



Windward Orchid News

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Windward Orchid Society's **NEXT MEMBERSHIP MEETING** will be on **Wednesday, April 4, 2018** at 7:30 p.m. in the King Intermediate School Cafeteria

By Members of the Windward Orchid Society



WINNER
Best Show Theme

Best In Show Theme
 Lt. Gov.'s Trophy
 Awarded to WOS!
 Display Chair: Ariel Harwood

A Message From Our President

Our annual Spring Show is over. I'm exhausted, but it's a good kind of exhaustion. We had a great show because of all the volunteers who all came together to make it a success! We hope we had a record number of attendees! We'll report the numbers at our next meeting.

Meanwhile – with all this rain, I'm hoping that you are all watching your orchids to make sure they are not getting too soaked and soggy. My plants are beginning to bud and bloom and all kinds of colors are popping up all over the greenhouse. I just discovered a plant in bloom that I didn't even know I had. This is the time of year I enjoy the most, all the excitement of discovery, as the orchids 'spring' into action.

ELECTIONS are coming up soon and we are looking for people that would like to help guide the club the next few years. We will have 3 trustee positions that are 3 year terms and 1 trustee position for one year. If anyone is interested in running and have been a member in good standing for at least 2 years, please talk to a board member so that we can make sure you are on the election ballot! Elections will be held at our May General Membership meeting.

See you at the next meeting.
 ~Sheron

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 7:30 p.m. on April 4, 2018
 at King Intermediate School.

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Our Orchid Workshop On Saturday, April 14th, will be held at **City Mill** in Kaneohe from 10 a.m. to 12 noon.

(If you go to Dot's house, you'll be at the wrong place.)

City Mill will be bringing in orchids and orchid accessories for the workshop. In addition, there will be representatives from Gaviota Fertilizer and Smart Pot with a displays. Smart Pot features fabric pots for vertical gardening and raised bed gardening options.

Everyone attending will receive a **10% off coupon** for anything in the Garden Department

Dragnet, Orchid Style – The Basics, Just the Basics

At our next General Membership Meeting, Sheron Harwood will provide a brief overview of key points to orchid growing. Sheron has 30+ years of growing orchid experience to pass along and she'll do it in 45 minutes! She also has a collection of AOS Orchid Magazines, in binders to give away to anyone interested in them.



Thank You

Appreciation Luncheon

Saturday, April 14, 2018 at 2:00 p.m. King School Cafeteria

All Spring Show volunteers are cordially invited to attend the Appreciation Luncheon.

We worked together and now let's party together.

Our show was fantastic and we could not have done it without all of you.

Take a look at our website for Spring Show pictures, awardees and supporters.

Upcoming Events:

- ◆ **Wednesday April 4th at 7:30 p.m. WOS General Membership Meeting at King Intermediate School**
- ◆ **Saturday, April 14th at 10:00 a.m. to 12 noon Orchid Culture Workshop at CITY MILL-KANEOHE**
- ◆ **Saturday, April 14th at 2:00 p.m. APPRECIATION LUNCHEON at King Intermediate School Café**
- ◆ **Saturday, May 5th 8:30 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. & Sunday May 6th 8:30 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. ORCHID SOCIETY OF MANOA-ORCHID SHOW & PLANT SALE at Noelani Elem. Café 2655 Woodlawn Drive.**

WOS March Orchid Culture Awards



1st Place– Novice Division
Paph. Shin-Yi Weber x Shin-Yi
Owner: Josie Rayray



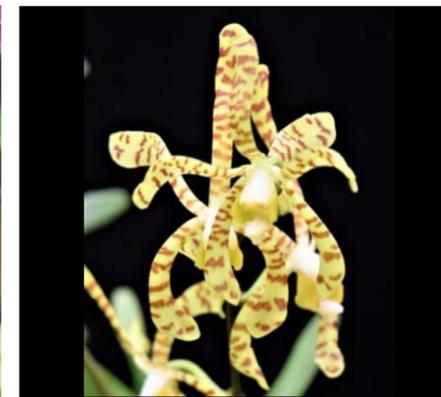
1st Place– Intermediate Division
Den. spectabile
Owner: Duncan Chun



