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# Windward Orchid News

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Windward Orchid Society's **NEXT MEMBERSHIP MEETING** is scheduled for **Wednesday, January 6th** at 7:30 p.m. in the King Intermediate School Cafeteria

## *Tower of Orchids Spring Show*

**Our Spring Show** is just around the corner and we will need everyone's help this year more than ever!!! If you haven't heard our location has changed due to renovations being conducted at King Intermediate School, which means we need to spread the word about where and when the show will take place.

Where: Kokokahi YWCA of Oahu, 45-035 Kaneohe Bay Drive  
When: March 11, 12, and 13, 2016

We will need at least 10 parking attendants per shift due to the large area, and members to assist customers with their purchases. Parking for volunteers and sellers will be on the lawn close to the gym. Handicap and customer parking will be in the paved parking areas. Volunteers (members and non-members) working 8 hours or more and sign-up before Feb 15 are guaranteed a T-shirt. Tickets and flyers will be available at the next membership meeting.

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

Please sign-up to volunteer on at least one of the following committees:

Admissions - see Lee Deir or Lynn Chang  
Cashiers - see Dorothy Sakamoto  
Country Store - see Toni Walker or Edwina Itokazu  
Host/Hostess - see Hazel Basuel or Liz Ajifu  
Security and Parking - see Fran Craft  
Membership Sign-up - see Grace Nishigaya  
Plant Registration – see David Ziemann  
or Dee Conquest  
Set-up - see CJ and Bobbie Kalopodes  
Clean-up - see Craig Nakahara



### **Happy New Year to everyone!**

I wish for all of you a happy and healthy 2016! If you missed the Christmas party you missed some great fun! Craig even had ME sing one line from a Christmas Carol to win the table decoration.....and ONE line was more than enough of my voice! We all got a chance to win some great plants for the raffle – Scot outdid himself. Considering the weather – I was actually surprised to see the amount of blooming plants he managed to find! I don't know how he does it, but we are all grateful for his ingenuity.

I am looking forward to 2016 and our Spring Show and especially excited about our Speaker this month....he always does a great job! Be safe this New Years weekend with all the fireworks and I'll see you at the meeting! -

- Sheron

### **Upcoming Events:**

- ◆ **January 6th at 7:30 p.m.**  
**WOS General Membership Meeting** at King Intermediate School Cafeteria
- ◆ **January 9th at 9:30 a.m.**  
**Workshop at Dot Sakamoto's house.** If you need directions call Dot at 236-4104
- ◆ **March 11, 12 & 13**  
**WOS 2016 Spring Show** at the **Kokokahi YWCA**



## 2015 Tokyo Dome Orchid Show

Guest Speaker: Roy Andrade

Roy Andrade, the president of the Ewa Orchid Society, will be our speaker for January 6, 2016. His topic will be his trip to Japan covering the 2015 Tokyo Dome Orchid Show.

The 25<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Japan Grand Prix International Orchid Festival was held at the Tokyo Dome in February 2015. There were exhibitors and vendors from about twenty countries and roughly 100,000 orchids on display!

## Learn to Grow Orchids

Come to our Free workshop sponsored by WOS

9:30 am, Jan 9th, at Dot's house :45-663 Luluku Rd. in Kaneohe

*Aloha,*

**WOS workshop** will resume in January. I apologize for no workshop in Oct. Nov. & Dec. those are my real crazy months. The January workshop will be on **Jan. 9, 2016**. If you wish to join us for lunch, just bring a potluck dish. Call me, Dot Sakamoto 236-4104, if you have questions about the workshop, and orchid supplies availability.

~ Dot

## Orchid Tip of the Month by Scot Mitamura

Our Hawaiian winter has arrived and with it comes good warm weather! The National Weather Service is so far correct in their predictions of a dry winter due to El Nino. Fortunately, after an extremely wet autumn, we are able to dry out our orchids. Still be careful about over watering, remembering that our day length is short, so it's better to keep your orchids on the dry side.

Hono Hono orchids are going dormant and need very little water and no fertilizer. It is a good sign that the leaves are beginning to yellow and fall. Buds should begin to initiate in late January and early February. Regular watering may begin after the buds have set. This is desired so that next year's growth will emerge and not compete with bud/flower production. Hono Hono also like a bit of a cool spell, but so far the lack of one, plus the autumn rains may cause the Hono Hono to flower a little late this year. Hopefully, this won't impact our spring show too much, which is also a week early due to the change in location.

Complex Paphiopedilums are in full bloom. Phalaenopsis, are also spiking. Be careful about moving them or you may get crooked spikes! Other flowering orchids are scarce. If you are not growing Paphs. or Phals., January and February tend to be the slowest months.

For the ones that missed the Christmas Banquet, you missed out on a fun filled night of Christmas Cheer. Singing, camaraderie, great food, and of course tons of orchids. We raffled off over six hundred orchids to 78 lucky folks who attended. Make sure you don't miss our Installation Banquet coming up in June!

Scot



## Christmas Party the WOS Way

Have you ever had trouble getting into the Christmas Spirit? One of the benefits of being a WOS member is going to our Christmas party and getting into the festivities of the season. Being with friends, getting lots of goodies, enjoying delicious foods, song and laughter is hard to beat.



### WOS Corner:

**Remember, if you have a question about your orchids**, please bring them in at 7:00 p.m. (before the General Membership Meeting starts) and we will gladly try to answer any questions you have about them. For questions about the Windward Orchid Society, see Craig Nakahara during our General Membership Meeting.

**Kokua Please** 🙏 **Sign up to bring refreshments for our General Membership Meetings.**  
Sign up sheets are at the refreshment table or you can email Toni Walker at [toni.walker58@yahoo.com](mailto:toni.walker58@yahoo.com).

### WOS Officers (2015-2017)

|                  |                        |                       |                                |                                 |                     |
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The WOS meets on the first Wednesday of every month at the King Intermediate School Cafeteria.



**HAPPY NEW YEAR!**  
Next Membership meeting  
January 6, 2016, 7:30 pm  
at the King Intermediate  
School Cafeteria. .

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