

November 2012 Newsletter

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Ewa took 5th Place “Galaxy of Orchids”

Most of you will agree that your orchids were NOT ready for the HOS Show or have already bloomed. Our display was on the money for the theme but a lil bare in orchids. We still managed to make the best of what we had. For our efforts we took 5th place and got a \$25.00 check. Mahalo, Velma and Connie for your contribution to our galaxy theme. I hope you had a chance to visit the orchid show and see the beautiful displays.

We have a handful of members who are always there to help set up/break down. Your continued support is greatly appreciated.

Get ready for 2013. Ewa Orchid Society is headed for the Windward Orchid Show in March. President Roy will be sure to let you know more details.



Show Display Awards

- 1st Place:** Kunia Orchid Society
- 2nd Place:** Aiea Orchid Club
- 3rd Place:** Hawaii Kai Orchid Society
- 4th Place:** Windward Orchid Society
- 5th Place:** Ewa Orchid Society

Trophy awarded to EOS Members

Larry Cadiz – **Best Multi-Flowered Paphiopedilum** Devil Fire

Congratulations Kim Fernandez on your HOS Merit for your Dcd. Magnum CCM

EOS GENERAL MEETING

Our general meeting will be held on Thursday, November 15 at 7pm. Ewa Elementary.

In December there will be NO General Meeting, as stated in the by-laws.

“Gobble, Gobble ”

What we're really talking about is a wonderful day set aside on the fourth Thursday of November when no one diets. I mean, why else would they call it

Thanksgiving? ~Erma Bombeck, "No One Diets on Thanksgiving" 1981



2012 Christmas & Installation



"You could be a 'winner' of some beautiful orchids for just a dollar."

Our annual Christmas Dinner and Installation of Board Members will be held on Friday, Nov. 30, 2012 at **Schofield Barracks**, Wahiawa. The cost per member is **\$20.00 and non-members \$30.00**

The board has agreed to subsidize \$10.00 per EOS member. Please be sure to give your check/cash to Val Cadiz as soon as possible.

We hope you can join us; the dinner is early this year. The 2012 outgoing board members and swearing in of new or returning board members for 2013 will be

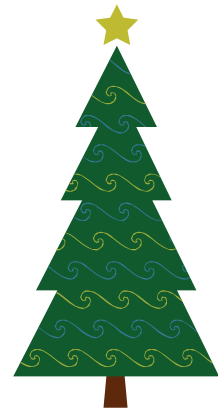
recognized. The orchardist of the year will also be announced.

Don't forget we will be selling \$1.00 raffle tickets. You could be a "winner" of some beautiful orchids for just a dollar!

The Christmas committee is headed by Norma Valdez. Please see her if you are interested in helping with the decorations/details.

Please have your current paper work for your vehicle & drivers license ready for the guard at the entrance gate.

Schofield Barracks
Nehelani Officers Club
Ayers Ave Bldg 750
Friday, Nov. 30, 2012
5:30pm – 10pm



Orchid Safari - September 28, 2012

In September we visited three orchid nurseries in Waianae. There were 20+ members on tour. Wow, it's been a long time since we've had a large group.

The 1st stop was Orchids of Waianae, owner Masa Chan.



Ewa Orchid Members



Look who got a sign!

The 2nd place we went to was Hawaii Pacific Orchid, Ken Ibarra. Our last stop was at Ben Kodama's Orchid Nursery. I hope you had FUN shopping. I know the nurseries were happy to have us! Thank you for showing these growers your support. Hope to see you on the next tour!

Our next tour will be scheduled for February 2013 on the windward side. No confirmation on nurseries. As the month approaches more information will be given and posted. You have four months to save for this outing. Options for lunch: order bento's or pot-luck and we can have lunch at a park. It's your call.



Orchid Care and Tips

IS THERE A FUNGUS AMONG US?

Wet foliage makes for an excellent media for fungi to grow and destroy your plants. Black rot will appear if the wet, humid conditions continue. Plants need a drying out period and it is important to allow plants to dry out. All genera are susceptible to this black rot. Splashing water spreads the spores easily to other plants.

While it is beneficial to grow your plants as vigorously as possible during the summer months, take precautions to avoid vulnerable soft growth. Soft growth can result from low light levels, too much nitrogen fertilizer without increasing other culture variables.

Some suggestions for after summertime orchid culture:

1. If you find that you are watering more frequently in summer months, try to gradually provide more light and fertilize regularly,
2. Provide adequate ventilation and air movement. This supports drying out, roots that stay wet are more susceptible to rot.
3. Keep growing area free of debris. Decomposing leaves etc, provide an excellent place for fungi spores to spread.
4. Excessive algae growth can keep surrounding areas wet and more susceptible to fungal growth. Spray the area with algaecide being careful to avoid the plants.
5. A prophylactic spray of plants with a broad-spectrum fungicide once or twice a season may protect your plants. Wear protective clothing and keep away from children and pets.

