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THE PLUMERIA SOCIETY OF SOUTH TEXAS

MAY, 1998

Notice of Next Meeting:

Date and Time: Wednesday, Mat 27, 1998, 7:00 p.m.

Place: Garden Center, 5325 Greely Drive, Corpus Christi, Texas (near Cullen Middle School)

Program: Part I - "Surfing the Internet", presented by John Balcar

Part II – "Show & Tell" – (Members are urged to bring their treasured blossoms along with a guest to enjoy the colors and fragrances of the tropics!)

COMMENTS FROM THE PRESIDENT

First of all, I want to personally thank the new officers who have graciously accepted their new responsibilities and the 1997 officers and committee members for all their hard work and support. We can't do it without all of you. Thanks again as it should be a great year with the Botanical Garden exhibit now in its third year and the Society's existence in its fifth year.

This month's program is going to be a two-part scenario. The first part will be dedicated to "Surfing the Net" presented by John Balcar. John has discovered numerous articles pertaining to everything about Plumerias and would like to share some of the articles with us. If you have a computer and want or know how to utilize the "Worldwide Web", please come and share your comments, articles, or tips with the Society. The second part of the program will be a "Show and Tell". Members are urged to not only bring their favorite treasures but a "guest" as well. This portion of the program should be a great time for guests and members to enjoy the Plumeria enthusiasm while sharing in the rewards. We're hoping that some of the great local growers like Phil and Linda Anderson, Lucian Willoughby, Barbara Gill, and Leonard Howard will come. As a follow-up, all members and guests are urged to ask any questions they may have.

During our recent Board meeting there was some discussion about possible group tours. The destination locations are as follows: (1) Houston – plant sale, Tea's Nursery, and house tour, (2) Leander, Texas (Austin Area) – tour with "the Plumeria People", private nursery, (3) Rio Grande Valley – tour of nurseries carrying Plumerias, lunch in Nuevo Progresso, Mexico, (4) Corpus Christi – afternoon tour of local members' collections and a bar-b-que dinner, (5) Hawaii – tour with Jim Little, various gardens, etc.. John Balcar will be looking into prices for leasing buses and/or tour group packages upon finalizing the Society's recommendations. This will be discussed further at the May meeting, so bring your comments, etc.

Another item of interest that was discussed was the fertilizing concerns at the Botanical Garden exhibit. It was decided that Lucian Willoughby and Leonard Howard could be exclusively in charge of this, so as not to overfertilize, etc. Those members who have signed up to assist with the exhibit only need to worry about watering and general maintenance.

Again, I want to thank the new officers and the members for their support. Don't forget – Plumeria Plant Sale in August! So get those cuttings rooted!

Aloha,

Jocko Taylor

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.

Week of	<u>Member</u>	Week of	Member
April 27	Leatrice Koch	August 3	
May 4	John & Valerie Balcar	August 10	
May 11	Bob Owen	August 17	Rodney Griffin
May 18	Barbara Winship & Ernest Wood	August 24	
May 25	Peggy Kenney	August 31	•
June 1	Rodney Griffin	Sept. 7	
June 8	Barbara Winship & Ernest Wood	Sept. 14	
June 15	Leonard Howard	Sept. 21	
June 29	Barbard Gill & Marie Webster	Sept. 28	
July 6	Fred Allon	October 5	
July 13	Rodney Griffin	October 12	
July 20	R.Meilleur, A, Yeager, J.Merriman	October 19	
July 27	Johnny Smolik	October 26	
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November 15, 1998 - Work Day. Remove plants and store in greenhouse.

SUCCESSFULLY GROWING PLUMERIAS IN CORPUS CHRISTI

(Containers, soils, diseases, and pests)

If you want to put your plant in a container, the black plastic nursery pots are superior to ceramic or clay pots or their "Terra Cotta" copies in plastic. They are available in many sizes from 1 gallon to 20 gallons and even larger, if required. They are relatively cheap if you buy them second hand from your nursery source.

They have multiple holes for drainage and if you leave your plant in the pot when you plant in the ground, you merely have to trim the roots (which will egress the holes during the growing season) from the outside of the pot when you dig it up for storage in the fall. Ceramic pots, or their plastic copies, have only one drainage hole; and, if this becomes blocked during the season, this can lead to "Soggy Bottoms" and wet feet.

