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## Notice of Next Meeting:

Date and Time: Saturday, July 25, 1998, 2:00 p.m..

Place: Botanical Gardens, 8545 S. Staples, Corpus Christi, Texas  
(temporary change of location, time, and date)

Program: Homes Garden Tour and Picnic  
Discussion of Plant Sale

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## COMMENTS FROM THE PRESIDENT

Let me begin by thanking the members who attended the last meeting in May. If you couldn't make it, we had an excellent presentation on "Surfing the Internet for Plumeria Information". Thanks goes to John Balcar. A big thanks to his wife, Valerie, for supplying those delicious refreshments. And, finally, a huge thanks to Phil and Linda Anderson for sharing about 20+ cuttings with those attending. I got a triple-headed Kaneohe Sunburst cutting which is sprouting profusely. Every member that attended the meeting got to pick from the assortment as their name was drawn from the famous Bob Owen's hat. Thanks again, Phil and Linda.

In lieu of the standard meeting format, we will be having a tour of Plumeria members' gardens. This is going to be a real fun event and members are urged to bring family, friends and potential members. See notice enclosed as to particulars, etc. After the tour terminates, we will be concluding with a short discussion concerning the Annual Plant Sale set for Saturday, August 15, 1998. The Plant Sale will incorporate the same format as last year. Members wishing to participate in the Plant Sale should contact Jocko Taylor and must send \$15 to cover the costs of tables, etc. prior to August 1, 1998. Seller's packets will then be mailed out containing the guidelines and instructions for tagging. There is also an 80%/20% split in revenue distribution and a stipulation that all sellers shall have worked on a Society committee, worked or be scheduled to work at the Botanical Gardens Exhibit, and be a paid member in good standing with the P.S.T.

Please be sure to thank Rosa Meilleur, Joan Merryman, Ann McCord, and their assistants along with your officers for providing the picnic and tour support. Please bring a lawn chair or blanket if you so desire for the picnic.

Hope Bob is enjoying those wild flowers in the Rockies!

Aloha,

Jocko Taylor

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1998 BOTANICAL GARDEN SCHEDULE

Every member should take his or her turn for at least one week caring for the Plumeria Collection at the Corpus Christi Botanical Gardens. Care means to: (1) Water only when moisture meter indicates but not more than once a week; (2) Remove any weeds; (3) Look for signs of fungus or other problems and report to Curator Jocko Taylor (887-0252) for proper treatment; (4) After completing your task, please indicate status on chart located at the Lath House. Contact Paul Thornton for moisture meter at the Botanical Gardens Office, if required. Listed below is the schedule. Notice, there are openings. Please pick a date and call in to Fred Allon (993-2554). A hearty thanks to those that have volunteered. Keep up the good work.

<u>Week of</u>	<u>Member</u>	<u>Week of</u>	<u>Member</u>
July 13	R.Meilleur, A.McCord,J.Merriman	Sept. 14	_____
July 27	Johnny Smolik	Seot. 21	_____
August 3	<i>John &amp; Valerie Berger</i>	Sept. 28	_____
August 10	<i>Billy Johnson</i>	October 5	_____
August 17	Rodney Griffin	October 12	_____
August 24	_____	October 19	_____
August 31	_____	October 26	_____
Sept. 7	_____		

November 15, 1998 – Work Day. Remove plants and store in greenhouse.

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Please Pay 1998 Dues Now

Let this be your notice that the 1998 dues of \$10.00 are now due. Please pay Johnny Smolik or Leatrice Koch at the next meeting or kindly mail your check to the:

Plumeria Society of South Texas  
P. O. Box 2153  
Corpus Christi, Texas 78403

SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

Wednesday, July 25, 1998 \*  
2:00 p.m.

