

# Newsletter

The Plumeria Society of South Texas

Workday 8/11/2018  
Plumeria Grove  
South Texas Botanical Gardens

# October 2018

Silent Observer

## Letter from the PSST President

**Hello to all plumeria friends,**

Well here we go with the cold rainy weather that concern all of us when it comes to our plumeria. I'm praying it doesn't drop below 35! It's about time to dig up and store our plumeria for the winter. Please everyone put the following dates in your calendar: **November 10th and 17th.** We will be cutting all leaves off and removing stakes one weekend and the following weekend we will store the plumeria in the greenhouse. I can not express how much help we will need. This will be a nice time to help and collect information regarding our collection! I'm very excited to have Lisa Berger of the PSA at our meeting. She will be able to shed some light on adding to our collection and getting different rooted plumeria in the ground in spring. Keep warm and see you all soon!

**Sincerely,  
Nina Dawson  
PSST President**

**The Plumeria Society of South Texas (PSST)**  
P.O. Box 60691, Corpus Christi, TX 78466  
Email: psstcorpus@gmail.com / www.facebook.com/psstcctx/

## August 2018

Meetings are held at the Garden Senior Center  
5325 Greely, Corpus Christi, TX 78412  
Social @ 6:30pm & Business Meeting @ 7:00pm  
Anyone interested in Plumerias is welcome to attend

**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)

## Acknowledgements:

Thank you to the following members for volunteering to work at the South Texas Botanical Gardens on:

10/4/2018  
Pam Hillard, Lalita Barlow  
and Nina Dawson

10/6/2018:  
Randy and Bernice Snyder



## **October 2018 Minutes**

President Nina Dawson called the meeting to order. Secretary Pam Hilliard asked that the minutes be passed as sent in May. The motion passed.

Treasurer's report- Checking balance is \$4,330.03. Savings balance is 14,527.31.

### **Old Business**

Larry Streight reported on the map platting for the gardens at the STBG. We need to move colors around in the spring. Nina reported that we needed more work days to help with the removal of mealy bugs and rust infected leaves on the collection. We need volunteers to work on Thursday and Saturday mornings. Verba Hunter moved to purchase the entire Morange collection to the PSST gardens. We had discussed adding plumerias previously. Melissa seconded the motion and it passed.

The Christmas Party was discussed and procedure was explained to the newer members.

The By-Laws discussion was postponed in the absence of its Chairman Randy Snyder.

### **New Business**

Janice brought the T-Shirts to the meeting. Raquel Berger volunteered to help her with the Shirts.

Johnny Smolik brought seedlings to the meeting and asked someone to foster them this winter. Michelle and Melissa will help with them.

Nina brought up the idea of having PSST form a Scholarship Committee. Possibly, we could fund a college student interested in Botany. We will discuss this next month.

The group discussed fostering of cuttings over the winter. It was decided to wait until March.

Larry Streight gave a report on the calendars for 2019. We decided to cut back to 100 for sale.

A motion to adjourn was made by Michelle and seconded by Gordon. The motion passed.

We adjourned to a delightful program on Rainwater Harvesting by Master Gardner Carlos Valdez.

Respectfully Submitted,

Pam Hilliard, Secretary



## Workdays

**November 10:** Cut the leaves off all plumerias located at the Plumeria Grove. Location: South Texas Botanical Gardens

**November 17:** Dig out all plumeria trees and place in the greenhouse

Thank you,

**Ron Maxwell & Lalita Barlow  
PSST Curators**

## **PSST T-shirts & PSST Calendars**

We have purchased more Plumeria T-shirts so please bring money or checks and pick up your new T-shirts. Calendars for 2019 are not printed yet but they are currently in production.