Size your pot to give ample root growth room. As a general rule, use one gallon size for one foot of trunk and branch length. It is better to err on the large size.

We can talk about soils all day and not cover the many differing ideas. Mainly we need a well draining soil. Plants have been successfully grown in sand and heavy clay soils and in all types of organic soils, as well as garden top soil. Advisable is an organic material such as screened ¼" approx. pine bark material which is sold as Soil Conditioner or mulch. It comes from East Texas. Make sure it is screened and relatively dry and, in this form, it makes a good base. To maintain moisture at the rootball, some Canadian Peat Moss can be mixed in. Make sure it is well mixed with the other ingredients as you do not want pockets of Peat Moss to hold water and cause root rot.

A good quality potting soil can be substituted for these materials but will be more expensive and reduce your flexibility in mixing. A <u>well composted</u> manure will provide a slow release of nutrients. Available in this area is cow or steer manure. Your plant is not sexist. Use what you can readily obtain – chicken, rabbit, or worms. If you compost your own garden and kitchen refuse, use it but make sure it reached a good composting temperature (160° F) and is well turned during composting. That sold by Solid Waste Division is basically wood grindings partly composted and needs screening through a ½" mesh before use if what I have seen is standard. If you want to lighten the mix, use a material such as coarse perlite or a calcined clay such as "Soil Pro 400". Pumice sized at ¼" is used where available, but I haven't seen any in Corpus Christi. If you want more weight to stop your plants from blowing over, use sharp sand in the mix.

An optimum mix using these ingredients is:

2 part (by volume) 1/4 screened pine bark soil conditioner

1 part (by volume) Canadian peat moss

1 part (by volume) coarse perlite. Substitute pumice (1/4") or Soil Pro.

1 part (by volume) sharp sand

1 part (by volume) well composted manure OR

1 part (by volume) well composted garden compost

To this added as nutrients you can add $1/6^{th}$ part superphosphate or bone meal. I am not aware of a slow release Hi Phos fertilizer, but if you can find one it can be substituted. Your mix should be 6.0-6.5 pH, and you can adjust it with a little soil sulphur. Remember this takes time to convert the $S = H_2O$ to H_2 SO_4 as it needs to be oxidized by the air in the soil.

You can start out the season with a liquid 15-30-15 MiracleGrow soluble fertilizer and switch to 10-60-10 Bloom Plus or SuperBloom with 56 parts P_2O_5 . Do not use Osmocote as these materials are not formulated for our hot container soils and the three-month period of slow release is reduced to 2-3 weeks at a $90\text{-}95^\circ$ F soil temperature. A feeding of MgSO₄ (epsom salts) for the month of March, April, and May

will help your leaf growth and health. You should cut down the high nitrogen fertilizers after May to promote the flowering with high phosphate fertilizers. Using dilute liquid fertilizers, either chemical or organic teas, every time you water is the best way to fertilize. Do not apply fertilizer to foliage in direct sunlight, and follow the directions of l Tbsp. per gallon for full strength chemical and MgSO₄ makeup, and dilute one to four when applying every day.

Diseases and pests are not as common in Plumerias as in other tropicals or temperate plants either. Plumeria leaves are so large and tough that they present a challenge to pests and they naturally have much more spaces around them for adequate air flow.

The one big problem of <u>Black Tip Fungus</u> where the growing tip of the plant turns black and rots gradually (sometimes not so gradually spreads down the branch) is a problem in the Spring or in Winter storage. This requires that the tip be cut off down to clean tissue of good wood. Treat the cut with fungicide Bayleton or Benomyl and keep an eye on it in case you did not get it all.

Powdery Mildew is unusual and usually means lack of air circulation, due to overcrowding.

Black Sooty Mold is the result of a secretion of sugary substance from insects on which a fungus is growing. The cure is to remove the insects. If caught in the early stages, the black soot can be washed off with soapy water and the area sprayed with Bayleton or Benomyl. With heavy deposits of sooty mildew, it is often necessary to remove the leaves. To cure the insect problems for the secretions, use Safer's Insecticidal soap sprayed on the insects and wash them off with water spray.

