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Windward Orchid News

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Windward Orchid Society's Next Meeting is scheduled for:

Wednesday, October 4, 2006

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

🌸 The Orchid Workshop with Scot Mitamura starts at 7:00 pm

🌸 Anyone entering a plant for AOS judging should have it on the cafeteria's stage by 7:15 p.m.

Guest Speaker: Scot Mitamura

“ Home-Made Orchid Remedies and Treatments ”

Scot will be speaking on how we can use home-made remedies instead of chemicals to treat our orchid plants. A long time orchid grower, Scot has been growing orchids for over 35 years and over the years he's learned many ways that home growers can use products that they have at home to treat insects and diseases on their orchid plants. Scot is employed as an orchid horticulturist for the City and County's Honolulu Botanical Gardens and works out of the Foster Botanical Gardens. In addition to receiving a plant at the end of the meeting, you'll also receive a ticket to the Honolulu Orchid Society's Orchid and Plant Show (one ticket per member). Rae and Lorenzo donated their speaker's fee to purchase the additional tickets. So see you at the meeting and learn how to get rid of those pests - the insect kind!

The **Honolulu Orchid Society's Orchid and Plant Show-The Great Hawaiian Orchid Show** is scheduled for Friday, October 20 to Sunday, October 22, 2006. The show will be held at the Neal Blaisdell Exhibition Hall. The Board will be the chairperson for the show display and we are encouraging all members to come out and help us put up the display.

Set-up for the display will be on Thursday, October 19th. If you have any blooming plants, please bring them down to the Blaisdell or if you can't make it to the set-up, please drop your plants off at Dorothy Sakamoto's house (45-663 Luluku Road) before **10:00 am** on the 19th. We have a medium sized display, so we'll need lots of blooming orchid plants to fill it.

Admission to the show is \$3.00. *** **Please note the time change to drop off your plants.**

We will leave Dot's house for the Blaisdell at 10:00 am. ***

Another **workshop** has been scheduled for Saturday, October 14, 2006 at Dorothy Sakamoto's house. This month's workshop will be led by Dorothy herself. She and Hilda will be teaching us how to make haku leis. If you've ever wanted to learn how to make those beautiful leis for hats or just to wear, this is the workshop to attend. If you plan to attend the workshop, please bring small flowers like dendrobiums, ferns like the rabbit's foot (shinobu type) and anything else that you think would look nice on a haku lei. The workshop will start at 9:30 am at 45-663 Luluku Road. For more information or directions to her house, please call Dorothy at 236-4104.

The Annual **WOS Christmas Party** will be on Sunday, December 3rd at the Restaurant Olomana at the Olomana Golf Links. More information will be coming....

Next year's **WOS Spring Show** is right around the corner and we have to start planning for this wonderful event. See page 2 for the form to submit your ideas for a show theme. Remember, if the show committee selects your show theme idea, you'll win a beautiful prize!

Don't forget Auction Nite - November 1, 2006!!

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Upcoming Events:

◆ **October 20-22, 2006**

Honolulu Orchid
Society's Orchid and
Plant Show

◆ **November 1, 2006**

Auction Nite!!

◆ **December 3, 2006**

Annual Christmas Party
at Restaurant Olomana
at the Olomana Golf
Links

Culture Awards for September

Novice Division:

1st Place:

Name: Ctna. Why Not
Owner: Kaipo Shiroma

Intermediate Division

No awards were given for this division.

Novice Division:

1st Place:

Name: Milt. Delectable x Brs.
longissima
Owner: Walter Hiraishi

2nd Place:

Name: No name
Owner: Patrick O'Day



Orchid Workshop on Phalaenopsis Culture

Last month's orchid workshop was on phalaenopsis culture and lead by Larry Kamiya. New members Lee Deir and Sharon Fujimoto were taught how to pollinate and re-pot phalaenopsis plants that Larry brought. The two women had no experience growing phalaenopsis so this was the perfect workshop since everyone went home with lots of plants to add to their growing collection and to see if they can grow phalaenopsis.

