



# The Plumerian

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## Notice of Next Meeting

Date: October 26, 1994

Time: 7:30 p.m.

Place: Corpus Christi Garden Center  
5325 Greely Drive

Program: "Will Heavy Feeding of Superphosphate Alter the pH of Your Potting Soil to the Point of Serious Plant Damage?" Mr. Fred Allen, a Master Gardener from Corpus Christi, will discuss the pH effect on plants and how it can be measured and controlled.

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## A Message From the Vice President:

Now that daylight hours are shorter and we notice some of the lower plumeria leaves yellowing and dropping off, fall and winter care of our plants becomes of utmost importance. A brief survey of past authors on the subject of care and storage during the fall and winter reveals it is largely dependent upon the area. Here in South Texas fall begins during October. To encourage plants to go into a natural dormant period, stop feeding and reduce watering.

Plumerias need very little care during the winter months. Most agree that when plumerias are subjected to temperatures below 40°F, they may have subsequent problems with growth and blooming. The larger the plant the better the ability to survive temperatures below 40°F. Defoliation should be completed before winter storage. If not, cut each leaf off at a point about 1" out from the stem.

Storage should be in a dry, cool, dark and ventilated area - a garage or storage shed or any area of the house where the temperature can be kept in the 40's or above. Some suggest that a small amount of water monthly during the winter helps keep branches from drying

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out. Others say they need little water, if any, because watering could cause the roots to rot - use your own judgment and best wishes for a warm winter!

Leonard Howard

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We still need more people to work for the Society. Those working at what jobs are:

Bob Owen - President, program, newsletter  
Leonard Howard - Vice President, program, membership  
Ann McCord - Secretary, publicity, membership, records, annual booklet  
Margie Olivarez - Treasurer  
Ann Yeager - Newsletter  
Jocko Taylor - Research and experiments  
Tom and Judy Henderson - Constitution and by-laws

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