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Next Membership Meeting is at  
7:00 p.m. on July 3, 2019  
at King Intermediate School.  
Featuring: Scot Mitamura on  
"KEYS TO GROWING  
ORCHIDS"

## 2019 WOS Installation Banquet





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Windward Orchid Society's **NEXT MEMBERSHIP MEETING** will be on **Wednesday, July 3, 2019** at 7:00 p.m. at the King Intermediate School Cafeteria.

## *Meritorious Service Awards*

As usual, our June Installation Banquet was full of laughter, lots of very ono foods, and joyous comradery, along with an impressive amount of orchids and other plants. Mahalo nui loa to our Master-Minds of Ceremony, Ariel Harwood and Dawn Bonak, who captivated everyone's attention with slide shows and next-ups. Our society's previous board members were recognized for their excellent leadership. This year's board members were sworn-in and are all eager to grow our membership and help members to grow healthy orchids. Many thanks to Roy Andrade, AOS Hawaii President and President of the Ewa Orchid Society, for being there to install our new WOS officers and trustees and for his overall reliable support to WOS.

Windward Orchid Society is made up of knowledgeable, kind, generous and delightful people with a common interest in orchid culture. At this time, we recognized two of our members who have dedicated their time and talents in outstanding service to our society. Their consistent efforts help WOS attain its mission to promote appreciation for orchids and to disseminate information about the culture of orchids. Here are this year's honorees.

### **Dawn Bonak 2019 WOS Orchidist of the Year**



Dawn Bonak with her certificate for Orchidist of the Year.

Dawn comes to just about all the orchids shows that WOS participates in to help with set-ups and break downs. For our Spring Shows, she has worked in most of the committees and is flexible to fill-in at the last minute. She is a real joy to work with and just makes every event fun and lively. For years now, she has donated her time and money to send out over 60 packets a year to ask for donations to support our society. Dawn is very good natured about being volun-told to help with things such as emceeing at our parties. She is really good at it too!

### **Maxine Lee 2019 WOS Orchidist of the Decade**



Maxine Lee (left) being presented with her certificate for Orchidist of the Decade by Sheron Harwood.

Maxine has been vital in enabling WOS to participate in numerous shows. For over 10 years, she has driven her massive truck to bring all the props we need moved to and from our storage locker for all of the shows. Sometimes she has done it single-handedly! She has also been keeping our show 'tree' at her home and remembers to bring it and all the right tools, props and supplies. Maxine's continued support and hard work at the shows make us all look good. She always has a smile on her face and can always be counted on to do all she can to support the Show Chairs.

## Keys to Growing Orchids

Scot Mitamura

The speaker at our July meeting will be Scot Mitamura. His topic will be "Keys to Growing Orchids". Scot is usually the Orchid Doctor at our General Membership Meetings. He has been a member of the Windward Orchid Society for 45 years. Scot has also been the Orchid Horticulturist for Foster Botanical Gardens for over 30 years and will soon retire.

He is THE GUY to learn from when it comes to growing orchids. Do not miss this lecture. Listen closely and take notes. If you follow his advice, you will be rewarded with healthy, flourishing orchids for many years to come. ~ Karen

### NEW MEMBER EVENT: A Hands on Repotting Adventure in Aina Haina

This event is for the first 10 new members who sign up.

**What** – We will be repotting about 50 orchids – all types – and I will talk about Orchids 101 during the repotting. You will have a chance to learn about Orchids A – Z and actually repot some to get the hang of it. Once I show you the 'tricks' you will see how easy it is to care for your orchids!

**When** – Saturday, July 20th, Time – Early-morning – we will set the time as we get closer. Afterwards, we will have a hosted lunch at the Greek Marina to recap what we learned.

**Where** – We will most likely meet in Hawaii Kai at Koko Marina by the theaters, and car-pool to Aina Haina.

**Sign-up** - Look for the sign-up sheet at the July meeting – that will be the last time to sign up. You can email me at [Sheron@jerryhay.com](mailto:Sheron@jerryhay.com) and I will put you on the list.

I WISH I'd had an opportunity like this when I first started out – it would have saved the lives of many, many, many of my orchids as I struggled along learning what to do!! – Please join me – don't let this pass you by.– Aloha, Sheron

### If you have **Blooming Orchids**, Please Share Them at the **EWA ORCHID SOCIETY SHOW** (It's impossible to create an orchid display without blooming orchids!)

