



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. in the King Intermediate School Cafeteria

Auction Night



Wednesday
November 07, 2018
Doors Open at 7:00 P.M.
Auction Starts at 7:30 P.M.
King Intermediate School
Cafeteria

Invite your friends and relatives to enjoy outstanding bargains on beautiful orchids, plant supplies, delectable homemade foods and more.

Volunteer members that can help on auction night should come at 5:00 p.m. for set-up.

Donations of food items or plants are appreciated!
Please bring your donations at 6:00 p.m. so we can set them in their proper category.

No Orchid Doctor, Culture Awards or Lecture on Auction nNight.
No Saturday orchid workshops in November and December.
No general meeting in December.

A Message From Our President

Aloha Members!!

Auction Night – November 7th meeting – what a great time to expand your collections with the unusual or blooming or basically anything you've been wanting to try, but were hesitant due to cost.

Auction night is when a LOT of plants are available for you to bid on for very, very low cost. This is when I put on my 'mad scientist' hat – and buy one of those 'weird' species or a whole new type that I have been wanting to try, knowing that if I do send it to that great greenhouse in Orchid Heaven, at least it was not an expensive experiment. (That sounds so ruthless and heartless, those poor Orchids!!) I still am a little sad when I come across one that I've killed, but I keep trying to learn, trying to do better so that I have less fatalities in the future. Contrary to rumors, I AM getting better! I hope to see you all breaking out of your comfort zone and experimenting.....Auction Night is the time to do that!

See you at the meeting.
~Sheron

Orchid Tip of the Month by Scot Mitamura

November puts us in the middle of our Hawaiian autumn. The weather is getting wetter and the days are getting shorter, so we need to start cutting back on the watering of our orchids. Hono Hono dendrobiums will soon stop growing, so we will stop fertilizing and cut back on the watering. Phalaenopsis will begin spiking for their late winter to spring flowering, so we can still fertilize them. For me it is still cattleya season and there are tons of blooms. I guess my summer watering and fertilizing is paying off.

We were a little disappointed with our third place finish at the Honolulu Orchid Show. An excellent expression of the show theme is not enough to overcome a lack of blooming orchids. If we do not have enough flowers for the shows, the answer is Auction Night!!! Our November meeting will be our big annual event and your best chance to acquire some really choice orchids at great prices. So save your money, invite your friends and family to attend. We will follow up with our Christmas Party in December and we will be raffling off a crazy amount of orchids for only a dollar. For both events, the board has approved a large budget and I will work hard to bring in orchids from the best nurseries around the state. It is the best time to grow your orchid collections, so hopefully we will never be short on flowers again!

~ Scot

Just Gorgeous!

Congratulations to Windward Orchid Society for winning the 3rd Place Display Award at the Honolulu Orchid Society 79th Annual Orchid Show led by Ariel Harwood, HOS Show Display Chair Person.

King size KUDOs to Scot and Karen Mitamura for winning:
Best White Cattleya and
Best Other Color Cattleya and
HOS Merit Awards for
Pot. Cindy Yamamoto 'Kosaki' CR
and
Lc. Cheryl Isobe 'Patricia' CR.

Geez, these guys are good!



Insider Information

Here's more information about how some of our upcoming events work.

Windward Orchid Society Auction Night Guidelines

Please do not enter the auction and baked goods areas until they are officially opened at 7:30 p.m.

You will have approximately 30 minutes to review the plants and place your bids.

You may pay by major credit card, cash, or personal check.

The bidding process:

- Using only the #2 pencils provided, clearly print your first name, the initial letter of your last name, and your bid amount on the slip of paper.*
- Bid in \$1.00 increments only.
- Fold the paper in half to hide your bid and carefully place it underneath the plant. Do not tuck it on the plant or in the pot.
- Do not look at other bids.
- Bids less than a table's posted starting bid will not be considered.

When the auction closes, WOS members will reveal the winning bids and you will be asked to retrieve the plants you won. Keep your winning bids with the plants and proceed to the payment tables.

* The reason for only using the #2 pencil to write down your bid, is because writings in inks will smear if the plant happens to be damp from watering.

Thank you for supporting the Windward Orchid Society

Christmas Party Raffle for Orchids and other Plants

If you want to participate in the raffle at the Christmas Party, here's how it works.

- 1) Buy raffle tickets for \$1. each,
- 2) Clearly write your name on the back of each of your tickets.
- 3) Separate your tickets and mix them into the drawing jar.
- 4) Tickets will be randomly drawn from the jar and the name on the ticket will be read out loud.
- 5) If your name is called, raise your hand and someone will bring you the plant that you won.

WOS board members may use its discretion in handing out prizes. For example, if a name is illegible or if no one claims the prize, another ticket can be drawn.

Christmas Party Grab Bag Exchange Game

Each party attendee brings a gift wrapped package worth about \$5.

Place your gift on the table with all the other packages.

The gift exchange games vary but, everyone will end up with a gift to take home.

WOS October Orchid Culture Awards



1st Place– Novice Division
Den. Blue Twinkle
Owner: Josie Rayray



1st Place– Intermediate Division
Phal. Hybrid
Owner: Deborah Collins



1st Place– Masters Division
Brs. Santa Ynez
Owner: Walter Hiraishi



2nd Place– Novice Division
Odcdm. Firecat 'Jamaica Nice'
Owner: Meldy Villanueva



2nd Place– Intermediate Division
Coel. roushuseunii
Owner: Duncan Chun



2nd Place– Masters Division
Lc. Hilda Takamatsu
Owner: Bianca Kam

WOS Corner	<i>At our October 3rd meeting we had 75 members and 6 guests learn about warm growing cymbidiums. Thanks to Bob Harris and Jennifer Snyder, ORCHIDPEOPLE,LLC. from Hawaii Island.</i>	Aloha and Welcome to our newest members: Nancy Askew, James Kuamoo, & Irene Okuda !	
WOS Shirt Sale	<u>Golf Shirts \$20.</u> Forest Green -M & XL Blue -S to XL, Maroon- S, M, XL	<u>2018 T-Shirts \$15.</u> Florescent Green - All sizes Small to 3XL	<u>Prior to 2018 T-Shirts \$10.</u> Blue -S to 2XL, Gray -2XL, Heather Gray-3XL, Orange-S & 2XL
<p>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.</p>			
<p>With two more months left in 2018, we are holding two big events:</p> <p>November 7th, 7:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m. WOS will host the Great Annual Orchid Auction at King Intermediate School. The public is welcome! So, bring your friends and relatives to this wonderful orchid hunting event.</p> <p>December 8th, 11:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. We are having our Annual Christmas Party. This year we'll lunch at the Klipper Club, MCBH. You have until Nov. 14th to make your reservation. Be sure to bring your \$5 grab bag gift and you'll want play for orchids in the \$1 per ticket raffle.</p> <p>Until 2019 comes around, we will not have Orchid Doctor, Culture Awards, Lectures nor Saturday Workshops; so come to the Auction and Party instead.</p>			

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