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# Windward Orchid News

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Windward Orchid Society's Next Meeting is scheduled for:

**Wednesday, August 3, 2005**

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

🌸 The Orchid Workshop with Scot Mitamura starts at 7:00 p.m.

🌸 Anyone entering a plant for judging should have it on the cafeteria's stage before the meeting begins.

## Our Guest Speaker will be **Scot Mitamura**

Our resident plant doctor will be speaking to us about General Orchid Culture. Scot has been growing orchids for the past 35 years. He became a member of the WOS at the age of 15 with encouragement from fellow WOS members Martha Motooka and Edith Kozuma. He has held numerous positions in the society and has been on the Board for over 25 years. Over the years, he has received numerous awards and is known for his cattleya culture and breeding but his greatest achievement has been in receiving the coveted Orchidist of the Year and Decade awards.

Scot is currently employed as an orchid horticulturalist for the Honolulu Botanical Gardens, City & County of Honolulu, Dept. of Parks & Recreation and works out of Foster Botanical Gardens. He is also a Honolulu Advertiser Garden columnist and the Tournament Director and Producer of the Hawaii TV Bowling program.

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## Mark Your Calendars!!

**Windward Orchid Society's  
2006 Spring Show**

**March 24-26, 2006**

**King Intermediate School  
Gymnasium**

**Start thinking of a theme for our  
show. The winner will be  
involved in helping to design  
our display for the show.**

**Want to get involved in planning  
and volunteering for the  
show?? See any one of the  
Board members and let them  
know right away!!**

## Upcoming Events:

- August 5-7, 2005  
Leeward Orchid and Plant  
Show, Waipahu High School  
Cafetorium
- September 7, 2005  
General Membership Meeting
- October 5, 2005  
General Membership Meeting
- October 14-16, 2005  
Honolulu Orchid Society  
Show, Neil Blaisdell Center,  
Exhibition Hall
- November 2, 2005  
Auction Nite

## Culture Awards from the July General Membership Meeting

### Novice Division



*Plant*

V. Karen Ono

*Owner:* Yuri Simon

*Name:*

2nd Place:

*Plant Name:* Brsdm. Lillian Oka  
'Lillian'

*Owner:* Ben Richards & Cristi  
Braun

### Intermediate Division



*Plant Name:* Blc. Regal Pokai x  
Pot. San Domiano

2nd Place:

*Plant Name:* Lc. Tokyo Magic  
Moonbeam

*Owner:* Hazel Basuel

### Masters Division



*Plant Name:* Ctna. Why Not x  
Schom. Thomsoniana

*Owner:* Ed Catrett

2nd Place:

*Plant Name:* Paph. Harold  
Koopowitz

*Owner:* Wilbur Chang

## Leeward Orchid and Plant Show

"Dedicated to Our Kupunas"

Waipahu High School Cafetorium

94-1211 Farrington Highway

**Thursday, Aug. 4, 2005**—Set-Up the Display from 10:00am to 3:00pm

Show chairs Betty Oshima and Marlene Lau need everyone's help in setting up the display. We need your blooming plants, greens and mostly muscles to help put up our display. If you can't bring your plants to Waipahu, please drop them off at Violet Izumi's house (45-819 Anoi Road, Kaneohe) before 10:00am on the 4th.

**Friday, Aug. 5 and Saturday, Aug. 6, 2005**—The Show times are from 9:00am to 6:00pm

**Sunday, August 7, 2005**—The Show times are from 9:00am to 3:00pm. Plants sales close at 2:00pm.

Breaking down of the display will start at 3:00 pm. We will again need everyone's help in cleaning up.

### Desmond Ogata

Last month's speaker was Desmond Ogata from the University of Hawaii's College of Tropical Agriculture and Human Resources and he spoke on orchid pests and diseases.

*Diseases*—for diseases to occur there are several things that needs to be present. First the disease must be present in the infectious stage, the environmental conditions must be suitable for the disease and the plant must be susceptible. There are a number of things that we can do to control diseases, such as keep the growing space clean and free of old diseased leaves and plant material, water our plants early so that the leaves are dry before the cool night time and by selecting plants that are resistant to disease.

Desmond also spoke about the various insect pests that we encounter when growing orchids. Most insects are cold-blooded creatures so they are most active during the warmest periods of the year and can explode causing extensive damage to your plants. This is why it's important for you to monitor your plants for any unusual things that are not normally expected in your collection.



Desmond—continued

Key points to remember to reduce the risk of infection:

- Avoid damaging the plants, either the leaves or roots.
- Avoid working with plants that are wet.
- Never allow water to drip from one plant to the next.
- Maintain excellent air movement.
- Do not crowd plants.
- Control insects that many transmit diseases.
- Keep the growing area clean and free from plant debris.
- Keep the plants themselves clean and strip off old leaves and sheaths.
- Isolate diseased plants.
- Quarantine new plants.
- Always sterilize tools after each use.

**In Remembrance of...**

**Mr. Hiroshi Kagawa**

Mr. Kagawa was a long time member of the Society and a hybridizer of vanda. He hybridized the Kagawara (*Ascocentrum* x *Renanthera* x *Vanda*).

**Suggestions??  
Questions??**

Let the Board know by sending e-mail to Dorothy Sakamoto at dottedcreations@yahoo.com

Or by dropping it off in our Suggestion box at the General Membership meetings.

**Definitions to Common Orchid Terms**

**Aerial Roots:** A type of root produced above or away from the growing media.

**Genus (pl. Genera):** A natural grouping of closely related but distinct species.

**Hybrid:** The offspring of two or more different (i.e. different species or different hybrids) plants.

**Pseudo bulb:** A thickened portion of the stem (usually aerial) of many orchids.

**Spike:** Commonly used to refer to a plant that's producing an inflorescence, i.e. In spike. An unbranched, upright flower stem bearing a number of short-stalked flowers.

**Terrestrial:** Growing on the ground, either in soil or leaf litter

**It's time to renew your WOS Membership!  
Don't let it expire!**

Please return this form and payment by **October 31, 2005.**

**Renewal Application**

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| <input type="checkbox"/> | Regular Membership (July 2005 to June 2006)                        | \$20.00  |
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