Rust, reddish-orange pustles on the underside of the leaves is caused by many different fungi and a broad spectrum fungicide is necessary to do them in. Bayleton, Benomyl, or oxycarboxin will usually do the trick; but in heavy infestations, it is sometimes necessary to remove some of the worst leaves. Examine after you have treated them to make sure of no reinfestation.

Spidermites and Whitefly are the main sucking insects here in Corpus Christi. With the former you may see some small webs and with the latter some sugary secretions. Treatment for both is the same. In mild cases use a high-pressure jet of water, and with medium cases use a spray of Safer's Insecticidal Soap and wash off the residue. Repeat if necessary. With heavy infestations use a Malathion spray.

Some <u>Mealybugs</u> are sure to visit you during the season with their waxy coating white on white. They are best dealt with individually using a Q-Tip dipped in rubbing alcohol. Just a touch on the beasties will cause their demise.

Thrips (1/8" little dark insects in the flower buds and flowers) will cause flowers to fall off and die back. Treat with Orthene or Malathion. This will need careful watching as the little devils hide very well. Insecticidal soap, when added to either of the chemicals, will enhance their effect.

<u>Leaf Spot</u> is caused by fungi and needs to be sprayed with a fungicide similar to Rust. All of the fungi are encouraged by high humidity. Rain, sprinklers, and overhead spraying will hasten infection. Keep moisture down to a minimum. Hard to do here in Corpus Christi! Make sure you have a good air flow around your plants. Separate them or prune them if necessary.

Have a Happy Day and enjoy your Plumerias. If you are lucky, you will not be troubled but, to make sure, look often for trouble. Remember the best thing you can do for your plants is to cast your shadow on them frequently.

Fred Allon, Master Gardener Secretary, Plumeria Society of South Texas

Descriptions of New Introductions for 1998-1999

See enclosed Connoisseur's List

San Germain: Almost lost during the 1990 hurricane that hit Hawaii. The white flowers are

intensely fragrant making it the most popular choice for those who love a

strong fragrance.

A solid gold-yellow flower that resembles Heidi Gold but with more of a Bali Palace:

buttercup size and shape. Excellent keeping quality. The Prince of the Palace

with whom I traded Plumerias collected the tree from India.

Mary Puku'i: The flower that equates with Iolani Luahine- A full solid yellow flower

almost identical to the flower named for Iolani.

Species Stenophyllus: The tree foliage is a bright shiny green with curly leaves. It can be

grown just for its lovely foliage. I believe it to be the most attractive of the seven or eight species identified to date. The flowers are small and white with

no scent.

I smile when I see this flower as nature did a trick when the genes got more constant Pop's:

together. It is the only flower that I have ever seen with a white speck on the tip of each petal. It is especially striking because the flower is a bright red.

The popularity of this flower should rival J.L. Pink Pansey.

Another tree where the genes decided to surprise the viewer. With each new Brancher:

branch, multiple branching occurs. Usually between 7-10 and up to 15 grow

on one stock. The flower is a lovely pinkish type of medium size.

Maui Picotee: An old timer in Hawaii that was almost forgotten until it came to my attention.

A moderate whitish size flower that has a thick waxy texture.

J.L. Red-Orange:

I like to release at least one new cultivator a year providing the flower (deliberate cross or open-pollinated) meets standards high enough to be introduced to the open market. This is one such selection. It is a chance

seedling pollinated from the tree, Irma Bryan.

SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

P.S.S.T. Meeting – Surfing the Internet & Show & Tell (bring Wednesday, May 27, 1998

a guest)

Garden Center, 5325 Greely Drive 7:00 p.m.

P.S.S.T. Meeting - Program to be announced Wednesday, July 22, 1998

Garden Center, 5325 Greely Drive 7:00 p.m.

P.S.S.T. Annual Plant Sale Saturday, August 1, 1998 Padre Staples Mall, Corpus Christi, Texas 10:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.

P.S.S.T. Meeting – Program to be announced Wednesday, October 21, 1998

Election of Officers, Botanical Gardens 7:00 p.m.

Fall Plant Sale Saturday, October 24, 1998 **Botanical Gardens** 9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.

Work Day @ the Botanical Gardens Saturday, November 15, 1998 (Winterizing Plumeria Collection) 9:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.

