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There is no General Membership meeting scheduled for the month of June

Although there won't be a General Membership meeting this month, the American Orchid Society (AOS) judges will still be meeting and they are opening up their meeting to anyone who wants to learn how to be an AOS judge. At the meeting, Ruth Chun will do a brief slide presentation of recently awarded orchids from all over the country. This is a great way to see what's blooming in your neighbor's back yard....well, maybe a little further than your neighbor. The judges will also be showing attendees how they judge orchids and will even have the attendees score and judge plants. Talk about the shoe being on the other foot!! See what the judges look for in a plant and you can learn how to show your plant to its best advantage. And of course, you can still bring your blooming plants in for AOS judging. There also may be a mini auction to help raise funds for the AOS judges expenses since they have been absorbing all the expenses themselves.

Elections were held at last month's meeting and your **2006-2007 WOS Officers** are: President Susan Lim, Vice-President Dorothy Sakamoto, Recording Secretary Karen Kim, Treasurer Sheron Harwood, and Corresponding Secretary Rae Ordinado. The three trustees who will serve from 2006 to 2009 are David Kagawa, May Kaneshiro and Lorenzo Ordinado. The officers and trustees will be sworn in at the WOS Installation Banquet.

Don't forget about the **WOS Installation Banquet!** The Banquet will be held at the Kaneohe Marine Corps Base Headquarters – Officers Club on Sunday, June 25, 2006 at 5:30 pm. More information is on page 3. Please list all the names of those people who will be attending - a list of all attendees must be provided to KMCBH Security Police. Please don't forget to have a valid driver's license, vehicle registration and proof of motor vehicle insurance. And your passenger(s) should have a picture ID.

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Nominations for **Orchidist of the Year and Orchidist of the Decade** are still being accepted until June 7th. If you feel any member of the WOS has gone above and beyond, please nominate the member so that we may recognize all their efforts. The nomination form was in last month's newsletter. If you need a nomination form or more information, please call Susan Lim at 247-7391. The members selected for this coveted awards will be presented at the Installation Banquet.

Another **orchid workshop** has been scheduled for Saturday, June 10, 2006 at Dorothy Sakamoto's house. This month's workshop will be led by Scot Mitamura and he will be teaching us how to make plant divisions and honohono repotting. 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.

The **Aiea Orchid Society's Orchid Show** will be held on June 9-11, 2006 at the Aiea Elementary School Cafeteria, 99-370 Moanalua Rd., Aiea. Chairperson for the show is Larry Kamiya. Set-up of the display is on Thursday, June 8th and breakdown is at 4:00 pm on Sunday, June 11th. Larry asks that anyone who can't bring their plants to Aiea, to please drop them off at Violet Izumi's house at 45-819 Anoi Road by 11:00 am on the 8th. Please come out to help set up and break down the display - it's fun and you learn a lot!!

Many thanks to **Richard Takafuji** of the Orchid Center and **Ken Ibara** for donating plants for our Appreciation Luncheon!

Upcoming Events:

- ◆ June 9-11, 2006
Aiea Orchid Society's Orchid Show - Aiea Elem. Cafeteria
- ◆ June 10, 2006
Orchid Workshop
- ◆ June 25, 2006
Installation Banquet at Kaneohe Marine Corps Base Hawaii – Officers Club



Randy Tajima's General Phalaenopsis Culture

For those members that attended last month's meeting and was fortunate to acquire a phalaenopsis plant from Randy - the name of the plant is **Phal. Bedford Laurent x Dtps. Dung Nguyen**. Please write the name of the plant on the tag so when it blooms during one of our Windward shows, you can put the plant in our display - just like Randy said!

Here are some general phalaenopsis culture tips from Randy:

Lighting: 65% to 80% shade cloth (800 to 1500 foot-candles). This translates to one-half to two-thirds cattleya or dendrobium light. Your hand should cast an indistinct shadow on the leaves when held one foot above the plants at noon on a sunny day.

Humidity: 50% to 100% relative humidity. No controls are needed in Hawaii.

Air Movement: Constant gentle breeze. Good air movement is essential for healthy growth.

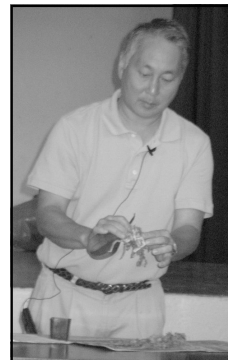
Watering: Water thoroughly when the top inch of the media is dry; but the middle of the media is still moist. Do not allow the media to dry out completely. Phals have very little water reserves and this practice greatly stresses the plant.

Potting Media: New Zealand sphagnum moss (available at Wally's Garden Center, Star Markets and Koolau Farmers), bark and bark mixes, hapuu, peat mixes (Pro-Mix), charcoal, cinders and any combination of the above. The media must hold some moisture and have good aeration.

Pots: Plastic or clay. Make sure the drainage holes are clear. Additional drainage holes may be melted into plastic pots by using a soldering iron.

