

Newsletter

The Plumeria Society of South Texas



September
2018



Letter from the PSST President

Hello all plumeria lovers,
I hope everyone is staying safe and out of all the rain. You might be thinking what to do with all this water we are receiving and how it will affect your plumeria. My rooted plumeria are loving it, of course, with the proper drainage. It is normal for leaves to start turning yellow and falling off. Mosquitoes are sweeping us away and are making it hard to be outside with our plumies. I just wanted to thank everyone who helped with the July plumeria sale. We had a wonderful turn out and we made a great profit. Please remember you will have to be an active member to be able to sale in the July 2019 sale. We will be winding down with only two more meetings left being this month and the October meeting. In November the trimming of the leaves and removal of plumeria for the winter will take place. Leaf trimming will be on Nov. 10th and winterizing will be on Nov. 17th. We need all members to please make plans to attend one of the volunteer days if not both. We will not be about to get these important chores done without the members help. We have purchased more Plumeria T-shirts so please bring money or checks and pick up your new T-shirts. Our Christmas party, Dec. 12 will be here in no time. Make sure to sign up for the party. See you all on the 26th.

Sincerely,
Nina Dawson
PSST President

The Plumeria Society of South Texas (PSST)
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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

Acknowledgements:

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

July 30, 2018

Pam Hilliard, Rox Maxwell, Nina Dawson, Lalita Barlow, Shirley Garcia, Katie and Don Alvarado, Gordon Foerster, Larry Lollar (Future Member).



Thank you for helping fight against mealy bugs and rust at the South Texas Botanical Garden Plumeria grove.

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)

May 2018 Minutes

Officer Reports

President Nina Dawson called the meeting to order. Secretary Pam Hilliard read the minutes and they were approved as read. The treasurer reported we had \$8,790.19 in the checking account, \$12,252.68 in savings, and \$2,263.03 in CD's. Vice-President Michelle Jeffers discussed the permanent badges that will be ordered for those who are members in good standing that have been in the organization for a year. She also reported that the September Program will be Rainwater Harvesting given by Master Gardner Carlos Valdez, and the October Program would be Attracting Birds and Butterflies with Master Gardner Debbie Holliday. Past President Randy Snyder reported on the By-Laws. Pat Kiser moved to have a committee to review the By-Laws, John seconded the motion and it passed. The committee is John Balcar, Melissa Garcia, Randy Snyder, Pat Kiser, Elizabeth Yzagurre, and Pam Hilliard.

Old Business

Nina explained the work day and sale. She reminded the membership that in order to sell, a member needed to be an active member in good standing that had been in for one year and had attended at least three meetings, as well as helping with the collection when we worked at STBG, and volunteered for fund raising efforts.

The work of the Boardwalk was also discussed. Nina reminded members who wish to sale the date of the seller's meeting with John at the Garden Center at 6:30 p.m. If you are selling, you must attend this meeting unless you have made other arrangements with John. The selling tags will be given out as well as selling information.

New Business

Ron asked for help with spreading Epsom salt at 10:00 a.m. on May 30. Verba offered the Boy Scouts to help with the sale. Bernice Snyder moved, and Clota Vaughan seconded if there was no further business that the meeting be dismissed to the program on Grafting by John Balcar. The motion passed.

Respectfully Submitted,
Pam Hilliard
Secretary

Volunteer Opportunities...Coming Soon

Please check you email and social media for volunteer opportunities at the South Botanical Gardens.

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. We will receive an update on the 2019 PSST Calendars on 9/26/2018 from Larry Streight.



Plumeria Seeds and Seedlings

Where do the plumeria seeds come from?

Plumeria seeds form when a flower is pollinated either by the wind (self pollination) or by an animal, be it thrip, moth, butterfly, hummingbird, or human. After pollination, a seed pod will begin to grow. The seed pod (follicle) will require 8-9 months to mature. In the spring when the plant with seed pod is back out and growing, you may prefer to wrap the seedpod loosely in cheesecloth or women's nylon to prevent the dispersal of the seeds when the pod becomes ripe, dries and opens up. A single seed pod may contain over 100 seeds on some cultivars while on others 25-30 seeds may be common. Seed size varies with cultivar, ranging from less than a half inch to nearly 2 inches in some of the more robust plants. Each seed will appear similar to a maple tree seed with a papery wing at one end and at the other, a plump swelling containing the plant embryo.

Why are we talking about seeds and seedlings?

The plumeria trees maintained by the PSST at the South Botanical Gardens have seed pods and they will continue to grow and mature once they are placed in the greenhouse for winter. In the spring they will continue to mature and we can have seedlings to grow.

What do you call a seedling once it has bloomed?

A very important and often overlooked fact is that if a plumeria is grown from seed, then it is a seedling, NOT the original cultivar. Even if the flowers look like the parent plant's flowers and shares the same fragrance, a seedling is still a seedling! *A DNA genetic study would show that the seedling is different than the parent, no matter how much the flowers resemble the parent.* The correct manner to sell or trade a cutting or rooted plumeria from a seedling is: *Seedling of Japanese Lantern.* Check out: Plumeria Seed and Seedling Research on Facebook when you get a chance. The site is a closed group and you must request to join and you are required to answer a few questions about your interest in seedlings. It is a wonderful site for watching seedlings bloom and learning how to label them and many times a new cultivar is found and it has the opportunity to be registered. Also check out How Jungle Jack's brings new varieties to market at: <https://www.junglejacksplumeria.com/single-post/2016/01/01/How-Jungle-Jack%E2%80%99s-brings-new-varieties-to-market>

What is next?

Be on the lookout for seedpods in your backyard and at the plumeria grove. We believe that we have a lot to learn about plumerias from seedlings. If you spot a seedpod then post it on facebook or send pictures to the webmaster / newsletter editor. We can all learn from seedlings and as you can see from above Jungle Jack's has a very lucrative business bringing new varieties to the market.

-Submitted by Melissa Garcia, Webmaster / Newsletter editor

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

July Picnic



Garden Senior Center

Submitted by
Teri Beck

Info for September Meeting

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

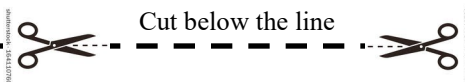
Committee	Chairperson
Telephone	Helga Zaleski
Big Bloom Sale	John Balcar & Melissa Garcia
Membership Booklets	Ann Vaughan & Pam Hilliard
Plumeria Signs	John Balcar
Refreshments	Carolyn Sullivan
New Member Flyer	Pat Kiser
July Plant Sale	Verba Hunter & Martha Gonzales
July Picnic	Verba Hunter & Rebecca 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

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

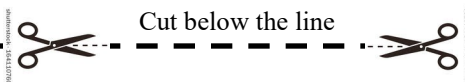
Your loved ones will adore receiving this fun and personalized gift that helps to educate the community about plumerias, preserve the plumeria collection at the South Texas Botanical Garden Center.

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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2018 MEMBERSHIP SLIP TO THE PLUMERIA SOCIETY OF SOUTH TEXAS

[] 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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