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at King Intermediate School.  
This will be your last newsletter  
if you haven't renewed you  
membership.





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**BREAKING ORCHID NEWS.....END OF THE YEAR EVENTS.....SEPTEMBER: LAST SATURDAY WORKSHOP AND.....LAST NEWSLETTER IF MEMBERSHIP NOT RENEWED.....OCTOBER: LAST GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING AND....LAST SHOW DISPLAY AND....THE LAST ORCHID SHOW ON OAHU—EVENT BY THE HONOLULU ORCHID SOCIETY.....NOVEMBER: W.O.S. HOSTED PUBLIC ORCHID AUCTION NIGHT.....DECEMBER: CHRISTMAS P-A-R-T-Y.**

## A Message From Our President

Dear WOS Members,

Just a reminder, if you haven't paid your 2019-2020 WOS membership dues, this will be your last newsletter. Please mail it in or bring it to our Sept. 4th meeting.

I would like to give a shout-out to our newly formed refreshment committee and our new assistants with the mic set-up. It's great to see new energy in our club, so if you see them setting up at the next meeting, please be sure to thank them.

I would also like to thank Karen Kim, Duncan Chun, Sheron Harwood, Scot Mitamura, and Walter Hiraishi for conducting the meeting and workshops. As you may have noticed, some of those workshops reflected the suggested topics in our members' survey. I am sure there was not enough time to go to each session, so you should really think about attending Dot's last workshop of the year on Saturday Sept. 14th at 9:30 a.m.

I collected 50 surveys and will be sharing them with you at the next meeting and as we plan our year, we'll try to cover some of those topics.

I would like to thank those who donated the refreshments. We'll have a sign-up sheet at the next meeting. Your donations help to keep our expenses down.

And finally, a reminder to please keep the 6 parking stalls open (nearest the cafe) for our vendors, speaker, and those members who bring our equipment for the meeting.

Aloha,  
Craig Nakahara, WOS President

## Vanda Culture

At our September 4th meeting, Scot Mitamura will bring us up to speed on vanda culture.



Vandas are varied and captivating. Here's where you can learn how to grow vibrant and vigorous vandas.

## Honolulu Orchid Society's 80th Annual Orchid Show

Showtimes are Friday, Oct. 11th (9 a.m. - 5 p.m.) and Saturday, Oct. 12th (9 a.m. - 4 p.m.) and Sunday, Oct. 13th (9 a.m.- 3 p.m.) Plant sales close at 2 p.m. on Sunday. The show will be held at Washington Middle School Cafeteria, 1633 South King St.

Set-up is on Thursday, Oct. 10th, please bring your blooming orchids, greens, and hinahina to Dot's house by 11 a.m. or by 12:00 p.m. to the Washington Middle School. And, remember to put your name on your plant so that we know who to return it to and especially if it wins an award, your name should be on it.

Breakdown will be at 3 p.m. on Sunday, Oct 13th and we will need your kokua please.

*If you have any questions, please contact Display Chairperson, Ariel Harwood at (808) 679-1227.*

# WOS August Orchid Culture Awards



1st Place – Novice Division  
Bc. Bee Suite  
Owner: Lynette Logan



1st Place – Intermediate Division  
Den. Hibiki  
Owner: Adam Almeida



1st Place – Masters Division  
Blc. Crowfield ‘Mendenhall’ HCC/AOS  
Owner: Steve Canham



2nd Place – Novice Division  
Wils. Firecat ‘Jamaica Nice’  
Owner: Josie Rayray



2nd Place – Intermediate Division  
Lc. Sagarik Wax ‘Silk Boy’  
Owner: Al Lindo



2nd Place – Masters Division  
C. labiata Coerulea ‘Super Natural’  
Owner: Scot and Karen Mitamura

## September Events:

- ◆ **Wednesday, September 4th at 7:00 p.m.**  
**General Membership Meeting** at King School Cafeteria.
- ◆ **Saturday, September 14th at 9:30 a.m.**  
**The Last Workshop of the Year**  
at Dot’s House. If you need directions, call 236-4104.

