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# Windward Orchid News

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Windward Orchid Society's Next Meeting is scheduled for  
**Wednesday, March 3, 2010**  
at 7:30 p.m. in the Benjamin Parker School Cafeteria

- 🌸 The Orchid Workshop with Scot Mitamura will start at 7:00 p.m.
- 🌸 Don't forget to bring your blooming plants to share with your fellow members.

## **“ Phalaenopsis Orchid Culture ”** **Guest Speaker: Randy Tajima**

Randy became interested in orchids about 25 years ago. He credits his grandparents, Scot Mitamura, Martha Motooka and the Ajifu family for inspiring him to grow orchids and later as he became more involved he met more people that inspired him. People such as the Kodama's, Takase's, Takafuji's, Meir Moses from Dallas, Eric Goo from Phoenix, Mark Rode from North Carolina and Bill Fender from Florida. Randy says he grows a few phalaenopsis and cattleya species then says that maybe it's more than a few, maybe more like 2000 or so. He has hybridized many phalaenopsis plants throughout the years, like Phal. Haruyo Kaminaka, Phal. Chiyono Agawa, Phal. Nobuichi Kaminaka and Phal. Takeo Tajima. He also won the Masatoshi Miyamoto Award from the AOS in 2005 for his Slc. Angel's Fantasy 'Pam' for the most outstanding Cattleya. Randy is an AOS judge, is employed at the City and County of Honolulu's Foster Botanical Garden and owner of Pacific Orchids.

This month's **Orchid Workshop** is scheduled for Saturday, March 13, 2010 at Dorothy Sakamoto's house. The workshop will begin at 9:30 am at 45-663 Luluku Road, Kaneohe. This month's topic will be "Corsage making" and will feature Hilda Takamatsu as the guest speaker. For more information or directions to her house, please call Dorothy at 236-4104.

The **WOS Spring Show** is this month and chairperson Susan Lim is encouraging everyone to volunteer whenever you can and display chairperson Ruby Hiraishi is asking for all members to bring their blooming plants for the display. This year's display will be bigger therefore we will need more plants to fill the display. For the first time, the show will feature a Country Store and chairperson Liz Ajifu is asking for donations. *If you have cardboard boxes, please bring them on Wednesday night - we'll need LOTS of boxes.* More information about how you can help with the Spring Show is on page 3. Please contact Susan at 728-1014 if you have any questions or contact any one of the committee chairpersons if you would like to volunteer for their committee.

**We are moving!!** King Intermediate School has agreed to allow us to use the school to hold our General Membership meetings. The move will begin with the May 2010 general membership meeting and more details about where the meetings will be held and where to park will be in upcoming newsletters.

The **56th Annual Kunia Orchid Show** will be held on March 19-21, 2010 at the Leilehua High School Gym. The show times are: March 19 and 20 from 9:00am to 5:00pm and March 21 from 9:00am to 4:00pm.

### **Upcoming Events:**

- ◆ **March 13, 2010**  
Orchid Workshop
- ◆ **March 19-21, 2010**  
WOS and Kunia  
Orchid Shows
- ◆ **April 7, 2010**  
General Membership  
Meeting

#### **WOS Officers**

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

Here are the **2010 Haku Maidens** who participated in last month's workshop. Dorothy would like to thank Hilda Takamatsu for teaching the class and the following for their donations: Roy Tokunaga, Hazel Basuel, Kathy Tonokawa and Clem Roldan.

Pictured are: *Front row:* Helen Carey, Hilda Takamatsu, Hazel Basuel. *Back row:* Ginger Carey, Lee Deir, Kathy Tonokawa, Nora Kurosu. And the only male - Tom Stuart.



Last month's meeting featured Bob Harris and he's sharing his **Cymbidium culture notes** from the meeting:

- Temperature
- Warm tolerant can take summer temps to 100° for short periods.
  - They do not need the 20° difference between day and night.
  - Many will bloom more than once a year, especially *ensifolium* offspring.

#### Light

- Partial shade is best.
- Full sun if in a location with mostly cloud cover.
- Leaves should look almost lime green, not dark green for best flowering.
- Dark reds and oranges do best with high light.
- Green, white and yellow need reduced light when buds come out of the sheath.

#### Growing Media

- Good drainage is important.
- A layer of styrofoam peanuts helps.
- I use perlite (20%), bark 40%, coco chips 40%.
- Coco chips plus cinder is ok, bark is ok.
- Add dolomite.

#### Watering

- When warmer and drier, water 2-3 times a week, especially when young.
- Winter months can have less watering.
- Do not let roots dry out.
- Be sure to water well between fertilizing.

