



All WOS events for May have been canceled due to the coronavirus pandemic. Visit our website at www.windwardorchidsociety.org for and Orchid E.R.

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To see the New Orchid E.R. and Orchids Unmasked

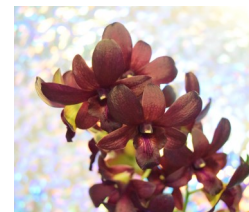
Orchid Doctor is Available to WOS Members via the Orchid E.R.

Although we must practice social distancing because of the coronavirus pandemic, we want our membership to continue to have information on how to best help their orchids that may not be thriving.

So, our Orchid Doctor, Scot Mitamura, will be operating from the Orchid E.R. on our website.

Email your questions for Scot, along with any pictures of your orchid's malady to ([email address available on hard copy only](#)).

Your questions and Scot's reply will be posted on the Orchid E.R. webpage.



Windward Orchid Society Orchids Unmasked

The coronavirus has us sheltering in place, social distancing and wearing masks. In the meantime, our orchids are putting on a springtime show that we would normally share with many people through orchid shows and meetings.

These blooms are not going to wait. So, we are going to unmask our Windward Orchid Society members' orchids through our website.

Email your orchid pictures, tips and stories to ([email address available on hard copy only](#)). Your submissions will be posted to the Orchids Unmasked webpage.

So, start taking pictures and thinking about captions and have fun.



Website Submission Tips

You must be a Windward Orchid Society member to have your information posted to our website, so please include your first and last name in the email message.

In the Subject Line of the email, please enter either: ORCHID E.R. or ORCHIDS UNMASKED.

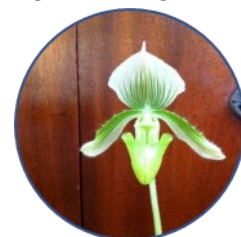
In the Message of the email, please include the orchid name as it appears on the orchid's tag. If the tag is missing, or unreadable, or if the name is not known, just type "NO NAME".

Also, please provide the date, or the approximate date, of your pictures.

Questions, captions, tips and stories are limited to six sentences.

Pictures need to be in formats of jpg or pdf.

Email attachments have a maximum file size of 10 MB. So, if you have trouble sending your email, the picture file size may be too big. If this happens, make a copy of your picture, then resize the copy by right clicking on the picture and choose "Resize" and select the option to make the file size smaller. You will know that your email has been received when you get an automatic reply thanking you for your email.



Mahalo Nui Loa!

A Message From Our President

WOS Members,

I hope that everyone has stayed healthy and safe, as the Coronavirus continues to keep us all at home. Hopefully, you have now found some time to repot, fertilize, and talk to your orchids. If they are anything like our pets or children, then they must be happy to get all this attention!

Unfortunately with the "stay-at-home" request, no big gatherings, no facility to hold our monthly meetings, and many events being cancelled, we will not be scheduling any meetings until later this year. The board would like to continue sending out the WOS newsletter as way to keep our membership informed of any WOS news, orchid tips, and resources you can watch and learn about orchids. If you have any resources that you'd like to share, please feel free to email it to me ([email address available on hard copy only](#)) and we can include it in the next issue.

I would also like to thank our membership for their patience and understanding, as we get through this health crisis and for continuing to support our Windward Orchid Society.

One thing that the HOS society and some of it's members have been doing is sharing a photo of one of their blooming orchids, just to keep everyone connected. If anyone is interested, please send me an electronic photo of your orchid in bloom with a name and I will try to send it out to our membership.

Until such time that we're given the all clear by the Governor and Mayor, please continue take care of yourself and Ohana.

Mahalo,
Craig Nakahara

Orchid Tip of the Month by Scot Mitamura

This social distancing works for me. It is allowing me to try to catch up on my orchids.

I'm re-potting like crazy, fixing the greenhouses, fixing irrigation, removing weeds, cutting shade trees, spraying for bugs, fertilizing, washing pots, mixing media, etc., etc., etc. I'm so glad to have this hobby, it sure keeps me busy, maybe a little too busy.

There is so much orchid related things to catch up on too. I really need more time to re-catalog decades of my orchid photos. When changing computers, some of my information was not lost, but more like mixed up. So I really want to spend some time to re-organize them again. I also have years of personal slides (remember those little square things you put into that carousel upside down), of really rare historical orchids. Plus slide collections from two other collectors that were given to me. These all need to be digitized and put on my PC to get organized, good luck to that. This is a lifetime of work! What have I gotten myself into? Oh well there is no turning back.

I am sure that this extra time spent on the orchid collection will really benefit the plants and reward me with wonderful blooms in the future. I hope we are all using our time wisely. This will equate to even healthier and more beautiful orchids at our next meeting or show. See everyone soon.

~ Scot

Windward Orchid Society Membership for
July 1, 2020 to June 30, 2021

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

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E-mail: _____ Date: _____


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 Regular Membership - \$25.00

 Regular & Associate (Partner) Membership - \$35.00

 Associate (Partner only) Membership - \$10.00

 Lifetime Membership \$300.00

WOS Corner	<p>We still need recipes for our WOS Cookbook II. You can mail your recipes to our PO Box or email your recipes to Wendy at (email address available on hard copy only).</p>		<p style="text-align: center;">Please Remember To Renew Your WOS Membership For July 2020 to June 2021!</p>
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The WOS meets on the first Wednesday of every month at the King Intermediate School Cafeteria (except in June & December), unless otherwise rescheduled by a pandemic.