

# March 2013 Newsletter

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## EOS takes part in Abraham Lincoln Celebration

This was the 69<sup>th</sup> Lincoln Program. A celebration is held on Feb. 12, Abraham Lincoln's Birthday. The lei draping and Lincoln Penny Lei is a tradition to Ewa Elementary School. The students did an outstanding job in their performances.

A statue stands in front of the office as a tribute to his accomplishments & character. Ms. Katherine McIntosh Burke, a teacher and principal from 1919 to 1927 had a dream to provide funds for a statue of Abraham Lincoln. This was the start of it all.

Over the years our society members have decorate the library with their blooming orchids as an appreciation to the school. In addition to the decorating some of the orchids were donated to the office staff. This is an example of how we give back to our community.



Orchids provided by Ewa Orchid Society

### EOS GENERAL INFORMATION

Our general meeting will be held on **Thursday, March 28 at 7pm.** Ewa Elementary Cafeteria.

Please don't hesitate to bring a guest or refer them to membership this helps us grow as a

society. If you would like to share a dessert please feel free to bring to our meeting. Our members will greatly appreciate it.

If you haven't paid your **Annual Membership dues** for 2013 please do

it as soon as possible. The form is available on the website for you to print.

**\$20.00 per person**

**\$30.00 per couple**

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## Windward 33<sup>rd</sup> & Kunia 59<sup>th</sup> Orchid Show

*“Don’t forget we need your blooming orchids as well as greenery for fillers.”*

Our society has been invited to both the Windward Orchid Society Show and the Kunia Orchid Show.

**Set Up date is Thurs., Mar. 21, 2013**

King Intermediate School  
46-155 Kam. Highway  
Kaneohe, HI

9am – 5pm

Plant Registration is on this day too!

Your help and support is needed to make this work. Are you a new member to our society, we still need you. This is a great way for you to socialize and take part in the event.

Don’t forget we need your blooming orchids as well as greenery for fillers.

President Roy will bring the plantation house for our prop. If you have something to share in the display regarding the theme “Stairway of Orchids” please bring it on Thursday.

### KUNIA ORCHID SHOW

**Set Up date is Thurs., Mar. 21, 2013**

Leilehua High School  
Gym  
1583 California Ave  
Wahiawa, HI

EOS will only have a table

top display. Clem Roldan will head the Kunia Show. See him for more info. He needs blooming orchids & greenery as well.

Both shows take place on the same weekend.

**Windward  
Friday, Mar. 22, 2013**

9am – 7pm

**Sat., Mar. 23, 2013**

9am – 7pm

**Sun., Mar. 24, 2013**

9am – 4pm

**Kunia  
Friday, Mar. 22, 2013**

9am – 5pm

**Sat., Mar. 23, 2013**

9am – 5pm

**Sun., Mar. 24, 2013**

9am – 4pm

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## Events & Information

ORCHID TOUR:

**Saturday - March 16, 2013**

Puanani Orchids & Olomana

**Meet at Jack In-a-Box in Waimanalo**

**9:00 AM**

Let’s show our support for the growers. Please take advantage of these tours; most times we are getting a better deal. Please be sure to bring your own trays or boxes to hold your orchids. Most nurseries are not giving away their trays.

We can do a potluck lunch at Kualoa Ranch. It’s your call, is anybody interested? Or you can be on your way. Please let Roy know so we can plan it.

**Do you need/want cement or plastic pots?**

Please see EOS member Jocelyn Mokulehua

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## Orchid Care and Tips

### QUESTION;

How is the best way to take care of a dendrobium?

### ANSWER:

Dendrobium is a diverse group of orchid with a variety of cultural needs. Phalaenopsis is one of the types of dendrobium. Water your orchids in the morning, how often depends on the type of pot, type of medium and the size of the pot. Dendrobium should be in small pots and are usually taller than the pot is wide. Large plants in small pots can be watered twice a week. Let the plants dry out a bit so that you do not overwater. The best way to water is to set the plant in the sink, use tepid water and let the water run through the pot.

Dendrobiums need lots of light but not direct sunlight. They can stand hot weather as long as it is adequate light and humidity. Any balanced orchid fertilizer will do. Apply ¼ strength weekly for best results.

### More tips:

- a. Do not let the plant sit in water, if indoors use a metal tray filled with pebbles to provide more humidity.
- b. Do not crowd plants, they need air to circulate around them.
- c. When the plant finishes blooming, cut off the stalk at the base, continue watering and fertilizing and the plant should bloom again within a year.
- d. Repot every two to three years using a small pot. Large pots will hinder growth.



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### MEASURING LIGHT

You may measure light using a light meter, however a more practical way is to use the shadow of your hand.

Hold your hand about 8-10 inches from a white background.

Full sun will show a dark shadow on the white background, Bright sun will reveal a soft edge to the shadow, Filtered light a fuzzy shadow (50-60% shade cloth), Shady bright, very soft, gray shadow (70% shade cloth) and Full shade a blurry shadow , difficult to

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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.

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.

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

