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THE PLUMERIA SOCIETY OF SOUTH TEXAS

APRIL, 1999

Notice of Next Meeting:

Date and Time: Wednesday, April 28, 1999, 7:00 p.m.

Place: Corpus Christi Botanical Gardens, 8546 South Staples, Corpus Christi, Texas

Program: Harry Leuzinger, "THE PLUMERIA PEOPLE"

COMMENTS FROM THE PRESIDENT

On February 27, 1999, Leatrice Koch, Valerie Balcar, Lucian Willoughby, Leonard Howard and I went to the Botanical Gardens to make cuttings, but due to the mild winter we decided to set the Plumerias out instead. We had the Community Workers to help us and we put out about half of the plants. That afternoon Lucian let me know that Paul Thornton had lots more Community Workers for Sunday, so Lucian and I took advantage of this help and set the rest of the plants out. On March 13 the following members gathered at the Botanical Gardens to help me pot all the cuttings we had: Bill Liles, Ernest Wood, Leatrice Koch, Joan Merryman, Bill Johnson, Mary Lou Klatt, Bea Fischer, Leonard Howard, Ann Yeager, and Noe Vela. Thanks for all your help and support. We couldn't do without you. Also, a big thanks to Paul Thornton for his support in getting us the help and supplies we needed to pot the cuttings and bare rooted plants. He furnished the pots, sand, and perlite mix. Thanks to Ernest Wood for the use of his wheelbarrow and shovels, also to Lucian Willoughby for the use of his tools. Lucian also donated a 110 foot water hose and various other supplies for us to use at the Botanical Gardens.

On April 28 we will pass out the 1999 "PLUMERIA SOCIETY OF SOUTH TEXAS" yearbook which Fred Allon put together.

Harry Leuzinger from 'THE PLUMERIA PEOPLE' in Leander, Texas, will give a presentation on Plumerias at the April 28 meeting. Those of you who missed his presentation last year missed a really interesting speaker.

Our July 28 meeting will feature Garden Visits with a picnic afterwards at the Botanical Gardens. We need volunteers willing to show off their Plumeria collections. Be thinking about this and be ready to sign up at the April meeting.

I have included Jocko Taylor's article, "Waking Up Your Plumerias - A Spring Ritual", in this newsletter with his approval. This is truly everything you ever wanted to know about growing Plumerias. If anybody has something of interest for the next newsletter, call me at 853-3782 or e-mail jbalcar000@AOL.com.

John Balcar

P.S. Don't forget to pay your dues if you haven't already done so. Send checks to:

The Plumeria Society of South Texas
P. O. Box 2153
Corpus Christi, Texas 78401

New members might like to have a list of reputable suppliers of Plumerias:

Jim Little
59-657 Alapio Road
Haleiwa, HI 96712
808 638-8280

The Plumeria People
910 Leander Drive
Leander, Texas 78541
(512) 259-0807
e-mail: leuzinger@jumpnet.com

Teas Nursery Co., Inc.
P. O. Box 160
Bellaire, TX 77403-1603
1-800-446-7723

The Exotic Plumeria
500 Grove Avenue
Seffner, Florida 33584
(813) 685-0146
e-mail: plumalan@gate.net

Stokes Tropicals
P. O. Box 9868
New Iberia, LA 70562-9868
1-800-365-6991
e-mail: gstokes@stnet.com

1999 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. Please pick a date and either fill in the enclosed schedule or call in to Fred Allon (993-2554). A hearty thanks to those that have volunteered. Keep up the good work.

MESSAGE FROM THE BOTANICAL GARDENS

The Corpus Christi Botanical Society offers its heartiest thanks to the Plumeria Society of South Texas for its many successful endeavors at the Botanical Gardens, The Plumeria Exhibit encircling the Exhibit House has become a big draw due to its exotic, subtropical origins and marvelous care by Plumeria Society members. The most frequent curators are Lucian Willoughby and Leonard Howard.

The Plumeria Photo Exhibit, just wrapping up its second annual hanging in the Visitors Center Gallery, amazes winter visitors who would totally miss Plumeria viewing in winter months were it not for these stunning shots by Leonard Howard, Bob Owen, and Jocko Taylor. The exhibit received substantial attention in the Caller-Times "B-2" calendar this year.

CCBG personnel are looking forward to the "Spring Garden Festival & Plant Sale" Saturday, April 17, from 9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. Plumeria Society vendors repeatedly draw large crowds at the sale. Six plant care seminars are scheduled during the day, including Plumeria Care from 1:15 p.m. to 2:00 p.m.

