



## THE PSA MAY MEETING IS A HAND ON GRAFTING WORKSHOP.

# Graft Your Own!!

Bring a lanky single stalk Plumeria or Seedling  
and have local PSA members assist you in  
learning how to Graft!!

May 9th, 2023, arrival at 6:30 pm Meeting to start about 7PM.

Please note this meeting is a hands-on dirt under your fingernails workshop.

Meetings are held at Cherie Flores Garden Pavilion, 1500 Hermann Drive, Houston, Texas.

Snacks, Refreshments and a raffle will be held!!

See Y'all there!!

PSA Members please check your email on Monday the 8th for your zoom link if you wish to watch online.

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## President's Corner

May, what a wonderful month May is!

It means our Plumerias are out of hibernation and our sales are just around the corner! I hope you all enjoy the hands-on grafting workshop. I know the PSA board members and volunteers really love assisting you all as well as I do!

Remember if you are attending the Grafting Workshop, please have your plumeria/s in a plastic bag tied so we do not have loose soil all over the tables or floor, I also suggest a pair of gloves for safety.

Mark your calendars for June 10th and August 5th for our annual Plumeria Bloom Show and Sales! 9am till 1pm. Volunteers will get lunch and a presale plumeria selection and a discount.

We will be raffling off 5 or 6 beautiful plumerias from all over the world! Tickets will be sold on site! Yes, our second sale is normally in July, we had our date booked out from under us this year.

Just a heads up IPC23 is taking shape, I hope you all are planning to attend, I know I will! Our IPC volunteers are handling all the details and I could not have asked for a better team!

Look for BIG NEWS coming at IPC23!!

Remember to add [events@theplumeriasociety.org](mailto:events@theplumeriasociety.org) to your email address book so you are receiving all our digital content!

I would like to poll the attending members.

Would you attend the in-person meeting if we moved them to Sundays 2pm till 5pm with food at the Bay Area Community Center, 5002 NASA RD 1, Seabrook TX

Or

Would you rather have a more central location also held on a Sunday afternoon?

You can email us at [events@theplumeriasociety.org](mailto:events@theplumeriasociety.org) and tell us your thoughts! We are trying to make our meetings easier to attend.

That about covers this Presidents corner with bloom petals, I challenge you to introduce a friend or stranger to our world of Plumeria, so you can also watch them bloom!

Thank you all again for your support of the PSA.





## **International Plumeria Conference 2023 (IPC23)**

September 28-30

(Thursday afternoon thru Saturday evening)

Los Angeles Arboretum & Botanic Garden

It has been seven years since the previous IPC, so it's time to gather together again from around the world!

The 3rd International Plumeria Conference is sponsored by the Plumeria Society of America and run by mostly Southern California volunteers.

We are fortunate to hold our conference at the Arboretum, a gorgeous 127-acre natural and historic wonder with plant collections including rare and endangered species from all over the world. Plus, the renowned, curated Plumeria Grove!

Our featured speakers are notable, experienced plumeria growers covering a wide range of climates and skills. Our keynotes are renowned in this field and will bring vital, practical information to conference attendees.

The event also includes full access to one of the most beautiful and expansive botanic gardens throughout the event, a guided tour through the Arboretum's spectacular 120-tree Plumeria Grove, an authentic Hawaiian luau, and the opportunity to meet fellow plumeria growers from around the world.

Follow the conference for updates and/or to volunteer:

@plumeriaconference2023

[www.IPC2023.com](http://www.IPC2023.com)







# Why Do We Prune Plumeria?



by Jeff Sharp



Tipping and thinning out branches, to promote healthy growth and to deter pest infestation.

Plumeria pruning terms:

**Heading:** cuts are carefully placed cuts intended to encourage new side growth and discourage the main stem from growing longer. Make heading cuts in pruning about quarter inch above a branch junction. The branch that is left should face

the direction in which you want new growth.

**Releadering:** cuts are used to reduce the height and width of trees and plants. It also slows the growth of a plant, which helps to keep a plant small.

**Thinning:** a delicate process that removes small diameter (usually 1-3 inch) branches. Remove those growing parallel and close to nearby branches or those competing for the same space in the canopy. Appropriately



thinned trees may not look like they were pruned.

Tipping: a poor maintenance practice used to control the size of tree crowns; involves the cutting of branches at right angles leaving long stubs.

We start by removing the 3 D's.... Dead, Diseased, Damaged branches. Then we begin to open the canopy by removing elongated multi-tip and low branches. It is also important to remove some of the vertical branches from the center of the canopy to create a chimney effect.

This is an example of thinning and heading.

We removed the lower branches and some from the center of the canopy, which created better airflow, we like to call a chimney effect. If you were to look into the canopy from below you would see an opening. An overgrown canopy will attract whitefly, pruning is a great way to keep the bugs away. We also found leafhopper at this location.

**1/3 RULE “your pruning budget”**

“If you remove more than 1/3 of the tree's canopy, The tree will go into “SURVIVAL MODE” and focus its energy on new growth



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and leaves to increase photosynthesis. This can negatively impact flower growth. I always take cuttings for the health of the tree, making an angle cut. Then I hold the new cutting upside-down and make a horizontal cut with a PVC pipe cutter. Then next step is to dip the fresh cut into sulfur powder and store the cuttings standing in a 5-gallon bucket. Depending on weather conditions the cuttings will callus in 2 to 3

weeks.

I only use sulfur powder and never use rooting hormones.

