



# Windward Orchid News

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Windward Orchid Society's Next Meeting is scheduled for  
**Wednesday, February 3, 2010**  
at 7:30 p.m. in the Benjamin Parker School Cafeteria

- 🌸 The Orchid Workshop with Scot Mitamura will start at 7:00 p.m.
- 🌸 Don't forget to bring your blooming plants to share with your fellow members.

## “ Warm Growing Cymbidiums ” Guest Speaker: **Bob Harris**

This month's guest speaker is Bob Harris from Kamuela on the Big Island and he will be talking to us about what's he's learned about growing cymbidiums in Hawaii. Bob started growing orchids when he was 8 years old since his mother wouldn't let him have a dog or cat. His Dad built him a small window greenhouse out of his bedroom window over the first floor family room. For many years, he only grew Cattleyas orchids. Years later while attending the University of Oregon, he needed to use the university greenhouse which was full of large tubs of green plants with long green leaves and no flowers. Later that spring he saw those same plants in bloom and from that point on he was hooked on Cymbidiums. The professor who was working with them was the late famous Don Wimber. After graduating, Bob moved to the San Francisco Bay area where the climate was perfect for growing cymbidiums. He heard about Rod McLellan's Acres of Orchids and attended their open house where he purchased orchids and kept dividing them for years later. In 2003, he and his wife, Jennifer moved to the Big Island and not wanting to part with their cymbidiums, obtained permits and brought over 50 plants from the mainland. But, where they lived was too warm then found friends who lived where their cymbidiums plants thrived while they started learning about the warm tolerant varieties. As they started learning about warm types, they met several knowledgeable people and were able to get some back bulbs which they carefully nurtured until they flowered. By then they were beginning to collect all sorts until they met a couple who let them keep a few benches at their place in Waimea. Eventually they became partners and put up two greenhouses where they now have 10,000 cymbidiums and sell cut flowers and potted plants.

This month's **Orchid Workshop** is scheduled for Saturday, February 13, 2010 at Dorothy Sakamoto's house. The workshop will begin at 9:30 am at 45-663 Luluku Road, Kaneohe. This month's topic will be "Haku Lei Making" and will feature Hilda Takamatsu as the guest speaker. For more information or directions to her house, please call Dorothy at 236-4104.

### Upcoming Events:

- ◆ February 13, 2010  
Orchid Workshop
- ◆ March 3, 2010  
General Membership Meeting
- ◆ March 13, 2010  
Orchid Workshop

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Last month's workshop was another successful one with 34 people in attendance. Dot would like to thank Wilbur Chang for being the featured speaker and David Ziemann for bringing his laptop computer and sharing his knowledge of the OrchidWiz software. Dave hooked his laptop to the TV so that everyone could see how the program works. Lynne and Frank Thrall were also there and actually demonstrated how to use the software. This demonstration helped two people decide that they wanted to purchase the OrchidWiz software.

Thank you to those members who purchased the **OrchidWiz software**. There were over 20 members who purchased the software, so we were able to take advantage of this one time discount volume pricing and everyone was able to save over \$128 off the regular purchase price.

The **56th Annual Kunia Orchid Show** will be held on March 19-21, 2010 at the Leilehua High School Gym. The show times are as follows: March 19 and 20 from 9:00am to 5:00pm and March 21 from 9:00am to 4:00pm. Since the WOS show will be held on the same weekend, the WOS will not be putting up a display at the Kunia show.

The **WOS Spring Show** is fast approaching and chairperson Susan Lim says that, "We need everyone's kokua to help with pre-ticket sales, pre-construction/set-up, breakdown, and during the show." More information about how you can help with the Spring Show is on the next page. Please contact Susan at 728-1014 if you have any questions or contact any one of the committee chairpersons if you would like to volunteer for their committee. Committee chairpersons will also have sign-up sheets at the February and March general membership meetings so that you may sign up to volunteer. Since the WOS and Kunia orchid shows will be held on the same dates, the Society needs your help in distributing tickets to your family and friends so that they may attend the show. Pre-sale tickets are only \$1.00 and they can be purchased from Emily Yamada at the general membership meetings.

As a reminder, don't forget to **bring your blooming orchid plants to our general membership meetings** so that other members can see how well your orchid plants are growing and what beautiful blooms they produce.

