



Windward Orchid News

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Windward Orchid Society's **NEXT MEMBERSHIP MEETING** is scheduled for **Wednesday, March 5, 2014** at 7:30 p.m. in the King Intermediate School Cafeteria

SPEAKER OF THE MONTH: Sheron Harwood on general orchid culture with a twist!

Sheron is our Treasurer. She gave a general orchid culture workshop at the WOS's Valentine's Day Show at the Windward Mall on February 14, 15 & 16, 2014. Many volunteers showed up to help promote our March Show. We gave away hundreds of tickets to our show, while telling folks all about our club. Sheron gave a general orchid culture workshop each of the three days at 1 p.m. Just look at her huge audience!



Before Sheron talks about general orchid culture, we will introduce Christy Martin, a University of Hawaii Public Information Officer, who will give us a talk on the Little Fire Ant . Stinging ants that are new to Hawaii, and spreading, they infest yards and agricultural fields, and will move into houses. They cause pain, welts and intense itching that lasts.

GORGEOUS COLORS OF ORCHIDS:

"Our Spring Show is just around the corner and we need all members to volunteer during our show in order to make it a success. We would like you to sign up for the various committee's for at least one shift. You will receive a WOS T-shirt if you volunteer for 8 or more hours. You may sign-up for one or more of the committee's, they are: Host and Hostess, Cashier, Country Store, Membership, Security, Admissions, Set-up, Clean-up, Plant Identification, Transportation and WOS Display. We also need volunteers to put up signs on the road during the week of the show.

We would like you to save boxes and newspaper and bring them starting Wednesday, March 19 the day we set-up at King School. We will need your flowering plants for our display, the more the merrier, no matter how small or large. We had a new member last year who happened to have her orchid bloom during the show and she won an award. It can happen to you, so don't be shy, bring your blooming orchid and we will put it in our display.

We need you, so sign up or call Susan Lim at 728-1014."

Upcoming Events:

- ◆ **Workshop at Dot Sakamoto's house on March 8, 2014, 9:30 a.m. If you need directions, call Dot at 236-4104.**
- ◆ **WOS Spring Show at King Intermediate March 21, 22 & 23, 2014**

WOS Officers (2013-2014)

President *Dot Sakamoto* **Vice-President** *Hazel Basuel* **Recording Secretary** *Dawn Bonak*
Treasurer *Sheron Harwood* **Corresponding Secretary** *Lily Brunke*

Trustees

Ruby Hiraishi Walter Hiraishi Karen Kim Adam Kono Scot Mitamura
Craig Nakahara Toni Walker Susan Lim Edward Catrett

Director *Larry Kamiya* **Membership** *Grace Nishigaya* **Hospitality/Refreshments** *Fran Craft*

WOS Corner:

At our February Membership Meeting we had 70 members and 11 guests.

New members, if you have a question about your orchids or have an orchid not doing well, please bring them in and our plant doctor will gladly try to answer any questions you have about them. Please come to the 7:00 pm workshop or come and see Craig Nakahara (fluorescent green WOS shirt) when we have our General Membership Meeting.

We need your Kokua at our WOS Spring Show - Important Dates to Remember – Show Chairperson: Susan Lim – 728-1014

Wednesday Morning: March 19, 2014 starting at 9:00 am

We will need help in setting up the gym. Volunteers to tape down the mat to the gym floor, setting up the sellers and display tables, setting up the display area, covering the tables, assisting with bringing everything from our storage, assist in unloading plants and materials from vehicles, etc..

Wednesday Afternoon: starting at 1:00 pm to 9 pm

We will need help making boxes, crushing newspaper, and continue to set up. Put up signs. Bring any boxes you collected. If you have plants to bring for our display and cannot come on Thursday, you may bring them that evening. Assist with setting up our Country Store.

Thursday, March 20, 2014 starting at 9:00 am

We will need your help setting up our display for the show and getting ready for the first day of our show. **Bring in your flowering plants for our display.**

We need everyone's help to make our show a success!! Please sign up to volunteer for the various committees listed below. On Wednesday and Sunday we need everyone's help for setting up and clean-up.

Sign-up sheets will be available at the General Membership Meeting.