# The Moragne Plumerias

submitted by: Nina Dawson

## Quick Facts

- Plumeria are native to the semideciduous forests of southern Mexico and south into Panama
- The flower's botanical name honors the seventeenth-century French botanist, Charles Plumier
- The first plumeria was introduced into Hawaii in 1860. It was a yellow brought in by Wilhelm Hillebrand, a German physician and botanist who lived in Hawaii from 1851 to 1871. The first red is thought to have arrived from Mexico around the turn of the century, either via a Mrs. Paul Neumann, wife of a consul stationed in Honolulu, or a Mr. Gifford, landscaper for the Royal Hawaiian Hotel.
- 1979: Plumeria Society of America is established
- **William M. Moragne Sr.** became manager of Grove Farm Plantation on Kauai, which specialized in sugar cane, pineapple, and cattle. Moragne (pronounced "Mor-AY-nee"), was born in Hilo, Hawaii. He learned how to cross-pollinate plumeria on his own since there were no books or formal training on the process.
- **1953**: William Moragne realized that plumeria would have to be pollinated naturally by little bugs crawling down into the throat and climbing around the pistil. He transferred pollen to the sides and base of the pistils of four blossoms through an incision cut into the side of the flower tubes. His pollinations were carried out in the morning on newly opened flowers. After the pollen was transferred, he covered the pollinated area with plastic tape to prevent uncontrolled pollen from being carried in by insects.

## History of Moragne Plumerias

After he cross pollinated seed pods emerged. He obtained 283 seedlings. The thirty-five he kept produced small trees with large, brilliant, fragrant blossoms, some of which bloom for six to eight months. Moragne at first numbered the seedlings as they came into bloom-some took five years to bloom, others as long as eighteen-but then began to select the largest flowers among the more brightly colored ones to name for the women of his family. Only three of his eleven named hybrids - 'Jean Moragne Jr.', named for a daughter-in-law, and 'Edi Cooke' and 'Julie Cooke', named for two of his granddaughters-have been registered with the Plumeria Society of America, which came into existence just four years before his death in 1983.

# The Moragne Plumerias

submitted by: Nina Dawson

Moragne gave cuttings to Foster Garden, the University of Hawaii, And the Pacific Tropical Botanical Garden. Shortly before his death, he gave cuttings to Jim Little, a photographer and university instructor and amateur botanist whom he also taught how to hand-pollinate plumerias. *Little and a few others plumeria hobbyists have kept Moragne's legacy alive.*

*The work of W. Moragne and his hybrids are a representation of seedlings and the rare ability to choose only the best from a seedling population.* The Plumeria Society of Texas has chosen to recognize the Moragne collection and will include them in the collection at the Plumeria Grove located at the South Texas Botanical Gardens in the spring of 2019.

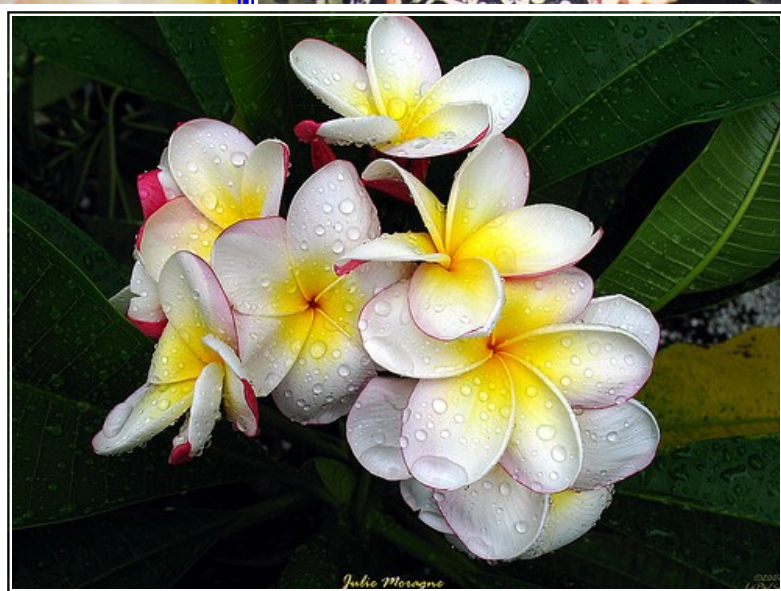
**Please see the following article for a more in depth history of the moragne plumerias:**