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### Cultural Award Winners for January Meeting

#### Novice Division:

First Place: Den. Bill Takamatsu

Owner: Dee Comquest

#### Intermediate Division:

No awards given

#### Masters Division:

First Place: Den. Tiger Lily

Owner: Frank and Lynne Thrall

Second Place: Den. polysema

Owner: Dorothy Sakamoto

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### Orchid Tip of the Month

by Scot Mitamura

February is one of the slowest months of the year for orchid flowers. Some of the early Phalaenopsis will start to flower. Start staking the spikes when the first flowers are the size of a pea. Hono Hono Dendrobiums should be dropping their foliage and the buds will start emerging from the stems. If you still have leaves, cut back on the watering even more. The solution for not having flowers now, is to go out and purchase orchids and they will probably flower again next year at this time.



WOS 30th Annual Orchid and Plant Show  
**“Celebration of Orchids”**

March 19 - 21, 2010

**Important Dates to Remember**

**Wednesday, March 17, 2010 starting at 9:00 am to 4:00 pm**

We will need help in setting up the gym. We need help taping down the mat to the gym floor, setting up the sellers and display tables, setting up the display area.

**Wednesday Night starting at 6:00 pm to 9:00 pm**

We will need help making boxes, crushing newspaper, and continue to set up. Bring any boxes you collected, etc...If you have plants to bring, you may bring them that evening.

**Thursday, March 18, 2010 starting at 9:00 am to 5:00 pm**

We will need your help setting up our display for the show and getting ready for the first day of our show.

**Friday, March 19, 2010 to Sunday, March 21, 2010**

We need everyone's help to make our show a success!! Please sign up to volunteer for the various committees listed below. We also will need everyone's help on Sunday starting from 3:00 pm when the sellers start to dismantle their tables, then at 4:00 when our show ends and we break down and sweep and mop the gym.

Please sign-up to volunteer on one or more of the following committees:

- \* Admissions - see Rae and Lorenzo Ordinado or call 236-7367
- \* Cashiers - see Dorothy Sakamoto or call 236-4104
- \* Country Store - see Liz Ajifu or call 392-9040 or call Susan at 728-1014
- \* Host/Hostess - see Hazel Basuel or call 235-8107
- \* Security and Parking - see Adam Kono or call 261-1341
- \* Membership Sign-up - see Michele Young or Norma Young or call Susan at 728-1014
- \* Plant Registration – see Kathy Tonokawa or call Susan at 728-1014

Sign-up sheets will be available at the General Membership Meeting. If you volunteer 8 or more hours, you will receive a free WOS tee-shirt.

Pre-sale tickets for our show will also be available at the meeting and are being sold at only \$1.00 per ticket. For those members who purchase \$50.00 or more tickets, you will receive a beautiful blooming orchid plant. To purchase tickets, please see Emily Yamada at the next general membership meetings.

The Educational Sessions that are being given at the Show are:

Friday, March 19, 2010

- 10:00 a.m. General Orchid Culture
- 2:00 p.m. Honohono Orchid Culture
- 4:00 p.m. Cattleya Orchid Culture

Saturday, March 20, 2010

- 10:00 a.m. Cattleya Orchid Culture
- 2:00 p.m. General Orchid Culture
- 4:00 p.m. Honohono Orchid Culture

Sunday, March 21, 2010

- 10:00 a.m. General Orchid Culture
- 12:00 p.m. Honohono Orchid Culture

If you have any questions, please contact Susan Lim at 728-1014.

**Make sure you mark your calendars and sign-up to help the Society!**

**Windward Orchid Society**  
*presents*  
*Celebration of Orchids*  
**30<sup>th</sup> Annual Spring Show**

Orchid Displays and Plant Sales  
**S.W. King Intermediate School**  
46-155 Kamehameha Highway  
in Kaneohe  
(Two blocks north of Windward Mall)

**DATE and TIMES**  
Friday, March 19, 2010 • 9:00am - 7:00pm  
Saturday, March 20, 2010 • 9:00am - 7:00pm  
Sunday, March 21, 2010 • 9:00am - 4:00pm  
(Plant Sales close at 3:00pm on Sunday)

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