Please sign-up to volunteer on one of the following committees:

- Admissions - see Lee Deir or Lynn Chang
- Cashiers - see Dorothy Sakamoto
- Country Store - see Toni Walker
- Host/Hostess - see Hazel Basuel
- Security and Parking - see Adam Kono
- Membership Sign-up - see Grace Nishigaya
- Plant Registration – see Mary Bealer or Mae Yamamoto
- Set-up - see Walter Hiraishi
- Clean-up - see Craig Nakahara

Other Committees which may need your help prior to the show:

- Marketing and Publicity - see Karen Kim or Scot Mitamura
- Donations - see Maxine Lee
- Transportation - see Maxine Lee
- Tickets and flyers - see Susan Lim

Volunteers who work 8 or more hours will receive a free WOS tee-shirt, during the Show. Bring your family and friends to volunteer.

Admission is Free - donations are appreciated. We need your help in promoting our show and getting the word out to as many people and businesses as possible. **OUR CUSTOMERS DON'T HAVE TO BE ORCHID GROWERS TO ENJOY THE SHOW!**

We need everyone to come out on Wednesday for set-up and Sunday, to help clean-up!!!

All volunteers are invited to an Appreciation Luncheon, at King Intermediate School Cafeteria, on March 29, Saturday from 11pm - 1pm. Everyone who worked at the Show are invited to attend. Please let your chairperson know whether you're able to attend or not as soon as possible.

Orchid Tip of the Month by Scott Mitamura:

The days are getting longer and the sunlight stronger as we reach Spring on March 20. We still need to be cautious about our watering, as March can be still be a rainy month for us. With our winter behind us, we should begin to see more activity with our orchids. Phalaenopsis should be in full bloom, and Hono honos should be showing buds. Once the buds are showing you can start watering them again. Watch and treat for flower thrips, as they often feed on the young buds turning them brown. Start selecting and prepping your orchids for the show. Set up is on Thursday March 20; what a way to kick of our spring season!

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE:

Aloha Everyone

Spring is just around the corner. What does that mean? Yes! so is our orchid show, as a matter of fact our orchid show starts the day after Spring begins. It will be our biggest event of the year. With all of your help it will be another successful event. Speaking of success, as most of you know we were at Windward Mall on Valentines Day weekend promoting our up coming show. Yes, we also sold orchids and rose's. To our amazement it was a big success. Mahalo to all the volunteers and to Larry Kamiya who made it possible and to Karen Kim for coordinating the whole event. Our volunteers did a fantastic job promoting our up coming show by passing out show tickets and talking about our club. A big mahalo goes out to Sheron Harwood who did orchid culture lectures for all three days. She did an awesome job capturing her audience with her information on how to grow orchids and her sense of humor that made them laugh. Betty Oshima and her gang did a beautiful job with the orchid display. It captured many peoples attention as well as curiosity on the variety of orchids in the display. Again I want to thank everyone who participated in the Valentines Day Event, because of you, we can once again say "We Did It".

Ahui Hou
Dot Sakamoto
President



Our deepest sympathy to Liz Ajifu on the passing of her father, William K. W. Kam on January 29, 2014. Services were held on February 20, 2014 at Borthwick Mortuary. Burial was at the Veterans Memorial Park.

ORCHID SAFARI: WOS is planning an Orchid Safari Trip (visiting orchid nursery for the purpose of purchasing orchids) to Hilo on April 10, 11 & 12, 2014. We can accommodate only 25 people. It will be on a first come first serve basis. If you are interested, we will have information forms at the membership meetings or call Dot Sakamoto at 236-4104.

WITH MUCH GRATITUDE FOR REFRESHMENT DONATIONS

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| The Late William K. W. Kam | \$100.00 |
| Susan Kamalani | \$200.00 |

WINDWARD ORCHID SOCIETY ORCHID SALE & PLANT SALE

THEME: "Gorgeous Colors of Orchids"

DATES: March 21, 22 & 23, 2014

WHERE: King Intermediate School

Our Spring Show is just around the corner, and we would like all members to participate. If you have ideas on how we can market our show better, please contact Susan Lim at 728-1014 or email her at slim@hawaiiantel.net.

We are looking for donations to our Country Store to be sold at our Spring Show. No clothes. Any questions, please contact Toni Walker at 292-1407.

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