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Windward Orchid News

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Windward Orchid Society's Next Meeting is scheduled for:

Wednesday, April 5, 2006

7:30 p.m. in the Benjamin Parker School Cafeteria

🌸 The Orchid Workshop with Scot Mitamura starts at 7:00 pm

🌸 Anyone entering a plant for AOS judging should have it on the cafeteria's stage by 7:15 p.m.

Guest Speaker: Doug DeMoss **" Vanilla Culture and Pollinating "**

Did you know that the vanilla plant is an orchid?? Did you know that you have to hand pollinate the flower if you want a vanilla bean?? This month's speaker, Doug DeMoss, is a return speaker from last year. He will be teaching us how to pollinate the vanilla orchid in order to get the vanilla bean and he'll also be bringing vanilla plants for the membership to pot. Doug is the owner of Douglas DeMoss Nursery and a certified arborist and horticultural consultant. He specializes in Cattleyas, Angrecums and Paphiopedilums and has hybridized many plants, such as C. Russell DeMoss, Paph. Catherine Brios, Paph. St. Swithin, Paph. Susan Booth and the popular Mltm. Pupukea Sunset. In addition to his love of orchids, Doug also enjoys fiber glassing surfboards and surfing. *So if you ever wondered why those vanilla beans cost so much, this is a meeting you won't want to miss!!*

Many thanks to **Calvin Kumano** for sharing his expertise on honohono orchid culture, the informative handout and for giving each of the attending members a honohono plant.

Our **27th Annual Flower and Plant Show** was a great success and all thanks to the many members who helped make it a success!! More information and pictures from the show will be in next month's newsletter.

Another **workshop** has been scheduled for April 15, 2006 at Dorothy Sakamoto's house. This workshop will be led by Bill and Hilda Takamatsu and they will be teaching us how to mount our orchid plants. The workshop will start at 9:30 am at 46-663 Luluku Road. For more information or directions to her house, please call Dorothy at 236-4104.

We are asking all members to please **update your mailing address and phone numbers** at this month's meeting. It's important that we have your most current address so that you'll receive the newsletter and your phone number in case we need to contact you.

As a reminder, please **place your plants for judging in the appropriate category.**

Novice: Less than 2 years of membership

Intermediate: Between 2 and 4 years of membership

Masters: More than 4 years of membership

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Upcoming Events:

- ◆ April 5, 2006
General Membership Meeting
- ◆ April 15, 2006
Orchid Workshop
- ◆ May 3, 2006
General Membership Meeting
- ◆ May 6-7, 2006
Manoa Orchid Society's Orchid Show

Orchid Workshop

Last month's workshop was led by Walter Hiraishi and he spoke about vanda culture. Walter has been growing orchids since the 1970's and has received many honors for his orchid plants. The members who attended the workshop were given vanda plants from Walter. Some of the plants that Walter gave away were the Vanda 'Diana', Hawaiiara 'Red Velvet' v. Walby and Rhynchovanda (Rhv) Herbert Kurihara 'Pink', a plant that Walter cloned many years ago. Wilbur Chang also gave the members a Vanda Patricia Low plant. Everyone enjoyed a healthy potluck lunch - salads and sushi. After lunch, Lorenzo Ordinado taught the members how to pot orchid plants. Dorothy had an overgrown Eria spicata plant (nicknamed Lily of the Valley) that everyone split up and potted. The lucky members who attended the workshop were: David Watson, Loretta Tom, Lois House, Hazel Basuel, Tommy and Grace Nishigaya, Hilda Takamatsu and Rae and Lorenzo Ordinado. *Everyone remembers which is the back and the front of your plant?? Lorenzo will test you later...*

In addition to his presentation on vandas, Walter also gave an informative talk about general orchid culture. Here are some of his suggestions and growing tips:

What to Look For In a Quality Plant

- ◆ Fast growing, consistent in growth
- ◆ Able to withstand adverse weather conditions
- ◆ Resistance to diseases
- ◆ Flower rather quickly
- ◆ Well shaped flowers, good spike, good branching, good height
- ◆ Variable or non-seasonal bloom habit
- ◆ Flowers more than once a year, flowers last long
- ◆ Flowers should be of outstanding coloration in color intensity

Suggestions For Purchasing a Typical Orchid Plant

- ◆ Purchase plants that will thrive under conditions you can provide
- ◆ Buy the best orchid you can afford (healthy, robust, easy to grow)
- ◆ Plant should be securely rooted in firm media
- ◆ Isolate newly purchased plants for at least two (2) weeks
- ◆ At home, maintain a "spotless" growing area
- ◆ Provide good ventilation (tradewinds)
- ◆ Don't cluster plants - spread them out
- ◆ Water your plants so that they dry out by evening
- ◆ Once you gain confidence in growing (not too fussy plants) you may want to try more demanding plants

Growing Healthy Orchid Plants

- ◆ Successful orchid culture means to pay close attention to your plants
- ◆ Check growth to see whether or not they are thriving
- ◆ If your orchid plants are not thriving, you need to recognize the warning signals and any deficiencies
- ◆ Consider the following: Temperature and Humidity; Light and Air; Water; Fertilizer and Chemicals





Orchid Shows Schedule for 2006



Society	Dates	Place
Oahu Societies		
Kunia Orchid Society	March 17-19, 2006	Kunia Community Gymnasium
Windward Orchid Society	March 24-26, 2006	King Intermediate School Armory
Manoa Orchid Society	May 6-7, 2006	Noelani Elementary School Cafeteria
Mililani Orchid Society	May 6, 2006	Mililani-Uka Elementary School (WOS does not put up a display)
Aiea Orchid Society	June 9-11, 2006	Aiea Elementary School Cafeteria
Kaimuki Orchid Society	July 22 - 23, 2006	Kaimuki Recreation Center (WOS does not put up a display)
Ewa Orchid Society	July 14-16, 2006	Waipahu High School Cafeteria
Honolulu Orchid Society	October 13-15, 2006	Neal Blaisdell Center

Neighbor Island Societies

Garden Island Orchid Society (Kauai)	March 17-18, 2006 August 25-27, 2006	Hanapepe United Church of Christ Lihue Convention Center
Kona Orchid Club	May 5-6, 2006	Hale Haleiwa, Alii Drive
Kauai Orchid Society	May 12-13, 2006	Kukui Grove Shopping Center
Hilo Orchid Society	August 4-6, 2006	Edith Kanakaole Tennis Stadium
Kona Daifukuji Orchid Club	September 17, 2006	Daifukuji Temple Hall
Maui Orchid Society	Feb 8-11, April 12-15, May 10-13, Nov. 15-18, 2006	Maui Mall
	September 28 - October 1, 2006	Maui County Fair Show Fairgrounds

Culture Awards for March

Beginners Category

1st Place

Plant Name:

Rdcm Red Gold 'Flame'

Owner:

Adam Kono



Intermediate Category

**No awards were given
in the Intermediate
Category**

Masters Category

1st Place

Plant Name:

B. Glauce 'Woltman'

Owner:

Scot & Karen Mitamura



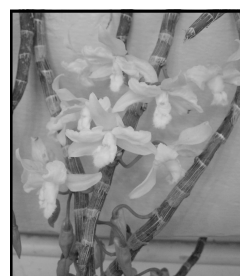
2nd Place

Plant Name:

Den. Nestor 'White'

Owner:

Walter Hiraishi





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