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THE PLUMERIA SOCIETY OF SOUTH TEXAS

MAY, 1999

Notice of Next Meeting

Date and Time: Wednesday, May 26, 1999, 7:00 p.m.

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

Program: Michael Womack "Insects that attack Plumerias"

COMMENTS FROM THE PRESIDENT

On April 29, 1999, Ernest Wood, Fred Allon and I potted 23 more plumeria cuttings and placed them around the other ones at the Botanical Gardens. Peggy Kenney put Epson Salts around all the Plumerias. This helps to enhance the color of the blooms, especially the reds.

Leonard Howard gave his seminar on Plumerias at the Botanical Gardens during their plant sale and was apparently very good, because as he was talking, Lucian Willoughby was selling the cuttings we had potted earlier. The Botanical Gardens took in \$640 from this sale. Perhaps we could convince Leonard to give his talk again when we have our sale at the mall in August!

Thanks to Leatrice Koch for setting up the phone committee, we had a great turn-out at the April meeting, almost more that little meeting room could accommodate. Joan Merriman did an outstanding job recruiting ladies to prepare refreshments.

CORRECTION: Our July meeting will be on Saturday, July 24th at 2:00 p.m. We plan to tour several members yards, ending with a picnic at the Botanical Gardens. We still need volunteers to allow us to tour your yards.

Just a reminder, we have an agreement with the C.C. Botanical Gardens, which among other covenants, states—
3. "As to taking cuttings for propagation, no party, meaning, a public viewer, CCBS employee or member, or PSST member shall take a Plumeria cutting, seed pod or plant from the Collection without permission from the designated Curator of PSST."

Our program this month will be given by Michael Womack who is the Texas A & M Agricultural Agent for this area. His topic will be "Insects that attack Plumerias", but I am sure he can answer any questions you might have about gardening in general.

- John Balcar -

P.S. Please pay your dues so you can vote. Only paid up members are eligible to vote. At the April meeting, we only had 20 paid up members. Send checks to:

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

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 at 993-2554 when you have completed your week.

Our Assistant 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 Mondays.

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, preferably on Thursdays (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 who have volunteered. Keep up the good work.

Week of:

April 27th. John Balcar (853-3782)
May 4th. John Balcar / Leatrice Koch
May 11th. Lucian Willoughby (992-0089)
May 18th. Rodney Griffin (749-6958)
May 25th. Rosa, Joan and Ann McCord
June 1st. Ernest Wood (980-1640)
June 8th. Ernest Wood (980-1640)
June 15th. Rodney Griffin (749-6958)
June 22nd. J. G. Smolik (361-592-1538)
June 29th. LOYD HOLMES
July 6th. Fred Allon (993-2554)
July 13th. Fred Allon (993-2554)
July 20th. Rodney Griffin (749-6958)
July 27th. J.G. Smolik (361-592-1538)
Aug 3rd. _____

Week of:

Aug. 10th. Rodney Griffin (749-6958)
Aug. 17th. _____
Aug. 24th. _____
Aug. 31st. _____
Sept. 7th. _____
Sept 14th. Rodney Griffin (749-6958)
Sept 21st. _____
Sept 28th. _____
Oct. 5th. _____
Oct. 12th. Rodney Griffin (749-6958)
Oct. 19th. _____
Oct. 26th. _____
Nov. 2nd. _____
Nov. 9th. _____

PLEASE PRINT AND GIVE YOUR TELEPHONE NUMBER.

SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

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| May 26, 1999 (Wednesday)
7:00 PM
Botanical Gardens | PSST Meeting. Speaker: Michael Womack, Texas A&M Agricultural Agent. "Insects that attack Plumerias" |
| June 9-11, July 7-9, 1999
Ages 7 & 8
Botanical Gardens | "WILDERNESS EXPERIENCE KIDS CAMPS" |
| June 23-25, July 21-23, 1999
Ages 9 & 10
Botanical Gardens | "WILDERNESS EXPERIENCE KIDS CAMPS" |
| June 12, 1999 (Saturday)
9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. | PLANT SALE, Herman Park Garden Center, 1500 Hermann Drive
Houston, Texas |
| July 17, 1999 (Saturday)
9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. | PLANT SALE, Bay Area Community Center, Clear Lake Park
5002 NASA Road, Seabrook, Texas |
| July 24, 1999 (Saturday)
2:00 p.m. | PSST GARDEN VISITS / PICNIC
Picnic at Botanical Gardens, approx. 6:00 p.m. |
| August 14, 1999 (Saturday)
2:00 p.m. TO 5:00 p.m.
Botanical Gardens | "DRIED FLORAL ARRANGEMENTS" |
| August 14, 1999 (Saturday)
8:30 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.
Padre Staples Mall | PSST ANNUAL PLANT SALE |
| August 28, 1999 (Saturday)
Botanical Gardens | FALL CHILDREN'S GARDENS" begins |
| October 27, 1999 (Wednesday)
7:00 p.m.
Botanical Gardens | PSST Meeting. Election of officers |
| November 13, 1999 (Saturday)
Botanical Gardens | WINTERIZING PLUMERIA COLLECTION |