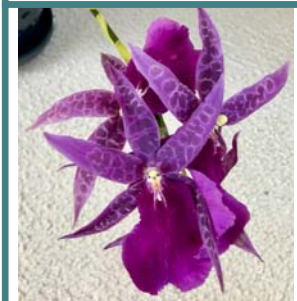
Also, please provide the name of the orchid if you have it. Use the subject line of either **Orchids Unmasked** or **Orchid E.R.** to let us know where you would like your contribution to be posted.

Mahalo Nui Loa to the following members who sent in contributions last month.

Steve Canham, Wanda Chang, Deborah & Fred Collins, Elaine Higa, Walter Hiraishi, CJ and Barbara Kalopodes, Bianca Kam, Patti Kawahakui, Arthur Nakagawa, Diane Robello, Wendy Saito, and our Orchid Doctor: Scot Mitamura.

Aloha, Deborah Collins

You can find this orchid and many others at **Orchids Unmasked**



Mttsa Darkstar
'The Orchidworks'
Owner: Patti Kawahakui

Orchid Tip of the Month by Scot Mitamura

October brings us into fall and hopefully to the end of our dry hot summer. It has been great for the growth of our orchids, but also great for the insect pests.

It is common that flower thrips and spider mites become major problems when it is dry. To avoid this, keep your orchids well hydrated. Don't be afraid to water the orchids from all angles, wetting the top and under the leaves. This is where the thrips and mites feed. Water will greatly disrupt their ability to feed.

Of course, keeping your growing areas tidy by picking up dead or dying leaves and flowers, will prevent future outbreaks. If you are unable to gain control, you might need to treat your areas with Bayer 3 n 1. As things begin to cool down, the pressure from insects will lessen.

Now begins the pay off time, when the orchids start to use all of their stored energy from summer to give us that fall show of flowers. Currently, it is prime time with lots of orchids in bloom. Especially Cattleyas, Dendrobiums, and Vandas. Just in time for the canceled Honolulu Show. But that's alright, I'm having a personal show all for myself! I'm just pleased to see the additional effort put into my orchids are beginning to show. I know you all are seeing great results too!

Aloha,
Scot



Dichromothrips on dendrobium
Photo: Dr. Arnold H. Hara,
University of Hawaii CTAHR



Red Spider Mites on Hono Hono
Photo: Wanda China
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Slug Damage on Hono Hono
Photo: Diane Robello
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Because we have long serving Board Members stepping down, the search is on for members to step up.

Due to changes in the lives of some of our Board Members, the following positions are now open:

President, one Trustee, and Recording Secretary. Then, at our next election, we will need someone to produce our newsletters.

Please contact us at [\(email address on hard copy only\)](#) for more information on how you might fill one of these vacancies.

Windward Orchid Society Cookbook, 2nd Edition needs your recipes.

Please help us create a 2nd Edition of our popular cookbook.

Email your favorite recipes to (email address on hard copy only).