What are the ingredients of RootBoost? 0.056 grams of IBA (Indole Butyric Acid) a water soluble natural plant auxin, which is the active ingredient in a 56-gram bottle, the rest of the contents of the bottle is talcum powder.



The Plumeria Society of America INC  
Show and Sale  
June 10<sup>th</sup> 9AM to 1:00PM  
Clear Lake [Bay Area Community Center](#)  
5002 NASA Rd 1, [Seabrook Tx, 77586](#)

- Hosted by The Plumeria Society of America INC.
- Showcasing local Plumeria Growers.
- Cash, Checks and Credit Cards accepted.
- Discount Drawings will be held every 30 mins ranging from \$100.00 off to \$10.00 off your purchase.
- Join The Plumeria Society of America INC Onsite.
- \$1.00 Raffle tickets will be sold for a chance to win some highly sought after Plumerias!







Spring is here in Corpus Christi and our plumeria grove has been re-planted at the South Texas Botanical Gardens and Nature Center!

As all of us who live close to the I-10 corridor and further south in Texas know, spring can be a fairly interesting period for weather, particularly when you are dealing with temperature sensitive trees like plumeria. The concern of a late frost is always in many of our minds until more toward the end of March, when many of us look to start bringing our trees out of winter storage or our greenhouses and putting them back out in the open. In Corpus Christi we have some frost concerns but generally they are behind us by the end of April.

The Plumeria Society of South Texas' (PSST) plumeria collection was taken out of our winter storage greenhouse and re-planted on Saturday, March 4th. This is always one of our busiest workdays. Since we bare root every tree for winter storage and the South Texas Botanical Garden uses the area around the plumeria viewing stand for winter holiday displays, the hole for every tree must be re-dug every year. With 89 trees in the grove, this is a lot of digging. Our trees range from smaller 2-3 foot new additions to the collection to 7 to 8 foot mature multi-branched specimens so some of the holes can take quite a bit of digging. Luckily after many years of working this plot of ground with various amendments, compost and mulch, the soil the trees are being planted in is really about as perfect as you could ask for to allow plumerias to thrive. It is rich, black and loose so that water gets down to the roots from the drip irrigation system installed by one of the curators and long-time PSST member, Ron Maxwell. Most of our trees will grow 2 feet during the summer with some putting out close to 4 feet of new growth. Many of the mature trees will put out an incredible number of bloom clusters and the fragrance of the flowers is wonderful.

After the trees are all back in the ground the fun task of driving all of the support stakes into the ground and tying off every tree so the winds Corpus Christi is so famous for does not blow over the trees, which happens more than we would like. Most trees take 2 to 3 stakes to help them stand up to the wind so when you do the math with 87 trees in the ground, that is a lot of stake driving. Everyone sleeps well after a planting day.

The planting schedule for our trees is driven by a several factors. Weather is a primary factor





where we balance between a late frost potentially causing damage and the heat of warm sunny Corpus Christi spring days driving the interior temperatures of our greenhouse so high that the trees are damaged. This is was a problem last fall when we put the collection into winter storage where the warm temperatures in November and into early December drove the temperatures in the greenhouse to excessively high levels, often over 110 degrees. When combined with the high humidity Corpus Christi is known for, resulted in the tips on many tree branches to turn black and rot. There were many frantic days of opening the greenhouse and ventilating it followed by pruning off damaged branches to try to save some of the trees. Now that the collection is back in the ground, we are hoping for the best that all of the trees come out of the shock of winter storage and spring back to life.

Another factor for the timeline for re-planting the plumeria grove is the need to get the plumerias back in the ground prior to the Botanical Garden's Big Bloom sale on the first Saturday in April. You will likely not see this article prior to April 1st, but if you are ever in Corpus Christi on the first Saturday in April, going to the Big Bloom sale can be a great part of your

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day. Besides an incredible variety of plants for sale, there are many specialty booths with exotic plants, yard art, yard accessories and activities such as butterfly releases and other presentations. The PSST always has a booth where we sell rooted plants and when available, cuttings from the trees in the grove.

We are proud to be part of the Plumeria Society of America and to have this opportunity to showcase the love we have for Plumeria here in South Texas. As you make your summer travel plans, if a trip to the Corpus Christi area is in your plans, please come out to the Botanical Garden and enjoy the plumerias as well as everything else the Gardens have to offer. If you need an even better reason to come to Corpus Christi, the Plumeria Society of South Texas will be having its annual plumeria sale on July 29th where many of our members sell selections from their personal collections.

Have a great Plumeria growing season!

A collage of various plumeria flowers in different colors (pink, purple, yellow, orange) surrounding a central logo. The logo features a green silhouette of a man wearing a hat, with the text "JUNGLE JACK'S PLUMERIA" below it. A QR code is also present in the collage.

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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**  
**Twitter feed: @Plumeriasociety**



### **Joining the PSA ...**

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

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

To join by mail, select PDF.

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When joining by mail, send a check to:  
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Our Meeting dates are as follows.

### **Dues are :**

\$35.00 Digital and \$50.00 Printed.

### **Meeting dates are:**

Jan 10th  
March 14th  
May 9th  
July 11th  
October 10th

### **Sale dates are:**

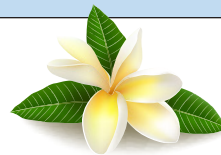
June 10th  
Aug 5th

**Meetings are held at Cherie Flores Garden  
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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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