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# Windward Orchid News

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## WOS COUNTRY STORE SALE JUNE 26, 2021, 11:00-3:00 St. John's Lutheran Church, Kailua

Mark your calendar, set an alert on your phone: Windward Orchid Society will hold its first-ever *summer* Country Store sale on June 26! There will be bargains, bargains, and more bargains. Call it what you wish—a huge garage sale in a parking lot, a jumble sale, a tag sale, a rummage sale—it doesn't matter! There will be gently-used finds and treasures for everyone, all at low, low prices. Orchid plants and supplies will be available, too! All proceeds will benefit WOS.

Come early for the best selection—but *not before* 11 am, please. Masks and social distancing will be required. Canned food donations will be welcome and will go to Windward residents in need.

**When: Saturday, June 26, 11:00 to 3:00 pm**  
**Where: St. John's Lutheran Church, 1004 Kailua Road, Kailua**

# A Message From Our Director

Aloha WOS Member -



Greetings fellow Orchid lovers! We have had some changes within the Society and so you will see a slightly new look to the Newsletter. Hopefully we can continue to keep you all informed as we struggle through all the changes. PLEASE See the HELP WANTED notice and please, please, please help us fill some of the vacancies that we have! Please send an email and someone will call you with a full description of the duties and help we need so you can make a fully informed decision to Volunteer!

On to GOOD THINGS - we have had such wonderful success with our two food drives that we are going to attempt a mini version of the Country Store. You never know what treasures you will find and it's never a bad time to find items for the upcoming holidays. There will also be a couple orchid plant vendors selling blooming plants and supplies, so you can replenish your collection. Proceeds will help the Society with on-going expenses – that have not stopped due to Covid – the newsletter for example.

I hope to see you at the “Country Store”! Again, please step up and Volunteer!

MAHALO!

Sheron Harwood, Director

## Orchid Tip of the Month by Scot Mitamura

We are still in the middle of Spring and the weather already seems like summer. After a really wet first few months of the year, things have really dried up. I finally had to turn on my irrigation at work; it has been off since the beginning of December, it was that wet. The days are getting longer, and the trade winds have been brisk. These two factors play a big role in how quickly our orchids dry out, and therefore how often we need to water. Good weather like this promotes rapid growth in our orchids, so let's start feeding our hungry plants!

This is also a good time to do transplanting, as many of our orchids are in active growth. As a rule of thumb, any time you see active roots, it is a good time to transplant. Even though our Hono Honos were late, they can be cut back and transplanted in May and June. The earlier you take off the old bloomed canes, the faster you can propagate the keikis, getting them to grow more during their first year. This is a trick that the late "Hono Hono Man" Larry Basuel taught me. Cut the old canes into 4-inch sections and lay them side to side on top of potting soil. Wherever you did not get a flower, you have the potential to get a new keiki. Keep them on the bench or in a shady damp area, making sure that you label the different colors. By the ending of Summer, you should have 3-4-inch first year keikis.

Resist the urge to pot them this year; wait until around this time next year to separate and transplant them. This will get them to bloom in two years. Let's prepare for future orchid shows by propagating lots of Hono Hono this year.

Keep your questions coming in to our website for Orchid ER. I will try to answer your questions quickly. If I am slow, it is because I need to do some research, or I am pondering on the question. Contrary to what some folks think, many of the answers do not just come off the top of my head (I'm getting old), so please bear with me.

Aloha,  
Scot

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**Windward Orchid Society Cookbook, 2<sup>nd</sup> Edition needs your recipes**

*Please help* us create a 2<sup>nd</sup> Edition of our popular cookbook.

Email your favorite recipes to [wpathways@gmail.com](mailto:wpathways@gmail.com)

**WOS MEMBERS, THE CLUB NEEDS YOUR HELP—NOW!**

For various reasons, a number of people who have long helped with the Club are no longer able to do so.  
*We need our members to step up right now to keep WOS alive.* We are not exaggerating the need for help—it is urgent, and it is immediate.

We need someone to take over the monthly WOS Newsletter.

We need someone to take over updating and maintaining the WOS web site  
([www.windwardorchidsociety.org](http://www.windwardorchidsociety.org)).

We need people willing to serve on the WOS Board.

We will assist you to get up and running in any of these positions. As one Board member put it, we are hanging on by our teeth. PLEASE consider helping out.

Email us at [windwardorchidsociety@yahoo.com](mailto:windwardorchidsociety@yahoo.com).

Leave your phone number and we'll be in touch—with much appreciation for your *kokua*.

**NEW SECTION**

Something new each month – showing off the Unique and Unexpected side of this Hobby of Orchids that we all LOVE -



There are over 35,000 species of orchids out there... some that look just like animals. Doves, Flying Egrets, Bees... my favorite is the Dracula species and one that mimics a Monkey's Face.

Monkey aka Simian – wouldn't you guess it – this one is called Dracula simia. Others are larger, but I like this one for the way it looks like a grinning monkey!!

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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.