



Plumeria Potpourri

The Plumeria Society of America, Inc.

Come to the July meeting!

Tuesday, July 8, 2014, 7:30 p.m.

Metropolitan Multi-Service Center

1475 West Gray, Houston, Texas

Anyone with an interest in plumeria is invited to attend!

☞ **Speaker: Bob Patterson, Southwest Fertilizer** ☞

☞ **Topics: Soil Amendments, New Plant Products, and Organics** ☞

Seabrook Plumeria Sale



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July 2014

President's Corner

by **Bob Arend, Texas** (arendbob@gmail.com)

Our May meeting went very well. We had a good turnout of PSA members and guests. Eulas Stafford and Mike Janson gave excellent demonstrations of grafting plumerias and general care and fertilizing of plumerias. We had an abundance of door prizes which were greatly appreciated by all.

We just completed our first plant sale of the year at Seabrook, Texas. This was my first plant sale during my presidency, and it was an eye opening experience. German Collazos is the chairman, and he does a fantastic job of organizing these sales. Thanks to our PSA members who grow plumerias to

sell and to all the members who volunteered and made the sale such a success. We look forward to another successful sale at the Fort Bend County Fairgrounds on July 26th—come and join us—we can always use your help.

I have great news about the PSA website and PayPal account. I have had a preliminary peek at the new website, and it is fantastic. Thanks so much to Liz Dethloff for all her time and effort spent on working with our new web designer.

We have three yard tours scheduled at this time. Come join us at all these upcoming events! The yard tour information is on page 7.

New PSA Website!

The Plumeria Society of America, Inc. is pleased to announce a newly designed website! Our new website is still at the same address—www.theplumeriasociety.org. However, we believe now it will be easier to navigate and find information about plumeria care, cultivar registration, society news and events, and much more! Since the website is new, please refer back often to check for updates and to see updated added features such as the flower identification database and a members only newsletter archive! See below for the current MEMBERS ONLY login and password information that will be needed to access the website's newsletter archive:

Log in: **psamember** Password: **Scottpratt93**

Thank you again for your continuing support!

Next PSA Plant Sale

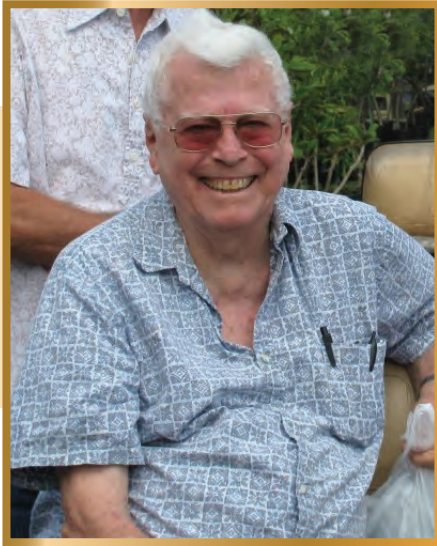
July 26th is our next sale at the Fort Bend County Fairgrounds, 4310 Texas Highway 36 South, Building B, Rosenberg, Texas 77471. Please note the key dates (to the right). The growers' meeting will be held after the general meeting in order to allow time for people to arrive. Please contact German Collazos with any questions at (713) 670-4064 or german.collazos@tic.toshiba.com.

Fort Bend Sale—July 26

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| July 1 | Commitment to sell at Fort Bend |
| July 8 | Sellers' meeting (after general meeting) |
| July 16 | Cultivar list for Fort Bend sale |
| July 26 | Sale at Fort Bend |



Paul Weissich



Paul Weissich was director emeritus and “father” of Honolulu’s modern botanical garden system. He is the author of many, many gardening books. This photo of him was taken at a Florida Colors Nursery visit a few years ago.

The cultivar *Paul Weissich* was named in his honor by Dr. Richard Criley and Jim Little. I thank Kena’s Plumeria for the use of this beautiful photo.

Valerie Irene



Several winters ago, Nancy and I had the honor of presenting Valerie and her father Phil Whitehead with their PSA Certificate of Registration for *Valerie Irene* in Bradenton, Florida.

This huge rainbow tree is located in or around Bradenton. It’s strange no one wanted me to know where it was. I’m going to have to stop wearing my pruning saw on my belt.

Lake's Plantation



Lake Stafford
(photo by Jean Thielman)



Lake's Plantation is a "find" by Lake and Eulas Stafford of Pasadena, Texas on a trip to the Florida Keys.

Heirloom



Barbara Randolph

Barbara Randolph's *Heirloom* is a seedling of *Summer Spice*. *Heirloom* was born in 1990, and Barbara and her husband Jerry Hurlburt registered it in 2002.

This highly sought-after plumeria produces few seed pods, and when it does the seeds are rarely viable.

If you have any information that would help me with this series, please email me at theplumeriaman@aol.com



Tip: There are benefits to topping a tree. My *Jeannie Moragne* was growing too slim and much too tall to see the blossoms. I topped it down to 26 inches above the ground and ended up with three stubs. The smallest stub developed three additional branches, the second stub developed four new branches, and the third stub developed five new branches. Within 3–4 years, I went from a slim, tall *Jeannie* to a nice multitip, umbrella-shaped *Jeannie*.



