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Windward Orchid News

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Windward Orchid Society's Next Meeting is scheduled for:

Wednesday, August 2, 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: Sheron Harwood **" Growing Orchids in My Backyard "**

This month's speaker is just like you and me - she's a backyard orchid grower who grows orchids for their sheer beauty. Sheron has been around orchids for almost her whole life - at age six her first 'job' was to water the plants in her mother's patio garden - Honohono, Dendrobiums, Oncidiums and Cattleyas. After she purchased her first home in the 1980's and the backyard was filled with plants, she started growing orchids. Another motivation for her was when her mother would come back to Hawaii to visit, she loved to walk around the garden and marvel at the beautiful blooms and this inspired Sheron to always have a variety of orchid plants. Although her mother is no longer with her, Sheron knows that her mother is enjoying her garden from up above and this still inspires her to collect more plants. When her friend Dave Bealer from the Aiea Orchid Society discovered her backyard orchid collection, he encouraged her to join WOS and got Nancy Airhart to invite her to a WOS meeting and the rest is history. Sheron has been a member of the Society since 1992 and became a Lifetime Member in 1994. Sheron does not specialize in any one genus or orchids - she claims to like any genus that she doesn't kill and seems to have luck in *Miltonia*, *Miltonopsis*, *Dendrobiums*, *Coelogyne* and *Oncidiums*. She even has a collection of "weird" orchids - thanks to Wilbur Chang. Although she hasn't received any awards for her plants, she feels honored everyday when she sees new growth, keikis and blooms! An underwriting manager for Jerry Hay, Inc. General Insurance Agency, Sheron also loves to do stained glass, cooking and watching and collecting movies. She has over 1,000 movies on DVD and says that it's a sickness just like orchids!!

The **Honolulu Orchid Society's Orchid and Plant Show-Hawaiian** is scheduled for Friday, October 20 to Sunday, October 22, 2006. The show will be held at the Neal Blaisdell Exhibition Hall. More info to come but mark your calendar - setup will be on Thursday, October 19th.

Another **workshop** has been scheduled for *Wednesday, August 23, 2006* at Dorothy Sakamoto's house. This month's workshop will be led by David Kagawa and he will be speaking about germination from seed pod. The workshop will start at 7:00 pm at 45-663 Luluku Road. For more information or directions to her house, please call Dorothy at 236-4104. *Please note that this is a change from the usual Saturday workshops.*

It's **membership renewal** time!! You only have until Sept. 30 to renew your membership—don't let it lapse! See Ruby at the General Membership meeting. Any ideas for a place to have our **Christmas Party**? Let one of the board members know.

Next year's **WOS Spring Show** is right around the corner and we have to start planning for this wonderful event. Start thinking about a theme for the show and if your idea is selected, you'll win a prize.

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Upcoming Events:

- ◆ August 23, 2006
Orchid Workshop
- ◆ September 6, 2006
General Membership Meeting
- ◆ October 4, 2006
General Membership

Ewa Orchid and Plant Show “Plantation Days”

For many, the 55th Annual Ewa Orchid and Plant Show brought back many memories of those old Plantation Days. Our display won third place and had many props that brought back those memories - there was a clothesline that was propped up in the middle with a stick, rice bag bloomers, a flannel shirt and bandana hanging on the line, an old water pump and lots of pineapples all in a row.

The display placed third and the following members won awards for their plants in our display:

- Best Other Color Cattleya and an HOS Merit Award: Blc. Mem. Charles Mitamura “Kaleidoscope” - Scot and Karen Mitamura
- Best of Paphiopedilum: Paph. Harold Koopowitz - Elizabeth Chang

Many thanks to the following members who helped put up and break down the display: Dorothy Sakamoto, Betty Oshima, Emily & Walter Yamada, Kathy & Itsuo Tonokawa, Marlene and Herb Lau, Scot Mitamura, May Kaneshiro, Ruby & Walter Hiraish, Elizabeth & Wilbur Chang, Maxine Lee, Ed Catrett and Rae & Lorenzo Ordinado.



LET'S WELCOME OUR NEW MEMBERS!!

- Cindy Hucko
- Nellie Matsunami
- Kahuku Public & School Library

Many thanks to **Sheron Harwood** who represented the Society and gave an orchid workshop at the Kahuku Public & School Library. Sheron shared her knowledge about orchid culture and even had them pot a plant, which they took home with them.