P.S.S.T. Plumeria Collection Tour & Picnic  
(meet at Botanical Gardens)

THE PLUMERIA SOCIETY  
OF  
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PRESENTS

THE ANNUAL

PLANT & SEED SALE

PADRE STAPLES MALL - CENTER COURT

*SATURDAY, AUGUST 15, 1998*

10:00 AM TO 6:00 PM

"I'M A FANATIC"

PLANT SALE VISITS

By Barbara Gill

You do not have to read far to realize two facts: I am not a writer and I am a Plumeria fanatic. On June 13, 1998, I attended the Plumeria Plant Sale in Houston at Hermann Park. We got there early because we learned from attending last year's sale that the area is packed with people after the first hour. I did not think there were as many plants for sale this year. I restrained myself and only bought a few. I did see several of the people who had come to Corpus Christi for our sale. Actually, they twisted my arm or I probably wouldn't have bought so many.

The highlight of the sale was a showing of a Plumeria collection from several countries. They were in bloom and beautiful. The owner said he wanted people to realize that Plumerias are grown all over the world.

One of my purchases (called Plumeria Pudica) was from Caracas, Venezuela and he had a big one in bloom. It is also called "Bridal Bouquet". I saw it on Jim Little's list, also at Tea's Nursery. Another of my purchases was from Martinique called "Wild One". Both plants are unique in their growth patterns and their foliage.

After the sale I just had to go by Tea's Nursery and found in the rooting barn a species, *Stenophyllus*, which I had seen on the Connoisseur's List.

On July 11, 1998, I went to the Plumeria Sale in Seabrook at Clear Lake Park. They had more plants (names) at this sale. I managed to find a few I couldn't live without. They also had for sale ginger, lilies, and oleanders. Then again I visited Tea's and found "Brancher", which was also on the Connoisseur's List.

If you are ever in Houston at the plant sale time - Go!. It is quite an experience. My husband is glad it happens only once a year!

Saturday, August 15, 1998\*  
10:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.

P.S.S.T. Annual Plant Sale  
Padre Staples Mall, Corpus Christi, Texas

Wednesday, October 21, 1998

P.S.S.T. Meeting – Plumeria Cultivation w/ The Plumeria  
People

7:00 p.m.

Election of Officers, Location to be announced

Saturday, October 24, 1998  
9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.

Fall Plant Sale  
Botanical Gardens, Corpus Christi

Saturday, November 15, 1998  
9:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.

Work Day @ the Botanical Gardens  
(Winterizing Plumeria Collection)

\*Revised dates

Note: Please feel free to contact us ASAP should you know of any upcoming events. Thanks.

ITINERARY FOR HOMES GARDEN TOUR AND PICNIC – JULY 25, 1998

2:00 P.M. TO 8:30 P.M.

- 2:00 p.m. Meet at Botanical Gardens
- 2:45 p.m. Jocko Taylor, 207 Indiana – 887-0252 Near Santa Fe and Louisiana  
Homemade, self-watering greenhouse and multitude of varieties
- 3:00 p.m. Leatrice Koch, 3706 Pope Drive – 853-3110 Near Hamlin Shopping Center  
An unusual blooming “Pudica” along with some 25 other blooming varieties.
- 4:30 p.m. Barbara Gill, 6134 Coralridge 853-8647 Across from C. C. Country Club off of  
Everhart. Backyard assortment of the “best collection” in town with many  
Unusual blooming varieties. Best glimpse of Plant Sale cuttings.
- 5:30 p.m. Leonard Howard, 6209 Boca Raton 8547556 Around the corner from Barbara  
Gill’s. Good idea for propagation, blooming pudica.
- 6:30 p.m. Phil & Linda Anderson, 4205 Boros 853-3999 Off of Saratoga between Weber &  
Everhart. Mixture of colorful collection wrapped around a “low maintenance” tub  
Environment. Drip irrigation system.
- 6:45 p.m. Return to Botanical Gardens for picnic and discussion of Plant Sale.

Please R.S.V.P. to Fred Allon (993-2554) no later than Thursday, July 23. We need a “head count” because we’re furnishing refreshments and dinner. After Thursday, please call Joan Merryman at 855-7402. Please bring yard chairs and dress very casual. It’s going to be hot! Also, friends, family, and potential members are very welcome as this will be a great time for “Plumeria exposure”. Don’t forget to R.S.V.P.