



Plumeria

Potpourri

PLUMERIA SOCIETY OF AMERICA

MAY, 1983

MEETING

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DATE: June 14, 1983
 TIME: 7:30 PM
 PLACE: St. Philips Presbyterian Church, 4807 San Felipe

Dr. Leon Atlas, physician, will be the speaker. Dr. Atlas' hobby is growing fruit trees for fruit production in the Houston area. He performs experimental work with stocks from Sweden, teaches at the Houston Arboretum, and the Hermann Park Gardens. His subject will be grafting and budding of trees with demonstrations.

OK FOLKS DON'T MISS THIS ONE!
 SEE YOU AT THE MEETING

THE PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE.....

After two regular monthly board meetings since my election to office, I am excited over plans being formulated for the coming year.

Our general membership meeting on June 14th at 7:30 p.m. promises to be interesting and educational as the program committee presents Dr. Leon Atlas who will speak on the method for grafting plumeria. You will see this process done before your very own eyes. Come also to hear reports of the other committees -- research, publicity, membership, registration and newsletter -- and consider volunteering to serve on a committee of your choice. Your help is needed.

Then the flower show scheduled for June 19th at the Houston Arboretum from 10:00 to 4:00 p.m. Here is planned a display of plumeria: plants, blossoms individually identified and in arrangements to show the general public just what plumerias are all about. A slide presentation at intervals throughout the afternoon, questions and answers by those "in the know" on plumeria cultivation. Chairman of this project is Mrs. Elizabeth Thornton and I am sure she can use all the assistance possible. Give her a call.....468-6275..... and offer to help. Remember, many hands make light work!

On the lighter side, a summer social planned for late July. Time to don your most colorful outfit, bring along your plumeria blossoms and share in an evening of celebration on the occasion of the 5th anniversary of the founding of the society.

And this is just the beginning. Your board of directors are certainly creating a lot of enthusiasm in the study of plumerias, their history, development, cultivation and a formal procedure for registering new cultivars. This is the purpose of our society. We want you all to share. See you at the meeting on the 14th of June!

Pili Oliver

P.S. A special note to our associate members..... You are most welcome to attend any of these events should you be planning a trip this way. For more information drop me a note at 37 Stillforest, Houston, Tx. 77024.

We are also very pleased to welcome the following new associate members:

Mr. Donald Angus
700 Richards St. #2010
Honolulu, HI 96813

Mr. Tim S. Boudreaux
P. O. Box 488
Houma, LA 70361

Mr. Jim Little
59-657 Alopio Road
Haleiwa, HI 96712

Dr. William C. Smith
3805 Linden Avenue
Long Beach, CA 90807

Mr. Gary A. Powell, Horticulturist
Waimea Arboretum and Botanical Garden
59-864 Kamehameha Highway
Haleiwa, HI 96712

Mr. Elissa Yellin
354 Amalfi Drive
Santa Monica, CA 90402

MEMBERSHIP COMMITTEE REPORT

The 1983 Membership Roster will be available at the June 14 meeting.

We are sorry that the names of those regular members whose dues were not received by May 20 could not be included in the 1983 Membership Roster. However, those who have not yet paid their dues and who wish to continue their memberships may still do so by mailing their checks to Daphne Sealey, Membership Chairman, 12422 Boheme, Houston, Texas 77024 before our June meeting, or they may bring their checks to that meeting. Checks should be made out to The Plumeria Society of America, Inc. Dues are \$15.00 for family memberships and \$10.00 for individual memberships.

BY-LAWS CHANGE

For new members who join the Society on or after the second meeting of the year, your Board of Directors has recommended pro-rating the dues as follows. For new family memberships, on or after the second meeting of the year, dues will be \$10.00 and on or after the third meeting, dues will be \$5.00. For new single memberships, dues will be \$6.50 on or after the second meeting and \$3.50 on or after the third meeting. This recommendation will be presented to the membership for approval since it will require a By-Laws change.

NOTES FROM THE EDITOR

Thank you all very much for your response with the news items. Your enthusiasm certainly helps get our paper "rolling."

Ed.

HELPFUL NEWS FROM DICK DOBSON

The following procedure works well to remove large plants from pots for root pruning etc.:

- (1) Thoroughly saturate soil in pot with water.
- (2) Tip pot on side preferably with plant resting on plastic sheet.
- (3) With full pressure on a water hose, hold end of hose as tightly as possible over bottom drain hole in pot. (nozzle removed). The plant will begin to creep out.
- (4) Carefully remove plant by pulling on branches or exerting pressure on pot.

I have used this method many times.

P.S. You will get wet!

HERE IT IS - SUMMER SOCIAL

Plan to attend a fun-filled evening with fellow members of the Plumeria Society of America on Saturday, July 23, 1983.

* \$7.50 per person (includes food and drink)

* Come to the General Meeting for details

Invitations are forth coming in the mail.

PLUMERIA FLOWER DISPLAY - Houston Arboretum, 4501 Woodway,
Sunday, June 19, 1983, 10 a.m. to 4 p.m.

The doors of the Arboretum will be open at 9 a.m. for members of the Plumeria Society. This is a display of the numerous varieties of plumeria being grown in the Houston area. We hope to have a representative associate member from Dallas with some of his blossoms and perhaps some blossoms from Mexico City. We also hope to have some specimens from Hawaii.

The rules are flexible. You may bring your blossoms in a floral arrangement or display them individually in miniature containers. There will be no judging, sale of plants or other items. In order for this show to be a success we need every member to bring flowers. PLEASE LABEL with a small white card the name of the blossom, if known, source of the plant (such as seedling, Hawaiian cutting, or unknown source from a purchased plant. Also please put your name on the card so that we may have a record of who has what.

Please be there at the Arboretum not later than 9:30 a.m. so that we may have time to set up the display before the public arrives. You must be responsible for any containers that you want to keep. The Committee will be busy cleaning up and cannot be responsible for any arrangements or containers.

HELP! PLEASE HELP!

Your membership chairman needs a committee. Call Daphne Sealey 464-7882.

WELCOME TO NEW MEMBERS

We are pleased to welcome the following new regular members:

Mrs. Ava Jean Mears
609 Pifer Road (24)

Miss Hilary Mears
1829 Maryland (06)

Mrs. Mary Vanya
601 Grammar (47)