Ewa Orchid Society is hosting their "Monarch Amongst the Orchids" Orchid Show and Plant Sale

Ewa Elementary School, 91-1280 Renton Road  
Friday and Saturday, July 19 & 20, 9am to 4pm

Sunday, July 21, 9am to 3pm

Plant Sale closes at 2pm on Sunday

Free Admission - Donations welcome

#### Display set up will be on Thursday, July 18th at 11:30am

If you have blooming plants, please bring them down to Ewa Elementary School. If you can't, then please drop them off at Dot Sakamoto's house by 10:00 a.m. on Thursday morning.

If you would like to carpool, please meet us at Dot's house by 10:30 a.m.

#### Display clean up will be on Sunday, July 21nd at 3pm, please come and assist us.

Thanks,

Susan, WOS Display Chair, Ph: 728-1014

### CALLING ALL MEMBERS to an exciting event. View the **Rare Orchid Books** at the UH Manoa Hamilton Library.

When: Sunday, July 28th – Parking is FREE at the UH on any Sunday!

Time: 12:45 p.m.

Where: UH Manoa Hamilton Library – Rare Book Collection – Viewing Room. Sheron has a map that shows where to park along Maile Way.

LIMITED to the first 20 people to sign-up. Additional names will be listed on a standby basis in the event people cannot attend. You can sign up at the July meeting – that will be the last time to sign up. You can email me at [Sheron@jerryhay.com](mailto:Sheron@jerryhay.com) to add you to the list.

## Orchid Tip of the Month by Scot Mitamura

It's already summer and we are in hurricane season. Let's prepare our orchids for high winds.

I like to stake and wire all of my orchids, especially the tall ones, so they are not off balance. Top heavy ones are sleeved (putting a smaller pot into a larger pot), sometimes several times and into cement pots. Remember we never want to put that orchid in a huge pot, just so that it does not topple. It will be the fastest way to kill the orchid from root rot. Always pot into the smallest pot possible, then sleeve it if it wants to fall over. With my tallest orchids, I drive a rebar into the ground and then tie the orchid to the rebar.

Hanging orchids need to be taken down before strong winds strike or they will become missiles.

Often forgotten is securing our orchid labels or name tags. After a hurricane, all of my orchids were knocked off the benches and the pots were blown to the end of the greenhouse. Of course it was a huge mess, with media, Styrofoam peanuts, orchids and labels strewn about. I failed to secure my labels onto my orchids, so they became separated, some forever.

On my really good orchids, I now attach my labels (using a hole punch and wire) onto the stake and wire that keeps my orchids together. This way they will never be separated. Some folks will put multiple labels within their pots, and some will even bury an extra label in the media. Remember, labels especially plastic ones have a short lifespan, so you want a good quality vinyl label. We have even used old vertical blinds and aluminum as labels. I like to keep additional information like, last repot, origin of the plant, last bloom, number of flowers, flower description, last fertilizing, etc. So big labels are good. Whatever we do, we never want an orphaned orchid. ~ Scot

### A Message From Our President

Dear WOS Members,

I am looking forward to serving you as the 2019-2020 WOS President. There are so many things that I would like to accomplish in my first year, but let's take it one step at a time. Here are some of the things that I feel are important:

- 1) Connecting with the membership - old timers, members with a few years under their belt and especially the new members. At our July meeting I will be handing out a survey to all who attend and request that we get them back by the end of the night, as I would like to share the results with our officers and trustees.
- 2) Speakers, hands-on activities, safaris and workshops – there should be a balance of each, so that we can all become aware of orchid news from around the world, getting your hands dirty, and seeing how others are growing their orchids.
- 3) I would also like to increase our membership volunteer crew, so that no one carries the burden of having to be at each meeting. A committee of members would make our meetings and activities more enjoyable.
- 4) I would also like to create a better rapport with the other Orchid Societies, perhaps by extending an invitation for their members to attend one of our meetings. We need each other to thrive and to share our knowledge. I hope to see all of you at our July 3<sup>rd</sup> meeting.

Aloha,  
Craig Nakahara  
WOS President

### Upcoming Events:

- ◆ **Renew WOS Membership for July 1, 2019 to June 30, 2020.**
- ◆ **Wednesday, July 3rd at 7:00 p.m. General Membership Meeting at King School Cafeteria.**
- ◆ **Saturday, July 13th at 9:30 a.m. Workshop at Dot's House** If you need directions, call 236-4104.
- ◆ **Thursday July 18th Set up WOS display at the Ewa Orchid Society Show.**
- ◆ **Fri.-Sun, July 19, 20 & 21**  
9 a.m. - 4 p.m., on Fri. & Sat.  
9 a.m. - 3 p.m., on Sun.  
**Ewa Orchid Society-Orchid Show & Plant Sale** at Ewa Elementary School, 91-1280 Renton Road.
- ◆ **Saturday, July 20th Early Morning (Exact Time To Be Determined) REPOTTING ADVENTURE** in Aina Haina for New WOS Members.
- ◆ **Sunday, July 28th, 12:45 p.m. , View Rare Orchid Books at the University of Hawaii Hamilton Library.** Sheron has a map to show where to park along Maile Way where we will meet at 12:45 p.m. and go into the library at 1:00 p.m.