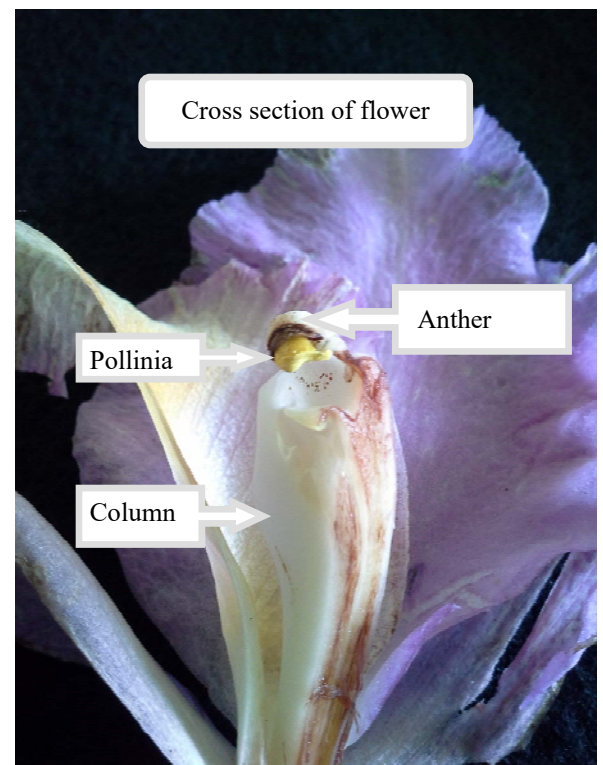
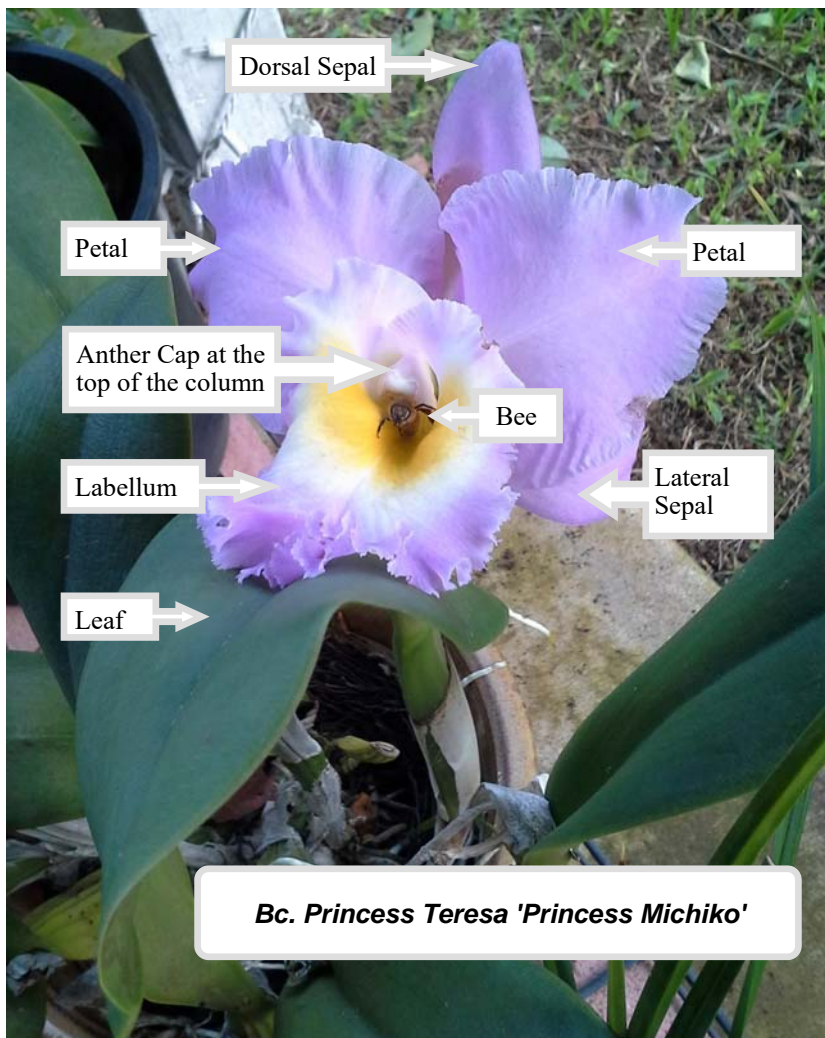
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The Honolulu Orchid Society Show that was scheduled for October 9-11, 2020 has been canceled.

Anatomy of Orchids

All orchids have three sepals and three petals and a central column. The labellum is a fancy petal and is usually very colorful or has a special shape to attract insects for pollination.

Orchids are different from other flowers because the male and female parts in orchids are combined into the column.



Photos by Deborah Collins

WOS Officers 2019-2021: Acting President *Karen Kim* Vice-President *Karen Kim* Recording Secretary (Vacancy)
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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.