<http://plumeria.today/home/the-moragne-plumerias/>



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submitted by: Nina Dawson





# Plumeria Grove at the South Texas Botanical Gardens



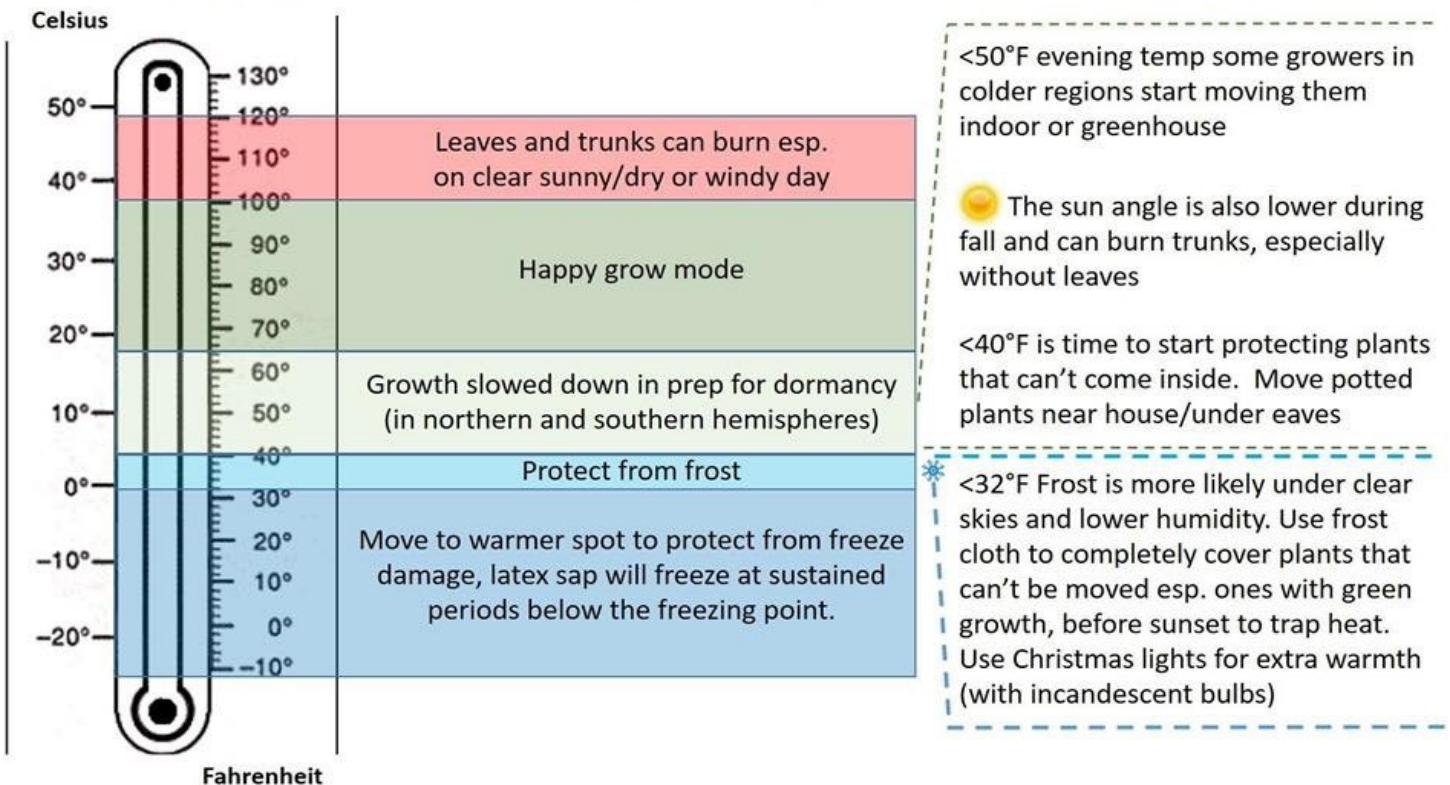
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## Cold Weather Guidelines For Plumerias



Plumeria Culture





## Info for October Meeting

**\*Please remember to bring a pot luck item** if you plan to attend the October 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

Check us out!

