



Windward Orchid News

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Windward Orchid Society's **NEXT MEMBERSHIP MEETING** will be on **Wednesday, May 2, 2018** at 7:30 p.m. in the King Intermediate School Cafeteria

Paphiopedilums: A Journey from Seed to Flower



Larry Kamiya will talk us through this topic at our May 2nd meeting. You'll be amazed!

Aloha and Welcome to our Newest WOS Members!

They are: Janis Calton, Anna & Buzz Edwards, Albert Gabuat, Kent Gerkewicz, Erika Gutierrez, Maybelle & Megan Helfrich, Sparky Hudson, Dr. Gary & Melanie Johnson, Emmanuel Kling, Rena Labatte, Joanna MacKin, Sharon Matsuyama, Mike McCartney, Maureen & Barney McKeague, Ranette Kupau Miranda, Garrett Murata, Connie Smales, Sheila Sumida, Julie & Shaloam Takishita, Sherry Tsutsumi, and Ina Van Hest.



WOS Elections of Officers and Trustees

Voting will be held on May 2nd during our Membership Meeting.

Nominations for Orchidist of the Year and Orchidist of the Decade

These are individuals who have over the past year, made a significant contribution towards strengthening and promoting our Windward Orchid Society and qualifies for Orchidist of the year, as a 3+ year member or Orchidist of the decade, as a 12+ year member. Email nominations to Sheron at sheron@jerryhay.com by June 8th.



There is No Membership Meeting and No Saturday Workshop in June, so take advantage of these events in May.

WOS No Ka 'Oi

The Pot O' Orchids Spring Show was a success. WOS won the Best Show Theme, and rightfully so since Ariel, who chaired the display committee, blew all the balloons up and I saw her scaling the mountain to break the blockage at the top to make sure the waterfall flowed softly into the translucent blue pond. All the committee chairs worked their tail off. Without them organizing their committees, we couldn't have had a more successful show than this year.

Being a member of WOS is not just paying dues, and coming to our meetings, and reading our great newsletter. Our members participate in our events whenever they can. No matter how hard it may be to come sometimes, they always manage to lend a helping hand, and contribute in some way or other to promote our show and society. This is a key reason why I enjoy chairing your show! No matter the age, you have always given me the energy and strength to keep moving and doing whatever I can for the society. Some of you may think you're not doing enough because of your situation, but keep in mind, what you do do, helps the bigger picture, which is a lot. I call it teamwork and commitment. My hats off to all the members and non-members who helped out this year, and I look forward to working with you next year once again. Yes, you have me for another year, unless someone wants to VOLUNTEER!!! ~ Susan ~ (btw : Are you missing a red umbrella or purple water bottle? They were found at the Spring Show and you may claim them by calling me at 728-1014.)



A Message From Our President

It was nice to see a bunch of new club members at the last meeting! I hope that all of you newbies speak-up and let us know what you would like to learn. What is the most pressing thing you wish to learn about orchid growing? Let us know what speaker topics you would like. We want to be sure that we fulfill your hopes of learning what you want to know about orchids.

May 2nd is our election night at the general membership meeting. We will be electing officers and trustees to continue providing as much services and benefits as we can to the membership.

Please plan on attending the Installation Banquet on June 23rd (more info in this newsletter) to support your newly elected Board Members.

We had a well-attended workshop at the Kaneohe City Mill Garden Event weekend on April 14th. It was also 'no tax day' – so we hope you all got a chance to get to City Mill and supported our local Kaneohe business. I purchased a nice group of clippers and garden tools.

Appreciation lunch was later that day – and we had many, many awesome blooming plants for the chairpersons and volunteers! SO... if you want to increase your orchid collection with some outstanding plants...VOLUNTEER at our annual Spring Shows!!

See you at the meeting – and I hope you all stayed dry these past few days!! ~Sheron

Haku Lei Making Workshop

Just in time for the graduation season. Haku Lei making will be taught at the Saturday Workshop and followed by a pot luck lunch. **Bring flowers** and learn how to create these beautiful leis on Saturday, May 12th at 9:30 a.m. at Dot's House. For directions, call 236-4104.



Aiea Orchid Club Annual Orchid Show

Showtimes are Friday and Saturday, June 8 & 9th (9 a.m. -5 p.m.) and Sunday, June 10th (9 a.m.-3p.m.) Plant sales close at 2 p.m. on Sunday. The show will be held at Aiea Elementary School Cafe, 99-370 Moanalua Rd.

On Thursday, June 7th, please bring your blooming plants to Dot's house by 11 a.m. or by 12 noon to the Aiea Elementary School café.

Breakdown will be at 3 p.m. on Sunday, June 10th and we will need your kokua please.

