



Windward Orchid News

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1,706 Pounds of Food Donated in Just 4 Hours



Easy to find.



Fast and Safe Two Station Drive-thrus.

WOS SPRING FOOD DRIVE AND PLANT GIVEAWAY WAS AN ENORMOUS SUCCESS

Amazing things happen when the community works together. Like our Spring Show, this drive and plant giveaway was open to families & friends of WOS members.



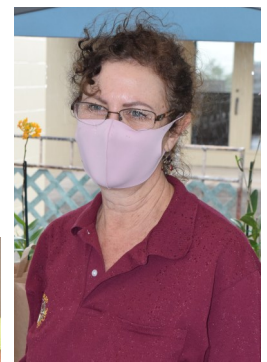
WOS getting together, sharing plants and helping the community.

Special shout out to all our partners who contributed.

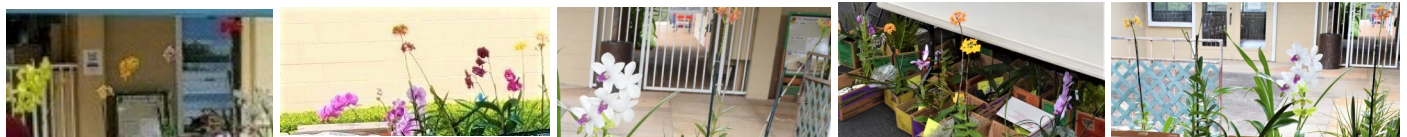
- WOS membership
- St John Lutheran Church membership
- Screens & Things, Inc staff donations
- Jerry Hay Inc staff donations



Food keeps coming in. Organized by WOS members.



Point Person, Wendy Saito



In addition to all the donated plants, monetary contributions were secured toward the purchase of blooming plants, so **everyone** received a blooming plant in their box. Thank you to all the members who donated plants and the helpers who made the plant box donation preparations go smoothly. 100 boxes were prepared and all but a few were given out.

Special Mahalo for plant donators and event helpers: Sheron Harwood, Ariel Harwood, Scot Mitamura, Wendy Saito, Susan Lim, Duncan Chun, Stephen & Ruth Canham, Dot Sakamoto, Toni Walker, and Fred Collins.

All together we gathered **1706 pounds of food** (519 more pounds than the December food drive). It was all donated to St. Anthony's Outreach serving Windward Residents; just in time for their Easter distribution of food.

A Message From Our Director

Aloha WOS Members –

Another month, another newsletter, and over a YEAR with the social distancing, no meetings and of course, no Spring Show. I really miss seeing all of you and seeing all the orchids that people grow – but SOON, I hope that we can resume our meetings. We are dependent on the Department of Education as to when they will open the schools to the public for rentals/meetings. The WOS Board members have been meeting monthly to make sure that we all have the most updated information and we relay what we find out to the membership via this newsletter. As soon as we hear anything at all, we will let you all know!

I am writing this before we have our Food Drive/Plant Giveaway event on Saturday, March 20th – and I am going to predict that it will be successful in collecting a lot of food for families in need on the Windward side. Since we could not have a Spring Show, giving back to the community in this fashion was an excellent alternative!!! I hope that you were able to drive by, drop off some food and pick up a box of plants!!!

RAIN...Rain and more Rain....my orchids have been waterlogged and semi-drowning for the past month. Fortunately, they are potted in a media that drains quickly, but they have just not been able to dry out! This weather will give everyone an opportunity to observe your orchids, the media that they are in and maybe consider that you'll have to make some changes. I know that I am going to have to re-think some of my orchids and re-pot as needed.

Please stay safe & healthy and DRY and I hope to see you all sooner, rather than later!!!

MAHALO!

