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Windward Orchid Society's Next Meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, March 7, 2007

at 7:30 p.m. in the Benjamin Parker School Cafeteria

- The Orchid Workshop with Scot Mitamura will start at 7:00 p.m.
- Anyone entering a plant for AOS judging should have it on the cafeteria's stage by 7:15 p.m.

"Hands On and Planting Contest" Guest Speaker: Bill and Hilda Takamatsu

We'll be having the husband and wife team of Bill and Hilda Takamatsu demonstrate potting and the member who blooms their plant first will win a prize!! Bill and Hilda have worked part-time at H & R Nurseries for over 20 years. Hilda had always loved flowers, which lead to her taking an orchid culture class from Robert Aoki many years ago. This class lead to her love for orchids of all kinds and she and Bill have been growing orchids ever since. In addition to orchids, they also share a love of Ballroom Dancing, where they have been dancing and teaching for over 20 years. So come to the meeting, get your hands dirty by planting an orchid plant, take it home and nurture it so that you'll be the first one in our Society to bloom your plant.

This month's Orchid Workshop is scheduled for Saturday, March 10, 2007 at Dorothy Sakamoto's house. The workshop will begin at 9:30 am at 45-663 Luluku Road, Kaneohe. For more information or directions to her house, please call Dorothy at 236-4104.

Don't forget that our 27th Annual Windward Orchid Society Annual Spring Show is

scheduled for March 23-25, 2007 at King Intermediate School Gymnasium. The theme

of our show is "Marketplace of Orchids". See page two for more information. If you

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have blooming plants that you want to put in our display, make sure you bring them to the King Intermediate Gym by 12:00 noon. The **Kunia Orchid Society** is going to have their annual and last orchid show at the Del Monte Kunia Gym after 52 years. The theme of the show is "The End of an Era" and will be held from March 9 to 11. 2007. We will be setting up our display on Thursday, March 8th and if you have any blooming plants that you would like to put in out display, please drop them off at Dorothy Sakamoto's house by 11:00 am on the

Elections for new officers and trustees are scheduled for June. If you are interested or know of someone in our Society who may be interested, please let one of the Board members know.

and help put up the display.

8th. Or better yet, bring your plants to the Kunia Gym

Let's welcome **new member Dixie Dumaran** to our Society!! Welcome Dixie!!

Upcoming Events:

- March 7, 2007 General Membership Meeting
- March 9-11, 2007 Kunia Orchid Society's Orchid Show at the Kunia Gym
- ◆ March 10, 2007 Orchid Workshop
- March 23-25, 2007 Windward Orchid Society's Annual Spring Show at King Intermediate School

WOS 27th Annual Orchid and Plant Show

"Marketplace of Orchids"

March 23 to 25, 2007

Important Dates to Remember

Wednesday, March 21, 2007 starting at 9:00 am to 9:00 pm

We will need help in setting up the gym. In the morning, we will need help taping down the mat to the gym floor, setting up the sellers and display tables, setting up the display area and picking up the boxes. In the afternoon and into the evening, we will be making boxes, crushing newspaper, putting up signs, etc...

Thursday, March 22, 2007 starting at 9:00 am to 5:00 pm

We will be setting up our display and getting ready for the first day of our show.

Friday, March 23rd to Sunday, March 25, 2007

We need everyone's help to make our show a success!! Please sign up to volunteer for the various committees listed below. We will need everyone's help on Sunday starting from 3:00 pm when the sellers start to dismantle their tables, then at 4:00 when our show ends and we break down and the display and sweep and mop the gym.



Sign-up sheets will be available at the General Membership Meeting. This will be the last meeting to signup to volunteer on the various committees. Please come to the meeting and sign-up for one of the following committees: Admissions, Cashiers, Corsage Making, Host/Hostess, Security and Parking, Membership Signup and Tee-Shirt Sales and the Re-potting Table. As a reminder, if you volunteer for 8 or more hours, you will receive a free WOS tee-shirt.

