



The Plumeria Society of South Texas (PSST)

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May 2018

Meetings are held at the Garden Senior Center
5325 Greely, Corpus Christi, TX 78412

President: Nina Dawson
Vice President: Michelle Jeffers
Secretary: Pam Hilliard
Treasurer: Teri Beck
Past President: Randy Snyder
Curators: Ron Maxwell & Lalita Barlow
Assistant Curators: Pat Kiser & Helga Zaleski
Newsletter Editor: Melissa Garcia

2018 Calendar

January 24 General Meeting: 6:30pm
Garden Senior Center

February 28 General Meeting: 6:30pm
Speaker: xxxxx
Garden Senior Center

March 10 & 17: PSST Workdays
STBGNC

March 28 General Meeting: 6:30pm
Garden Senior Center

April 7 Big Bloom Sale:
9:00am - 5:00pm at STBGNC

May 23 General Meeting: 6:30pm
Garden Senior Center

June 27 Plumeria Sellers Meeting: 6:30pm
Garden Senior Center

July 20 Plumeria Plant Sale Set-Up:
2:00pm - 4:00pm
Garden Senior Center

July 21 Plumeria Plant Sale:
10:00am - 1:30pm
Bluebonnet Room; Garden Senior Center

July 25 Picnic: 6:00pm
Garden Senior Center

September 26 General Meeting: 6:30pm
Garden Senior Center

October 24 General Meeting: 6:30pm
Year End Business & Reports
Garden Senior Center

December 12 Christmas Party: 6:00pm
Garden Senior Center. Bring potluck dish &
gift to exchange (optional)

Letter from the PSST President

Hello all my plumeria lovers!
May is looking great for our Plumeria's. The claws and leaves are peaking out, even with some inflow's. Fertilizer is important right about now. I know our Plumeria's at the gardens have been fertilized, thanks to Ron Maxwell. I'm looking forward to the July sale coming up. There will be meetings coming up to explain to the sellers how this takes place. I hope your enjoying these nice days outside and hope to see everyone at our May meeting!

Thank you and see you at the meeting this Wednesday, May 23rd!

Nina Dawson
PSST President

March 2018 Minutes

President Nina Dawson called the meeting to order. Secretary Pam Hilliard asked that the minutes be approved as emailed to the membership. Verba Hunter moved that the minutes be approved, Sherry Halbrook seconded the motion and it passed. Under the Treasurers Report, John Balcar said he would provide our Tax ID #. Bank balance as of March 1 was \$19,047.34.

Officer Reports

Nina Dawson gave a report on the Big Bloom needs. We will have one line for cash and one for charge. We will need \$300 for change. Rebecca will bring calendars for sale. There was a motion by John Balcar seconded by Ron to reduce the price for sale to \$10. The motion passed.

Nina has talked to Carol at STBG and the collection is planted, mulched, and staked. Carol will buy the fertilizer, Excaliber for the collection for us. Wei-Wei Lin moved and Michelle seconded that we accept this and spend the money. The motion passed. Ron asked for volunteers for an emergency cleanup committee when a need arises such as a storm that affects the collection.

New Business

The STBG has asked for a donation of \$1000 to help rebuild parts of the platform over the plumerias. After discussion and an explanation, Verba Hunter moved, and Helga seconded that we donate the \$1000. The motion passed. Nina will call Carol. Don Rucker offered to see about less expensive materials. After a T-Shirt count, Wei-Wei moved and Ron seconded that we order additional T-Shirts. The motion passed. Remember that Frank is presenting a seminar on plumerias at STBG at 9:00 a.m. on July 14th. PSST Sale is 10:00 a.m – 1:30 p.m. on July 21st. Members get in at 9:00. Don't forget to sign up for a shift to work. We will be spending \$500.00 on 50 named cuttings for sale.

Being no further business, John moved and Michelle seconded that the meeting be adjourned. The motion passed.

Respectfully Submitted,
Pam Hilliard
Secretary

Volunteer Opportunities...Coming Soon

We will need volunteers to turn on/off the drip system (once a week) and let it run for at least an hour. Once we get names/numbers a schedule be created. There will be a sign up sheet at this month's meeting.

Also, if the vote passes to purchase the fertilizer Nina mentioned on the front page, we will coordinate volunteers to assist with the fertilizing.

So please stay tuned as the days and times are announced!

Thank you,

Ron Maxwell & Lalita Barlow
PSST Curators

PSST T-shirts & 2018 Calendars

There are still PSST t-shirts available for sale. The cost is \$15 and multiple colors are available.