Tip: Plumerias are very resilient. Several years ago I gave a nice *Jeannie Moragne* to a neighbor of mine, and he planted it in the middle of his back yard in-between his jacuzzi and trampoline. He has many grand kids, and the grand kids have lots of friends. They are all skate boarders, hockey players, and baseball players. Every time that *Jeannie* started to grow, the branches were broken off, and the plant was trampled into the ground. Over the years, it must have developed a massive root system, because new canes are always healthy and extremely beefy. Recently, I was at his house and noticed the *Jeannie* had developed two new canes, but one of them had been severely damaged (photo upper left), probably hit with a hockey stick or baseball bat, and had rotted more than half way through. I made a clean cut below the damaged area (photo upper right), cleaned up the tip, and planted it.



Ken Ames—In Memoriam

After a long illness, Ken Ames passed away on May 2, 2014. The plumeria world lovingly remembers Ken as an enthusiastic, long-time grower of plumerias, past president of the Southern California Plumeria Society in San Diego, and a tireless moderator on Yahoo!'s Plumeria Pals.

Ken was one of the first to graft plumerias, having learned from Ampol Orrungroj. In March 2003, Ken Ames visited Houston and gave a talk for the PSA, sharing his newly acquired grafting knowledge. Others were inspired to try their hand at grafting after Ken's visit.

Merrill O'Neal and Eulas Stafford toured Ken around Houston on that trip. The highlight for Ken was visiting Elizabeth Thornton at her home. She was quite ill at that point, but the men helped trim her trees.

In 2012, Scott Lawder and Danny Kashou talked about having a plumeria named for Ken. Danny was instrumental in working with Jim Little to make it happen. Ken loved the flower and felt it was one of the greatest honors he ever received.



Lap Hynuh, Ken Ames, John Fermier, Paula Furtwangler, PSA 2003



Yard Tours

Mike Janson's home, June 28th and August 23rd

8:30 a.m. to 11:30 a.m.

3026 The Highlands Drive, Sugar Land, Texas 77478

Grafting Presentation at 9:30 a.m.

Blooming: *Mardi Gras, Siam Red, Cool Aid, Tilly Hughes, Loretta, Sweet Lyndi, Jack Yellow, Vera Cruz Rose, Lemon Drop, Angel Wings (Mike's seedling), Razzleberry, Raspberry Sundae, Santa Red, Courtade Pink, Unnamed Seedling, Teresa Wilder, Penang Peach, Sunshine Texas, Valley Palace, J-71, and more!* Also, variegated varieties available for viewing.

Vicki Henson's home, July 12th

8:00 a.m. to Noon

22403 S. Rebecca Burwell

Katy, Texas 77449

Blooming: *Rose of the Tropics, Jeannie Moragne, Cancun Pink, Fruit Salad, and Lemon Chiffon*

Inflos on: *Key West Honeysuckle, Cobra, Pink Ruffles, Kaneohe Sunrise, Purple Star, Mardi Gras, Slaughter Pink, Cancun Pink, and Jeannie Moragne*

New PSA Registrations



Eulas Stafford presenting PSA Certificate of Registration to Liz Dethloff in Houston, Texas



Pamela Ortego registered by Liz Dethloff



Paula Furtwangler



Texas Longhorn registered by Paula Furtwangler



Eulas Stafford presenting PSA Certificates of Registration to Sharon Wright in Houston, Texas



Lisa Ann registered by Sharon Wright



Marci Diane registered by Sharon Wright



Ala Moana Sunrise
registered by Charles "Ed" Gauss



Hetty Ford presenting PSA Certificates of Registration in San Diego, California. From left to right: Charles "Ed" Gauss, Hetty Ford, Joy Herzog, Carl Herzog, Mary Peebles, and Sam Peebles



Herzog's Blaze
registered by Joy and Carl Herzog



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JL Pink Pansy, photo by Jim Little

The Plumeria Society of America Website

Additional information concerning The Plumeria Society of America and the culture of plumeria plants may be found on the World Wide Web at the following address:

<http://www.theplumeriasociety.org>

Registration How-To — Calendar of Events — FAQ on plumeria care — Currently registered cultivars
 Plumeria Care Bulletins — Research Committee Bulletins — PSA By-Laws
 Photos from past events — Photos of plumeria plants and flowers
 Map links to meeting and sale sites — Members only newsletter archive

Twitter feed: [@plumeriasociety](#)



Purpose of The Plumeria Society of America

- (1) Promote interest in and increase knowledge of plumeria hybridization, propagation and culture of plumerias.
- (2) Share this knowledge with hobbyists interested in plumerias.
- (3) Provide a register for recording, identifying and classifying by name new types and varieties of plumerias.
- (4) Encourage and unite plumeria enthusiasts around the globe, throughout America and across the seas.

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PSA Calendar — 2014

January 14 meeting
 March 11 meeting
 May 13 meeting
 June 14 Show & Sale I (Seabrook/Clear Lake)
 July 8 meeting
 July 26 .. Show & Sale II (Fort Bend County Fairgrounds)
 October 14 meeting
 October 18 Fall Social and Luau

- Currently, meetings are held at the Metropolitan Multi-Service Center, 1475 West Gray, Houston, TX 77019. Meetings begin at 7:30 p.m.; workshops begin at 6:45 p.m.
- Bring your blooms. Bring your friends.
- Bring plants, cuttings, etc. for door prizes! These can be anything, not just plumerias.
- Visitors are invited and encouraged to attend.



Jim Little Photos
clockwise from top left
Dane
Allison
Sandy
Clark's Wave
Doric
Brock's Wave

