



Windward Orchid News

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Windward Orchid Society's **NEXT MEMBERSHIP MEETING** will be on **Wednesday, January 2, 2019** at 7:00 p.m. at the King Intermediate School Cafeteria.

Mele Kalikimaka me ka Hau'oli Makahiki Hou

Remember that there is no General Membership Meeting in December, but we are having a P-A-R-T-Y !

Our WOS Christmas Party will be a luncheon on Saturday, December 8, 2018, at the Marine Corps Base Hawaii (MCBH) Klipper Club, from 11:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. and lunch will be served at 12:00 p.m.

Don't forget to read the back of your pass and sign it. All drivers must present their driver's license and pass to the gate guard. The pass will need to be displayed on your car dashboard. All attendees will need to have a State or Federal I.D.

Do not use your cell phone while driving and the speed limit is 20 mph, unless designated otherwise.

Please bring a \$5.00 grab bag to the party per each member and guest.

Lots and lots of very beautiful orchids and plants will be raffled off. Raffle tickets will be \$1.00 each.

Call Susan at 728-1014, if you have any questions or problems entering the base.



A Message From Our President

Aloha, and Happy Thanksgiving!

We had a houseful of family and friends, and I am enjoying the leftover turkey sandwiches - which are sometimes the best part.

We are approaching our Annual Christmas Party - a lunch this year. So remember, there is no general meeting in the month of December. Don't show up at the school....none of us will be there!!!

Instead, I hope to see you all at the Christmas Lunch. We will have a ton of plants for the raffle and some other interesting activities for all who are attending. More info is inside the newsletter.

My orchid plants seem to be surviving pretty well this rainy season. Over the next few weekends, I hope to be able to get to some of them and continue my goal of repotting the entire greenhouse.

I hope you and your family all have a wonderful holiday season. If you are not attending the Christmas Party, I look forward to seeing you all in 2019 - Wednesday, January 2nd, the first General Meeting of the New Year! Happy Holidays!

~Sheron

Orchid Tip of the Month by Scot Mitamura

December brings us into our Hawaiian winter. The days are at their shortest at this time and combined with the almost constant rainfall, we must try to keep our orchids dry. Provide the proper media that will dry quickly and have lots of airspace for the roots. Keep them in smaller pots, so the media dries faster. Also, provide adequate air circulation and avoid over crowding your orchids. Clay or cement pots will dry faster than plastic. Hanging your pots or mounting your orchids on wood or in baskets is the best way to avoid over-watering your orchids.

From now until February, we want to keep our Hono Hono dry and stop fertilizing them to promote leaf drop and dormancy. Buds should begin to emerge in February, and once you know that they have flower buds, you can begin watering and fertilizing them again.

I will use this column to address many of the common questions I receive during the "Orchid Doctor" sessions. A common one is: "How do I avoid having ants, cockroaches, centipedes, or other unwanted critters in my orchid pots?" A quick solution would be to spray them with the Bayer 3 n 1. This should take care of most things. But the main cause of this problem is that your orchid needs repotting. In a couple of years after potting, your media will break down. When this happens, roots will begin to die, the bark will become mushy or powdery, and often air pockets will form. This provides the proper environment for the nesting of these critters. As a reminder, note repotting dates on the back of your orchid label.

If you didn't get enough orchids at the auction night, you have another great opportunity to increase your collection by coming to the Christmas Luncheon. We will be raffling for only a dollar a ticket, a crazy amount of orchids from the best nurseries in the state. If you can't make it, you can always pay someone to purchase tickets for you! ~ Scot

General Culture Chart

The following culture chart indicates the ideal growing conditions for the listed orchids. Many will grow somewhat outside the ideal. Use it as a general guide. Some genera such as paphiopedilums run the gamut from cool growing to warm growing. Find out as much as you can about the plant that you acquire.

