



Windward Orchid News

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Windward Orchid Society's **NEXT MEMBERSHIP MEETING** is scheduled for
Wednesday, April 3, 2013
at 7:30 p.m. in the King Intermediate School Cafeteria



President's Message:

Aloha Everyone

Wasn't our show amazing? Congratulations to Larry Kamiya for Best in Show and to the rest of you that won awards for your plants. The display was awesome, the best I have seen in years, congratulations to Lorenzo and Betty and the rest who worked so hard to get the AOS and theme award. Spear heading this show is a big responsibility, Susan! you have done it again. Of course it takes team work and we had wonderful team players. I must say I am exhausted and I'm sure a lot of you are. It was worth it and I would certainly do it again and I know all of you feel the same. A big Mahalo to all of you, again! you make me proud to be your President.

Mahalo Ahui Hou
Dot Sakamoto

Orchid Tip of the Month

Spring is here and the orchids are beginning to bloom. Honohonos and Phalaenopsis are in full flower. Try to keep the flowers dry (as with other orchids as well), to minimize the flower blight (the small brown spots on the flowers). Remove all affected flowers so that the disease does not spread. Although the days are getting longer, April can still be a wet month. So be cautious about over watering your orchids.

Upcoming Events:

- ◆ Workshop at Dot's House for April 13, 2013
- ◆ Gen Mtg on Wed, May 1, 2013 at King Inter. School Cafeteria
- ◆ Workshop at Dot's House for May 11, 2013
- ◆ Gen Mtg on Wed, June 5, 2013 at King Inter. School Cafeteria

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The genus [Cymbidium](#) (the boat orchids) includes approximately 52 species of sympodial, pseudobulbous, herbaceous orchids. They are native to the Old World and were first described by Olof Swartz in 1799. The name is derived from the Greek word *kumbos*, meaning "hole" or "cavity", a reference to the hollow boat-shaped lip.

The vigorous plants are variously epiphytic, terrestrial, or lithophytic and occur as far north as the Korean Peninsula, with species found in Japan, China, India, the Himalayas (including Bhutan and Assam) and through Southeast Asia and Indonesia to Australia. They are easily recognizable by their ovoid pseudobulbs and basal inflorescences. Many species bear spectacular flowers.

The thousands of hybrid cymbidiums are among the most popular cultivated orchids due to their adaptability, cold tolerance, and spectacular flowers in a wide array of colors. Cymbidiums have replaced the cattleya as the most popular cut flower orchid for

corsages and arrangements, making them of great commercial and economic importance.

Most of the large-flowered hybrids are derived from cool to cold growing species from the Himalayas and require cool winter night time temperatures (in the 40's F) in order to bloom. Inability to supply cool temperatures to the plants is the main reason for blooming failures with these hybrids.

Some of the smaller cymbidiums from China Japan, Korea, India, and Southeast Asia were collected and grown by Chinese scholars for many centuries and were likely the first cultivated orchids. Often prized more for their foliage than for the flowers, various variegated forms were selected and meticulously cultivated by these scholars.

Referred to as "Lan" in Chinese, these orchids were considered to be emblematic of the scholarly and virtuous man. Poetry and paintings depicting these revered orchids can be found in ancient literature and artwork. The gift of such an orchid was considered a supreme compliment and is still considered so today.

The five best known species cultivated in China are [C. ensifolium](#), [C. kanran](#), [C. goeringii](#), [C. sinense](#), and [C. faberi](#).

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