Sheron Harwood, Director

Orchid Tip of the Month by Scot Mitamura

Well, our annual orchid show would have come and gone by the time you read this. Normally, we would have had seen lots of Hono Hono orchids, *Dendrobium anosmum*. But this year, with all of this wet weather, our Hono Hono seem to have taken a Covid vacation! It could also be that without the Spring Show, I had less incentive to give my Honos the extra care that they wanted. I do see some buds, so I'm hoping that they just come in late this year. If you are not seeing buds yet, try to dry out the plants and hopefully you can give them a short dormancy, which could possibly get you a really late bloom.

If the weather gets dryer, our late blooming Honos like, *Den. Nestor*, *Den. parishii*, *Den. Little Sweetscent*, may still bloom this month, or maybe into May. So, hope is not lost for our Hono Hono season! But, if we don't get flowers, like we often don't have good Mango seasons when it rains too much, maybe next year will be a better year. Hey, I betcha that there is a correlation between Hono Hono and Mango seasons. I need to pay more attention to that.

These are the years that we can really make a lot of cuttings with our old stems. So wait until later in April to start cutting your old stems. And, because there was poor flowering, you will have lots of dormant eyes along the stems that will turn into keikis. I cut them into 4 inch lengths and lay them in trays or pots filled half way with potting soil (1/2 peat moss to 1/2 perlite). You don't need to bury them; just lay them on top of the medium, but put them side-to-side touching each other. This keeps more moisture around the stems.

If you have different types of Hono Hono, make sure you keep them separate and label them appropriately. Keep them evenly moist and by ending of summer you should have lots of little keikis. Resist the urge to pot them individually yet, rather wait until the ending of spring next year. In doing this you can flower these keikis the following year. These are the years to beef up your inventory of Hono Hono, so we can hopefully have a great show in 2022.

Aloha and Stay Safe,
Scot

Nancy Arakaki and Rodney Oshima

On behalf of the Windward Orchid Society, we send our sympathies to the families of Nancy Arakaki and Rodney Oshima. They were both long-time members of our society.

Nancy primarily grew cactus and succulents and Rod, owner of Diamond Head Plants, grew exotic plants. They were ambassadors of the Windward Orchid Society, by promoting and contributing to the mission of our society. In addition, they were vendors at our Spring Shows and gave informational sessions for many years.

They will be missed. We were fortunate to have had them as members.

A Sampling of the Contributions by our Members to ORCHIDS UNMASKED and ORCHID E.R. at www.WindwardOrchidSociety.Org



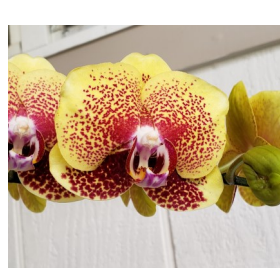
By
Walter
Hiraishi



By
Patti
Kawahakui



By
Diane
Robello



By
Sharon
Matsuyama



By
Bianca
Kam

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

Walter Hiraishi, Bianca Kam, Patti Kawahakui, Sharon Matsuyama, Barbara Pence, Diane Robello, and our Orchid Doctor: Scot Mitamura.

Visit our website for information on these and other varieties of orchids. Contributions for April are welcome at : [\(email available on paper copy only\)](#).

Orchid E.R. Recent Case

Question by Barbara Pence

I received the *Eria appendiculata* as a gift for my food donation this Saturday. My gratitude, for your generosity!

Now I need help. I searched the internet for planting and care instructions, to no avail. I'm wondering if I might seek your advice, on the best way to plant or mount it, light and water instructions.



Reply by Scot Mitamura

Thanks for supporting our WOS food drive. It was a fun event that folks really enjoyed.

The *Eria* is an extremely durable orchid and will adapt to different growing cultures. It could be simply put into a 4" pot with an orchid bark mixture. Mounting it on a piece of bark, cork, or even a basket is also a good option. Just remember that mounting requires more watering and is really good if you are in a rainy area. Allow *Erias* to slightly dry between waterings and keep them in a bright filtered light area. Fertilize monthly with a water soluble fertilizer, or a time release fertilizer.

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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.