



# PLUMERIA POTPOURRI

The Plumeria Society of America

## OUR MEETING DATES



**Jan 10th**

**July 11th**

**March 14th**

**October 10th**

**May 9th**

## OUR SALE DATES



**June 10th**

**Aug 5th**

## INTERNATIONAL PLUMERIA CONFERENCE



**October TBD 2023**

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## President's Corner

Wow what a year we had in 2022! Two amazing sales, one fabulous LUAU and Mother Nature told us all again Who is in Charge!!! Recapping last year could take pages or simple two paragraphs, I will stick with the Paragraphs. We held our two summer Show and Sales and assisted countless Plumeria collectors in the Gulf Coast with adding to their collections. The PSA board decided to reward all members with a yearend LUAU... We made our first installment of a five-year research commitment in Bud Guillot's name to Texas A&M University for the research and development of a field test for the dreaded Mosaic Virus. In addition to awarding a Lifetime membership to Sherri B. Clark for her generous donation of over 150 rooted Plumeria. The PSA converted this donation into 80 new members!! Thanks again Sherri!

2023 will have several changes coming to the PSA, we are planning our International Plumeria Conference to be held in October of this year in sunny Southern California. Changes in Membership and lastly this Newsletter. Please make sure you read through this edition carefully, so you all aware of the updates!

Thanks again for all your support and may your 2023 be filled with blooms!

John T. Burford  
President 2022-2023



## 2023 Newsletter Changes

Many have fought these changes in the past, but the reality and outcome will be a better newsletter with more content which will allow for more information, photos galore and without the very high cost of printing and mailing that we have been experiencing.... In short using the funds more appropriately.

We did not want to leave anyone behind: Beginning now January 2023 any member who wishes to receive a hard copy newsletter in addition to the electronic version, your dues will increase by \$15 per year making it a \$50.00 per year membership. It is costing the PSA \$25.00 per member to supply our printed newsletter.

The PSA has financial obligations that are constantly changing with the times are we are simply trying to adjust accordingly. We are opening this back up to all members who would like a hard copy no matter when you joined. (These newsletters are also posted on the PSA website)

## 2023 Membership Renewal Changes

All, the PSA Board has decided changes are needed to help the PSA function more efficiently, cost effectively and streamline its operations.

These changes are as follows in relation to Membership renewal dates which currently are all over the year depending on the month you originally signed up to the PSA.

Your renewal will be prorated based on the quarter you joined.

Renewal fee per quarter due in January 2023

Jan 1st to March 31st = \$35.00 (Digital) or \$50.00 (Printed)

April 1st to June 30th = \$26.25 (Digital) or \$38.75 (Printed)

July 1st to September 30th = \$17.50 (Digital) or \$30.00 (Printed)

October 1st to December 31st = \$8.75 (Digital) or \$21.25 (Printed)

## This renewal will cover all renewals until 2024

Please keep an eye open for a renewal notice email that has been sent from our **events@theplumeriasociety.org** email address. This is the official Email communication platform for all news from the Board of Directors.

Once this time passes all our membership will be completed at the same time each year and help tremendously moving forward.

**Thank you all for understanding, it is our goal as the board to provide each member with the best information and knowledge available in the Plumeria world.**















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2022 has been a good year for the PSST in Corpus Christi. The big event for the club was putting the plumeria collection to bed for the winter in a winter storage greenhouse at the South Texas Botanical Garden and Nature Center. As any grower of plumerias knows, winter storage is a very important activity in the management of a plumeria collection no matter what the size of the collection.

The PSST collection has nearly 100 plumeria of various sizes in it and the plumerias are placed in storage in stages working around the weather. The first step was for volunteers to trim off all of the leaves from the trees. A week or so later, PSST members and other volunteers dig up every plumeria, and place them bare-rooted into the 15 x 30 foot greenhouse where they will spend the winter under close monitoring by the club's collection curators and collection manager. As anyone living from the Houston/Galveston area going southwest to Corpus Christi the winters are unpredictable. You walk a fine line between the greenhouse being too hot during warm sunny days which can cause the branches to desiccate and lose too much moisture to having hard freezes and power outages that can cause freeze damage and destroy the trees as happened in 2021 when almost the entire collection was lost. To mitigate these problems PSST members monitor the weather, make frequent visits to the Botanical Gardens to check on the collections status, and work closely with the staff at the Botanical Gardens to release excess heat by opening the greenhouse doors and the end wall vents. There is also a propane heater available for cold weather emergencies.

It was a great summer for plumeria growth in Corpus Christi and the trees have increased in size significantly, getting them all into the greenhouse was quite a process. To save space, many of the plumerias had to be trimmed back first before putting into the greenhouse. Then the magic begins, the branches of the trees are gently intertwined like a large three dimensional puzzle when they are placed in storage. This always causes interesting problems in the spring as this puzzle has to be taken apart without breaking too many branches. No broken branch goes to waste as they are all collected and distributed among the PSST members or sold at the Spring Big Bloom Sale at the South Texas Botanical Gardens and Nature Center.

We closed out the year with a great Christmas Party and very robust membership that is looking forward to 2023 and another great year of growing plumerias.



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Our new website is easier to navigate and to find information about plumeria care, cultivar registration, society news, events, and much more! Since the website is new, please check for updates and to see added features such as the flower identification database and a members only newsletter archive! Below is the current member only login and password information that will be needed to access the website's newsletter archive.

**Log in: psamember      Password: Scottpratt93**  
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### **Joining the PSA ...**

**[www.theplumeriasociety.org](http://www.theplumeriasociety.org)**

Click on "Join the PSA" tab at the top of the home page.

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### **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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