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No General Membership Meeting in June 2010

Elections for Board members and three trustees was held at last month's General Membership meeting and the results are: President Larry Kamiya, Vice-President Ed Catrett, Recording Secretary Jane Laninga, Treasurer Sheron Harwood, Corresponding Secretary (position vacant) and the three new Trustees are: Liz Ajifu, David Kagawa and Toni Walker. We are still looking for a Corresponding Secretary. If one is not found by July, the monthly newsletter that informs you about the guest speaker and upcoming events will not be published. Please volunteer for this position and let one of the board members know that you are interested.

The new board and trustees will be installed at the **Annual Installation and Recognition Banquet** on Sunday, June 27, 2010 at One Square Restaurant in Kaneohe. See page 3 for more information and for the registration form that needs to be sent in with your payment by June 14, 2010. We will also be honoring the Orchidist of the Year and Orchidist of the Decade at the banquet so join your fellow members for a great dinner, recognizing those members who volunteered their time throughout the year and for our raffle!!

There is still time to nominate a WOS member who you feel has made significant contributions to the Society for **Orchidist of the Year and Orchidist of the Decade**. Nomination forms and qualifications can be found on the website under Downloads. The nomination forms must be mailed in and received by June 5, 2010.

No Orchid Workshop this month. The next workshop is scheduled for Saturday, July 10, 2010 and information on the speaker and topic will be in next month's newsletter.

The **Aiea Orchid Club is having their 29th Annual Orchid Show and Plant Sale** on June 11 - 13, 2010 at the Aiea Elementary School Cafeteria. The show hours are: Friday and Saturday, June 11th and 12th from 9:00 am to 6:00 pm and Sunday, June 13th from 9:00 am to 3:00 pm. Set-up for the show will be on Thursday, June 10th and break down of the display will be on Sunday at 3:00 pm. Chairperson Larry Kamiya asks that if you have blooming plants for the display and can't make it to the set-up, to please drop your plants off at Dorothy Sakamoto's house by 10:30 am on Thursday. We will leave for Aiea Elementary at 11:00 am. There will be a barbeque chicken sale on Saturday from 9:00 am to 2:00 pm to benefit the Aiea Elementary School..

Upcoming Events:

- ◆ **June 11-13, 2010**
Aiea Orchid Club's Orchid Show
- ◆ **June 27, 2010**
Annual Installation and Recognition Banquet
- ◆ **July 7, 2010**
General Membership Meeting

WOS Officers

President *Larry Kamiya* ◆ Vice-President *Ed Catrett* ◆ Recording Secretary *Jane Laninga*
Treasurer *Sheron Harwood* ◆ Corresponding Secretary *Rae Ordinado*

Trustees

Hazel Basuel ◆ Ruby Hiraishi ◆ Walter Hiraishi ◆ David Kagawa ◆ Karen Kim ◆ Adam Kono
Scot Mitamura ◆ Lorenzo Ordinado ◆ Rodney Oshima

Director *Dorothy Sakamoto* ◆ **Membership** *Michele Young & Norma Young* ◆ **Hospitality** *Fran Craft*

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The WOS meets on the first Wednesday of every month at the Benjamin Parker Elementary School Cafeteria.

Manoa Orchid Society's Orchid Show and Plant Sale

The WOS display won the award for Best Display Award!! And the congratulations goes to all of those members who brought their blooming plants and for those who came out to help put up our display. We meet at Dorothy's house, had a light snack then headed to Noelani Elementary School to put up our display. After carefully placing everyone's plants in just the right spot, we went to Maple Gardens Restaurant to enjoy a delicious Chinese buffet. Chairperson Rae Ordinado would like to thank the following for helping to set-up and/or breakdown the display: Dorothy Sakamoto, Betty Oshima, Larry Kamiya, Scot and Karen Mitamura, Lee Deir, Walter and Ruby Hiraishi, Walter and Emily Yamada, Susan Lim, Maxine Lee, Itsuo and Kathy Tonokawa, Wilbur Chang, David and Agnes Kagawa and of course, Lorenzo. See more photos from the Manoa Show on the website



