



# Windward Orchid News

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Windward Orchid Society's **NEXT MEMBERSHIP MEETING** will be on **Wednesday, March 7, 2018** at 7:30 p.m. in the King Intermediate School Cafeteria

## Come Help Jump-Start Our POT O' Orchids Show

### Here's the Plan:

*Wednesday Morning: March 21, 2018 starting at 9:00 am*

We will need help in setting up the gym. Volunteers to set up tables and chairs, setting up the display area, covering the tables, assisting with bringing everything from our storage, assist in unloading plants and materials from vehicles, etc..

*Wednesday Afternoon: starting at 1:00 pm to 9 pm*

We will need help making boxes, crushing newspaper, and continue to set up. Put up signs. Bring any boxes you collected. If you have plants to bring for our display and cannot come on Thursday, you may bring them that evening. Assist with setting up our Country Store.

*Thursday, March 22, 2018 starting at 9:00 am*

We will need your help setting up our display, the County Store, and getting ready for the first day of our show. **Bring in your flowering plants for our display by 10:00 a.m.**

## We Need Your Kokua To Make Our Show a Success!!

Please sign up to volunteer for the various committees listed below, we really need people for the parking areas, cashier, admissions, country store, and host & hostess committees.

**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 -220-8220 or Lynn Chang - 457-8374  
Cashiers - see Dorothy Sakamoto - 226-2393 or 236-4104  
Country Store - see Toni Walker - 292-1407  
Host/Hostess - see Hazel Basuel - 343-1103  
Security and Parking - see Al Lindo, 722-3516  
Membership Sign-up - see Grace Nishigaya - 383-8485  
Set-up - see CJ Kalopodes - 247-3136  
Clean-up - see Craig Nakahara - 284-4218

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

Friday March 23, 2018 9:00 a.m. - 7:00 p.m.  
Saturday March 24, 2018 9:00 a.m. - 7:00 p.m.  
Sunday March 25, 2018 9:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m.

Volunteers who work 8 cumulative or more hours will receive a free WOS tee-shirt, during the Show. You may sign-up for a number of committees during 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, on April 14, 2018, at King School Cafeteria, at 2:00pm.

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 CUSTOMERS DON'T HAVE TO BE ORCHID GROWERS TO ENJOY THE SHOW!**

**We need everyone to come out on Wednesday for set-up and Sunday, to help clean-up!!!**

**Show Chairperson: Susan Lim – 728-1014**

## A Message From Our President

Aloha everyone!

It's March and we are marching towards our annual Spring Show! Or maybe I should say we are trying to dry off before our Spring Show.

Wasn't all the rain really something? I had so much water flowing across my yard and down the steps to my greenhouse, it was like a miniature waterfall. I thought that our drainage system was possibly blocked, but there was just so much water it couldn't keep up with it! Alas, there went my plans to work in my garden and greenhouse during my stay-cation, vacation.

I did get a chance to look at some of my plants in-between the rain, and I can't stress enough how important it is to have the right media and proper drainage. It was really evident that my plants were definitely watered, but at least they were draining and not sitting in soggy water soaked media. Hopefully the sun appears before the show and prompts some blooming and dries us all out.

Please come to the meeting next week so you can sign up as a volunteer for one of the committees – we still need HELP! So please volunteer!

See you at the meeting. Mahalo for letting me twist your arm to volunteer!!  
~ Sheron

## Upcoming Events:

- ◆ **Wednesday March 7th at 7:30 p.m. WOS General Membership Meeting at King Intermediate School**
- ◆ **Saturday, March 10th at 9:30 a.m. Workshop at Dot Sakamoto's House**  
If you need directions, call 236-4104
- ◆ **Wed. & Thur., March 21 & 22 Set-Up Activities for our Spring Show See details on the front page.**
- ◆ **Friday, Saturday and Sunday March 23, 24, 25 WOS "POT O' Orchids" Orchid Show and Plant Sale at King Intermediate School**

Our March Meeting Topic will be on **Good Grooming**, By Scot Mitamura.

