Thank You All For Being a Part of the W.O.S. ‘Ohana This Year.
Have a Joyous Holiday Season and a Wonderful 2018

A Message From Our President

Aloha!

We are coming into December, the rainiest month for my area in Kailua!

I hope that all the repotting I did over the summer helps my orchids drain well and that they survive the water onslaught!

December also brings us to our Christmas Dinner on December 2nd at the Valley of the Temples Dining Hall. I hope to see all of you there!

It also means that we are coming to the end of 2017. And, when we turn the corner for 2018, we will be racing to March for our Annual Spring Show!!

For your resolution this year – resolve to help at the WOS show. I know that one will be easy to keep. Forget the “I want to lose 10 pounds”. You can work off that 10 pounds helping set up the show! Resolve to help, resolve to help, resolve to help!!

See you at the Christmas Dinner. We will have lots of plants for the raffle, good food and lots of fun!!

~ Sheron

Orchid Tip of the Month by Scot Mitamura

December brings us into our Hawaiian winter. Yes, the temperatures are finally cooling us and our orchids down.

Remember that December to February are the shortest months of the year. Many of our orchids go through a short dormancy during this time. How can you tell? Normally you would not see any new growths or roots developing at this time.

I cut back on my watering and fertilizing, making sure that I allow the orchids time to dry between watering. In fact for the Hono Hono’s, you would like to really dry them at this time. This allows the Hono Hono to go into a short dormancy, which encourages flowering in March and April.

After heavy rains, be on the lookout for Black Rot (Phytophthora) fungus. Once you see leaves turning black, make sure you sterilize your pruners and cut away all infected plant parts. Dry out the infected plants and apply a fungicide. In fact the application of fungicides works best prior the rainy season. I like to use Subdue, this systemic fungicide helps to protect the orchids from a bad fungus outbreak.

There should be lots of flowers this time of year. Cattleyas, Paphiopedilums, Vandas, and Phalaenopsis, should all be flowering this time of year.

Don’t forget our Christmas Banquet and December 2. It will be a great opportunity to get even more orchids, have some great food, and camaraderie with our fellow club members. I hope to see everyone there!

~Scot
Mahalo Nui Loa

Many thanks to the following members for your donations to the WOS Auction. Your generosity made our Auction a very successful event.

Our very sincere apologies to anyone that made a contribution that was not noted here. We very much appreciate our unsung heroes too!!!

**Plant Donations**
- H&R Nurseries
- Scot Mitamura
- Larry Basuel
- Walter Hiraishi
- Carmela Orchids
- Nathan Wong
- Steve Canham
- Bianca Kam
- Dave Ziemann
- Susan Lim

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- Emily Yamada
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- Steve Canham
- Barbara Poepoe
- Sheron Harwood

Are you Looking For a Great Gift Idea?

2018 WOS Calendars are available at All Koolau Farmers locations
Bookends in Kailua
Simply Hair in Kaneohe

Over 50 beautiful orchid pictures named and cataloged by their month in bloom

Year-at-a-glance WOS orchid events calendar on the last page

2018 Calendar with Hawaii Holidays
**Important Reminder:**  
There is **NO WOS General Meeting in December.**  
And  
There is **NO Saturday Workshop in December either.**

The Windward Orchid Society 2018 38th Annual Show  
“POT O’ Orchids”  
Orchid Show and Plant Sale  
S.W. King Intermediate School

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This is our BIGGEST event of the year and it is coming-up fast. The tickets are already printed.

We put on the largest orchid show on Oahu and thousands of people look forward to coming every year.

We need all hands on deck to have a successful show. It takes 2 days to set-up for this 3-day event.  
So on Wednesday, March 21st and Thursday, March 22nd we are hoping our members will come out in force.

Please plan to help. Mark your 2018 WOS Calendars with the dates and times that you can volunteer.

**Sign-up sheets will be available at the General Membership Meeting.**

Please sign-up, or just call, to volunteer on at least one of the following committees:  
Admissions - see Lee Deir -220-8220  
Cashiers - see Dorothy Sakamoto - 226-2393 or 236-4104  
Country Store - see Toni Walker - 292-1407  
Host/Hostess - see Hazel Basuel - 343-1103  
Parking - see Susan Lim - 728-1014  
Membership Sign-up - see Grace Nishigaya - 383-8485  
Set-up - see CJ Kalopodes -247-3136  
Storeroom and Clean-up - see Bobby Kauahi or Craig Nakahara - 284-4218

Volunteers who work 8 cumulative or more hours will receive a free WOS tee-shirt, during the Show. You may sign-up for any number of committees for the 3 days of the show. We encourage you to bring your family and friends to volunteer.

**All volunteers** will be invited to attend an Appreciation Luncheon; date to be determined.

Admission is Free - donations are appreciated. We also need your help in promoting our show and getting the word out to as many people and businesses as possible. OUR CUSTOMERS DON'T HAVE TO BE ORCHID GROWERS TO ENJOY THE SHOW!

**We need everyone to come out on Wednesday, March 21st, for set-up and Sunday, March 25th, to help clean-up!!!**

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**WOS Corner**

**December:** *Christmas Party*, Saturday, Dec. 2nd, 5 pm -10pm at Valley of the Temples Dining Hall.  
No Orchid Doctor and No Saturday Workshop and No General Membership Meeting

**January:** Our General Membership meetings, Scot’s Orchid Doctor and Dot’s Saturday Workshops will resume again in January 2018.  
**HAPPY NEW YEAR**

Next General Membership meeting is **Wednesday, Jan 3rd**, 7:30 p.m. at the King Intermediate School Cafeteria.  
Next Workshop is **Saturday, January 13th**, 9:30 a.m. at Dot’s house.