



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.

WOS Christmas Party Pics



Phalaenopsis Species and How To Grow Them

Randy Tajima will be our speaker at our January 2nd membership meeting.

He is an American Orchid Society judge as well as the owner of Mid-Pacific Orchids and had served as an orchid specialist at City and County Foster Botanical Gardens.

Phalaenopsis is one of the most popular orchids. Learn how to care for the species variety of these enchanting plants.



2019 WOS Spring Orchid Show

We need your Kokua at our WOS Spring Show on March 22-24, 2019.

Sign-up list for all committees will begin at our January Meeting. Start saving cardboard boxes, and any items you would like to donate to the country store.

Important Dates to Remember:

Wednesday Morning: March 20, 2019 starting at 9:00 a.m.

We will need help in setting up the gym. Volunteers to set up tables and chairs, 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 21, 2019 starting at 9:00 a.m.

We will need your help setting up our display, the Country Store, and getting ready for the first day of our show. **Bring in your flowering plants for our display by 10:00 a.m.**

We need your help to make our show a success!! Please sign-up to volunteer for the various committees listed below, we really need people for the parking areas, cashier, admissions, country store, and host & hostess committees.

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

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

Admissions - see Lee Deir -220-8220 or Lynn Chang - 457-8374

Cashiers - see Dorothy Sakamoto - 226-2393 or 236-4104

Country Store - see Toni Walker - 292-1407

Host/Hostess - see Hazel Basuel - 343-1103

Security and Parking - see Al Lindo, 722-3516

Membership Sign-up - see Grace Nishigaya - 383-8485

Set-up - see CJ Kalopodes - 247-3136

Storage Sign-up - see Craig Nakahara - 284-4218

Volunteers who work 8 cumulative or more hours will receive a free WOS tee-shirt, during the Show. You may sign-up for any number of committees during the 3 days of the show. We encourage you to bring your family and friends to volunteer.

All volunteers will be invited to attend an Appreciation Luncheon, at King School Cafeteria in April.

Tickets and flyers will be available at the January meeting. 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!!!

Feel free to contact the Show Chairperson: Susan Lim – 728-1014, for additional information.

A Message From Our President

Aloha and Happy New Year to you all!! I hope this newsletter finds you all happy and healthy for 2019.

I look forward to getting back to our monthly workshops as well as starting the race towards our annual Spring Show. More info on that in the newsletter. And please, please, please, volunteer to help! Any amount of help is greatly appreciated.

This Show is our once a year event that helps fund the running of our club. It costs money to have the meetings, print and mail the newsletters, give out free plants and cultural awards; and costs keep going up.

We want the Show to be as successful as possible and that is only accomplished with great volunteers. So come out, have fun. I promise you it is worth the time and effort!

Meanwhile, because the rains have sort of been sporadic the past few weeks, my plants are not as waterlogged as they typically are during this time of year. I'm glad for the break in the wetness and for the few hours of sunshine we seem to be getting every day! Hopefully all your plants have made it through the wet "winter" as well!!

See you all at the General Meeting on January 2nd – next year in 2019!!

~Sheron

Orchid Tip of the Month by Scot Mitamura

January is normally a really slow month for flowers; mainly phalaenopsis and complex paphiopedilums, and latourea dendrobiums.

With our short days, try to keep your orchids on the dry side to avoid fungal infections.

I received a question today about why their orchid plant's roots are not going down into the media. This is similar to the question last month.

Simply put is that it doesn't want to! There are a multitude of reasons why. The most common reason is that the media is probably getting old. The older it gets, the soggy it gets. Salts build up, pH goes down (becomes more acid), old roots die and the media gets clogged up. So of course new roots, if you have any, will not want to go into this toxic media. So, try to repot your orchids every two years or less.

Also, some roots do not go into the media. Some Grammatophyllum roots grow upwards, as well as Vanda roots. Phalaenopsis schilleriana, or many pink phalaenopsis have flattened roots that will just stay on top of the media. In these cases, make sure that you provide lots of air around the roots, allowing them to dry between watering cycles.

Always observe what the orchid is doing, it will give you clues on how it wants to be grown.

~ Scot

WOS Corner

At our Christmas party, we enjoyed a lovely new venue, there was live music, delicious foods, amusing games, lots of orchids and other plants, and many gifts and goodies too. But mostly we all had fun together.

Mahalo to Taryn Takebayashi for her beautiful musical performance at our Christmas party. And, many thanks to Susan Lim for making the arrangements for WOS to have the party at the Klipper Club. Also, mahalo nui loa to everyone that helped with MC-ing, games and the raffle.

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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The WOS meets on the first Wednesday of every month at the King Intermediate School Cafeteria (except in June & December).