Pre-sale tickets for our show will also be available at the meeting and are being sold at only \$1.00 per ticket. For those members who purchase \$50.00 or more tickets, you will receive a beautiful blooming orchid plant, which will be valued at \$20.00. To purchase tickets, please see Emily Yamada at the next general membership meetings.

The Membership table will ONLY be collecting dues for new memberships. Renewal of membership will begin in July and the form will be in the newsletter and at General Membership meetings starting in July.

The **Educational Sessions** that were printed on the back of the ticket has changed. The corrected topics were published in last month's newsletter and is on our website.

Plant Awards

Novice Division

(Growing orchids 1-2 years)

No Awards were awarded in this division.

Intermediate Division

(Growing orchids 2-4 years)



1st Place Name of Plant: Cadetia taylori

Owner: Jenna Hollinger & Fred Dishman

No 2nd Place Award was awarded in this division.

Masters Division

(Growing orchids more than 4 years)



1st Place

Name of Plant: Blc. Orglades Grand 'Tian Mu'

Owner:

R. 'Fern' Fernandez



2nd Place

Name of Plant: Blc. Fuchs Orange Nugget 'Lea'

Bill & Hilda Takamatsu

Please bring your blooming plants to 'show-off' at our General Membership meetings. We all enjoy looking at how successful you are at getting your orchid plants to bloom!

WOS AND ORCHID WEBSITES

At last month's meeting, Dale Miyasaki and Scot Mitamura showed us several websites where we can research and buy orchids on the internet.

Dale is the webmaster who is developing and maintaining our website. **The URL for our website is:**

www.windwardorchidsociety.org. The website is still being developed and we hope to get more information posted on it soon. Please provide us with your comments and recommendations.

Dale demonstrated the software called "OrchidWiz". The OrchidWiz software is the world's most complete and accurate orchid research software. It is fully up-to-date through December 2006 with the Royal Horticultural Society's (RHS) Sander's hybrid registrations and American Orchid Society's (AOS) awards. The software can be purchased through their website at: http://www.orchidwiz.com for \$175.00 and \$5.00 for shipping & handling.

Scot recommends the **American Orchid Society's** web page for orchid information. The AOS website can be found at: http://www.orchidweb.org/aos. THE AOS web page has culture sheets for a variety of orchid genera, FAQs, orchid ailments, and much more information.

Scot uses the **Orchid Mall** website to purchase plants. This website also has a lot of information and resources that orchid enthusiasts will find helpful. Scot highlighted a few links on this website, such as the Orchid Plant Sources which has links to vendor sites throughout the world where you can purchase plants; the Photographic site where you can view beautiful orchid photos; and the Services, Supplies and Software which provides you with links to purchasing software, books, flasking services and supplies, orchid supplies, and orchid art, prints, jewelry, sculptures, and other miscellaneous orchid "stuff". The Orchid Mall's website is: http://orchidmall.com/

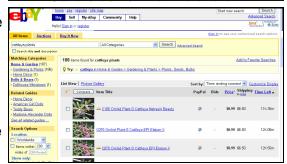
Scot also purchases some of his orchid plants from **E-bay**. E-bay.com is a website where you bid for an item. There are many orchid vendors who are putting orchid plants on E-bay and if you're lucky you could end up with a valuable plant for a great price! And if you've never purchased anything from e-bay, Scot showed us how you can check the seller's reputation by reviewing the feedback from E-bay members who previously purchased plants from the seller.

Check out these websites and there are many, many more website out there and these are just a few of them!!









Plant Giveaway

Lc. Hawaiian Fair 'Kodama' x C. Horace 'Maxima'



This plant will produce large heads of extremely fragrant, iridescent purple flowers clustered on a strong inflorescence. The flowers smell like grapes. Large bifoliate plants bloom in late summer.

Like any other cattleya plant, keep them under partial shade, let them dry slightly between watering, fertilize with either a timed release or water soluable type of fertilizer. Re-potting can be done at anytime, but avoid re-potting during rainy weather.

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