#### Feeding

- Water with high N January to June, Low N June to December.
- Fertilize 2-4 X per month. If more frequent, use less concentration.
- Good example 15-5-15 with Ca Mg.
- Top dress 13-13-13 type 180 January to March.

#### Pest Control

- Fungi-good ventilation, use copper based for all, remove bad leaves. Not systemic.
- Insects-ultrafine horticultural oil works for most and is non toxic and no resistance.
- Thrips, scale most common insects.
- Snails and slugs attack buds.

#### Up Potting

- Up pot when plant breaks pot or overgrows side.
- Only slightly larger pot. No more than 2" larger.
- Up potting is best between January and June.

#### Dividing

- Best to divide after flowering between January and June so flower cycle not interrupted.
- Split with tools along central rhizome
- Keep at least 3 pseudobulbs in division.
- Back bulbs can be saved for germination.

## Cultural Award Winners for the February Meeting

### First Place

Intermediate  
Division:



Name: Paph. Leanum



Owner: Michele Young

Name:  
Cymbidium  
Noname

### Second Place



Owner: Lee Deir



Masters Division:

Name:  
Dialaelia  
Snowflake



Owner: Frank Thrall



Name:  
Ludisia discolor

Owner: Sharon Harwood



## WOS 30th Annual Orchid and Plant Show

### “Celebration of Orchids”

March 19 - 21, 2010

#### Important Dates to Remember

##### **Wednesday, March 17, 2010 starting at 9:00 am to 4:00 pm**

We will need help in setting up the gym - taping down the mat to the gym floor, setting up the sellers and display tables, and setting up the display area.

##### **Wednesday Night starting at 6:00 pm to 9:00 pm**

We will need help making boxes, crushing newspaper, and continue to set up. Bring any boxes you collected, etc...If you have plants to bring, you may bring them this evening.

##### **Thursday, March 18, 2010 starting at 9:00 am to 5:00 pm**

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

##### **Friday, March 19, 2010 to Sunday, March 21, 2010**

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

Please sign-up to volunteer for one or more of the following committees:

- \* Cashiers - see Dorothy Sakamoto or call 236-4104
- \* Country Store - see Liz Ajifu or call 392-9040 or call Susan at 728-1014
- \* Host/Hostess - see Hazel Basuel or call 235-8107
- \* Security and Parking - see Adam Kono or call 261-1341
- \* Membership Sign-up - see Michele Young or Norma Young or call Susan at 728-1014
- \* Plant Registration – see Kathy Tonokawa or call Susan at 728-1014

Sign-up sheets will be available at the General Membership Meeting. If you volunteer 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. To purchase tickets, please see Emily Yamada at the next general membership meetings. We need everyone's help in distributing tickets to your family and friends so that they may attend the show.

We will be having a **Country Store** this year and chairperson Liz Ajifu asks donations to sell at the store. All profits from the Country Store will benefit the WOS so the more we sell the more money the Society will make. If you have any questions, please call Liz at 392-9040 or call Susan.

The African Violet Society will also be having demonstrations on Saturday and Sunday at 12:00 noon.

If you have any questions, please contact Susan Lim at 728-1014.

**Make sure you mark your calendars and sign-up to help the Society!**



**Windward Orchid Society**  
*presents*  
*Celebration of Orchids*  
**30<sup>th</sup> Annual Spring Show**

Orchid Displays and Plant Sales  
**S.W. King Intermediate School**  
46-155 Kamehameha Highway  
in Kaneohe  
(Two blocks north of Windward Mall)

**DATE and TIMES**  
Friday, March 19, 2010 • 9:00am - 7:00pm  
Saturday, March 20, 2010 • 9:00am - 7:00pm  
Sunday, March 21, 2010 • 9:00am - 4:00pm  
(Plant Sales close at 3:00pm on Sunday)

**Donation: \$2.00**  
Free to Senior Citizens 65 years or older

  
**VISA and Master Card Accepted**

Repotting Available by Donation (One plant per person)

*continuation of Cymbidium Culture by Bob Harris*

#### **Back Bulb Culture**

- Clean and dry off back bulbs removed. Be careful not to remove any 'eyes'
- Use wetted and drained bark or bark and perlite only. Fill baggie 1/3 full of media
- Place bulbs 2/baggie partially in media. Seal.
- Sprout in 1-12 months. Pot up when shoots appear.

For more information, you can contact Bob at orchidpeople@gmail.com or write him at PO Box 146, Kamuela, HI 96743



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