Orchids deserve to look their best when their flowers finally bloom. Proper staking and grooming can make a big difference in helping orchid flowers show-off their beauty.

Scot will show us how to make your orchids ready for display at our Spring Show and in your home.

## Orchid Tip of the Month by Scot Mitamura

The month of March brings the arrival of spring and our annual orchid show. The days are getting longer and our orchids are beginning to grow. Hopefully we will have lots of flowering orchids for you to bring for the show. We will once again have the large cornerstone display and will need everyone's help.

It is not too early to start grooming your orchids for the show. Cattleyas in low sheath are probable candidates for the show, as well as spiking Phalaenopsis. I notice some of the Renantheras are also spiking and should be on time. Of course the highlight of the show is always the Hono Hono. It looks like it will be a pretty good year for flowers. Unfortunately mine were moved several times during the reconstruction of my greenhouse this year, so the canes are not really straight and many got damaged.

Early grooming is noticing what orchids are coming into bud or spike, putting them on the side and out of the rain. For longer spiking orchids like Phalaenopsis and Dendrobiums, always face them to the prominent direction of sunlight, or the spikes will turn. Remove/trim dead or yellowing leaves, checking for insects and slugs. It is important to treat them now will they are spiking to prevent damage, especially problematic are the flower thrips. I always spray insecticide (Bayer 3-In-1, is a good all purpose spray) on the emerging spikes to ensure that they can fully mature and flower without damage. The thrips often enter during the bud stage and begin to feed, causing substantial damage to the flowers when they open. Stake stems and leaves away from the buds, this will allow the flowers to open fully. I like to sleeve (put the pot in another pot) my orchids for the show, using a heavy stable pot, securing it well so the orchid does not topple. This will help the folks that are setting up the display and avoiding damage to your cherished orchid.

I will once again, do a staking and grooming lecture at the March meeting, so if you have any questions or want me to stake your orchid, bring it to the meeting! I will demonstrate on a variety of orchids and display some to the materials that help in making our orchids all show winners.

~Scot

# WOS February Orchid Culture Awards



1st Place– Novice Division  
Onc. Heaven Scent ‘Redolence’  
Owner: Jennifer Higaki



1st Place– Intermediate Division  
Trichopelia suavis x self  
Owner: Duncan Chun



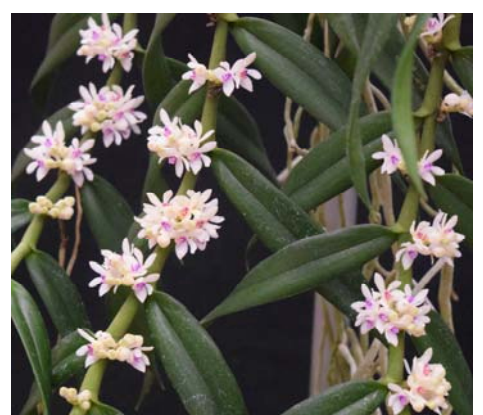
1st Place– Masters Division  
Blc. Triumphal Coronation ‘Seto’ AM/JOS  
Owner: Scot Mitamura



2nd Place– Novice Division  
Den. Judith Nakayama  
Owner: Alyson Kimura



2nd Place– Intermediate Division  
Catasetum Hybrid  
Owner: Kimo Kuoha



2nd Place– Masters Division  
Trgl. rosea  
Owner: Dave Ziemann

## WOS Corner

*At our February 7th meeting we had 63 members learn to cultivate the Hono Hono orchid that cascades vibrant blooms and has a perfume-fragrance. Thank you for sharing, Scot!*

Have a Beautiful 2018!  
WOS Calendars \$15.

What’s Cookin’?  
WOS Cookbooks \$15.

**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 Craig Nakahara (wearing a florescent green shirt) during our General Membership Meeting.

**Refreshment Contributions** - Sign-up sheets are at the refreshment table or you can email Toni Walker at [toni.walker58@yahoo.com](mailto:toni.walker58@yahoo.com). Monetary contributions are also welcome.

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The WOS meets on the first Wednesday of every month at the King Intermediate School Cafeteria (except in June & December).