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

PLUMERIA LIST

The following members submitted lists of plants they own: (1) John Balcar (2) Mary Lou Klatt (3) Leatrice Koch (4) Bill Moser (5) Bob Owen (6) Jocko Taylor and (7) Ann Yeager.

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Please contact Leatrice Koch should you wish to provide your list. This is an attempt to get an inventory of the Society's collection.

Connoisseur's List

NEW INTRODUCTIONS

San Germain-White-\$35
Bali Palace Gold-\$35
Mary Puku'i-Yellow
(Replaces Iolani)-\$35
Species Stenophyllus-\$35
Pop's-Bright Red-\$25
Brancher-Pink Rainbow-\$15
Maui Picotee-White-\$15
J.L. Red-Orange-\$25

J.L. HYBRIDS

- J.L. Hawaiian Sunset-Rainbow
- J.L. Pink Pansey
- J.L.'s New Red-Orange
- J.L. Pink-White Rainbow
- J.L. Starlight-White
- J.L. Bridal White
- J.L Trumpet (NA)
- J.L. Hybrids \$25

J.L. SELECTIONS

Teresa Wilder-Rainbow-\$25
Bali Whirl Double-Yellow-\$50
Charlotte Ebert-Brillant Pink-\$25
(Formerly J.L. Giant Pink)
Schmidt Red \$20
Guillot Sunset-Rainbow-\$20
Aztec Gold-Yellow-\$20

FAVORITES

Duke-Reddish Lavender-\$20
Evergreen Singapore-Yellow-\$25
(Mele Pa Bowman)
Keiki Lavender-\$20
Kaneohe Sunrise-Rainbow-\$15
Vanda Ruffles-Rainbow-\$20
Cranberry-\$25
Intense Rainbow-\$20

Color Expressed by Dominant Color

RE-INTRODUCTIONS

Paul Weissich-Orange-Gold-\$20 EWC #3-Cerise-\$15 Lurline Matsumoto-White-\$15 Novelty-White-\$15 Penang Peach(1999)-Peach-\$35 Canary-Yellow-\$20 Moragne #23-Yellow-\$25 Moragne #93 Pinkish Red-\$25

MORAGNE HYBRIDS

Katie-Reddish
Cindy-Cream White
Mary-Pinkish
Sally-Pale Yellow
Jean Jr.-Orange
Jean Sr.-(Next Year)?
Julie (NA)-White
Edi-White
Kimi-Pink
Moragne #27-Yellow
Moragne #78 (NA)-Rainbow
Moragne #9
Moragne#23-Yellow
Moragne #93 Reddish-Pink
Moragne Hybrids-\$25

JIM LITTLE NURSERY 59-657 ALAPIO ROAD HALEIWA, HAWAII 96712

In the twenty-fifth year of Jim Little Nursery, I am pleased to announce that my son, Clark, who has helped me from the beginning, will take over the business in the next two years. I can trust him to maintain the same high standards of quality that have helped me serve my customers since 1973. I plan to retire next year from teaching and turn my full attention to deliberate cross-pollinating rather than taking three year chances on open pollinated seedings. Clark will use the name:

CLARK LITTLE NURSERY
Plants will be shipped under either Jim Little or Clark Little Nursery.

Payments can be made to either name.

In addition, Clark plans to reintroduce Gingers, Heliconias, Cordylines and

other tropicals including flowers in the near future.

We trust you have been pleased with our plant selection along with the new yearly plumeria introductions. I plan to continue to introduce some new surprises in the future.

ALOHA LANI PUA, (HEAVENLY FLOWER)

JIM LITTLE

JIM LITTLE NURSERY (AG#255) 59-657 ALAPIO ROAD HALEIWA, HAWAII 96712

1998-1999 PLUMERIA PRICE LIST

Aztec Gold-\$20 Bali Palace-\$35

Bali Whirl, double~yellow-\$50

Bill Moragne(NA)
Brancher, pink-\$15

Candy Stripe, Rainbow-\$15 Canary, yellow~gold-\$20

Carmen, Pink~white-\$15 Carter #2, Reddish-\$12

Cerise, Reddish-\$15 Charlotte Ebert,pink-\$25

Cindy Moragne, Cream-\$15 Celadine, Yellow-\$10

Courtade Pink-\$25 Daisy Wilcox, White-\$20

Dean Conklin, Salmon~pink-\$20

Donald Angus, Red-\$15 Duke, Reddish-\$20

Dwarf Deciduous, White-\$45
Dwarf Singapore, Pink-\$35

Dwarf Singapore, White-\$65 Edi-Moragne-\$25

Evergreen Singapore, White-\$15

Evergreen Singapore,

Yellow(Mele Pa Bowman)-\$25

Elena, White~Yellow-\$15

Espinda Pink-\$15 EWC #3, Reddish-\$12 Grove Farm, Pinkish-\$20 Guillot Sunset,reddish-\$20

