



Windward Orchid News

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Windward Orchid Society's **NEXT MEMBERSHIP MEETING** is scheduled for
Wednesday, January 9, 2013
at 7:30 p.m. in the King Intermediate School Cafeteria

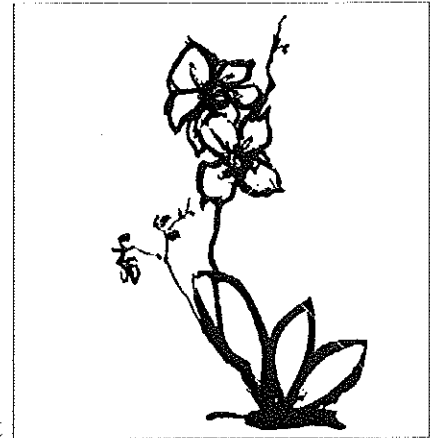
President's Message:

Aloha Everyone

Are you ready for new challenges going into 2013? I am not sure if I am but, I am certainly willing to try. A sad time for Hawaii to lose Senator Inouye and Senator Akaka retirement. Many, many changes will occur, our ladies in Washington will meet many challenges and I hope economically it will not impact us in a negative way.

Our annual Orchid Show is around the corner and now the real work begins. Susan Lim is a hard working leader and will need all of us to help to make this show a success. I am proud to say we have dedicated supporters who have never failed us and will certainly give 101%. Look forward to seeing all of you at the January Meeting. Happy New Year!

Ahui Hou
Dot Sakamoto
President



Upcoming Events:

- ◆ Workshop at Dot's House for January 12, 2013
- ◆ Gen Mtg on Wed, February 6, 2013 at King Inter. School Cafeteria
- ◆ Workshop at Dot's House for February 9, 2013
- ◆ Gen Mtg on Wed, March 6, 2013 at King Inter. School Cafeteria

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REMINDERS

NEED RECIPES FOR OUR RECIPE COOKBOOK. See Toni Walker or email her at Toni.walker58@yahoo.com

Anyone who has paid for their membership from March 2012 through August 2012 need not pay again.

OUR JANUARY SPEAKER:

Our speaker on January 9, 2013 will be Peter Neifert from Olomana Orchids. Peter will talk to us about the business of orchid growing in Hawaii and how his dad's backyard orchid hobby back in 1968 grew into the business it is today.

Olomana Orchids is a certified Hawaii orchid nursery in Kahaluu with thirty years of experience in the development of new Dendrobium hybrids and also features Oncidium Alliance, Cattleya and various other orchids. They also sell orchid supplies such as fertilizer and potting soil. They ship FedEx overseas, and guarantee safe arrival.

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☆☆ **We will feature a basics workshop of Dot's** ☆☆☆
☆☆ **Orchids, depending on interest of** ☆☆☆
☆☆ **attendees. Session begins at 9:30 am, at** ☆☆☆
☆☆ **Dot's House, 45-663 Luluku Road in** ☆☆☆
☆☆ **Kaneohe. For more information, please** ☆☆☆
☆☆ **call Dot Sakamoto at 236-4104.** ☆☆☆
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A BIG MAHALO TO THESE DONORS WHO CONTRIBUTED ITEMS FOR OUR AUCTION NITE:

- KODAMA ORCHIDS
- ORCHID CENTER
- KEN IBARA
- H&R NURSERY

WOS Corner:

At our December Christmas dinner, we had 90 members and guests present. The food was great and "ono". The mushroom chicken & pulehu steak were delicious!! There was lots of food to eat. Lots of orchid plants for the raffle tickets. Many left with their box full of orchid plants!!

New members, if you have a question about your orchids, please bring them in and we will gladly try to answer any questions you have about them. Please come to the 7:00 pm workshop or come and see Craig Nakahara (fluorescent green WOS shirt)

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Orchid Tip of the Month

Winter is here, so cut back on your watering. Try to allow your orchids to dry before watering again. Maintain good air circulation (this will dry the orchids faster) and watch for fungal infections. If found, remove diseased tissue immediately and treat with a fungicide. Phalaenopsis should be spiking and beginning to flower. Hono Honos should be dropping their foliage in preparation for their spring flowering.

STAIRWAY OF ORCHIDS—March 22, 23 & 24, 2013

Theme for our 33rd Spring Show is "Stairway of Orchids" submitted by Walter Hiraishi, who was awarded a \$25.00 Longs Gift Certificate. Thank you to everyone who submitted a show theme Nomination.

We will be signing up volunteers for the Spring Show at the January meeting, and would like the entire membership to participate in some way. We need volunteers to help in setting up for the show. Sign up sheets for cashiering, host and hostess, membership, country store, admissions, plant registration, T-shirt, donations and, of course, security and parking will be available at the January meeting.

Please save boxes for the show. If you would like to volunteer and can not attend the January meeting, please contact Susan Lim at 728-1014.



Early History of Orchids

In Europe an interest in orchids can be traced back to Greek and Roman times. At that time, people knew only of the terrestrial orchids, which were vastly different from the tropical epiphytes. Like many ancient civilizations, the Greeks drew on the resources of the natural world, and the tubers and roots of most European terrestrial orchids were valued for various medicinal purposes. They studied the curious orchid flowers and believed that the different shapes revealed the beneficial effects of the plant. For example, *the man orchid* (*Aceras anthropophorum*) was thought to be an aphrodisiac because the shape of the lip resembled the figure of a man.

The word orchid is, in fact, derived from the Greek "orchis" meaning testes, which refers to the tubers found in pairs in some species.

By the late 18th century, the British Empire had spread across the globe. Merchant ships returned from the New World laden with previously unknown species of plants and animals. At the same time, the forerunner of the modern greenhouse was being developed to accommodate the newly arrived tropical plants, and especially orchids. These greenhouses were huge steel and glass structures with a system of heating by cast-iron piping and large, solid-fuel boilers. With steel in plentiful supply from the foundries, the construction of greenhouses developed into an industry supplying botanical gardens and large private country estates. Orchids became a status symbol for the rich and famous, and a lively trade ensued to satisfy this need.

Nurserymen and private collectors sponsored their own expeditions to send hunters to new regions in search of previously unknown orchids to add to their collections. There were many tales of daring exploits, hardship, disease and sometimes death in the world's remote tropical rainforests but this did nothing to lessen the growing desire for orchids.



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