	Light	Temp.	Water		Light	Temp.	Water
Ascocenda (Ascda.)	B	I-W	M	Laelia (L.)	B	I	D
Ascocentrum (Asctm.)	B	I-W	M	Lycaste (Lyc.)	S	I-C	M
Brassavola (B.)	B	I	M	Masdevalia (Masd.)	S	C	M
Brassia (Brs.)	M	I	D	Miltonioda (Mtda.)	S	C	M
Brassolaelia (Bl.)	B	I	D	Nakamotoara (Nak.)	B	I-W	M
Broughtonia (Bro.)	B	I	D	Paphiopedilum (Paph.)	M	C-W	M
* Catasetum (Ctsm.)	M	I	M	Phalaenopsis (Phal.)	M	I	M
Cattleya (C.)	M	I	D	Renantanda (Rntda.)	B	I-W	M
Cattleytonia (Ctna.)	B	I	D	Renanthopsis	M	I	M
Coelogyne (Coel.)	M	W	D	Rhynchostylis (Rhy.)	B	I-W	M
* Dendrobium (Den.)	B	I-W	D	Rhynchovanda (Rhv.)	B	I	M
Dendrochilum	S	I	M	Sophronitis (Soph.)	S	C	M
Dialaelia (Dial.)	M	I	D	Vanda (V.)	B	W	M
Epicattleya (Epc.)	B	I	D	Vandaenopsis (Vdnps.)	M	I-W	M
Epidendrum (Epi.)	B	I	D	Vanilla	B	I	M
Kagawara (Kgw.)	B	I-W	M	Zygopetalum (Z.)	M	I-C	M

KEY:

LIGHT REQUIREMENTS

"B" Bright
 "M" Moderate
 "S" Shady

TEMPERATURE

"W" Warm
 "I" Intermediate
 "C" Cool

WATERING

"M" Keep moist
 "D" Dry out between waterings

* Grow Den. nobile hybrids warm during the summer and fall. When growth is mature, grow them cool and withhold water until growth resumes in the spring. Reduce light to moderate intensity while buds are developing. For other deciduous types, such as Catasetums and Den. parishii, entirely withhold water and fertilizer from the time the leaves begin to fall until new growth from the base is 2 inches tall.

SOURCE: Rod McClellan Co.
 South San Francisco, California

WOS Orchid Auction November 2018

Many thanks to the following members for your donations to the WOS Auction. Your generosity made our Auction a very successful event.

Our very sincere apologies to anyone that made a contribution but are not noted here. We very much appreciate our unsung heroes too!!!



Roy Andrade
 Larry & Hazel Basuel
 Carmela Orchids
 Nadine Chun
 Fred & Deborah Collins
 Exotic Orchids of Maui
 H & R Nurseries
 Sheron Harwood
 Walter Hiraishi
 Bianca Kam
 Susan Lim
 Scot Mitamura
 Betty Oshima
 Arlene Richardson
 Dot Sakamoto
 Emily Yamada
 Dave Ziemann



2019 WOS Spring Orchid Show

The holidays are here and before you know it, we will be in 2019.

This will be our 39th Annual Show. This year's show theme is "Game of Trophies - Orchids are Coming", and will be held March 22, 23, & 24.

At our January membership meeting we will have sign-up sheets for the various Spring Show Committees.

As a member, we encourage everyone to participate and contribute to make our society grow.

2019 Saturday Workshops at Dot's House

Orchid workshops at Dot's house are held on the second Saturday of the month and begins at 9:30 a.m.

The next workshop will be on January 12, 2019.

Get some hands-on experience in orchid growing and ask questions of some of our most experienced orchidists.

For a bonus, bring a yummy dish to share and enjoy a potluck lunch and talking story after the workshop.

For directions, call Dot at 236-4104.

WOS Corner

At our November Orchid Auction, we had 61 members and 8 guests score big on blooming orchids, species orchids, compots, orchid culture materials, and yum-a-licious foods.

Mahalo to Steve Canham for providing the General Culture Chart from a 1991 Windward Orchid Society Newsletter that we reprinted in this newsletter.

WOS Shirt Sale

Golf Shirts \$15.
 Forest Green -M & XL
 Blue -S to XL,
 Maroon- S, M, XL

T-Shirts \$10.
 Florescent Green -
 All sizes Small to 3XL

T-Shirts \$10.
 Light Blue -S, M, L,
 Heather Gray-3XL,
 Construction Orange-S & 2XL

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. **F O O D G O O D. You bring food too, OK?**

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