

Windward Orchid News
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at King Intermediate School.
ELECTION NIGHT





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Windward Orchid Society's **NEXT MEMBERSHIP MEETING** will be on **Wednesday, May 1, 2019** at 7:00 p.m. at the King Intermediate School Cafeteria.

Aloha and Welcome To Our Newest Windward Orchid Society Members!

We are excited to introduce to you our newest WOS Members:

Ailyn Lum, Eva Aquino, Danielle Cermak & Chad Hilton, Mike Choe, Non deMello, Joanna DeRyke, Virginia Dudden, Kelle Freel & Evan Barba, Shannon Gray, Susan Hodge & Don Hodge, Claire Imano, Judith & Tony Kim, Jackie Lancaster, Jeanie Li & Huang-Chi Kuo, Christian Martin, Kimberly Matsuzaki, JoeAnn McCarthy, Esther Monk, Jonnetta Kaina Peters, Tammy Pocock, Kimberly Quinata, Carlos Severson, Sarah Tucker, Jaclyn Whelan, Gloria Yamamoto, Ginger Yong, Denise Akamine and Janice Holl.

To get your orchid collection growing healthy and beautiful, please feel free to ask lots of questions, share you orchid stories and ideas, and come to as many WOS events as your calendars will allow.

A Message From Our President

Aloha Everyone!

Another month has gone by as well as another year!

We are rapidly approaching our Elections of Offices on May 1st and I hope you all take the time to come to the General Membership meeting and cast your vote. We will also accept nominations from the floor prior to voting, so if you have been on the fence, you can put your name in for voting. ALL positions are up for re-election as well as three Trustee positions.

As always, the Board strives to provide the membership with interesting and educational speakers. Half the battle is trying to figure out what the new members want to learn. Your suggestions are always welcome.

Speaking of NEW members – I have something in the works that I will announce at the May meeting that will be limited to just new members. It will be a fabulous hands-on opportunity for a crash course in repotting. A true learn by doing event!

I hope to see you at the meeting ready to cast your vote for the next Board and Trustees that will move us along for another year!

Mahalo ~Sheron

Upcoming Events:

- ◆ **Wednesday, May 1st at 7:00 p.m. WOS Election** of Officers and Trustees at the General Membership Meeting at King School Cafeteria
- ◆ **Wednesday, May 8th is the deadline to turn in your Installation Banquet Reservation Form.**
- ◆ **Wednesday, May 22nd is the deadline to submit your payment for the Installation Banquet.**
- ◆ **Saturday, May 4th 8:30 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. & Sunday May 5th 8:30 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. ORCHID SOCIETY OF MANOA-ORCHID SHOW & PLANT SALE** at Noelani Elem. Café 2655 Woodlawn Dr. Honolulu
- ◆ **Saturday, June 8th at 9:30 a.m. Workshop** at Dot's House If you need directions, call 236-4104.
- ◆ **THERE IS NO WORKSHOP IN MAY.**
- ◆ **Saturday, June 15th 11:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. WOS Installation Banquet** at MCBH Klipper Club
- ◆ **THERE IS NO GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING IN JUNE. SO, DO NOT GO TO KING INTERMEDIATE SCHOOL IN JUNE.**

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.

Manoa Orchid Show

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

Set-up information:

Friday, May 3rd we will set-up at 5:00 p.m. at Noelani Elementary School Cafeteria, 2655 Woodlawn Drive, Honolulu
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.

Dendrobium Culture for Windward Side Growers Guest Speaker: Roy Andrade

Roy Andrade, the president of the Ewa Orchid Society and an accredited judge for the American Orchid Society, will be our speaker for May 1, 2019.

If you are growing dendrobium orchids on the Windward Side of the island, Roy will explain how to optimize your outcome.

~ Karen

Installation Banquet

On Saturday, June 15th, we will hold our Installation Banquet at the Klipper Club at the Marine Corps Base Hawaii.

Enclosed with this newsletter is an insert with all the banquet information and a reservation form.

If you're not sure if you will attend, turn in your reservation information by May 8th anyway. This is so we can arrange a base pass for you. Payment deadline is May 22nd.

If by May 22nd, you decide not to attend, we will discard your base pass. If you miss the May 8th reservation date though, we won't be able to get you a base pass.

There is no General Membership Meeting in June so please join us at the Installation Banquet instead.

Orchid Tip of the Month by Scot Mitamura

Our crazy weather! A cool wet ending to our Winter seems to have bypassed our Spring and we are having Summer like dryness and heat. Lots of our spring bloomers were a little late for our show, like our Hono Honos, *Den. aggregatum*, *Miltoniopsis*, *Paphiopedilums*, and some *Oncidinae*. Now, many of our Mother's Day flowers are already blooming! Yikes, the Manoa Show is May 4-5 and Mother's Day is May 12. It is so difficult to time the flowers for our shows. The solution is to grow larger quantities of our favorite orchids and to also grow a more diverse collection of plants.

Let's take advantage of this great weather. Start increasing your watering and start your Summer fertilizing regime. Also, this can be a great time to do a lot of repotting. Look for emerging new roots as an indicator that it is a good time to repot. Other indicators are; if the orchid is growing over the edge of the pot, the roots are coming out of the media (indicating that it is too crowded inside, or maybe the roots no longer like the media), you have ants, or maybe the orchid is declining. It is important to remember that whatever potting medium is used, after two years humic acid begins to build up (your pH drops), salts build up, and your media begins to breakdown (decay) and becomes mushy or overly wet. So anything over two years old would be a good candidate. Sympodial growth plants (*cattleya*, *dendrobium*, *oncidinae*, etc.), will not set back and should flower on the next growth if you keep divisions of three pseudobulbs or more. Monopodial growth orchids like *vanda*, *rhynchostylis*, *aerides*, and *angreacum*, can be topped and put back into their pot or basket as long as there a minimum of three good healthy roots that are active.

If you are having difficulty with, or have questions about your plants, feel free to bring them at 7:00 p.m. at the next meeting for the "Orchid Doctor" session.

The club offers another great service, "Orchid Workshops". They are held the second Saturday of each month at Dot's house. See the newsletter for more information. Last month we had a great turnout with many new members getting the orchids repotted and their questions answered. And, we had a great lunch! ~ Scot

WOS April Orchid Culture Awards



1st Place – Novice Division
Den. Spring Bird 'Kurashiki'
Owner: Josie Rayray



1st Place – Intermediate Division
Renanthera Kalsom 'Jumbo'
Owner: Duncan Chun



1st Place – Masters Division
Den. smilliae 'Lea' x sibling
Owner: Walter Hiraishi



2nd Place – Novice Division
Den. Milroy x stratiotis 'Puanani'
Owner: Garrett Murata



2nd Place – Intermediate Division
Hwra. Lava Burst 'Puanani' AM/AOS
Owner: Kimo Kuoha



2nd Place – Masters Division
C. skinneri 'Danae' AM/AOS
Owner: Scot & Karen Mitamura

At our April 3rd meeting we had 70 members and 1 guest gain insight to the world of species orchids, nature's originals. Thanks to Adam Almeida!



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 - We are in need of a new Hospitality/Refreshments Chair to organize this for us. In the meantime, please bring your own beverage and if you bring snacks to share, put it where it usually would be and please take home any extras at the end of the meeting.

**WOS
Corner**

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*
Fred Collins (2018-2021) *Duncan Chun* *Wendy Saito* *Ariel Harwood* (2017-2020) *Steve Canham* *C.J. Kalopodes*
Scot Mitamura Director *Dot Sakamoto* Membership *Grace Nishigaya* Hospitality/Refreshments *Vacant*

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