Culture Awards for July

Novice Division

- 1st Place: Ascocenda (No Name) - Andi van der Voort
- 2nd Place: Den. Nora's Charm - Norm Cox

Intermediate Division

- 1st Place: Blc. Mem. Anna Balmores 'Carmela' - Larry Basuel

Masters Division

- 1st Place: Paph. Harold Koopowitz - Wilbur Chang
- 2nd Place: Blc. Fringe Benefits x Blc. Rueben's Verde - Scot and Karen Mitamura

I apologize for not having pictures this month - the photographer was on leave.

Intergeneric Orchids

Intergeneric hybrids consist of several different genera that can be crossed together to create new intergeneric orchids. Cochlioda, Miltonia, Odontoglossum, Oncidium and Ada are some of the genera that are commonly used. The result of these hybrids leads to new genera names that can get pretty confusing. Some common intergeneric names are Vuylstekeara (Vuyl.), Colmanara (Colm.), Odontonia and Adaglossum. You will commonly see "mericlones" of intergenerics as they are very easy to clone and produce high quality/high quantity plants.

One: Brassia Brs.
 Miltonia Milt.
 Miltoniopsis Milt. or Mltmps.
 Odontoglossum Odm.
 Oncidium Onc.
 Sigmatostalix Sgmx.

Two Crosses: Brassada (Brs. x Ada.) Brsa.
 Brassidium (Brs. x Onc.) Brsdm.
 Miltada (Milt. X Ada.) Mtda.
 Miltassia (Brs. x Milt.) Mtssa.
 Miltonidium (Milt. x Onc.) Mtdm.
 Odontobrassia (Brs. x Odm.) Odbrs.
 Odontocidium (Odm. x Onc.) Odcdm.

Three Crosses: Alicera (Brs. x Milt. x Onc.) Alcra.
 Colmanara (Milt. x Odm. x Onc.) Colm.
 Degarmoara (Brs. x Milt. x Odm.) Dgmra.
 Vulystekera (Cda. x Milt. x Odm.) Vuyl.

Four Crosses: Bakerara (Brs. x Milt. x Odm. x Onc.) Bak.
 Beallara (Brs. x Cda. x Milt. x Odm.) Blra.

Five Crosses: Goodaleara (Brs. x Cda. x Milt. x Odm. x Onc.) Gdlra

Some characteristics of Intergeneric orchids are: floriferousness (spray branching, long peduncles, masses of short peduncles); small vs. large flowers; narrow flower parts vs. wide parts; shape of lip, convex, concave vs. flat; crowded vs. spaced flowers and the colors are red, pink, purple vs. yellow (oncidinae).

From the Orchid Workshop led by Walter Hiraishi



Miltonia



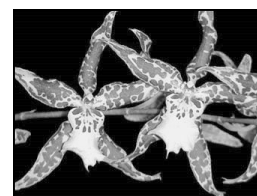
Ondontobrassia



Vulysterkera



Beallara



Goodaleara

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

Please return this form with payment by September 30, 2006

Renewal Application

*Mail to: Windward Orchid Society, Inc.
 P.O. Box 23, Kaneohe, HI 96744*

Name: _____

Address: _____ City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Phone No: _____ Cell Phone: _____ Work Phone: _____

E-mail Address: _____

Amount Enclosed:

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| <input type="checkbox"/> | Regular Membership (July 2006 to June 2007) | \$20.00 |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | Regular and Associate (Spouse) Membership (July 2006 to June 2007) | \$30.00 |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | Associate (Spouse) Membership (July 2006 to June 2007) | \$10.00 |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | Lifetime Membership | \$200.00 |



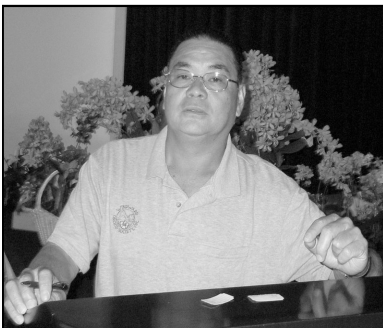
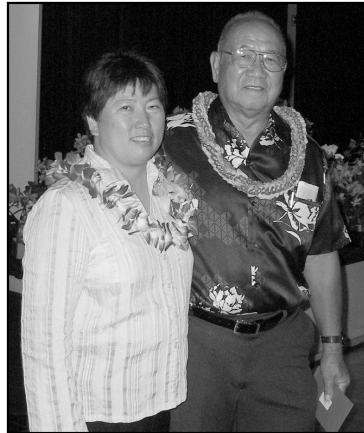
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2006 WOS Installation Banquet

The Installation Banquet was held at the Kaneohe Marine Corps Base Headquarters – Officers Club on Sunday, June 25, 2006. Although the room was rather warm, the Hawaiian food was 'ono' and there were so many beautiful blooming plants that were raffled off.

