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General Meeting - August 10 Our General Meeting will be held at the United Church of Hanapepe and our speaker will be Ed Mersino, Oahu Extension Agent. Mr. Mersino's job at the agency is to offer assistance not only to the larger orchid growers but small business as well.

There will be no Orchids 101 or orchid Doctor as we will also be discussing plans for the Kauai County Farm Bureau Fair so please attend.

Orchids in Paradise at the Kaua'i Farm Bureau Fair - August 23-26 For more discussion, see page 3 of this issue.

Right: Winner of Best of Show 2006 - Den Bracteosum - Owner Allen Yamada



Attention Board Members: The Board meetings for the rest of the year will be held in the library of the United Church of Christ in Hanapepe at 2:00 p.m. on September 9 and November 11.

President's Message

First, remember the Farm Fair August 23-24-25-26. At the August 10 meeting we will be asking for volunteers for security during the show and for set up of the show display beginning around 10:00 a.m. Aug 22. I also am looking for a few folks to assist the judges on Thursday, August 23 from about 9:00 a.m. to noon to place ribbons on the winning orchids and to write down owner's names.

We hope to get the free passes to the show by August 10. Otherwise we will need to mail them out to the volunteers. This is a big show for the club with lots of coverage and lots of folks passing through. Sure wish each of you could see your way to volunteer for a three hour shift and help to make this a great show!

Bob King

Scot Mitamura shows us how to groom and stake our plants.

In preparation for our August "Orchids in Paradise" Show, Scot Mitamura came over from Oahu to speak to us about grooming and staking our plants. The purpose is to highlight the orchid flowers (away from the foliage) and to face them to the audience. Staking also stabilizes the orchid so that it doesn't topple.

Now stake up the individual flowers with straightened #14 or #16 Galvanized wire that has an inverted u shape. Adjust the height of the flower based on the direction of the audience.

For tall orchid or ones with long spike (inflorescence) such as Phalaenopsis, you may want to use a combination of bamboo on the bottom and #14 wire inserted into the top of the



Scot brought with him samples of materials that we would need such as bamboo stakes, stiff wires in various shapes and sizes, pliable wires to support flowers with arching or pendulous spikes, a linesman pliers, and floral tape, etc. Of course, since grooming was an issue he brought with his trusty butane torch for sterilizing his scissors after trimming the scarred or damaged leaves of each and every plant. The Club supplied blooming Dendrobiums so that everyone would have a plant of his/her own to work on.

Scot said to stake all orchids with a straightened #10 or #12 galvanized wire, rounded at the top for safety (or Bamboo). The stake should be counter sunk (facing the opposite way that the orchid is leaning), up against the rhizome of the orchid. One 18" piece of electrical wire, double wrapped around the stake (so it doesn't slip down), will be used for gathering the orchid stems. Gather all stems with the wire and wrap excess wire around the

bamboo. Mould the wire to the shape of the spike and use either florist tape or a butterfly clip to keep the spike against the wire. This will keep the spikes from drooping excessively and breaking during transport. Make sure to keep the natural shape of the spike. Do not stake the spikes straight up. The flowers will turn upside down and the judges will not award the plant.

Groom all orchids by removing old sheathing (around the pseudobulbs), as it can hide scales and other insects. Trim all diseased foliage by trimming them with a sterilized (using a propane torch) pruning shear. Trim foliage to a point and not straight across which could be distracting. Inspect orchids carefully making sure there are no slugs, snails, thrips on flowers or other pests that can spread to other plants.

by Ada Koene with Scot Mitamura

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Listed below is the Schedule for the Garden Island Orchid Society participation for the Kauai Farm Bureau Fair 2007:

Set-up is on Wednesday, August 22 beginning about 10:00 a.m. Plants are to be delivered from 3:00 p.m. until 5:00 p.m. We will need volunteers to come by at 3:00 p.m. to help place the orchids.

Dinner will be provided.

Judging will begin at 9:00 a.m. and last until about noon on Thursday August 23.

Show times:

August 23 - 6:00 p.m. to midnight

August 24 - 12:00 noon to midnight

August 25 - 12:00 noon to midnight

August 26 - 12:00 noon until about 5:30 p.m. when we will breakdown. (The rides are open until 11:00 p.m.)

We need you:

To help with Set-up in the afternoon.

To help with Security during the show

To help with the Plant Sale*

*Club members will be selling our own plants this year and the proceeds after expenses will go directly to the club. Thus we need volunteers to help with the sales. Hours are as stated above and we will be working in shifts. Please call Gwen Teragawa at 335-3890 if you can help the Sales crew and Anne Notley 823-9029 in regards to Set-up and Security.

In Memorium



We regret to announce the death of one of our former Garden Island Orchid Society Members, **Hideo Oride. Hideo of Lihu'e died at Wilcox Memorial Hospital on July 12, 2007, at the age of 77. Born in 'Ele'ele on May 30, 1930, he was a sales manager with Plumbing Specialties.**

He is survived by his wife Edith Y. Oride; sons Dr. Michael (Gail) Oride of Lihu'e, David (Jo Anne) Oride of 'Ewa Beach, O'ahu, Leslie Oride of Hilo; daughter Mia (Gerald) Ako of Lihu'e; five grandchildren; two sisters, Alice Akagi and Madaline Yamauchi; nieces, nephews and cousins.

Edith is well known in orchid circles here on Kauai for her beautiful orchids and as one of her sons pointed out, the family wreaths were made from the orchids from her garden. I had never seen any wreaths so beautiful. Although he has been ill for some time and has not been to our meetings, we shall miss Hideo for many reasons. As Edith said: "He was such a good man." And that he was.



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