



Windward Orchid News

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Windward Orchid Society's **NEXT MEMBERSHIP MEETING** will be on **Wednesday, February 6, 2019** at 7:00 p.m. at the King Intermediate School Cafeteria.



March 22 -24, 2019
GAME OF TROPHIES



ORCHIDS ARE COMING

This is the time when we need all members to be part of meeting our society goals by volunteering for one of our committees during the show. Everyone can help with marketing efforts to get the word out through social media, community activities, church gatherings, doctor visits, school activities, etc. Please give out show tickets everywhere you go and to everyone you know.

This is our one event to ensure that we keep our society running and in good health.

Each committee will have their sign-up list at our monthly membership meetings. All members, family members, and friends are encouraged to participate. All volunteers will be invited to enjoy an Appreciation Luncheon, and those who work 8 hours or more will receive a WOS 2019 t-shirt.



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

We also need your help collecting cardboard boxes for the show. We need a lot, so please save them for our show. Then, bring them to King School Gym, starting Wednesday, March 20th.

If you have items for the Country Store, please bring them to the meetings or during our set-up on March 20 & 21.

WOS Membership Flower Table Top Display

Entries are being accepted for our 2nd annual Table Top Display at our Spring Show. We have space for 12 entrants.

Display Criteria:

- You must be a WOS member in good standing.
- The maximum footprint is 16" X16", but it can be any height.
- The exhibit is miniature, but the orchids can be any size.
- You may use any combination of potted plants and cut flowers.
- You have the option of registering your *plants* to be judged, or you can opt out.
- Every miniature *display* submitted will be judged
- Every miniature exhibit needs to have a title.
- The title does not need to be related to the show theme, but should reflect their design.

Judging Criteria (Point Total)

- Design 30
(Balance, Contrast, Dominance, Proportion, Rhythm and Scale)
- Harmony 20
- Quality of flowers 20
- Originality 20
- Title 10

Ribbons to be awarded: 1st Place, 2nd Place, 3rd Place, 4th Place, 5th Place and a Judge's Choice.



2018 Spring Show
Table Top Display

If you are interested, please contact Craig Nakahara, Miniature Display Chair—2019 WOS Spring Show Committee, at shakanaka143@aol.com or 808-284-4718 (please leave a name and phone number).

A Message From Our President

Aloha Everyone!

I hope to see all of you at the February meeting. We will be starting to really gear up for volunteers to sign-up for the various committees to help at our Annual Spring Show. Please, please, please sign-up and volunteer. The adage "many hands, makes light work" is really a true situation when it comes to our Spring Show. The more of you that sign up, the better off we all are!

I hope everyone managed to get through the winter rains and cool weather without losing any plants. I was disappointed to see one whole section of my greenhouse completely overrun by what my Mom used to call "artillery weed". I think the technical name is *Pilea microphylla* - look it up. It's that nasty tiny leafed weed that when you try to get rid of it, but you leave even one leaf behind, it grows and grows and grows.



So I will be spending a lot of time trying to repot that whole section and hopefully get all the little teeny tiny itty bitty annoying weeds out of my plants. The sad thing is, it has taken over the bench that I had a lot of new plants prepped and growing from keiki last summer. The GOOD NEWS is that all those keiki are ready to be potted up into the next size pot...so there is a silver lining to my black cloud! Now if I can just make sure that I wash every single darn plant before repotting and get rid of that darn weed.

I WANT MY NASTY FERNS BACK. I will never disrespect the fern invasion again. At least those are easier to pull out of the pots and get rid of than that darn artillery weed!
See you at the meeting. ~Sheron

State
Legislature
Opening
Day



Windward Orchid Society members attended the State Legislature Opening Day to encourage and congratulate our Windward Oahu Representatives. We also provided some beautiful orchid arrangements to brighten up their new offices. And, invited the public to our Spring Show.

Roy Tokunaga

We are very fortunate to have Roy Tokunaga of H&R Nurseries as our guest speaker for our February 6th meeting.

Roy grew up on Maui, and attended the University of Hawaii. He was introduced to orchids and the new emerging technology of orchid seed germination and cloning. He earned a Bachelors in Education, to teach biology.

In 1981, he partnered with Harry Akagi to start the very successful H&R Nurseries in Waimanalo.

Roy has been hybridizing, cloning, and germinating seeds for more than 40 years. H&R maintains a laboratory to do its seed germination and grows Orchids under two acres of shade houses. He has been refocusing H&R to excel in the culture of species as well as providing hybrids in the *Dendrobium* and *Cattleya* Alliance.

He is also an accredited judge for the American Orchid Society. ~ Karen

Orchid Tip of the Month by Scot Mitamura

February brings us into slightly longer days, and many dormant orchids may soon start growing. We should have lots of *Phalaenopsis* in spike. Try not to move them and remember the main direction of light. Turning them now may give you crooked spikes.

Once the largest bud is the size of a pea, stake the flower spike upright and the flowers will nicely cascade for you. Some of the newer *Phalaenopsis* really don't need much staking at all. Like our *Dendrobiums*, they are being bred to have shorter upright spikes that need less staking. I kind of miss the old style spikes, even though they were really cumbersome to transport and took up a lot of space.

Our Hono Honos should still be resting and the leaves should have fallen off (if we have been drying them out). In fact, some the early bloomers should be initiating flower buds along the stem. Take a close look and as these buds begin to develop you may want to do a preventative spray to keep the flower thrips from attacking the young buds. Minimally with isopropyl alcohol, Safers Soap, or better yet Bayer 3 n 1. The Bayer 3 n 1, is a systemic and will give you a residual killing of the thrips. Let's get some nice Honos for our Windward Show.

Speaking of the show, it is about a month and a half away and it is not too early to begin to stake and groom the orchids that may bloom. Some of the early things to do is to remove the old sheathing for the *Cattleyas*, because they hide scales and other critters. Apply slug/snail bait, because we don't want to bring friends in with our orchids. Also, check for ants; water the orchids heavily and if ants come out, the orchid needs repotting and would not be suitable to bring in. Please remove all weeds; the tiny seeds are easily spread to nearby orchids.

I'm looking forward to seeing lots of flowers for our show. ~ Scot

WOS January Orchid Culture Awards



1st Place – Novice Division
Den. Miss Singapore x Suphanburi White
Owner: Sherry Tsutsumi



1st Place – Intermediate Division
Ceratostylis rubra
Owner: Duncan Chun



1st Place – Master Division
Den. Violet Yamaji 'Puanani'
Owner: Walter Hiraishi



2nd Place – Novice Division
Ceratostylis rubra
Owner: Josie Rayray



2nd Place – Intermediate Division
Odcdm. Catatante 'Pacific Sun Spots'
AWAOS, Owner: Deborah Collins



2nd Place – Master Division
Angraecum eburneum
Owner: Bianca Kam

WOS Corner

At our January meeting, 49 members learned how to care for the popular phalaenopsis orchid from master grower Randy Tajima. Mahalo, Randy!

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. **NO FOOD NO GOOD. BRING FOOD GOOD.**

WOS Officers 2018-2019: President *Sheron Harwood* Vice-President *Karen Kim* Recording Secretary *Dawn Bonak*
Treasurer *Craig Nakahara* Corresponding Secretary *Deborah Collins* Trustees: (2016-2019) *Susan Lim* *Larry Marcum*
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The WOS meets on the first Wednesday of every month at the King Intermediate School Cafeteria (except in June & December).