Heidi, Gold-\$ 20

Hilo Beauty, Red-\$15 Hauster White \$15

India, Orange-\$25 Intense Rainbow-\$20 Irma Bryan, Red-\$20

Japanese Lantern, Reddish-\$25 Jean Moragne Jr, Orange~pink-\$25

Jean Moragne Sr.(NA)-\$25 J.L. Bridal White-\$20

J.L Hawaiian Sunset, Red~pink-\$25

J.L. Pink Pansey-\$25

J.L. Pink~White Rainbow-\$25

J.L. Red~Orange-\$25

J.L. Starlight, White-\$25 J.L. Trumpet (NA)-\$25

Julie Moragne(NA)-\$25 Kaneohe Sunburst-\$15

Kaneohe Sunrise-\$15

Katie Moragne, Reddish-\$25

Kauai Beauty, Red-\$15

Kauka Wilder, Reddish~Orange-\$15

Keiki, Lavender-\$20 Kimi Moragne, Pink-\$25 Kimo, Orange~Gold-\$15 King Kalakaua, White-\$20

Kona Hybrid #26, Reddish-\$20 Lei Rainbow, Yellow~red-\$15

Loretta, Pink-\$15

Lurline Matsumoto, White-\$15

Lurline, Rainbow Yellow-\$15

Madame Poni, White~yellow-\$15 Maui Beauty, Pink-\$15

Mary Moragne, Pink-\$25 Mela Matson, Pink \$20 Maui Picotee, white-\$15

Moir pink-\$20 Novelty, white-\$15

Nebel's Gold, Yellow-\$15

Moragne No. 23, Yellow-\$25 Paul Weissich, yellow~gold-\$20 Penang Peach-\$35

Pauahi Ali'i, Rainbow-\$15 Peachglow Shell, Pink-\$15

Pink Shell-\$15

Pinwheel Rainbow-\$15

Plastic Pink-\$15

Pop's, red-\$25

Mary Puku'i, yellow-\$35

Puu Kahea, Yellow~Rainbow-\$15

Red Shell-\$20

San Germain, white-\$25

Sally Moragne, Pink-\$25

Salmon Fluff, White-\$20 Schmidt Red-\$20

Scott Pratt, Red-\$15 Sherman White-\$20

Species Stenophyllus-\$35

Sunshine Texas, Yellow-\$25

Thornton Cranberry-\$25

Thornton Lemon-\$25 Thornton Lilac-\$25

Thornton Slaughter, Pink-\$25

Teresa(Teddy) Wilder Rainbow-\$25

Tillie Highes, Pink-\$20 Tomlinson Pink-\$20

Vanda Ruffles Rainbow-\$20

White Shell-\$20 Yellow Shell-\$20

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

Common Plumeria cuttings that are designed by colors—yellows, rainbows, reds, pinks, whites, and mixtures thereof are \$2.33 each, If specific colors are not requested the cost is \$1.92 each.) Bulk orders are a minimum of 100 cuttings. 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 PLUMERIAS, TROPICAL PLANTS, FLOWERS AND FOLIAGE

NOTE: Orders can be accepted but not mailed between May 15- June 10, 1998 and 1999. Orders will be filled before and after these dates.

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 our May meeting or kindly mail your check to the:

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

We will be putting our membership booklet together very soon. We are again this year attempting to keep the membership dues cost down to a minimum. Please realize the dues requested merely recoup the Society's cost to process the newsletter. As a suggestion for a birthday gift, give your friend or a loved one a membership to PSST. He'll really enjoy being part of the Society and perhaps even want to try his luck at Plumeria growing. Besides, it's great reading!