This year we had two Orchidist of the Year - **Dorothy Sakamoto** and **May Kaneshiro**, both women have been instrumental in making WOS such a successful Society. The Orchidist of the Decade award went to **Wilbur Chang**. Wilbur has always been there for the Society and is always willing to share his knowledge of orchids with others. Let's all give them a round of applause - they are three very deserving members!!



First Row: Orchidist of the Year Dorothy Sakamoto, Orchidist of the Decade Wilbur Chang with President Susan Lim, Orchidist of the Year May Kaneshiro with Wilbur Chang, and Board member Scot Mitamura.

Second Row: Emcee Larry Kamiya and the 2006-07 WOS Officers-L-R: Corresponding Secretary Rae Ordinado, Treasurer Sheron Harwood, Recording Secretary Karen Kim, Vice-President Dorothy Sakamoto and President Susan Lim.

Annual Report/Accomplishment's for 2005-2006 President's Message

Fellow members and guest of the Windward Orchid Society, welcome to our Annual Installation Banquet. I would like to begin by thanking each and every one of you for all your help and support, which you have given the Society and me this past year.

Our Society a non-profit and non-political horticultural organization continued to promote, carry on, and aid in every possible way the culture of orchids of all kinds. Our members communicated to others about our Society. Whenever you wore your WOS shirt – did you ever have a stranger ask you questions on when can I transplant my orchid, what kind of orchid is this, how often do I need to water, or how can I learn more about how to grow orchids? We encouraged them to attend our monthly meetings or another society's meeting. We talk to growers and sellers to learn more about all types of orchids. Some of us may even sing, talk words of encouragement and ask our orchid plants to flower during the shows. They too are part of the family. Our Society has encouraged research for the culture of orchids with Windward Community College and Dr White.

Our Society has acquired and disseminated information related to the culture of orchids, through the media – Star Bulletin, Honolulu Advertiser, Mid Week, and various radio stations. Scot Mitamura has written a number of articles for the newspaper on various types of orchids. Karen Kim has been instrumental in capturing and promoting the moment of essence when selling the idea to the newspaper on how much their readers will enjoy reading the article or seeing the pictures, a lot of behind the scenes work.

Our Society has given out Novice, Intermediate, and Master Culture Awards during our membership meetings. Members have also received award of merit recognition from AOS for flowering orchids brought in for judging. We have provided orchid seedlings to new members and information about how to grow orchids.

This year our guest speakers were:

- Desmond Ogata on the Common Diseases & Insect Pests of Orchids
- Scot Mitamura on General Orchid Culture
- Herbert Lau & Scot Mitamura on making Wire Hangers & Staking Orchid Plants
- Doug DeMoss on Paphiopedilum Orchid Culture and Vanilla Culture and Pollenation
- Bill & Hilda Takamatsu on Flask to Community Pot to Thumb Pot
- Walter Hiraishi on A Systematic Way to Identify Your Plants
- Calvin Kumano on Honohono Orchid Culture
- Randy Tajima on Phalaenopsis Orchid Culture

Thank you for contributing your valuable time and knowledge to WOS, we look forward to your continued support.

We had our Silent Auction in November, our Christmas party in December, and, of course our Installation Banquet tonight. The Silent Auction helped defray the cost for our Christmas party and Installation Banquet.

Every year we participate in five orchid show hosted by other societies. The people who organize our displays for these shows work very, very hard and are well-deserving of a little recognition. Our chairperson for the Leeward Orchid Show was Betty Oshima & Marlene Lau; Ed Catrett chaired the Honolulu Orchid Show, Rae Ordinado organized the Kunia Orchid Show, David Kagawa organized the Manoa Orchid Show, and Larry Kamiya did a great job with the Aiea Orchid Show, which WOS took 1st place. Our participation in the Aiea, Kunia, Ewa, Honolulu, and Manoa Shows, as well as our Annual Spring Show is our exhibition promotion. Our Society is operated by volunteers and there are times when it is difficult to get off of work, but you have always come through to ensure that WOS has a display and a successful Spring Show.

In January, members of the WOS had a wonderful time at the Orchid Safari, which was organized by Dot Sakamoto. They visited H & R Nursery – owned by Harry Akagi and Roy Tokunaga and Hawaiian Orchid Source – owned by Patrick and Marty O'Day. Thank you Dot for organizing the Safari.

