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How does the old saying go?

"No matter how carefully a project is planned, something may still go wrong with it."

Mother nature blessed and cursed the city with massive amounts of rain before our *Cinco da Mayo* meeting. We are still grateful to all of those who braved the weather and showed up.

We still had a wonderful turnout though and some great food that all raved over. *"Shelby Dovzak"* of Nelsons Plant Food and Texas Garden Guy *"Destin Noak"* gave us a very informative and educational presentation. We would like to thank them again!

It is June so that means it is Show and Sale season, we are very excited and looking forward to a great turn out by both our sellers and buyers. Our first show and sale is June 8th doors open at 9 and close at 1pm so plan on getting there early! Our second sale is July 13th same hours. Both sales will be **at The Bay Area Community Center, 5002 E NASA RD 1, Seabrook Texas. 77586** Share the coupon below with a friend or family!

Please remember to add events@theplumeriasociety.org to your email address book so you are receiving all our digital content!

Thank you all again for your support of the PSA.

John T. Burford

PSA President 2024-2025



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Cinco de Mayo

Nelson Plant Food is a family-owned granular fertilizer company that is still run by the owners to this day. Our goal is to provide the highest quality horticultural ingredients for our clients. For the past 40+ years, we have been developing plant-specific formulations for professionals in the growing and landscape industry as well as homeowners. Nelson Plant Food products can be found at local nurseries, feed stores, hardware stores, Amazon, online, or directly at our manufacturing plant in Bellville, TX.

We are so grateful for the Plumeria Society's support over the years and are proud to offer our most popular plant-specific blend, NutriStar Plumeria Food. This fertilizer contains 30% phosphorus (P), which is essential for flower production and root development. We use a combination of organic and man-made ingredients to provide the most appropriate micro- and macronutrients to your plants. We have a wide variety of fertilizers for just about every plant in your garden from turf grass to large trees, as well as several certified organic products for those who prefer.

At Nelson Plant Food, we take pride in serving the horticultural community in Texas and beyond and are happy to help gardeners understand a little bit more about what's growing in the backyard (or patio)!



Nelsons time released fertilizer 3 year-controlled study by Paula Furtwangler

Plumerias love many things such as sunshine, water, and food. After many years of trial and error, my latest favorite fertilizer is Nelson's Timed Release Plumeria Fertilizer. The owner of Nelson's Plant Food is Dean Nelson, who created the very first plumeria fertilizer in the 1980's for the PSA's Past President Richard Eggenberger. The old formula was granular (5-30-5) and required application every 2 weeks during the growing season. Fast forward to 2023, Dean has created a timed release 6-month plumeria fertilizer that needs to be applied only once at the start of the season.

Dean asked me what I liked in a plumeria food. Having used many different kinds of balanced blend. My previous fertilizer in recent years was Osmocote Plus (15-9-12) followed up at the end of the season with Nelson's old food (5-30-5). Since I am basically a lazy gardener, the 6-month formula was ideal for me. Dean made up several 4-pound jars and asked if I would give it to PSA members in Texas to try out. The formula he used for the new formula was 5-20-10, with trace minerals and beneficial Mycorrhizal fungi added.

We received great results from our fertilizer testers! All the recipients of the new blend had different results ranging from equal to what they used to use, to better, bigger and brighter blooms. Personally, when I applied it, half of my plants had already been treated with Osmocote Plus, and the remaining half received Nelson's new formula. An excel spreadsheet allowed me to see the data clearly...a great year for blooms! The flowers lasted longer, were larger and very fragrant. Since I had left over product this year, I used 100% Nelson's newer blend and currently have 113 inflorescences on 44 out of 99 unique plants in various stages of development. Six of the plumerias held their inflorescences over in the garage winter storage. They are all now blooming!

Nelson's generously donated some of the old formula to our PSA Luau last year and at the May meeting. We hope Mr. Nelson will put into full production his new timed release plumeria fertilizer soon. We plumeria lovers crave easy to apply, quality fertilizers.

Please enjoy the photos of the colorful and massive inflorescences in 2024.

Paula Furtwangler
PSA Past President, VP, Director
Past Publicity Chair and current Registration Committee

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JL Strawberry Guava, blooming on 5 or 6 branches.
One inflorescence held over winter and bloomed
indoors in December.
Currently this plant is blooming on 4 of 6 branches.
One more will bloom in June.

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Vera Cruz Rose blooming on 4 of 8 branches.
One inflo held over winter and began blooming in April 2024.



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question or show off your blooms.

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JJ Super Round, blooming on 3 branches, one held over from last fall.
It immediately began blooming in April of 2024.

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JJ Gemini is blooming on 3 tips, with 9 total inflos and one seedpod (in the lingerie bag).

It is difficult to see all these inflos, however they are there on 2–3-inch tips. Last year it bloomed on each tip!

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JJ Gemini in 2023 with increased inflo size.



Paula's 5-20-5 blend

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'Toba's Fire' blooming on 2 inflos, one is a holdover from last year. With a set of seed pods if you look closely.



