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Windward Orchid Society's **NEXT MEMBERSHIP MEETING** will be on **Wednesday, January 8, 2020** at 7:00 p.m. at the King Intermediate School Cafeteria.

## Holiday Celebrations

**A Very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year!**  
**Remember, there is no Wednesday Membership Meeting in December.**  
**Our next Membership Meeting will be on Wednesday, January 8, 2020.**  
**Have a safe and joyous holiday season.**

For our members and guests that have made arrangements to attend our WOS Christmas Luncheon, we will celebrate the season orchid-style on Sunday, December 8, 2019 at the Marine Corps Base Hawaii Klipper Club, from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m.

Remember to please bring a \$5 grab bag gift to the party per each member and guest.



*Angraecum sesquipedale*

Don't forget to read the back of your pass and sign it. All drivers must present their driver's license and pass to the gate guard. The pass will need to be displayed on your car dashboard. All attendees will need to have a State or Federal I.D.

Do not use your cell phone while driving and the speed limit is 20 mph, unless designated otherwise.

Lots of very beautiful orchids and plants will be raffled off. Raffle tickets are \$1.00 each.

Call Susan at 728-1014, if you have any questions or problems entering the base.

## A Message From Our President

Dear WOS Members,

A special thanks to the WOS Board members, WOS members, and Kalaheo students who coordinated, volunteered, donated plants and baked goods for our annual Auction Night. We would also like to thank the orchid nurseries and WOS members who generously donated orchid plants for our Auction Night.

Just a few reminders as 2019 comes to a close, there is no general meeting or workshop in December, but our Christmas party is on Sunday, December 8<sup>th</sup>. In January 2020, our first general meeting will be on Wednesday, January 8<sup>th</sup> and our workshop on Saturday, January 11<sup>th</sup>.

It has been an "Awesome" six months, as the board was able to fulfill a lot of the membership's request for speaker topics, hands-on orchid activities, and to get more members involved in our meetings. In 2020, we are looking into one or two nursery safaris, more diverse speaker topics, and of course planning for our 40<sup>th</sup> WOS Spring Show in March. We will continue to educate our members on orchid culture and growing beautiful flowering orchids.

If you haven't been to our general meetings, we hope you'll reconsider and come to our next meeting in January 2020.

Please enjoy the holidays with your family and friends, be safe, and remember to talk to your orchids!

Aloha,  
Craig Nakahara, WOS President

## Orchid Tip of the Month by Scot Mitamura

December brings us into our Hawaiian winter. The days are at their shortest at this time, combined with the almost constant rainfall, so we must try to keep our orchids dry. Provide the proper media that will dry quickly and have lots of air space for the roots. Keep them in smaller pots, so the media dries faster. Also, provide adequate air circulation and avoid over-crowding your orchids. Clay or cement pots will dry faster than plastic. Hanging your pots or mounting your orchids on wood or in baskets is the best way to avoid over-watering your orchids.

From now until February, we want to keep our Hono Hono dry and stop fertilizing to promote leaf drop and dormancy. Buds should begin to emerge in February, and once you know that they are flowers buds, you can begin watering and fertilizing them again.

I will use this column to address many of the common questions I receive during the "Orchid Doctor" sessions. A common one is; How do I avoid having ants, cockroaches, centipedes, or other unwanted critters in my orchid pots. A quick solution would be to spray them with the Bayer 3 n 1. This should take care of most things. But the main cause of this problem is that your orchid needs repotting. In a couple of years after potting, your media will break down. When this happens, roots will begin to die, the bark will become mushy or powdery, and often air pockets will form. This provides the proper environment for the nesting of these critters. As a reminder, note repotting dates on the back of your orchid label.