### WOS Awarded **1st Place** Best Society Display At The June Orchid Show By The Aiea Orchid Club

Show chair, Larry Kamiya, organized our show team that created the best of 5 displays to win the Mayor's Trophy. Competition was fierce against the other excellent orchid societies on Oahu, but WOS came out on top. **Walter Hiraishi** got 1st place for Best Miniature orchid and Best Lavender and Best Other Color Dendrobiums. **Scot and Karen Mitamura** won Best White Cattleya. **Larry Kamiya** won Best Multi-Floral Paphiopedilum and Best Flowering Specimen Plant. GREAT JOB ALL!

#### **SPRING SHOW 2020**

##### General Store - Toni Walker

Donations are being accepted all year round. When you have an item to donate, please don't wait. Text Toni at 808-292-1407.

##### Signs & Banners - Fred Collins

We are looking for members willing to put a yard sign or a banner on their property. Can you help? Text Fred at 808-294-7475.

**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 2019-2020:** President *Craig Nakahara* Vice-President *Karen Kim* Recording Secretary *Dawn Bonak*  
Treasurer *Ariel Harwood* Corresponding Secretary *Deborah Collins* Trustees: (2019-2022) *Susan Lim Toni Walker*  
*Fred Collins (2018-2021) Duncan Chun Wendy Saito Dot Sakamoto (2017-2020) Steve Canham C.J. Kalopodes*  
*Scot Mitamura* Director *Sheron Harwood* 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).

# Help Make Our 40th Anniversary Spring Show the Biggest Ever!

When folks attending the Spring Show were asked, "How did you hear about the show?" many said, "We saw a sign." Our Show Banners and Yard Signs work! But they could work better with your help!

For years we have advertised the Spring Show with 8 banners and 15 yard signs, mostly displayed in Kaneohe and Kailua, and for the most part posted and retrieved by one person.

What might happen to show attendance if we had 50 yard signs and 20 banners? How about 100 yard signs and 40 banners? Signs all over the island! What might happen to Spring Show attendance and revenue?

## How Can You Help?

If you live in a house or have a location with significant traffic passing by, please help us advertise the Spring Show. Sign-up and we will order a yard sign (or even a banner for high visibility locations) for your house.

You will be asked to pick-up your sign at a meeting prior to the show, install it just before the show, and return it to a meeting after the show. We will give you guidelines on when to post your sign and what is permitted and prohibited.

We hope to get all the signs back but if yours walks away, no worries! Help installing banners for those in high traffic locations will be available.

## Will You Help?

We will order signs and banners in December based on the number of volunteers. To sign up please contact Fred Collins at [fcollins@hawaii.rr.com](mailto:fcollins@hawaii.rr.com) or check the box on your membership renewal form.



Yard Sign



Banner

# Windward Orchid Society

## Membership for July 1, 2019 through June 30, 2020

Please complete and mail the form below with a check payable to WOS or Windward Orchid Society

### WOS 2019/2020 Membership Application

Mail to: Windward Orchid Society, Inc. P.O. Box 23, Kaneohe, HI 96744

Or bring it to the General Meeting.

Date: \_\_\_\_\_ Renewal \_\_\_\_\_ New Member \_\_\_\_\_

Name(s): \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City: \_\_\_\_\_ State: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

Home Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ Cell: \_\_\_\_\_ Work: \_\_\_\_\_

E-mail: \_\_\_\_\_

Amount Enclosed: \$ \_\_\_\_\_ Paid By: Check No. \_\_\_\_\_ Cash: \_\_\_\_\_ Credit Card: \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_ \$25.00 Regular Membership \_\_\_\_\_ \$35.00 Regular + Assoc. (Partner) Membership \_\_\_\_\_ \$300.00 Lifetime Membership

## 2020 Spring Show Signs and Banners Volunteers



\_\_\_\_\_ I want a Spring Show 2020 Yard Sign.

\_\_\_\_\_ I want a Spring Show 2020 Banner.

\_\_\_\_\_ I have sign questions before I commit.