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# Windward Orchid News

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Windward Orchid Society's Next Meeting is scheduled for  
**Wednesday, May 2, 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.

## **“ Denbrobium anosmum ”** **Guest Speaker: Scot Mitamura**

Scot will be talking to us how to grow honohono orchids. Honohono in Hawaiian refers to the plants' growth habit of alternating leaves, very similar to the honohono grass (which actually is not a grass) or wandering jew. The honohono name refers to the leaves, but it's the flowers and fragrance and not the leaves that people remember it by. Scot is employed as an orchid horticulturist at the Foster Botanical Gardens and acquired his love for orchids at a very young age. He became a member of the WOS at age 15 and throughout the years has held various positions on the Board. Scot is known for his cattleya culture and breeding but in recent years has been broadening his knowledge in all genera of orchids.

This month will be the last time the AOS judges will be judging plants at our general membership meetings. The Society would like to thank the judges for their time and for sharing their knowledge with us throughout all the years that they have been with us. We will be thanking the judges at the meeting so come to the meeting and thank them personally.

### **WOS Officers**

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*Kathy Tonokawa*  
*Emily Yamada*

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*Larry Kamiya*

### **Membership**

*Ruby Hiraishi*

### **Hospitality**

*Fran Craft*

**Elections for a new board** will be held at this month's General Membership Meeting. A whole new board and three trustees need to be elected this year. If you haven't already submitted your name for one of the offices, please call Susan Lim at 247-7391 so that we may get your name on the ballot before the meeting. We'll also be taking nominations at the meeting.

Reminder - **Nominations for Orchidist of the Year and Orchidist of the Decade** need to be submitted to any Board member by this month's meeting. Nomination forms were sent to you in last month's newsletter.

This **month's Orchid Workshop** is scheduled for Saturday, May 5, 2007 at Dorothy Sakamoto's house. Please note the change in the date of the workshop. 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.

The **Manoa Orchid Society** is having their annual Orchid Show and Plant Sale at Noelani Elementary School on May 5 & 6, 2007. The show hours are Saturday, May 5th from 9:00am to 5:00pm and Sunday, May 6th from 9:00 am to 4:00pm. Set-up for this show will be on Friday, May 4th from 6:00 pm and break down of the display will be on Sunday at 4:00pm. Chairperson David Kagawa asks that if you have plants that you would like to put in the display but can't make it to Noelani Elementary, to please drop your plants off at Dorothy Sakamoto's house by 4:00pm on Friday, May 4th.

We have a **new Lifetime Member** - it's Elaine Reeves!! If you would like to become a lifetime member, it's \$200.00 and you can see Ruby to sign up!

### **Upcoming Events:**

- ◆ May 5-6, 2007  
Manoa Orchid Society's Orchid Show
- ◆ May 5, 2007  
Orchid Workshop
- ◆ June 15-17, 2007  
Aiea Orchid Club's Orchid Show
- ◆ June 24, 2007  
Installation Banquet at Bay View Restaurant

In case anyone missed Scot's article about Dorothy Sakamoto in the Honolulu Advertiser, here it is...

## HAWAII'S GARDENS

# Orchids a big part of Dorothy Sakamoto's life

By Scot Mitamura

As a youngster, Dorothy Sakamoto was introduced to orchids by her father. She still remembers the smell of the Isotox he used as a pesticide. He also took his family to orchid shows and took Polaroids of the beautiful flowers. In 1995, after the passing of her mother, Dorothy was looking through some of her mother's cookbooks when she discovered an orchid culture book. It was at this time that Dorothy's passion for orchids bloomed.

Like many of us getting started in a hobby such as this, success did not come easy. Dorothy purchased many orchids, all of which have gone to "orchid heaven." She realized that she needed to learn about growing the plants. She signed up for free adult education classes on orchid culture at Farrington High School. Her first instructor was the tireless John Yee, a grower and hybridizer of cattleyas. His multiple slide-projector lectures often ended up in mass confusion but were impressive nevertheless.

By now the bug had bitten Dorothy. On weekends she and her husband, Ted, would go orchid hunting at nurseries. This was when she met Ralph Ajifu, who had a nursery in Waiahole. Ralph, who was the president of the Windward Orchid Society, urged Dorothy to join the club to learn more about growing orchids.