Plumeria Society members who are not members of the Botanical Society should consider joining at the plant sale to receive member discounts in the Gift Shop and on plants, PLUS a 10 per cent on memberships purchased that day. Other vendors will include the Native Plant Society, Sticky Things (cactus), and Herbs Mint 4 U.

WAKING UP YOUR PLUMERIAS – A SPRING RITUAL

By Jocko Taylor

On average the last freeze of winter in Corpus Christi is February 15th. During March it's time to seriously think about bringing out those stumps and purchasing needed supplies. By April 1st it's generally safe to bring out your Plumerias as night temperatures surely will be above 40°F. You will want to give them a little water at first. Careful not to over water before leaves form as rot can easily develop. As the leaf tips break out, increase the amount of water. When the plant has full sized leaves, give them the usual watering amount depending on location, i.e., plants in containers on a brick patio in full sun require more frequent watering than plants in the soil.

Next, check for stem rot or black tip fungus on the end of branches. Either case, remove the rotten part by "absolutely" cutting back to white wood and treat with a fungicide or dusting sulphur. Warning! Rot moves down plant quickly and can take your plant, so act quickly. Do not confuse fungus caused rot with shriveling due to moisture loss during dormancy as the latter is harmless and will fill out after watering.

By late April or early May, your Plumerias should have adequate leaf development to absorb and process nutrients from a first feeding of a balanced fertilizer like Peters 20-20-20. For the next remaining feedings of the season switch to Super Phosphate, Super Bloom, BR 61, Miracle-Gro to encourage blooming. Keep soil slightly acid at 6.5 pH to neutral. Once a month add 2 Tbsp. of Epsom Salts to prevent soil from becoming too acid. A pH meter would be useful for this purpose. (I prefer Super Bloom myself.)

Take this opportunity to top dress younger plants by removing top soil in the pot, careful not to disturb the roots. Add a mixture of bone meal, composted cow manure, and potting soil. For mature plants, consider root pruning by removing Plumeria root ball from pot, cut 1" to 2" off the bottom. Add the bone meal-manure-potting soil mixture to the bottom of the pot and repot the plant. Water in well. Next year for the same plant, root prune the sides of the root ball by shaving off 1" to 2". Repot the plant by adding the potting mixture as above, filling in the sides, and water in. This procedure will encourage adventurous feeder roots to develop and makes for a healthy plant.

Late April/early May is also the best time to prune your Plumeria for many reasons, such as (1) to control shape, height, and size, (2) to increase branching for more flower production, (3) to create plants from the cuttings for annual plant sale, trading, gifting. This time of year is best for pruning from the standpoint that a greater number of branches breaking out from the leaf nodes can be expected compared to lesser chance for multiple branching from pruning later in the growing season. Obviously, a multi-branched plant generates a greater production of flowers. Most of us experience the gangling plant which we allow to grow to 5' to 6' waiting for first blooms. A better idea would be to prune the plant early to encourage more branching before first blooms. Remember the August Plant Sale when pruning. Sales of extra cuttings can offset your yearly supplies and materials costs. When pruning, remember to make the cut at an angle to shed water easily. Treat the cut with a pruning paint and/or a fungicide. Always sterilize cutting tool and fingers between cuts in a bleach or alcohol.

Watch for pesky insects, such as aphids, white flies, spider mites, and mealy bugs. Try insecticidal soap spray at first before using a stronger insecticide. Quarantine any plants with mealy bugs. Treat for mealy bugs by spraying with Orthene every 10 days. Repeat spraying at least 5 times to break the egg-laying cycle. Glen Johnson on the KEYS 1440 Garden Show recommends the "Dipsy Dumpster" for any plants infested with mealy bugs. However, the Plumeria is absolutely worth the fight!

1999-2000 ACTIVITY SCHEDULE

OFFICERS

Meeting at Botanical Gardens (4th Wednesday of the Month)

July Meeting 2:00 PM Garden Visits / Picnic

1999		2000	
April 28th	7:00 PM	April 26th	7:00 PM
May 26th	7:00 PM	May 24th	7:00 PM
July 28th	2:00 PM	July 26th	2:00 PM
Oct. 27th	7:00 PM	Oct. 25th	7:00 PM

PRESIDENT:	John Balcar
VICE-PRESIDENT:	Ernest Wood
TREASURER:	Johnny Smolik
SECRETARY:	Fred Aillon
NEWSLETTER:	Ann Yeager
PAST PRESIDENT:	Jocko Taylor