We heard you wanted more hands on workshops: So this year Dot Sakamoto took the idea to heart, opened up her home, organized the workshop from start to finish, and it has been a success. So successful, that Dot has volunteered to continue having them next year.

Of course, we can't forget our own Annual Spring Show this past March. Our show this year was successful, thanks to everyone you participated. I'd like to thank all the Show Chairperson's for doing their part in making the Show a successful. Each committee now has a continuity book to follow, along with a list of job descriptions. This was pain staking for everyone to do, but you came through and did a fantastic job. Thank you to Walter Yamada, the Show Treasurer, for balancing the books. Now you're wondering about how much money we made. We made approximately \$6,000, and we still have a few bills which haven't come in yet. Thanks and congratulations to Marlene Lau and Betty Oshima for planning such a beautiful display and winning the AOS show trophy. We tried printing labels for the plants this year, which made it easier to read, thank you to Lorenzo and Rae Ordinado to setting that up. New member Norm Cox helped in the layout and assistance in various areas, he didn't now what it was all about, but by the end he had a better idea and is willing to participate in next year's show. Thank you also to all the people who helped to make this show such a great success; it wouldn't have been possible without your help. You, our members, made it all happen and every one of you that came to help is a part of that success.

We had a very successful past year, for which there are a lot of people to thank. We'll start with Scot Mitamura, for his informative orchid workshops before the membership meetings. Newcomers and old timers alike enjoyed listening and learning more about orchid culture. Thank you Scot, and we hope you'll continue to hold your workshops this coming year.

Violet Izumi have allowed us to use her home to drop off plants and meet before going to the orchid show. She has been very generous in serving coffee, juice, and cookies while waiting for everyone to help transport plants.

Sharon Harwood, Treasurer, for keep me out of jail and ensuring our books are balanced, insurance is paid, taxes and bills are paid on time.

Rae Ordinado, our Corresponding Secretary, has done a tremendous job with our newsletter, keeping us all informed on most upcoming events and writing some very informative news.

Ruby Hiraishi, our Membership Chairperson has been very successful at recruiting new members. We've had a lot of new members join over the past year.

Our Exhibition Chairperson, Lorenzo Ordinado has done a great job assigning different members to chair the various orchid shows. His creative ideas and knowledge in tools and accessories have added to each shows success. He works hard and is always available to help.

Fran Craft has been in charge of refreshments for many moons and is doing such a terrific job. She doesn't grow orchids, she does it for the love and aloha she gets from the Society members. We look forward to her continued support next year.

Karen Kim, our Secretary has managed to keep up on track with the minutes and ensures we don't falter off track. She has been our connection to the media and publicity.

Dot Sakamoto, Vice President and Scot Mitamura, Director, both of these people have worked together in a dual capacity as Program Chairpersons. They have managed to line up excellent speakers for our membership meetings, plan the Silent Auction, and much more. We're hoping someone will volunteer to be co-chairperson for next year and to learn from these two masters.

Our Directors all played an important part this year and everyone contributed significant in the success of the Society. Thank you Board.

As I mentioned earlier, we've had many members join this past year and some are even starting to help at the orchid shows. At our Silent Auction Nite, many new members brought plants and all kinds of goodies. We really appreciate this effort and would like to see more of you participate in all of our activities and at various Orchid Shows. Don't be afraid to bring your plants in for judging at our monthly meetings, ask questions, or participant. Most members are shy or afraid to bring their plants at first, but once you start to participate, you're see how supportive and helpful WOS members are. Some of the Masters appear to be Lions and Lioness, but they're really little lions and lioness.

As your President for next year, I challenge each of you to come up with new and creative ideas to keep the WOS Society growing. I would like you to promote orchid culture, encourage others to join the Society and to participate in our activities. The more you participate, ask questions, and share information on what you know, the better you can understand how to grow our own orchids and educate others.

In closing, I'd like to thank everyone for supporting me this past year and for helping me to make my job a lot easier. Remember, this is your Society and we all need to work together to keep it strong for the future. Working together, sharing ideas, and getting along well together has always been one of the strengths of the WOS. We've been very fortunate to be relatively free of self-serving, backdoor politics that can ruin any society. Our ability to work well together has made this society what it is today. More than the actions of any single president or any one group of officers and board members, that's what makes this society so successful and that's what will continue to lead us beyond the year 2007.

As presented by President Susan Lim at the Banquet