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



Instagram: [plumeriasocietyofsouthtexas](https://www.instagram.com/plumeriasocietyofsouthtexas)

Twitter: [psstcorpus](https://twitter.com/psstcorpus)



Thank you,  
Melissa Garcia  
PSST Newsletter Editor & Web Master

[www.facebook.com/psstcctx/](https://www.facebook.com/psstcctx/)



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## 2018 Committees

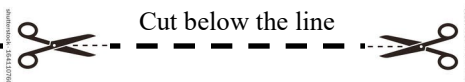
Committee	Chairperson
Telephone	Helga Zaleski
Big Bloom Sale	John Balcar & Melissa Garcia
Membership Booklets	Ann Vaughan & Pam Hilliard
Plumeria Signs	John Balcar
Refreshments	Carolyn Sullivan
New Member Flyer	Pat Kiser
July Plant Sale	Verba Hunter & Martha Gonzales
July Picnic	Verba Hunter & Rebecca 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
ByLaw Review Committee	John Balcar, Melissa Garcia, Randy Snyder, Pat Kiser, Elizabeth Yzaguirre, and Pam Hilliard.
Seedling Committee	Melissa Garcia

Prospective members and existing members,

We have received numerous inquiries on how to become a member. In addition, we strive to renew membership for existing members. We now have a page dedicated to all of you in the South Texas area that would like to join the Plumeria Society of South Texas. For those of you that are already a member we have merged the membership form to include renewal and new membership boxes. Please review the form below and please complete the form with all of your information. If you will be signing up 2 members at the same address please make sure to include their full name as well and their contact information i.e. phone number and email address. Our meetings are held at the Garden Senior Center at 5325 Greely, Corpus Christi, Texas 78412. We look forward to having new members and we look forward to having your help on workdays at the South Texas Botanical Gardens and other events.

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**2018 MEMBERSHIP SLIP TO THE PLUMERIA SOCIETY OF SOUTH TEXAS**

**[ ] New Membership [ ] Renewal**

**Note: Please complete the form so that all of your information is available for the membership booklet.**

**Name:** \_\_\_\_\_ **Home #:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Address:** \_\_\_\_\_ **Cell #:** \_\_\_\_\_

**City:** \_\_\_\_\_ **State:** \_\_\_\_\_ **Zip:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Date:** \_\_\_\_\_ **Email:** \_\_\_\_\_

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

\_\_\_\_\_ **\$15 subscription fee for paper copy of newsletter mailed to your home.**

**MAIL SLIP TO: The Plumeria Society of South Texas (PSST) P.O. Box 60691; Corpus Christi, TX 78466**

**Signature:** \_\_\_\_\_



## Gift Membership—Share your love for Plumerias

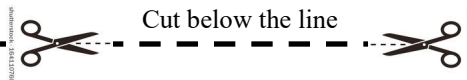
Your loved ones will adore receiving this fun and personalized gift that helps to educate the community about plumerias, preserve the plumeria collection at the South Texas Botanical Garden Center.

When you give a gift membership now, your friend or family member will be welcomed into the Plumeria Society of South Texas family of dedicated individuals committed to promoting knowledge of plumerias. Give a personalized gift membership today. Not only does this unique gift idea help preserve the current collection and promote education to the community but it'll be enjoyed by your friends and loved ones throughout the whole year.

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#### [ ] Gift Membership

**Note:** Please complete the form so that all of your information is available for the membership booklet.

**Name:** \_\_\_\_\_ **Home #:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Address:** \_\_\_\_\_ **Cell #:** \_\_\_\_\_

**City:** \_\_\_\_\_ **State:** \_\_\_\_\_ **Zip:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Date:** \_\_\_\_\_ **Email:** \_\_\_\_\_

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**Signature:** \_\_\_\_\_

# Presenters





**Plumeria Society of South Texas  
(PSST)**

presents

**Debbie Holliday**  
Master Gardener

**Attracting Birds  
and  
Butterflies  
to your garden**

**October 24, 2018  
6:30 pm**

**Senior Garden Center  
5325 Greely Drive  
Corpus Christi, Texas  
78412**



# Special Guest Announcement

**Lisa Berger**



**When:** October 24, 2018 @ 7:00 pm

**Where:** Senior Garden Center at: 5325 Greely Drive CC Tx 78412

**Purpose:** The Plumeria Society of America would like to make a donation to our society / the plumeria grove located at the South Texas Botanical Gardens. She will be speaking to our group about the donation at the next general meeting.

**What to bring:** You and a friend or a fellow member. You will not want to miss out on this exciting meeting!

Note: Lisa Berger is the treasurer for the PSA

## 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](mailto:psstcorpus@gmail.com).

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