CORPUS CHRISTI BOTANICAL GARDENS WORK DAYS

WINTERIZING COLLECTION - Saturday Nov. 13th, 1999

POST DORMANCY PLANTING - March 11th, 2000

BOTANICAL GARDEN PLUMERIA EXHIBIT

PSST ANNUAL PLANT SALE

Saturday, August 14th, 1999
Padre Staples Mall

CO-CURATORS
Leonard Howard
Lucian Willoughby
Jocko Taylor

Watering Schedule for P.S.S.T. Exhibit at C.C. Botanical Gardens

Please be prepared to sign up for T.L.C. duty at the Exhibit for one or more of the following weeks. Duties will include weeding and watering of the exhibit and reporting to Fred Allon 993-2554 when you have completed your week.

Our Co-Curators, Lucian Willoughby and Leonard Howard, will take care of the necessary fertilizing.

The week will start on Tuesday noted and go thru Sunday. The C.C. Botanical Gardens are not open on Mondays.

March 30th	_____
April 6th	_____
April 13th	_____
April 20th	_____
April 27th	_____
May 4th	_____
May 11th	_____
May 18th	_____
May 25th	_____
June 1st	_____
June 8th	_____
June 15th	_____
June 22nd	_____
June 29th	_____
July 6th	_____
July 13th	_____
July 20th	_____
July 27th	_____
Aug. 3rd	_____
Aug. 10th	_____
Aug. 17th	_____
Aug. 24th	_____
Aug 31st	_____
Sept. 7th	_____
Sept. 14th	_____
Sept. 21st	_____
Sept. 28th	_____
Oct. 5th	_____
Oct. 12th	_____
Oct. 19th	_____
Oct. 26th	_____
Nov. 2nd	_____
Nov. 9th	_____

Please print and give your telephone number

SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

- Saturday, April 17, 1999
9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.
1:15 to 2:00 p.m.
"SPRING GARDEN FESTIVAL & PLANT SALE"
Botanical Gardens, 8545 So. Staples
Seminar on Plumeria Care
- Saturday, May 1, 1999
9:30 a.m. to noon.
"PASSION FOR PLUMERIA"
Lucian Willoughby & Leonard Howard
Visitors Center, Botanical Gardens, 8545 So. Staples
- Saturday, May 8, 1999
10:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.
"COOKING WITH HERBS"
Kings Crossing Country Club
- Saturday, May 22, 1999
10:00 a.m. to noon
"BACKYARD WATERFEATURES"
Botanical Gardens
- Wednesday, May 26, 1999
7:00 p.m.
PSST Meeting. Speaker: Michael Womack "Insects that
attack Plumerias"
Botanical Gardens
- June 9-11, July 7-9, 1999
Ages 7 & 8
"WILDERNESS EXPERIENCE KIDS CAMPS"
- June 23-25, July 21-23, 1999
Ages 9 & 10
"WILDERNESS EXPERIENCE KIDS CAMPS"
- Saturday, June 12, 1999
9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.
PLANT SALE
Hermann Park Garden Center, 1500 Hermann Drive,
Houston, TX
- Saturday, July 17, 1999
9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.
PLANT SALE
Bay Area Community Center, Clear Lake Park, 5002
NASA Road 1, Seabrook, TX.
- Saturday, August 14, 1999
2:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m.
"DRIED FLORAL ARRANGEMENTS"
Botanical Gardens
- Wednesday, July 28, 1999
2:00 p.m.
GARDEN VISITS / PICNIC
Picnic at Botanical Gardens, approx. 6:00 p.m.
- August 28, 1999
"FALL CHILDREN'S GARDENS" begins
Botanical Gardens