The beautifully designed 2018 calendars are available for purchase for \$12 each.



Thank you to Ron Maxwell for taking the time to submit the article below on Epsom Salt for Plants

Epsom Salt for Plants

Most of our plumerias have leaves so it is time to fertilize to further stimulate growth. Use fertilizers with NPK of 10-10-10, 7-7-7, 11-11-13, or osmocote. The fertilizer should have a good micro nutrient package and be slow release..the 11-11-13 is called excalibre, it has a good nutrient package and is slow release which only requires you to add it to plants every nine months. Check label directions for best fertilizer to use.

Another important fertilizer supplement is magnesium sulfate or Epsom Salt. Epsom salt improves flower blooming, enhances green color and is also critical for seed production and fruiting production for other plants like tomatoes and roses and of course it is good for plumeria flower production. It strengthens cell walls, it helps plants to also update N P and K, non only is it goof for plumeria but other garden plants too. The magnesium is the main mineral element of chlorophyll; which directly affects photosynthesis. It is effective for greening up plants and will help correct chlorosis that shows up as yellowing between veins in leaves and it will make your leaves a greener color and tougher. The sulfa will help with nutrient uptake and also helps plants to resist diseases and aids in growth. Additionally, it helps to lower pH in our alkaline soil. Because of its importance you should use Epsom salts once a month for dark leaf color. You can sprinkle in on surface and water it in or mix it (1 to 2 ounces per gallon) and water and spray it on the plants.

You can also use Epsom salt to start plumeria cuttings and use in planting holes for vegetable production. Happy growin.



We Value and Encourage Member Input!



I encourage all members to submit tips, tricks and photos for us to include on our Facebook page as well as the newsletters. Not all content has to be related to plumerias. The more content we post online the more engagement we receive at no cost. Please email your photos in jpeg format and any other content to psstcorpus@gmail.com.

Also, please take a moment to visit the PSST Facebook page at www.facebook.com/psstcctx/. Like the page and share it with friends to help increase our visibility within the coastal bend and beyond.

Thank you,
Melissa Garcia
PSST Newsletter Editor



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Big Bloom Sale April 2018



South Texas Botanical Gardens

Submitted by
Nina Dawson

Birding in your own backyard



Hummingbirds are migrating and we were able to attract quite a few to our backyards with hibiscus, DIY nectar, and other plants

Submitted by
Melissa Garcia

Info for May Meeting

*Please remember to bring a pot luck item if you plan to attend the May meeting. The social starts at 6:30pm followed by the business meeting at 7:00pm.

*Bring a plant for the plant exchange.

Be sure your exchange items are brought in plastic bags to minimize cleanup.

NEWSLETTER EDITOR & WEB MASTER UPDATE

I would like to thank all of you for this opportunity to serve as newsletter editor and web master.

We now have a Twitter account page and we now have a Instagram account page.

Instagram: [plumeriasocietyofsouthtexas](#)



Twitter: [psstcorpus](#)



Thank you,
Melissa Garcia
PSST Newsletter Editor & Web Master

2018 Committees

Committee	Chairperson
Telephone	Helga Zaleski
Big Bloom Sale	John Balcar & Melissa Garcia
Membership Booklets	Ann Vaughan & Pam Hilliard
Plumeria Signs	John Balcar
Refreshments	Carolyn Sullivan
New Member Flyer	Pat Kiser
July Plant Sale	Verba Hunter & Martha Gonzales
July Picnic	Verba Hunter & Rebecca Moya
Audit	Bernice Snyder
Christmas Party	Shirley Garcia, Kathleen Alvarado & Pat Kiser
Garden Council Rep	Martha Gonzales
Calendars	Larry Streight & Sherry Halbrook
Plant Exchange	Verba Hunter
Door Prizes	Verba Hunter
Newsletter	Melissa Garcia
Programs	Nina Dawson
Web Master	Melissa Garcia
Cuttings	Bernice Snyder
Membership Booklet	Ann Vaughan & Pam Hilliard
T-Shirts	Janice Larson
Curators	Ron Maxwell & Lalita Barlow
Maintenance Collection Committee	Pat Kiser, Betty Patterson, Melissa Garcia & Rebecca Moya

2018 MEMBERSHIP RENEWAL TO THE PLUMERIA SOCIETY OF SOUTH TEXAS

Name: _____ Home #: _____

Address: _____ Cell #: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Date: _____ Email: _____

_____ Membership Fee is \$15 per person _____ Membership for 2 or more \$20
(same address)