There will be NO orchid workshops during November and December but will resume in January 2007.



SOLD

Auction Nite!

Wednesday, November 1, 2006

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Instead of our usual General Meeting we will be having an Auction!!

We'll be auctioning off orchid and non-orchid plants, homemade goodies and crafts donated by our members, cut flowers, vegetables, books, potting supplies, etc... If you want to donate something for the auction, please bring your donations to the meeting by 7:00 pm.

Bring your family and friends to this once a year event. And be sure to bring cash or checks (sorry we don't accept credit or debit cards) - since we're sure you'll find something you will want to bid on.

We'll also be having a Silent Auction for some great orchid plants!

*So mark your calendar and remember to come to our
Auction Night on November 1st!!*

2007 WOS Spring Show Show Theme Suggestion

Theme: _____

Submitted by:
Member's Name: _____



Grammatophyllum Speciosum



Ted and Stella Sumida in front of their plant.

Several of our members went to Ted and Stella Sumida's house to see his Grammatophyllum Speciosum plant. Ted planted the back bulb of the plant in 1973 in a pot into the ground. In Asia, this plant blooms only once in 7 years, but Ted's plant started blooming 12 years ago and produces blooms every year. The flowers are 4.5" in diameter and during the blooming period, the stalks grow 4" in a day. This year, the plant has about 3,700 flowers on 36 spikes - the most it's ever produced since it started blooming!



Home-Made Orchid Remedies and Treatments

By Scot Mitamura

Orchid Horticulturist for the Honolulu Botanical Gardens

Here are some excerpts from Scot's handout....

One of the major stumbling blocks for beginning orchidists is that they feel that they must use harsh pesticides to be successful. Many of these are very expensive and must be purchased in quantities that would need to be stored over a long period of time. This can cause a potential environmental hazard. Most often, the new orchidists will not have the required personal protection equipment (eye protection, rubberized rain gear, gloves, and respirator), to properly apply these chemicals.

As a hobbyist orchid grower, it is not necessary to use pesticides in a preventative manner, such as a commercial orchid nursery....

Insects

It is very important that you watch your orchids carefully and take care of problems as they occur. Most insect problems (aphids, thrips, spider mites, and mealy bugs) occur in the warm summer months and will feed on soft new growth and flowers. The best time to spot problems is while you are watering. If you stay on top of things, spot spraying of these home remedies.....

Diseases

For a disease to occur the causal agent or pathogen must be present in an infectious stage and come into contact with the host plant. The environmental conditions must favor the infection and the plant must be susceptible. So our goal is to break the cycle of infection. The most common diseases of orchids are bacteria, fungus and viruses. Here are a few ways to control them.....

Come to the meeting to find out what kinds of home-made remedies you can use to keep those insects and diseases away from your precious orchid plants.

Plants Given out at the September Meeting

Potinara Hwa Yuan Gold 'Young Kong #2'

(Pot. Hwa Yuan Gold 'YK#2')

The cattleya flower blooms to about 6 to 7 inches and is a beautiful golden yellow color with a good round shape. The plant has been know to be an easy growing plant.



Cattleya Lulu 'Hot Pink' (Penny Kuroda x Brabantiae)

(C. Lulu 'Hot Pink' AM/AOS)

A great bifoliate Cattleya and a good producer of flowers. The flowers base color is pink with many burgundy spots.



Scot recommends that these cattleyas be grown in 60% shade, be allowed to dry slightly between watering and to fertilize on a regular basis. He also suggests that the plants be re-potted before the winter season.

Mahalo!

At the last meeting, President Susan Lim presented King Intermediate School Principal Cynthia Chun with a check for \$642.00.

Principal Chun said that they were very grateful to receive the money and that it would be use to install air conditioners in their computer labs.

In our effort to give back to the community, the WOS annually presents three organizations with a check from profits made at our Annual Spring show. In addition to King Intermediate School, we presented Ben Parker Elementary School with a check for \$193.00 and the Friends of Honolulu Botanical Gardens with a check for \$128.00.



Principal Chun and Susan



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