



Plumeria

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THE PLUMERIA SOCIETY OF AMERICA

OCTOBER 1990

NOTICE OF MEETING:

Tuesday, October 9, 1990 - 7:30 p.m. - Hermann Park Garden Center

October Program: by Jerry Hurlbert

Jerry will present a slide presentation on Plumeria.

LUAU - A GREAT SUCCESS By Linda Cessner - Social Chairman

The Plumeria Society hosted a Luau on September 8, 1990 for its members and guests. Every one seemed to have enjoyed this evening of food and entertainment.

For those who could not attend, our dinner consisted of fresh fruit, assorted muffins, Hawaiian style chicken, beef shish-kabobs, stir-fried rice, oriental stir-fried vegetables and pina-colada cake. A one hour social preceded this lovely dinner.

Savea's South Seas Entertainment group followed the dinner. The group presented an incredible show. The various dances from the different south sea islands were so well done and very colorful. I don't know about the rest of the members and guests, but the fire dancer had me sitting of the edge of my chair. The Keiki hula dancer (Vave's six year old daughter, Tusi) in my opinion stole the show. I commend them on their marvelous performance. The entertainment and music during dinner lasted about one and one-half hours.

I would like to thank those of you who made the party possible. Lee Jacobs for her invaluable assistance in obtaining the Memorial Forest Club, Dinner Served Caterers and hours spent on lengthy telephone conversations. Kathy Bors Koefoed for the great job of decorating. Sven Bors Koefoed for providing the touch of green seen all over the

club house and for telephone assistance. Darla Racz for such beautiful Plumeria centerpieces. Our behind the scene helpers, Jay Harris and Skipper Transue for providing aid with the refreshments. And last but not least, all of you who were so kind to strip your gardens of hundreds of plumeria blossoms and greenery. Barbera Randolph, Jerry Hulbert, Darla Racz, Sven Bors Koefoed, Lee Jacobs, Ray Buebe, Ardell Broussard, Dorothy Falkenberg and Felipe Sarabia. Thank each and everyone of you for your attendance; a party such as this could not have been possible without you.

President's Message

As the year draws to a close, so does our growing season and meetings for our beautiful plumerias.

I personally have had a very successful year after recovering from my losses this spring. The cold front that produced a 7 degree temperature low caused losses to many Houston growers. If the plants didn't die completely, they were attacked by black tip rot which destroyed the tip end of many branches, causing losses of many bloom clusters.

Now is the time to start preparing for winter storage of your plants, here in the Houston area and across the country where temperatures will get below freezing.

The plants must be kept warm and dry. To avoid any type of fungal problem, spray or feed fungicide to your plants, allowing the fungicide to get into the plant's system.

I personally have had a very successful year after recovering from my losses this spring. It seems that every week I have been rewarded with new blossoms. Some are blooming for the first time from those collected several years ago from abroad.

With the arrival of the hummingbirds and sphynx moths, I have been experiencing phenominal seed setting. There are so many that I am having to pinch off many of the seed pods.

We are in the process of planning a plant sale for next year. We will be needing cuttings, plants and seeds. This will be discussed in more detail at our October meeting.

REGISTERED CULTIVARS

The following is a list of the registered plumeria cultivars. Some of you may not know all the names but should become famaliar with them.

Angus Gold, Carmen, Cerise, Common yellow, Conch shell, Courtade pink, Daisy Wilcox, Dean Conklin, Donald Angus, Duke, Dwarf singapore, Edie

Moragne, Elena, Espinda, Gold, Grove farm, Hausten white, Honeysuckle, Hilo beauty, Iolani, Irma Bryan, Iris sunset, Japanese lantern, Jean Moragne, Julie Moragne, Kanoeha sunburst, Kauka Wilder, Keiki, Kimo, King Kalakaua, Loretta, Lurline, Madame Poni, Maui Beauty, Mela Matson, Moir, Nebel's rainbow, Peachglow shell, Peppermint, Plastic pink, Puu Kahea, Ruffles, Samoan fluff, Scott Pratt, Sherman, Singapore, Slaughter pink, Tillie Hughes, Tomlinson, White shell.
(Note: some of these are not available for purchase)

Plumeria Highlight

Scott Pratt is a small dark red plumeria. Each blossom has a strong red center and fine black radiating lines. The petals are narrow, elliptical, with rounded tips, and moderately overlapping. It has moderate reddish-brown bands on the back side. It's size is about 2½" diameter, with a spicy scent becoming stronger on storage.

This cultivar was named after Mr. J. Scott Pratt, Jr who recently passed away at the age of 98. Below is a copy of his obituary printed in the Honolulu Advertiser on Monday, May 28, 1990.

Monday, May 28, 1990 The Honolulu Advertiser

J. SCOTT B. PRATT JR., 98, died May 21, 1990. He was born in New York, had worked in Hawaii's sugar industry and had been a member of Central Union Church, Kaneohe Lions Club, Outdoor Circle, Friends of Iolani Palace, American Orchid Society and Outrigger Canoe Club. He was a member of the first graduating class of McKinley High School and author of books on the Judd, Boyd and Pratt families. Survived by son, J. Scott B. II of Washington; two grandchildren; three great-grandchildren; sisters, Mrs. H.P. (Catharine) Field, Mrs. F.A. (Laura) Bowers and Mrs. A.J. (Margaret) Wriston; brother, Kenneth J.; nieces and nephews. Service 2 p.m., June 5 at Central Union Church. No flowers; donations to Central Union Church, Foster Botanic Garden, National Tropical Botanical Garden, Shriner's Hospital for Crippled Children or Hawaiian Mission Children's Society.

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