Please contact Larry Kamiya at 235-3290, if you have any questions.

Manoa Orchid Show

The Orchid Society of Manoa will present their Orchid Show at Noelani Elementary School on Saturday, May 5th from 8:30 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. and on Sunday, May 6th from 8:30 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.

Set-up information:

Friday, May 4th we will set-up at 5:00 p.m. at Noelani Elementary School.

We're meeting at Dot's house at 3:00 p.m.

We're leaving Dot's house at 3:45 p.m.

We could use any blooming plants, so don't be shame...bring them to Noelani Elementary School by 5:00 p.m. on Friday. Otherwise, you can drop plants off at Dot's house by 3:00 p.m. on Friday. Please put your name on the plants or on the box. Also, indicate if you are going to pick them up or if you would like us to bring back your plants. If you need directions to Dot's house, please call her at 236-4104.

Clean-up information:

On Sunday, the Manoa Orchid Show stops selling plants at 2:00 p.m. and clean-up starts at 3:00 p.m. We could also use some help on Sunday to dismantle the WOS display.

Please contact Craig Nakahara at 284-4718, if you have any questions.

Upcoming Events:

- ◆ **Wednesday May 2nd at 7:30 p.m. WOS Elections during the General Membership Meeting** at King Intermediate School
- ◆ **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.
- ◆ **Saturday, May 12th at 9:30 a.m. Haku Lei Making Workshop** at Dot's House. If you need directions, call 236-4104.
- ◆ **Fri.-Sun., June 8, 9 & 10th (9a-5p, on Fri & Sat) (9a-3p, on Sun) Aiea Orchid Club Annual Orchid Show and Sale** at Aiea Elementary School Cafeteria.
- ◆ **Saturday, June 23rd, 5:00 p.m. to 9:30 p.m. WOS Installation and Awards Banquet** at Pohai Nani.

Orchid Tip of the Month by Scot Mitamura

Our crazy weather is driving everyone crazy! It definitely has changed over the years and it is either too dry or way too wet. One way to combat this constant rain is to grow your orchids under a polycarbonate roof. Make sure you buy the good stuff that has UV protection and will last for years. One drawback is the high cost (approx. \$40.00 per 24"x12' lengths). Other options are 1212 C (white tarp like material, w/UV protection, from Pacific Agriculture), or 6 mil. poly sheeting (cheaper, but lasts only 5-6 years).

Without controlling the rain water, you may need to rely on preventative fungicidal sprays. Once you have an infection you must cut and remove all diseased plant tissue. The fungicides will help to prevent new infections, but do little to cure sick orchids. Make sure you have good air movement, and keep all areas clean. This will go a long way in reducing your fungal infections.

Other options would be to grow your orchids differently. Maybe instead of in pots, consider mounting your orchids on driftwood or fencing material. Growing them in baskets or even hanging your pots will greatly help in drying your orchids. Growing your orchids in clay or concrete pots will allow your orchids to dry much faster than plastic pots. Make sure that your pot size is small, as larger pots with lots of media, take longer to dry out. Change your type of media. Maybe blue rock might be a good option, as well as reducing the amount of media in each pot. Adding lots of Styrofoam to the bottom of the pot will also help in keeping your orchids from getting wet feet. I have even seen (in wet Haiku Maui) orchids wired directly to the bottom of an empty plastic pots growing unbelievably well. After all, many of them are air plants!

Hopefully, you will be able to incorporate some of these options to help get your orchids through this wet period. Now that we have made these adjustments, I would not be surprised if we have a really dry summer. Fortunately, we can always water more!

~Scot

WOS April Orchid Culture Awards



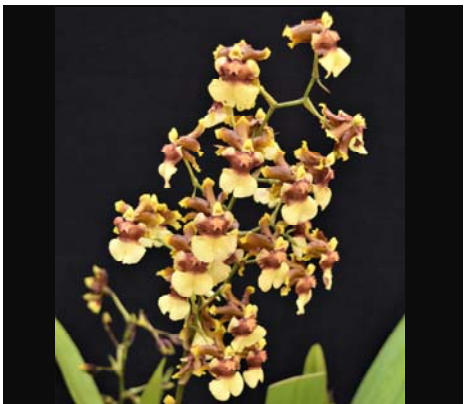
1st Place– Novice Division
Onc. Pacific Sunrise 'Hakalau'
Owner: Josie Rayray



1st Place– Intermediate Division
Paph. Iowii
Owner: Duncan Chun



1st Place– Masters Division
C. schroederiae 'Will'
Owner: Scot Mitamura



2nd Place– Novice Division
Onc. Hybrid
Owner: Grace Takebayashi



2nd Place– Intermediate Division
Den. victoria-reginae
Owner: Kimo Kuoha



2nd Place– Masters Division
Ency. bractescens
Owner: Larry Basuel

WOS Corner

At our April 4th meeting we had 61 members and 2 guests learn about basic orchid growing. Thank you Sheron for sharing your 30+ years of orchid knowledge & Scot for the technical orchid tidbits.