Pests: Mealy bugs, scales, borers, mites, slugs, snails, fungus and bacteria are common pests in Hawaii. I use a prophylactic program. The means that I spray on a regular basis to prevent diseases from entering the plant instead of waiting for the problem to appear and then treating the problem.

Repotting: Every year I repot unless the media is still good and the plant has not outgrown the pot. If the plant looks weak, pull the plant out of the pot and examine the roots. If the roots are plump and firm, the plant and the existing root ball can be replaced in the pot. If not, trim the roots until only healthy roots remain and repot using new media and a sterile pot. To repot, hold the plant at the level where the base of the bottom leaf is about one inch below the rim of the pot. With the other hand, fill the spaces around the roots until the base of the bottom leaf is reached. Place the plant in a shady spot and mist the plant daily for two to three weeks, after which normal watering can be resumed. Watering heavily right after repotting may lead to root rot. Plants may be repotted at any time, but late spring is preferred to ensure good flowering the following spring.



The 2006 Manoa Orchid Show and Plant Sale

What a great show!! Congratulations to Chester Shimizu for winning the Best in Show and Best of Phalaenopsis award for his Phal. Taida Lawrence 'Chester Shimizu' AM/AOS plant!! The Orchid Society of Manoa won the Best Display award and the Hawaii Kai Orchid Society won the Best Display by a Guest Exhibitor. David Kagawa was the chairperson for the show. We had a lot of fun putting up the display and those who came to help were treated to a delicious Chinese dinner at On On at McCully Chinese Restaurant.

The only other member who won an award was Scot and Karen Mitamura for the Best of Other Color Cattleya - Lc. Nicole Harry 'Majestic' AM/HOS. See the photo of the plant on the next page. Scot brought the plant to last month's General Membership meeting and it placed 2nd in the Culture Awards.

Many thanks to the following members who helped set up and break down the display: Dorothy Sakamoto, Betty Oshima, Marlene & Herb Lau, Emily & Walter Yamada, Kathy & Itsuo Tonokawa, Susan Lim, Scot Mitamura, May Kaneshiro, Agnes & David Kagawa, Walter Hiraishi, Elizabeth & Wilbur Chang, Maxine Lee,

Nancy Airhart, Ed Catrett and Rae & Lorenzo Ordinado. We even had help from a future member (??) - Jessica Oshima!



In Memory
MARIA S.
BUTCHART
who passed away
on April 25, 2006

Culture Awards for May

Beginners Category

1st Place

Plant Name:

Den White
Diamond
'Kanjana'

Owner:

Norm Cox



1st Place

Plant Name:

Paph. Sanders
Pride

Owner:

Wilbur Chang



Masters Category

2nd Place

Plant Name:

Lc Nicole Harry
'Majestic' AM/
AOS

Owner:

Scot and Karen
Mitamura



Intermediate Category

No plants were submitted for this category

Installation Banquet

When: Sunday, June 25, 2006

Where: Kaneohe Marine Corps Base Hawaii – Officers Club

Time: 5:30 pm - 9:00 pm

Cost: \$23.00 (The Society will be subsidizing a portion of the dinner)

The dinner buffet menu will consist of:

Salads: Tossed Green Salad with Dressing, Potato-Macaroni Salad, Lomi Lomi Salad, A'u Poke, Sweet Potato and Pineapple Outriggers

Entrée: Kalua Pig, Chicken Long Rice and Lau Lau

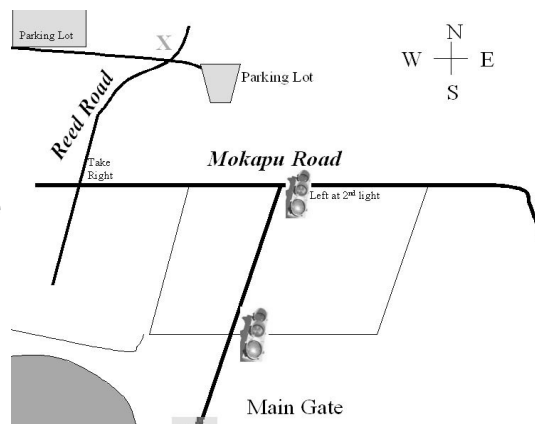
Starches: Steamed White Rice, Poi and Hawaiian Sweet Bread Rolls and Butter

Dessert: Haupia, Upside Down Cake and Macadamia Nut Cream Pie

Kona Blend Coffee, Decaffeinated Coffee and Tea

At the banquet, we will be installing the new officers for 2006-2007, awarding the Orchidist of the Year and Orchidist of the Decade awards, and reviewing all of our accomplishments over the year.

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Come join your fellow orchid members for good food and great company!

WOS Installation Banquet

Complete the form below and bring it to the next General Membership meeting or mail to: Windward Orchid Society, P.O. Box 23, Kaneohe, HI 96744 by **June 16, 2006**. **Please list all names of those attending.**

Name(s): _____

Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip Code: _____ Phone Number: _____

Number of people attending: _____ Total Amount Enclosed: _____



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