She and her husband joined in July 1995. Ted, having no interest in orchids, only went to the meetings because Dorothy didn't want to go alone. What Ted found interesting were not the orchids, but the people he met. So when Dorothy asked Ted to join her for John Yee's classes and later Robert Aoki's classes, Ted quickly agreed. The Sakamoto's became close friends of Robert and soon were assisting him in all of his classes, until he could no longer teach.

Through the years, orchids changed the Sakamoto's. Dorothy became very knowledgeable in orchid culture and Ted enjoyed the camaraderie and social activities that they attended. They both met so many wonderful people, many of whom became like family. Two years ago, Dorothy lost Ted, but she has come to realize that the friends they made have become friends for life.

Now retired, Dorothy keeps busy with a small business selling orchids and crafts, of course with some of her friends in the orchid club. Dorothy is also the vice president and program chairwoman for the Windward Orchid Society, and sponsors a free workshop at her home on the second Saturday of each month. Of course, she'll be at this weekend's Windward Orchid Society 27th Annual Spring Show, which starts today.

From what began as an simple interest in growing orchids, Dorothy has learned — from her life's experiences with all of the people she has met — how to be a better person. She shares these experiences with the rest of her family, bringing them closer together.

Orchids have taken her on a journey and brought her happiness, balance and harmony in life.



Dorothy Sakamoto with her dog, D-O-G (pronounced DEE-oh-gee) and her orchids. Her monthly orchid workshops help spread the joy.

## Reminder!!

No General Membership Meetings in June and July!

Need an orchid plant, cut flowers or a beautiful eyelash lei for Mother's Day??

Windwind Orchids will be at Windward Mall on Friday, May 11th and Saturday, May 12th from 8:00am to 4:00pm.

## Let's Welcome our New Members

Laura Curtis	Lynn & Bob Murray	Janet Moelzer
Tuan Jensen-Lech	Vivian Pickens	Ami Maddox
Grace Kawakami	Ronald Yamauchi	George Carlson
Nancy Kondo	Frances "Ginger" Yong	Carolyn Ardo
Brian Lea	Christine & Brian Glazer	Kalena Kunde
Chris & Debra Kodama		Lynn Yoshizaki
Geraldine & William Green-Lower		
Sally & Rueben Kaneko		

## Plant Awards

### Novice Division

(Growing orchids 1-3 years)



#### 1st Place

*Name of Plant:*  
Blc. Goldenzelle  
'Lemon Chiffon'

*Owner:*  
Jackie Whelen



#### 2nd Place

*Name of Plant:*  
Ctna. Maui Maid  
'December Bride' AM/  
AOS x Blc. Joe Walker  
'Cotton Candy'

*Owner:*  
Kaipo Shiroma

### Intermediate Division

(Growing orchids 3-5 years)



#### 1st Place

*Name of Plant:*  
Den. Ise 'Yayoi' x  
Princess 'Asai'

*Owner:*  
Norma Young



#### 2nd Place

*Name of Plant:*  
Blc. Burdekin  
Wonder 'Lakeland'

*Owner:*  
Larry Marcum

### Masters Division

(Growing orchids more than 5 years)



#### 1st Place

*Name of Plant:*  
Bulb. graveolens

*Owner:*  
Wilbur Chang



#### 2nd Place

*Name of Plant:*  
Blc. Rueben's  
Werde '2179'

*Owner:*  
Scot & Karen  
Mitamura

## Robert H. Aoki

Robert passed away on April 11, 2007 at Straub Hospital at the age of 89. Robert was an American Orchid Society judge for many years and taught orchid classes sponsored by the Moanalua & Aiea Community School for Adults in his patio for over 30 years. Many of his students have moved on to become commercial growers as well as AOS and/or HOS orchid judges. He also served as president of the Club 100 Battalion Green Thumb and the Aiea Orchid Club for many years.

Robert's legacy will live through the many contributions that he made to the orchid world as well as through his many students.



## WOS Installation Banquet

Please join us in inducting our new WOS officers and trustees and honoring this year's Orchidist of the Year and Decade at our annual Installation Banquet.