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

WOS Cookbook Vol. 2

Send your recipes to Wendy:
wpathways@gmail.com

WOS Shirt Sale

Golf Shirts \$20.
Forest Green -M & XL
Navy Blue -S, M, L & XL

2018 T-Shirts \$15.
Construction Green -
All sizes Small to 3XL

Prior to 2018 T-Shirts \$10.
Blue -S to 2XL, Gray -2XL,
Heather Gray-3XL, Orange-S

While supply lasts, shirts will be available at our membership meetings. Call Susan at 728-1014 if you can't make it to a meeting.

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
Treasurer Craig Nakahara Corresponding Secretary Deborah Collins Trustees: (2016-2019) Susan Lim (One Vacant)
Fred Collins (2015-2018) Larry Kamiya Wendy Saito Toni Walker (2017-2020) Steve Canham C.J. Kalopodes
Scot Mitamura Director Dot Sakamoto Membership Grace Nishigaya Hospitality/Refreshments Fran Craft

Mail correspondence to: Windward Orchid Society, Inc. P.O. Box 23 Kaneohe, Hawaii 96744
The WOS meets on the first Wednesday of every month at the King Intermediate School Cafeteria (except in June & December).

Installation and Awards Banquet

Everything on this delicious dinner menu is included with your reservation. Cost is \$30 per Person. Reservation deadline is June 18th

Saturday, June 23, 2018
Hours: 5:00 P.M.—9:30 P.M.
Dinner will be at 6:00 P.M.

Our annual WOS Installation and Awards Banquet will be held on June 23rd from 5:00-9:30 p.m. at Pohai Nani, Ruth Orcutt-Bacon Auditorium. Cost is \$30 per person.

At the banquet we will install our WOS officers and trustees. We will also announce our Orchidist of the Year and Orchidist of the Decade.

To reserve your place, please fill-in the form below.

Orchid Raffle

Lots and Lots of very beautiful orchids and other plants will be raffled off. Raffle tickets are \$1.00. That's right, you could win an orchid plant for \$1.00. Get 5 raffle tickets and you could win up to 5 plants for only \$5.00

Dinner Menu

Entrees

Mahi with Lemon Butter Caper Sauce
Shoyu Chicken

Side Dishes

Fresh Garden Greens with Dressings
Country Potato Salad
Seasoned Steamed Vegetables in Season
Rice Pilaf
Fresh Fruit Platter

Beverages

Iced Tea, Coffee, Hot Tea

Desert

Trio of Gourmet Desserts

Please Join Us At

Pohai Nani

Ruth Orcutt-Bacon Auditorium

45-090 Namoku St.
Kaneohe, HI 96744

For Food, Flowers and Frivolity.

For more information call Susan Lim at 728-1014.

DINNER RESERVATION DEADLINE: JUNE 18, 2018

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Complete and mail this form with a check payable to: Windward Orchid Society or WOS, to P. O. Box 23, Kaneohe, HI 96744 or Bring it to Election Night on May 2nd.

NAME: _____

PHONE: _____ EMAIL: _____

ADDRESS: _____

Number of persons attending: _____ x \$30.00 = \$ _____

Number of 5 year old and under: _____ X \$Free = \$ Free

Amount Enclosed: _____ Paid By: _____ Check No. _____ Cash _____



IT'S TIME TO RENEW YOUR WOS MEMBERSHIP

What do you get for your membership? You will receive a plant at the end of each general membership meeting and this monthly WOS newsletter as well as all kinds of orchid growing information, monthly speakers and workshops at Dorothy Sakamoto's home. And then, there are the Installation and Christmas Dinners with "ono" food and fun times.

Renewal **WOS Membership Application** **New Member**

Mail to: Windward Orchid Society, Inc. P.O. Box 23, Kaneohe, HI 96744
Or bring it to the General Meeting.

Name(s): _____

Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Phone: _____ Cell: _____ Work: _____

E-mail: _____ Date: _____

Amount Enclosed: _____ Paid By: _____ Check No. _____ Cash: _____ Credit Card: _____

_____ Regular Membership (July 2018 to June 2019) \$25.00

_____ Regular & Assoc. (Partner) Membership (July 2017 to June 2018) \$35.00

_____ Associate (Partner only) Membership (July 2017 to June 2018) \$10.00

_____ Lifetime Membership \$300.00