CONNOISSEUR'S LIST

NEW INTRODUCTIONS	PRICE	RE-INTRODUCTIONS	PRICE
SAN GERMAIN-WHITE	\$ 35.00	PAUL WEISSICH-ORANGE-GOLD	\$ 20.00
BALI PALACE-GOLD	\$ 35.00	EWC #3-CERISE	\$ 15.00
MARY PUKU'I-YELLOW (Replaces lolani)	\$ 35.00	LURLINE MATSUMOTO-WHITE	\$ 15.00
SPECIES STENOPHYLLUS	\$ 35.00	NOVELTY-WHITE	\$ 15.00
POP'S-BRIGHT RED	\$ 25.00	PENANG PEACH (1999)-PEACH	\$ 35.00
BRANCHER-PINK RAINBOW	\$ 15.00	CANARY-YELLOW	\$ 20.00
MAUI PICOTEE-WHITE	\$ 15.00	MORAGNE #23-YELLOW	\$ 25.00
J.L. RED-ORANGE	\$ 25.00	MORAGNE #93 PINKISH RED	\$ 25.00
J.L. HYBRIDS	PRICE	MORAGNE HYBRIDS	PRICE
J.L. HAWAIIAN SUNSET-RAINBOW		KATIE-REDDISH	
J.L. PINK PANSEY		CINDY-CREAM WHITE	
J.L.'S NEW RED-ORANGE		MARY-PINKISH	
J.L. PINK-WHITE RAINBOW		SALLY-PALE YELLOW	
J.L. STARLIGHT-WHITE		JEAN JR.-ORANGE	
J.L. BRIDAL WHITE		JEAN SR.-(NEXT YEAR)?	
J.L. TRUMPET (NA)		JULIE (NA)-WHITE	
J.L. HYBRIDS	\$ 25.00	EDI-WHITE	
		KIMI-PINK	
J.L. SELECTIONS	PRICE	MORAGNE #27-YELLOW	
TERESA WILDER-RAINBOW	\$ 25.00	MORAGNE #78 (NA)-RAINBOW	
BALI WHIRL DOUBLE-YELLOW	\$ 50.00	MORAGNE #9	
CHARLOTTE EBERT-BRILLIANT PINK (FORMERLY J.L. GIANT PINK)	\$ 25.00	MORAGNE #23-YELLOW	
SCHMIDT RED	\$ 20.00	MORAGNE #93 REDDISH-PINK	
GUILLOT SUNSET-RAINBOW	\$ 20.00	MORAGNE HYBRIDS	\$ 25.00
AZTEC GOLD-YELLOW	\$ 20.00	1999-INTRODUCTIONS	PRICE
		KAULANANI-YEL-GOLD	\$ 15.00
		GLORIA SCHMIDT-RAINBOW	\$ 15.00
FAVORITES	PRICE		
DUKE-REDDISH LAVENDER	\$ 20.00		
EVERGREEN SINGAPORE-YELLOW (MELE PA BOWMAN)	\$ 25.00		
KEIKI LAVENDER	\$ 20.00		
KANEOHE SUNRISE-RAINBOW	\$ 15.00		
VANDA RUFFLES-RAINBOW	\$ 20.00		
CRANBERRY	\$ 25.00		
INTENSE RAINBOW	\$ 20.00		

