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## Windward Orchid News

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# Windward Orchid Society's Next Meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, January 6, 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.

# "What I've Learned About Growing Orchids" Guest Speaker: Doug DeMoss

Since our October 2009 meeting was cancelled we have re-scheduled Doug DeMoss for this month. The last time Doug came to speak to us, he taught us about vanilla culture and how to pollinate the vanilla flowers so that you'll get a vanilla bean. This time we are so fortunate to have Doug come back and tell us all about what he's learned about growing orchids over the last 30 plus years. Doug is the owner of Douglas DeMoss Nursery in Haleiwa and is a certified aborist and horticultural consultant. He specializes in Cattleyas, Angrecums and Paphiopedilums and has hybridized many plants, which include the very popular Mltdm. Pupukea Sunset. In addition to his love of orchids, Doug also enjoys fiber glassing surfboards and surfing.

This month's **Orchid Workshop** is scheduled for Saturday, January 9, 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 "What are Exotic Orchids??" and will feature Wilbur Chang as the guest speaker. For more information or directions to her house, please call Dorothy at 236-4104.

Our 30th Annual Orchid and Plant Show, "Celebration of Orchids" is scheduled for March 19-21, 2010 at the King Intermediate School Gymnasium. Each committee chairperson will have their sign-up sheets at the General Membership meetings. Please sign up to work for one of the following committees: Admissions (collecting tickets and money at the door). Cashiers, Host/Hostess (watching and answering guestions in the display area), Security and Parking, Membership sign-up, and the Re-potting table. For those members who work 8 or more hours, you'll get a free WOS tee-shirt. We will need all the help we can get for our upcoming show. Due to the change in the school schedule, the WOS and Kunia Orchid Shows will be held simultaneously, so we will need all the help we can get this year to help make our show a success once again! If you need more information, contact the show chairperson, Susan Lim at 247-7391 or e-mail her at slim@hawaiiantel.net or ask any of the board members at the General Membership meetings.



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### WOS Christmas Party

The WOS Christmas Party was held on Sunday, December 13th at the Square One Restaurant in Kaneohe. After a very slow response rate, our members realized that they didn't want to miss their chance to add plants to their orchid collection. And for those 103 people who did attend, most were not disappointed. Once again, we had many plants for the raffle and want to thank the following growers: Quintal Farms, Orchid Center, Kodama Orchids, H&R Nurseries, Hazel's Orchids, Ed's Orchids and Hawaii Pacific Orchids. We would also like to thank all those other members who so kindly donated gifts for the raffle.

The emcee for the night was our President Larry Kamiya. After a delicious buffet dinner, each person who attended the party was given an orchid plant as a gift from the Society. We then sang Christmas carols lead by Fran Craft and Ella Keohohou. All board members were called upon to assist Sheron Harwood with the rendition of the "Twelve Days of Christmas". Sheron changed the words a like - like instead of "Santa" we had "Wilbur" and instead of a "Partridge in a Pear Tree" she had "A Laelia that grows like a weed". But Sheron didn't stop there, she had everyone passing grab bags gifts left and right - you had to be there!! We ended the evening with the raffle and everyone went home with lots of plants.

The officers and board members of the Windward Orchid Society wish you all a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year. We look forward to seeing all of you next year at our membership meetings and hope that you all have a great orchid blooming year!



## Orchid Tip of the Month



by Scot Mitamura

Winter is the time of rest for many orchids, this means to reduce watering and fertilization. Keep Hono Hono orchids dry and allowing them to drop their foliage and rest, this will facilitate good flowering. You can continue to water and fertilize Phalaenopsis. They are actively growing and should be initiating flowers spikes now.



### OrchidWiz Orchid Database Software Volume Discount Program

The OrchidWiz Encyclopedia and Journal 6.01 is the world's most complete and accurate orchid research software. The software has been updated through September 2009 with the Royal Horticultural Society's (RHS) Sander's hybrid registrations and through September 2009 with the American Orchid Society's (AOS) awards. This is the most current data available and is available to members of a society or club at a volume discount.

Some of the features of the software include:

- Inventory and track your own orchids in the OrchidWiz Journal
- Add your own photographs into the Journal.
- Almost 40,000 color photographs of orchids.
- Genealogy charts for more than 127,000 hybrids.
- Information on more than 29,000 species.
- 67,000 "other names" to search by, including prior genus assignments, species varieties, synonyms and common misspellings. These names provide a cross reference and are linked to the main and accepted names via look-up tables.
- Award data from the American Orchid Society, Cymbidium Society of America, Australian Orchid Council, and the Orchid Council of New Zealand, a total of more than 73,000 awards.
- For more features, go to the OrchidWiz website: http://www.orchidwiz.com/servlet/StoreFront

The minimum requirements are: Windows XP, Windows Vista; 2 GB of disk space on your computer. Each license allows the user to install and run the software on two computers, for example a desktop and a laptop. The software will require activation so a internet connection will be required just to activate the software.

The software sells for \$259.00 on their website but through this special volume discounts to orchid societies, the per license price, which include shipping and handling are as follows:

5 to 9 licenses - \$184.30

10 to 19 licenses - \$157.40

20 or more licenses - \$131.00

If you want a CD instead of a DVD, there will be an additional \$10 charge to cover the additional cost and shipping.

The software needs to be purchased by one person, so if anyone is interested in purchasing the software, please contact Dorothy Sakamoto at 236-4104 or e-mail Rae Ordinado at raewdd@yahoo.com by Thursday, January 21, 2010. If we do not meet the 5 license minimum, we will not be purchasing the software. Rae will be putting the order together and depending on the number of members that want to purchase the software, she will et you know how much you owe.

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