## October Events:

- ◆ **Wednesday, October 2nd at 7:00 p.m.**  
**The Last General Membership Meeting of the Year** at King School Cafeteria.
- ◆ **Thursday, October 10th Set up WOS display**  
at the Honolulu Orchid Society Show.
- ◆ **Fri.- Sun., October 11, 12 & 13**  
**Honolulu Orchid Society’s Orchid Show** at  
Washington Middle School, 1633 South King St.

## November Event:

- ◆ **Wednesday, November 6th at 7:00 p.m.**  
**W.O.S. Public Orchid Auction**  
at King School Cafeteria. Don’t miss this  
Bargain Bonanza on orchids, orchid  
supplies, tasty treats and more.

## December Event:

- ◆ **Sunday, December 8th at 11 a.m.— 3 p.m.**  
**Christmas Luncheon**  
at the Klipper Club MCBH. Save this date.  
Treat yourself and others to this good fun  
celebration.

## Orchid Tip of the Month by Scot Mitamura

I often get asked about how a regular member of our orchid club can grow their orchids better to compete against the experts and commercial growers. Well, having a greenhouse does help, whether it is a simple shade house with wooden lath or saran (shade cloth). If it is shade cloth, the percentage is normally around 60% shade. Use less shade percentage if you are closer to the mountains and have a lot of natural cloud cover. Remember, you always want to give your orchids the maximum amount of sunlight, short of burning the leaves. A plastic or polycarbonate roof would also be beneficial to control excessive rainfall and help to control insects and weeds. Sometimes a simple "Easy Corner" type of setup is all that is needed. I hear that EZ Corners, Inc. can actually help you design and build one for you. But even without one of these, you can still find the right microclimate in your yard where your orchids can still thrive. Normally, this would be under the open (not overly shady) canopy of the trees in your yard or under the eaves your home. Remember the southern facing areas would give you the maximum amount of sunlight and orchid growth.

As I visit other clubs and go to different orchid shows, I notice that the best growers invest a lot of time into their orchids, especially on grooming and fertilizing their orchids. This is where I feel some of our members fall short. Fertilizing is as simple as putting down some time-release fertilizer. We offer a special Nutricote blend that one application will last a whole year! Don't misunderstand me, this is not meant to be an advertisement. Most of what we need is made available for our members and is offered at Dorothy Sakamoto's residence and at the meetings. Any type of time-release fertilizer should be a basis for everyone's feeding program, and I know that many of us are not doing it. I can tell just by looking at the orchids. We need to remember that our orchid medium does not offer nutrition, so we need to supplement with fertilizer. You can really step things up by additional foliar feeding with water soluble fertilizer too, especially during our warm long summer months. Many types are available, from Michigan State, to Technigro, to Peter's Special, to Miracle-Gro, and even Chicken Manure. Foliar feeding is fast acting and the nutrients are able to be absorbed through the leaves and roots. A hose end applicator is often used, or even a sprinkling can is used and can be incorporated as a normal watering. A secret that the old-timers use is a product called Hozon (Hose On) Siphon Mixer. It is still available at most garden shops. It is a simple siphon that is added in line with your water hose and is dropped into a bucket of fertilizer water. It dilutes the fertilizer water 16 to 1. I would recommend a half rate or less and every time you water, use this diluted fertilizer water to constantly feed your orchids. Try it and you will not believe the results. Soon you will have lush orchids like the pros! ~ Scot

### Aloha and Welcome to Our New Members

Arthur & Irene Nakagawa  
and Barbara Rodriguez



### SPRING SHOW 2020

#### General Store - Toni Walker

Donations are being accepted year-round. Donation deadline is Feb. 5, 2020. When you have an item to donate, please don't wait. Text Toni at 808-292-1407. Except for live plants and cuttings...please bring those to the set-up of the 2020 Spring Show.

#### Signs & Banners - Fred Collins

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

**At our August meeting** we had 68 members and 3 new members who had their choice of 4 different orchid workshops!

- Pests and How to Get Rid of Them
- Multiplying Your Plants
- Dividing Your Plants
- Growing Orchids in Microclimates

Mahalo Nui Loa to our educators:  
Sheron Harwood, Walter Hiraishi,  
Scot Mitamura and Duncan Chun.

**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 Karen Kim 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 Cookbook II** - Send your own recipes to Wendy [wpathways@gmail.com](mailto:wpathways@gmail.com).

**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*  
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