Plumeria Society of South Texas

I'm happy to report our plumeria collection is doing well this year at the South Texas Botanical Gardens and Nature Center. Almost every plumeria has leaves and 50% of them have some beautiful blooms. We have a total inventory of 83 plumerias. We use Florida Colors Excalibur which we put down when we put the plumerias back in the ground and apply Epsom Salt once a month.

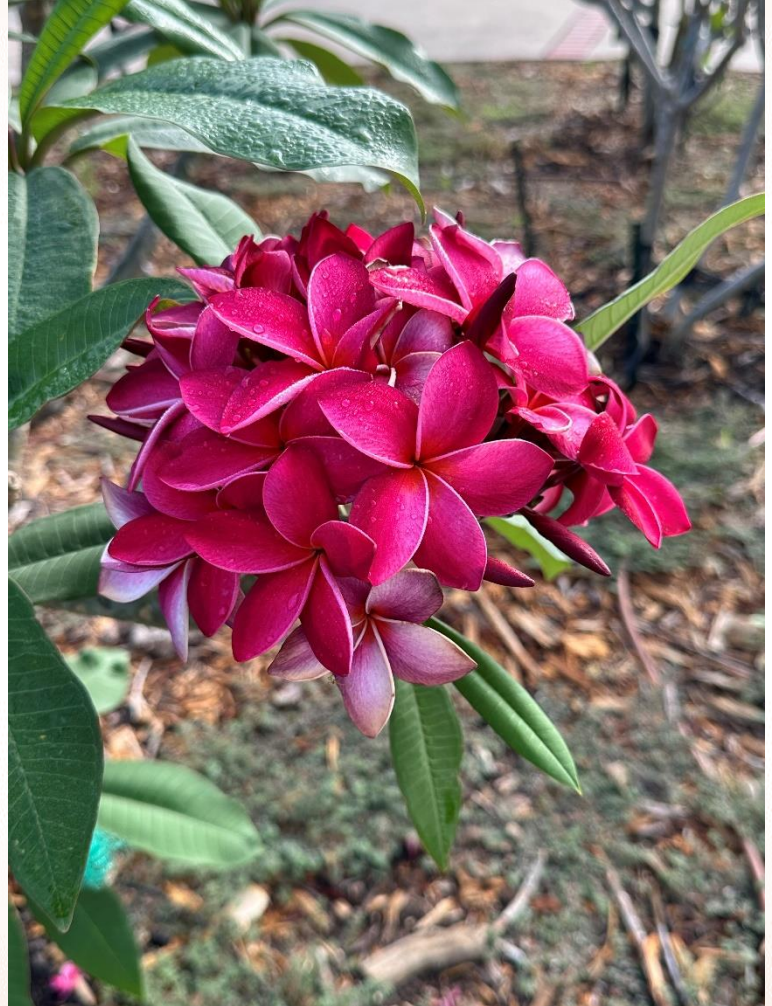
Our members are gearing up and getting their plumerias ready for our annual sale on Saturday, July 27th, 2024, at the Garden Senior Center. We had 12 sellers last year with close to 500 plumerias for sale.

Hope everyone is having a successful growing season.





Current Blooms in the Plumeria Society of South Texas Gardens



Public is welcome to visit anytime.
South Texas Botanical Gardens
& Nature Center.
8545 S Staples St,
Corpus Christi, TX 78413
Hours are from 9am till 6pm
Fees will apply

Friends of Gardening

April 10th, 2024, was the inaugural day of the Growing Friends Gardening Club. The club is a social extension of The Plumeria Society of America, providing an opportunity for members and non-members of the society to share a fun outing.

We started our day at Plants For All Seasons on 249. Our group gathered out back in the little blue schoolhouse to get acquainted ; then we shopped in the nursery for about an hour. Lunch was at Lupe Tortilla before going to RCW Nursery for more plant shenanigans. Our second meeting was set for May 9th for a Heights Garden Stroll .



May 9th was our second meeting of Growing Friends Garden Club. We started our Heights Stroll at Buchanan's before traveling down 11th St. to Another Place in Time and then to Joshua's. Buchanan's had a lot of JJ plumerias! Three beautiful nurseries were visited, and many plants bought before we enjoyed a lunch at 1891 American Eatery. We all agreed the food was delicious and we're looking forward to our next month's garden visit to gardens on the southeast side of town!

The next event will be posted on the PSA Facebook page and everyone who has signed up for the club will get an email detailing our next adventure. Please contact Kim Orsak at orsak5@aol.com to be added to our email list. We would love for you to join us !



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2022 Season - Start with Seeds!



Image courtesy of Paula Furtwangler

2022 PSA Officers and Directors

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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 Members Only login and password information that will be needed to access the website's newsletter archive.

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All Memberships renew in December of the previous year.

Have you renewed yours?

2024 PSA Calendar

Next meeting is

May 5th will be in-person and a zoom meeting:
Bay Area Community Center, 5002 E NASA RD 1
Seabrook TX 77586

- Doors open at 1:30 and the meeting begin at 2:00 p.m. We will have a raffle, guest speakers, and more.
- Non-members are always welcome!
- Join us to learn about plumeria care and collecting.
- Bring plants, cuttings, etc. for door prizes! These can be anything, not just plumerias.

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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