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Windward Orchid Society's Next Meeting is scheduled for:

Wednesday, July 5, 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: Wilbur Chang "Alternatives to Using Insecticides"

Hate having to use insecticides to get rid of those nasty insects that are attacking your orchids plants?? Come to this month's meeting and learn first hand from a veteran orchid grower who is very knowledgeable and is always willing to share his knowledge with others! Wilbur got interested in orchids in 1956 when he bought a Vanda plant for his wife Elizabeth's birthday. Elizabeth told him that he would have to care for the plant and the rest is history - 40 years of history!! After purchasing the plant, Wilbur started visiting nurseries and meeting back yard orchid growers and from there he was hooked. He started with the Vanda then got interested in Dendrobiums, Cattleyas and miniature Cattleyas. Now his interest is in species and exotic orchids, preferably Bulbophyllums and Paphiopedilums. Throughout his 40 years of raising orchids, his most popular hybrid has been the Blc. Erin Kobayashi, which was named after his granddaughter and he also hybridized Wilbur Changara. Wilbur learned germinating from Mr. Tomeyasu and did some germinating for commercial growers but gave it up after several months because it wasn't what he wanted to do.

Throughout the years, Wilbur has earned many awards for his orchid plants but the first award that he received was for Vanda Bangkok Mabel Mae Kamahele AM/AOS in which he received about 100 merit awards. Wilbur retired 26 years ago from the United States Postal Service and also enjoys hunting, fishing, collecting stamps and coins.

The **Ewa Orchid and Plant Show "Plantation Days"** is scheduled for Friday, July 14 to Sunday, July 16, 2006. The show will be held at the *Ewa Elementary School - Renton Road - Ewa*. Please take note that the location has changed! Chairperson for this show is Dorothy Sakamoto and she asks that all members come to help set-up our display on Thursday, July 13th. If you can't make it for the set-up and have blooming plants, you can drop them off at Dot's house at 45-663 Luluku Road the night before but by 11:00am on the 13th. We will be breaking down the display on Sunday, July 16th at 3:00pm and would appreciate all the help we can get.

The **Kaimuki Orchid Society presents "Orchids for Everyone!" Orchid and Plant Sale** on Saturday, July 22nd (8:00am to 5:00pm) and Sunday, July 23rd (8:00 am to 3:00pm) at the Kilauea Recreation Center. We won't be putting up a display but check out the show anyway!

Another **workshop** has been scheduled for July 8, 2006 at Dorothy Sakamoto's house. This month's workshop will be led by Walter Hiraishi and he will be speaking about Intergenerics and the Oncidium alliance. The workshop will start at 9:30am at 45-663 Luluku Road. For more information or directions to her house, please call Dorothy at 236-4104. FYI - the August workshop will be held on Wednesday, August 24th at 7:00pm.

It's **membership renewal** time!! You only have until Sept. 30 to renew your membership—don't let it lapse!

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Upcoming Events:

- ◆ July 5, 2006
General Membership Meeting
- ◆ July 14-16, 2006
Ewa Orchid Society's Orchid and Plant Show
- ◆ July 22-23, 2006
Kaimuki Society's Orchid and Plant Show

The 25th Annual Aiea Orchid Show

First place!! We won first place for the Best Society Display at the 25th Annual Orchid Show presented by the Aiea Orchid Club. Chairperson Larry Kamiya would like to thank everyone who brought orchid plants for our display - we had a lot of plants which made our display a real eye catcher! There was a small "disaster" which luckily happened during set-up and not after - while finishing up the display a plant in the corner fell but we were fortunate enough that it didn't do any major damage. The following members won awards for their plants:

- ◆ Best White Cattleya: Lc. Nicole Harry 'Majestic' AM/AOS - Scot & Karen Mitamura
- ◆ Best Paphiopedilum (Single-Flowered): Paph. rothschildianum - Elizabeth Chang
- ◆ Merit Award: Den. smilliae 'Lea' CCM HOS - Ed Catrett

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, Susan Lim, Scot Mitamura, May Kaneshiro, Ruby & Walter Hiraishi, Elizabeth & Wilbur Chang, Ruth Chun, Jennifer & Nyles Toguchi, Grace and Tommy Nishigaya, Ed Catrett and Rae & Lorenzo Ordinado.



LET'S WELCOME OUR NEW MEMBERS!!

Maureen Abel
Lynn Boyer
Kathy Campbell
Sharon Fujimori
Daniel and Tarise Girlington
Julie Henderson
Sarah and Stacy Hinkle
Kay Katagihara
Rodney and Debbie Kobayakawa
Tessie Labra
Tom Mc Crann

Melanie Meinken
Irma Miller
Liana Peiler
Kaipo Shiroma
Shoichi and Vicky Tamura
Lillian Tim Sing
Jackie Whelen
David and Nancy Wilkey
Nathan Wong
Liz Zachmeier
John and Mitsuko Zak

IN MEMORY

Promese Love

aka Verdally V.M. Kauhi
and mother of Fran Craft

passed away on
May 23, 2006

*Promese will surely be
missed at our WOS
functions.*

Paphiopedilum

The genus name Paphiopedilum is derived from the Greek Paphos, a city on the island of Cyprus, and pedilon, slipper. Most species in this genus were previously considered part of the genus Cypripedium, but Paphiopedilum was accepted as the conserved (valid in use) name in 1959.

Paphiopedilum (sometimes colloquially referred to as "Paphs") are considered highly collectible by growers due to the curious and unusual form of their flowers. Most naturally occur among humus layers as terrestrials (ground dwelling) on the forest floor, while a few are true epiphytes (grows upon or attached to another living plant) and some are lithophytes ((grows in or on rocks).

Along with Phragmipedium, Cypripedium, Mexipedium, and Selenipedium, the genus is a member of the subfamily Cypripedioideae, commonly referred to as the Lady's or Venus' Slipper Orchids, so named from the unusual shape of the pouch (labellum) of the flower, which was said to resemble a lady's slipper. The pouch functions by trapping insects so that they are forced to climb up past the staminode, behind which they collect or deposit pollinia.

These sympodial orchids lack pseudobulbs. Instead they grow robust shoots, each with several leaves. These can be short and rounded or long and narrow, and typically have a mottled pattern. When older shoots die, newer ones take over. Each new shoot only blooms once when it is fully grown, producing a raceme between the fleshy, succulent leaves. The roots are thick and fleshy. Potted plants form a tight lump of roots that, when untangled, can be up to 1 m long.



The Chinese orchid Paphiopedilum armeniacum, discovered in 1979 and described in 1982, amazed growers of orchids by the extraordinary beauty of its golden flowers.

The Paphiopedilums are among the most widely cultivated and hybridized of orchid genera. Thousands of interspecific hybrids have been registered with the Royal Horticultural Society in London over the years. These orchids are relatively easy to grow indoors, as long as conditions that mimic their natural habitats are created. Most species thrive in moderate to high humidity (50 to 70 percent), moderate temperatures ranging from 13 to 35 degrees Celsius and low light of 12,000 to 20,000 lux. Modern hybrids are typically easier to grow in artificial conditions than their parent species.

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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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