If you are unlucky and get black rot, carefully remove affected leaves and get them away from the rest of your collection. It may take a while for plants to recover. Keep the plant isolated until recovery is sure.

From the September issue:

WHAT MAKES ORCHID ROOTS DIFFERENT?

While most plants root systems send a major root stem into the ground and small hair-like roots extend giving a firm setting for the plant, orchid roots are epiphytic. That means that the roots attach themselves to a surrounding area, tree or pot, and receive nourishment from the air movement. The central core of an orchid root is covered by a spongy material called velamen which stores water for the plant. Should it remain wet for too long the core will rot? If an orchid is planted in soil or dirt, the plant will receive enough air and will not be able to dry out. In order for a plant to be healthy, it must be able to have a balance of water air and light.

Orchid roots vary in thickness. In general, thicker the root, the more open and less dense the potting material. Aerial roots, such as phalaenopsis, grow at intervals along the main stem and grow out and down. Monopodial orchid roots are white with green tips. Dead roots look like brown string and should be cut off with a sterile tool. The roots of sympodia orchids, such as cattleyas and dendrobiums, grow from the rhizome. They are white and fleshy with a spongy covering. The growing tips are bright green, reddish brown or olive colored. Old roots take as much nourishment as new roots.



*Pages 3 & 4 has been
provided by Adele
Mitchell.*

I hope your summer has been going well. Gearing up for the upcoming fall season, I thought I would focus on a few news items and reminders from AOS Headquarters.

1. The special supplement this year is on the genus *Cycnoches*, its species and hybrids. This special supplement is becoming a favorite tradition and extra benefit of being a member of the American Orchid Society. The supplement is underwritten by a combination of advertising and members' donations. More information about the supplement, its costs and your opportunity to underwrite some of the expense of its publication and distribution may be found on the AOS website (<http://www.aos.org/Default.aspx?id=226>). Donations of any size are appreciated. The continuation of this supplement on an annual basis will be dependent on its appeal to and the support of AOS members. Please be generous in your support of these special supplements.
2. Did you know that liability coverage for your meetings and shows is available through the AOS at a competitive fee? We are pleased to announce that we are again able to offer this benefit of affiliation for \$250. As last year, a single fee can now cover both your society meetings and your show. More information about this benefit and the procedure for procuring it may be found on the website under the Affiliated Societies tab (<http://www.aos.org/Default.aspx?id=44>).
3. Another benefit of being an affiliated society is that your society can host one of the two meetings per year of the American Orchid Society's members and trustees meetings. Hosting the AOS as part of your annual show can be a rewarding experience for your society as well as taking your show to the 'next level' having international or national prominence. AOS is looking for locations for upcoming meetings starting in the Fall of 2014 and beyond. Other orchid Alliances that often join the AOS at many of these shows are the Orchid Digest, the Slipper Orchid Alliance and the Phalaenopsis Alliance. These joint meetings are an incredible opportunity to learn about the fascinating world of orchids.
4. As fall is approaching, the AOS is getting this year's Orchid Source Directory ready for printing. Each affiliated society will be listed at no cost with the information on file with the AOS. If your society has changed your meeting locations, dates, times, addresses, website or email, please let Membership Services (theAOS@aos.org) at AOS know so the most up-to-date information is printed. In addition if you have an orchid related business and want to be included in the directory contact John Wrench at AOS (jwrench@aos.org) for the form. The cost for a business listing is \$150 and includes both the printed listing as well as our online directory. August 31 is the deadline for these listings.
5. Do you know what your society's renewal date is? Starting three months prior to expiration, a renewal notice for all membership levels is included in the magazine polybag. If you or your society happened to have missed these, we'd love to have you back. Please contact the office at theAOS@aos.org or by phone at 205-740-2010 to inquire about expiration dates.

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The Ewa Orchid Society was chartered in 1950. The mission of this organization is to promote Orchid Culture among the citizens of Hawaii. This is accomplished by providing informational speakers at monthly meetings and encouraging members to grow and care for orchids successfully.

The purpose of the organization is similar to the mission, by providing young plants to the members and having tours done throughout the year to Professional Orchid Nurseries. We provide general information regarding orchid culture via a monthly Newsletter to the members and continue to encourage all members to be successful.



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Orchids and Answers

Got Orchids and you want answers. This is where you want to be! Or just interested about orchids, come join us in fellowship. New members are always welcomed.

Monthly General Meetings held at the Ewa Elementary School Cafeteria on Thursday's at 7pm.

We are a group of people offering orchid culture for those who find it difficult to care for and grow your orchids.

No we do not have all the answers but we can learn together.

We have guest speakers who share their expertise in orchid culture. Some orchids are complex and require special needs. Orchids are like children each one is different.