If you didn't get enough orchids at the auction night, you have another great opportunity to increase your collection by coming to the Christmas Luncheon. We will be raffling for only a dollar a ticket, a crazy amount of orchids from the best nurseries in the state. Can't make it? You can always pay someone to purchase tickets for you! ~ Scot

## WOS Spring Show March 2020

Our 40<sup>th</sup> Annual Orchid Show is going to be like no other. It's on March 20, 21, 22, 2020. "There's No Place Like the Windward Side" is our show theme and it's time to get excited!!!

This is the one time of the year that we can showcase our flowering orchids and enjoy the company of friends and family who visit each year. But in order for us to keep our society going forward and continue growing, we really need YOUR help.

Please sign-up at the next general meeting to volunteer on at least one of the following committees. Sign-up sheets will be available at the General Meeting in January.



Admissions - see Lee Deir - 220-8220 or Lynn Chang - 457-8374  
Cashiers - see Dot Sakamoto - 226-2393 or 236-4104  
Country Store - see Toni Walker - 292-1407  
Host/Hostess - see Garrett Murata - 319-3727  
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  
Signs & Banners - see Fred Collins - 294-7475

Volunteers who work 8 or more hours will receive a free WOS tee-shirt. You may sign-up for any number of committees during the 3 days of the show. Family and friends are welcome to volunteer, too!

We will be ordering Red Polo Shirts this year for \$20. If you're interested please sign-up at the January Membership meeting, or contact Susan Lim.

All volunteers (members and non-members) will be invited to attend an Appreciation Luncheon. Tickets and flyers will be available at the January meeting. Show 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 GUESTS DON'T HAVE TO BE ORCHID GROWERS TO ENJOY THE SHOW!**

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

# WOS Orchid Auction November 2019

Thanks to the generosity and kokua of members, family, friends and guest, the 2019 WOS Orchid Auction was a very successful event. Scores of orchids and many delicious desserts and fruits were gotten at bargain prices. A great time was had by all. We want to thank everyone who donated orchids, plants, desserts, and other goods and services.

Mahalo Nui Loa to:

Walter Hiraishi  
 Larry Basuel  
 H&R Nurseries  
 Susan Lim  
 Steve Canham  
 Karen Kim  
 David Ziemann  
 Scot Mitamura  
 George and Barbara Ota  
 Hilo Orchid Farm  
 Carmela Orchids  
 Orchid Eros  
 Dot Sakamoto  
 Evelyn Monden  
 Sharon Harwood  
 Betty Oshima  
 Nadine Chun  
 Fred and Deborah Collins  
 Jodi Aragon  
 Kanoe Nakata  
 Regina Okayama  
 Toni Walker



**On your mark.**



**Get set.**



**Ready?**



**GO!**



Please accept our sincere apologies to anyone that made a contribution but are not noted here. We very much appreciate our unsung supporters just as much!

## 2020 WOS Culture Award Category Changes

We want to encourage more of our members to participate in the Culture Awards that we have at our Wednesday membership meetings. Orchids are slow growing and it can take years to really become masterful at, not only keeping them alive, but also getting them to flourish and to look their best when in bloom. Orchids are gorgeous and can be striking when properly displayed. But this takes practice. Our monthly Culture Awards provides a good venue to hone these skills. So, starting in January 2020, we will open up the Novice and Intermediate brackets to give members more time to develop these talents before competing with those in the Masters category. The categories are according to your years of membership and will be: Novice: 0-4 years, Intermediate: 5-8 years, and Masters: 9+ years. So, spruce up your blooming orchids and bring them to a meeting. Your orchid could win!

### 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.

### WOS Events:

**December:** *Christmas Party*, Sunday, Dec. 8th, 11 a.m. – 3 p.m. at the Klipper Club at Marine Corp Base Hawaii. Any questions, call Susan Lim at 728-1014.

(No General Membership Meeting and No Saturday Workshop in December.)

**January:** Our first *General Membership* meeting of the new year will be on Wednesday, January 8th. And the first Saturday Workshop at Dot's house will be on January 11th.

HAPPY NEW YEAR

**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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