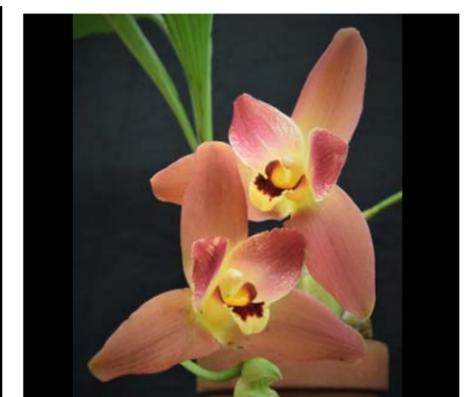
1st Place– Masters Division
Den. Spring Bird 'Kuroshiki'
Owner: Walter Hiraishi



2nd Place– Novice Division
Phal. Hybrid
Owner: Alyson Kimura



2nd Place– Intermediate Division
Arach. Flos-Aeris 'Scorpion'
Owner: Kimo Kuoha



2nd Place– Masters Division
Lysudamuloa Red Jewel
Owner: Dot Sakamoto

Selling at WOS Meetings

Current WOS members are welcome to sell plant-related items at regularly scheduled WOS meetings; orchid-related items are of course the most appropriate. If you are thinking of bringing items to sell, it's a good idea to discuss your plans with a WOS Officer or Board member in advance. The Board does reserve the right to deny sales of inappropriate items or materials.

Since the WOS receives no commission for the monthly sales it is expected that the seller contribute back to the Society through donations to Auction Night and/or the Country Store at the Spring Show.

You can fit this I hope in an area - it will be easier after the show I think...because of space restrictions. But because of the sales at the meeting we felt a reminder was important.

Orchid Tip of the Month by Scot Mitamura

Now that our show is over, what do you do with all the orchids you have purchased? First, keep them separated from the rest of your orchids. Inspect them well for any possible unwanted pests. I would recommend a preventative spray, Bayer 3n1 works well, as it is an insecticide, miticide, and fungicide. Apply slug bait, to kill off any unwanted, slugs or snails. Pull out any weeds and dispose of them outside of your growing area. If you do not want to use any pesticides, spray everything with rubbing alcohol and repot them into fresh media of your choosing. This may seem like a drastic treatment, but most of my worst orchid pest problems have come from friends or other nurseries.

I also like to stake up the orchids to assist them in growing well. At the same time I use a hole punch and I wire the label to the stake. Making an additional label is often a good idea. Some nursery labels crack as they age, so a backup label has saved me many times. Some folks like to inventory or catalog their new additions, remembering the source of the orchid.

If you have purchased orchid species or ones that you are not familiar with, it might be a good idea to do some homework on its native habitat. This will help you in placing your orchid in a proper micro climate encouraging its survival.

Applying these simple tasks will ensure your success with your new additions to your collection.

~Scot

WOS Corner

At our March 7th meeting we had 72 members and 6 guests enjoy tips on how to stake, groom and display their orchids. Many thanks to Larry and Tyler and Craig for sharing their ideas!

What's Cookin'?
WOS Cookbooks \$15.

WOS Cookbook Vol. 2

Send your recipes to Wendy:
wpathways@gmail.com

WOS ELECTIONS WILL BE MAY 02, 2018 DURING OUR GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING

All positions are open. If you have been a member in good standing for at least two years and would like a chance to serve on the WOS Board, please let one of the board members know so that we can add you to the ballot.

Orchid Doctor - If you have questions about your orchids, or have orchids that are not doing well, please bring them early (7:00 p.m.) to the General Membership meeting and our orchid doctor (Scot) will gladly identify the problem and try to answer your questions.

General Questions - For questions about the Windward Orchid Society, see Craig Nakahara (wearing a florescent green shirt) during our General Membership Meeting.

Refreshment Contributions - Sign-up sheets are at the refreshment table or you can email Toni Walker at toni.walker58@yahoo.com. Monetary contributions are also welcome.

WOS Officers 2017-2018: President *Sheron Harwood* Vice-President *Karen Kim* Recording Secretary *Dawn Bonak*
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The WOS meets on the first Wednesday of every month at the King Intermediate School Cafeteria (except in June & December).