



Windward Orchid News

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Windward Orchid Society's Next Meeting is scheduled for
Wednesday, September 5, 2012
at 7:30 p.m. in the King Intermediate 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

"Warm Growing Cymbidiums" Speaker: Bob Harris



Bob Harris will be sharing his knowledge and passion for the mini Cyms he grows on the Big Island, where he has his nursery called Orchidpeople. It is a Cymbidium orchid nursery and they sell standard and intermediate Cymbidium cut flowers and potted Cymbidiums. Their potted Cymbidiums are both warm tolerant varieties and cooler growing ones, and Bob specializes in miniature plants. You can visit them online at: <http://www.orchidpeopleofhawaii.com/> Bob spoke to us two years ago and everyone really enjoyed his presentation, so it is time to let the many newer members in on what he knows, also. He will bring over some of his plants for us to purchase.

President's Message:

Aloha Everyone,
A new month is here and I hope your all in good health. Summer is just ending and Autumn will be here before you know it. Time sure flies! Now we must prepare for our next event which will be the Honolulu Orchid Show in October, hope you are able to come out and help us set-up. Soon after will be our Auction night which will be in November. We will need all of your help in advertising as well as helping us with donations. There is lots to do and things to prepare. If you have things you would like to donate to help out, you can either drop them off at my house or bring them the night of the auction.

We had a great turnout at our last workshop. 3 new people joined us and were happy to take home plants they potted. It's really difficult for me to highlight a speaker each month because the interest of the class varies. I think from now on we will just focus on basic culture and work with what interest those that attend the classes. Hands on will always be at every workshop since I have been getting a lot of donated plants. From next months class I will be asking for a small donation to help subsidize the cost of material. I think it's a small price to pay for a wealth of knowledge. I hope you will all support this idea so the workshop can continue. More information will follow. See you at the next Membership Meeting.

Ahui Hou
Dot Sakamoto
President

Upcoming Events:

- ◆ Workshop at Dot's House on Sat., Sept. 8, 2012
- ◆ Gen Mtg on Wed, October 3, 2012 at King Inter. School Cafeteria
- ◆ Workshop at Dot's House on Sat., October 13, 2012
- ◆ Auction Nite-Gen Mtg on Wed, Nov 7, 2012 at King Inter. School Cafeteria

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History of Orchids: Orchids date back to the Greek ages. Orchid history shows that at that time one of the orchids were associated with virility. Several books about orchid history have been written as orchids are this one of the most studied plants.

[It is easy to learn all about orchids.](#) Over the centuries orchids have been a symbol of love, luxury and beauty. Another one of orchid facts is seen in the Middles Ages where they were used as a remedy for a number of illnesses. They have also been considered an aphrodisiac and a main ingredient in certain love potions and even in ice cream!. **Clearly, they have had a long and important relationship with humans for a very long time.**

In the 18th century: Collecting orchids was well established and orchid gardening and care of orchids was becoming an interest. Although they were considered the flowers of the wealthy they were studied by only a few botanist including William Cattley. Cattley changed all of this. He first noticed the orchids which were later named after him, the Cattleya, were used as packing material in some plants that were sent to him. He discovered after re-potting the plant that it blossomed producing a beautiful and very fragrant flower.



In the late nineteenth century according to some orchid books orchids were being harvested in Europe without consideration for saving them. Whole areas, especially in England, were devastated by this harvesting. Fields lay barren as these orchids were picked and sold. There was not any conservation at this time.

Today most harvesting of wild orchids is generally banned. Today most of them that are for sale are reproduced by reputable orchid growers from plants in greenhouses.

Advances in science and methods for reproducing orchids have brought us to where we are today, with over 110,000 different hybrids. This is an amazing plant that has withstood the test of time and survived from the early Greek ages to modern times. There was essentially a transformation and conservation of the plants.

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_____ **Renewal** **WOS APPLICATION** _____ **New Member**

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Or bring it to the next General Meeting

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| _____ Regular Membership (July 2012 to June 2013) | \$20.00 |
| _____ Regular and Associate (Partner) Membership (July 2012 to June 2013) | \$30.00 |
| _____ Associate (Partner only) Membership (July 2012 to June 2013) | \$10.00 |
| _____ Lifetime Membership | \$200.00 |

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