COLOR EXPRESSED BY DOMINANT COLOR

JIM LITTLE NURSERY (AG #255)
59-657 ALAPIO ROAD
HALEIWA, HAWAII 96712
1998-1999 PLUMERIA PRICE LIST
 Phone: 808 638-8280

TYPE	PRICE	TYPE	PRICE
Aztec Gold	\$ 20.00	Kaui Beauty, Red	\$ 15.00
Bali Palace	\$ 35.00	Kauka Wilder, Reddish-Orange	\$ 15.00
Bali Whirl, Double-Yellow	\$ 50.00	Kaulanani-Yel-Gold	\$ 15.00
Bill Moragne, Rainbow	\$ 35.00	Keiki, Lavender	\$ 20.00
Brancher, Pink	\$ 15.00	Kimi Moragne, Pink	\$ 25.00
Canary, Yellow-Gold	\$ 20.00	Kimo, Orange-Gold	\$ 15.00
Candy Stripe, Rainbow	\$ 15.00	Kina Kalakaua, White	\$ 20.00
Carmen, Pink-White	\$ 15.00	Kona Hybrid #26, Reddish	\$ 20.00
Carter #2, Reddish	\$ 12.00	Loretta, Pink	\$ 15.00
Celadine, Yellow	\$ 10.00	Lurline Matsumoto, White	\$ 15.00
Cerise, Reddish	\$ 15.00	Lurline, Rainbow Yellow	\$ 15.00
Charlotte Ebert, Pink	\$ 25.00	Madame Poni, White-Yellow	\$ 15.00
Cindy Moragne, Cream	\$ 15.00	Mary Moragne, Pink	\$ 25.00
Courtade, Pink	\$ 25.00	Mary Puku'l, Yellow	\$ 25.00
Daisy Wilcox, White	\$ 20.00	Maui Beauty, Pink	\$ 15.00
Dean Conklin, Salmon-Pink	\$ 20.00	Maui Picotee, White	\$ 15.00
Donald Angus, Red	\$ 15.00	Mela Matson, Pink	\$ 20.00
Duke, Reddish	\$ 20.00	Moir, Pink	\$ 20.00
Dwarf Deciduous, White	\$ 45.00	Moragne No.23, Yellow	\$ 25.00
Dwarf Singapore, Pink	\$ 35.00	Nebel's Gold, Yellow	\$ 15.00
Dwarf Singapore, White	\$ 65.00	Nebel's Rainbow (Lei Rainbow) Yellow-Red	\$ 15.00
Edi-Moragne	\$ 25.00	Novelty, White	\$ 15.00
Elena, White-Yellow	\$ 15.00	Pavahi A.L. Rainbow	\$ 15.00
Espinda Pink	\$ 15.00	Paul Weissich, Yellow-Gold	\$ 20.00
Evergreen Singapore, White	\$ 15.00	Peachalov Shell, Pink	\$ 15.00
Evergreen Singapore, Yellow (Mele Pa Bowman)	\$ 25.00	Penang Peach COMETIC	\$ 35.00
FWC #3, Reddish	\$ 12.00	Pink Shell	\$ 15.00
Gloria Schmidt, Rainbow	\$ 15.00	Pinwheel Rainbow	\$ 15.00
Grove Farm, Pinkish	\$ 20.00	Plastic Pink	\$ 15.00
Guillot Sunset, Reddish	\$ 20.00	Pop's, Red	\$ 25.00
Hausten White	\$ 15.00	Puu Kahea, Yellow-Rainbow	\$ 20.00
Heidi, Gold	\$ 20.00	Red Shell	\$ 20.00
Hilo Beauty, Red	\$ 15.00	Sally Moragne, Pink	\$ 25.00
India, Orange	\$ 25.00	Salmon Fluff, White	\$ 15.00
Intense Rainbow	\$ 20.00	San Germain, White	\$ 25.00
Irma Bryan, Red	\$ 20.00	Schmidt Red	\$ 20.00
J.L. Bridal White	\$ 20.00	Scott Pratt, Red	\$ 15.00
J.L. Hawaiian Sunset, Red-Pink	\$ 25.00	Sherman White	\$ 20.00
J.L. Pink-White Rainbow	\$ 25.00	Species Stenophyllus	\$ 35.00
J.L. Pink Pansey	\$ 25.00	Sunshine Texas, Yellow	\$ 25.00
J.L. Red-Orange	\$ 25.00	Teresa (Teddy) Wilder Rainbow	\$ 20.00
J.L. Starlight, White	\$ 25.00	Thornton Cranberry	\$ 25.00
J.L. Trumpet (NA)	\$ 20.00	Thornton Lemon	\$ 25.00
Japanese Lantern, Reddish	\$ 25.00	Thornton Lilac	\$ 25.00
Jean Moragne Jr, Orange-Pink	\$ 25.00	Thornton Slaughter, Pink	\$ 25.00
Jean Moragne Sr. (NA)	\$ 25.00	Tillie Highes, Pink	\$ 20.00
Julie Moragne (NA)	\$ 25.00	Tornlinson Pink	\$ 15.00
Kaneohe Sunburst	\$ 15.00	Vanda Ruffies Rainbow	\$ 20.00
Kaneohe Sunrise	\$ 15.00	White Shell	\$ 15.00
Katie Moragne, Reddish	\$ 25.00	Yellow Shell	\$ 15.00

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

All cultivars are true to name. While many flowers have various hues, descriptions are made on the dominant color. Cutting lengths range from 12-18" and are shipped PO or UPS. Collect live to twenty days after payment is received. All orders are subject to availability while most orders are filled as requested, substitutions should be requested. Large bulk orders are shipped via Air Freight carrier cargo collect to the nearest airport.

Common Plumeria cuttings that are designed by color-- yellows, rainbows, reds, pinks, whites, and mixtures thereof are \$2.33 each, if specific colors are not requested the cost is \$2.10 each. Bulk orders are a minimum of 100 cuttings. Mixed Hybrid Seeds when they are available are \$7.00 per hundred.

Jim Little Nursery #255 is a fully certified nursery by the State of Hawaii shipping plants and seeds to U.S. Mainland and foreign countries since 1973. Certain countries require various import documents and Dept. of AG. Phyto. Papers. Please consult your Agricultural source for information.

SPECIALIZING IN PLUMERIA
SINCE 1973

NA (NOT AVAILABLE)

This is an exciting time at the Botanical Gardens. The Hibiscus Garden is nearly complete. The Rose Garden is under construction. Wetlands Interpretive Center construction will get underway shortly. The Orchid House is in full bloom! A Botanical Society membership gives you free admission throughout the year to enjoy all of our current and new exhibits.