Best Lavender Cattleya - Lc.
Frank Lloyd Wright
Owner: Scot & Karen
Mitamura



Best White Cattleya - C.
Joyce Hannington 'Hu Young'
Owner: Foster Botanical Garden



Best Other Color Cattleya -
C. Regina 'Blue Cloud'
Owner: Scot & Karen
Mitamura



Best of
Paphiopedilum
- Phrag.
giganteum
Owner:
Elizabeth
Chang

Cultural Award Winners for the May 2010 Meeting

First Place

Novice
Division:

Epidendrum

Owner: Lynn Tsuji



Second Place

Colmanara Wildcat

Owner: Dee
Ziemann



Intermediate
Division:

Blira. Smile Eri

Owner: Lee Deir



Den. atropirpurem

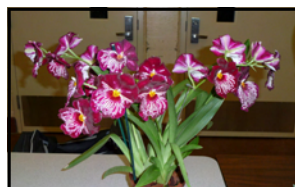
Owner: David
Ziemann



Masters
Division:

Milt. Lenner Gotting

Owner: Wlateral
Hiraishi



C. Eros 'Coerulea'

Owner: Scot &
Karen Mitamura



Here is a short excerpt from Fred Dishman's handout that was presented at last month's General Membership meeting. To read the entire handout, go to the website and look under Downloads.

Tips for Growing Orchids on the Windward Side

By: Fred Dishman

Watering/Media

How often you water is directly related to what you use as media. I use New Zealand Pine bark (pinus radiata) almost exclusively because it lasts longer than everything else I have used in the past. Since many of the orchids I grow have different requirements as far as moisture is concerned I adjust my media by using different size bark and perlite and grow something that likes to retain more moisture right next to something that likes to dry out quickly without having to water more or less. For example I use 3 parts #5 bark with 1 part #3 perlite for my Phrags next to my Cattleyas which are in 2 parts #7 bark with 1 part #4 perlite. The larger bark combined with larger perlite dries out faster than the mix with smaller bark with less perlite with the same watering schedule. I don't use any peat moss in my media because I find that it retains too much moisture for my liking. In winter or other times when we have too much rain roots rot because of water logging, which is when your roots stay wet too long without any air. Screening your media and perlite to eliminate small particles can also benefit root growth by allowing more air in the pot that would otherwise fill in the small spaces that would be clogged up by those some particles. By using a lighter, more porous media you can always water more when it is hotter or dryer, but you can't unwater when it is too wet and your media isn't drying out enough.

Fertilizer

Weekly weakly is what I have been told and it seems to work well. ¼ to ½ teaspoon per gallon once a week with a good Michigan state type fertilizer year round will keep your plants happy and healthy. I would also recommend flushing out the media with water at least once in between fertilizing. Flushing out the media will remove excess salts which can damage roots and cause your bark to break down faster. I also use a top dressing of dolomite on everything as well. Dolomite is a good source of calcium and magnesium and will also keep your Ph levels at a point where your plants can take full advantage of the fertilizer you are applying.

WOS Annual Installation and Recognition Banquet

Please join us in inducting the WOS Officers and Trustees and honoring this year's Orchidist of the Year and Decade at our Annual Installation and Recognition Banquet.

Date: Sunday, June 27, 2010

Time: 5:00 pm to 9:00 pm

Place: One Square Restaurant
45-285 Kaneohe Bay Drive, Kaneohe

Cost: \$20.00 for members and non-members

Menu: Kalbi Short Ribs, Salmon with Teri-Miso Sauce, and Boneless Fried Chicken
White Rice, Tossed Green Salad, Macaroni Salad and Fried Noodles
Cake, Coffee and Fruit Punch
Soda and Alcoholic Drinks are on a cash and carry basis

WOS 2010 Annual Installation and Recognition Banquet

Name(s): _____

Address: _____ City: _____ Zip Code: _____

Phone: _____ No. Attending _____ x \$20.00 = \$ _____
(Amount Due)

Mail this form and payment to Windward Orchid Society, P.O. Box 23, Kaneohe, HI 96744

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