**Date:** Sunday, June 24, 2007

**Time:** 5:30 pm to 10:00 pm

**Place:** Bay View Restaurant  
45-285 Kaneohe Bay Drive, Kaneohe

**Cost:** \$25.00 (members and non-members)

**Menu:** Mini Pork Lau Lau, Chicken Long Rice, Pulehu Beef and Mahimahi with Black Bean Sauce  
Steamed White Rice, Sweet Potatoes, Potato/Macaroni Salad, Lomi Salmon, Li Hing  
Pineapple Chunks and Poi (depending on availability)  
Haupia and Cheesecake Lumpia  
Coffee, Iced Tea and Fruit Punch

### 2007 Installation Banquet

Complete the form below and bring it to the General Membership meeting or mail it with your payment by **June 16, 2007** to: Windward Orchid Society, P.O. Box 23 Kaneohe, HI 96744

Name(s): \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_ City: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Number of People Attending: \_\_\_\_\_ x \$25.00 Total Amount Enclosed: \$ \_\_\_\_\_

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# WOS 27th Annual Orchid and Plant Show

## **“Marketplace of Orchids”**

March 23 to 25, 2007

Wow - we had a great show this year!! We won the AOS Show Trophy Award for the our display!! Walter Yamada won best plant in show!! All the other Society displays were fabulous and so many people attended our show this year. The weather was wonderful the entire three days so more people came out to our show this year as compared to the rainy weekend we had last year.

We want to thank all the members who volunteered at the show - thanks to all of you we had such a successful show. We even had a brand new member come out to help put up the display - Scott Robinson who just joined our Society a couple of months before our show. Members Lee Deir and Kathy Campbell were also hard at work putting up the display - they didn't have any prior experience putting up orchid displays! And with everyone's hard work, we won the AOS Show Trophy!

All of the floor and table top displays were beautifully done and full of beautiful blooming plants. The following orchid clubs won awards for their display:

First Place (\$200.00 award)	Aiea Orchid Club
Second Place (\$125.00 award)	Hawaii Kai Orchid Society
Third Place (\$75.00 award)	Hui Okika O'Kunia, Inc.

And the following Table Top displays won an award:

First (\$50.00 award)	Orchid Society of Manoa
Second (\$30.00 award)	Wilbur Chang Orchids

### **The AOS Award Winning Display!**



1st Place - Aiea Orchid Club

2nd Place - Hawaii Kai Orchid Society

3rd Place - Kunia Orchid Society



1st Place  
Table Top  
Display -  
Manoa  
Orchid  
Society



2nd Place  
Table Top  
Display -  
Wilbur  
Chang  
Orchids



## WOS Members who won awards at our Show:

Best in Show	Den. Violet Yamaji 'Nalo'	Walter Yamada
Best of Cattleya White	Blc. Whipporee 'Unbelievable'	Scot & Karen Mitamura
Best of Cattleya Lavender	Blc. Memoria Walter Jones 'Aranbeem'	Scot & Karen Mitamura
Best of Cattleya Yellow	Slc. Fire Magic	H & R Nurseries
Best of Cattleya Other Color	Slc. Angel's Fantasy 'Hihimanu' HCC/AOS	H & R Nurseries
Best of Dendrobium Other Color	Den. smilliae	H & R Nurseries
Best of Dendrobium Nobile	Den. Forty Niner	Elizabeth Chang
Best of Vanda Intergeneric	Rrds. Norma	Larry & Hazel Basuel
Best Paphiopedilum Multifloral	Paph. Saint Swithin	Larry Kamiya
Best Paphiopedilum Single Flowered	Paph.. Maudiae 'The Queen'	Elizabeth Chang
Best Cymbidium	Cym. Ming 'Pagoda'	Larry & Hazel Basuel
Best Epidendrum	Epi. stamfordianum alba	Bill & Hilda Takamatsu
Best Multigeneric	Blra. Marfitch 'Howard's Dream' AM/AOS	Walter Hiraishi
Best Species	Den. Smilliae	H & R Nurseries
Best Flowering Specimen Plant	Den. Violet Yamaji 'Nalo'	Walter Yamada
Most Unusual Orchid	Stsc. Vanguard 'Fireball'	Jon Oka
Best Bulbophyllum in Show	Bulb. cladestineum 'Elizabeth' CCE/AOS	Elizabeth Chang
Best Fragrance	Aslla. gigantea	Kathy & Itsuo Tonokawa
Best Miniature-Hybrid	Slc. Angel's Fantasy 'Hihimanu'	H & R Nurseries
Best Miltoniopsis	Milt. Herralexandre	Jon Oka

## These member also received Merit Awards for their plants:

Slc. Angel's Fantasy 'Hihimanu' HCC/AOS	76 Points	H & R Nurseries
Den. Violet Yamaji 'Nalo' CCE/AOS	92 Points	Walter Yamada

