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Presidents Corner Feb 2025

Presidents Corner:

What a start to a great year, the Houston area saw lows in the teens, at my house it was 17 degrees for over 4 hours on Jan 21st, 2025, thankfully ERCOT held up and we did not have the power outages like we have had in the past! Thanks go out to Milton Pierson for telling me about the Sensor Push wi-fi temperature sensor, with it I was able to monitor my greenhouses. They stayed between 44F and 45F for a solid 3 days. Now, I just hate to see my natural gas usage!!! I have been somewhat monitoring Social Media, and it appears most Plumeria Lovers were prepared and heeded the warnings all the news outlets were telling us about the temps.

Note this is an election year, we do have a staggered election cycle now, so this year the President, Treasurer and Directors positions are all up for grabs. The one caveat is the Presidents position, does require previous PSA Board service. If you have a love of Plumeria and wish to see The PSA continue to do wonderful and great things, take the time to consider joining the Board. It really is a labor of love!!

We have a great year planned, Kim Orsak (VP extraordinaire) has our 2025 meetings planned out and we have some great speakers lined up and of course the year end Luau. 2025 will be a banner year.

Just a reminder our 1st meeting is just around the corner. Please bring a friend or 3.

March 23rd 2pm -4pm
Bay Area Community Center
5002 E NASA Rd 1
Seabrook, TX. 77586

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

Plumeria Terminology.

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Many times, we are reading about plumeria or listening to a talk about research and find ourselves in the midst of technical terminology. This Care Bulletin is meant to serve as a glossary of terms that appear from time to time in discussions of plumeria. It covers the main plant parts including growing tips, flower parts, fruit (seed) and leaf parts. All definitions appearing here refer to use of the word in the botanical sense only, primarily in reference to woody plants such as plumeria.



Cambium. A lateral meristem in most vascular plants that forms parallel rows of cells resulting in secondary tissues either as secondary growth or as cork.

Cultivar.

A cultivated variety, produced by horticultural techniques.



Graft. The union of a piece of one plant to another established plant.

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Plumeria Terminology.

Inflorescence. 1. A characteristic arrangement of flowers and buds on a stem. 2. A flower cluster.



Leaf scar. A scar left on a stem after a leaf has fallen.



Scion. A plant part (detached shoot or twig containing buds from a woody plant) inserted into a root stock during grafting.

Stem. a. The main ascending axis of a plant; a stalk or trunk. b. A slender stalk supporting or connecting another plant part, such as a leaf or flower.



Seedling.

A young plant that is grown from a seed.



Growing Friends Gardening Club

It's going to be another exciting year for the Growing Friends Garden Club! This club is a satellite group of the Plumeria Society of America. Our goal is to cultivate friendships while enjoying beautiful nurseries and unique eateries in the Houston area.



Our adventures will take us to various plant nurseries across the north, south, east, and west sides of Houston, selecting quality locations that are convenient for all our members. Some of our favorite outings, such as the Heights Stroll, Arbor Gate, and Brookwood are already on the list, although we will visit them at different times of the year. We are also considering adding a few new nurseries to our itinerary.



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members**

**from all over the world—a great place
to ask a**

question or show off your blooms.

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Plumeria Society of South Texas

Happy New Year plumeria lovers.

We wrapped up 2024 with putting our plumeria collection into the greenhouse. The contractor finished the extension to our greenhouse the day before the plumerias would be dug up from the grove. The plastic for the extension did not arrive until late that same day so the plumerias were placed in the greenhouse unprotected from the wind. We had to wait till the end of the week when the winds died down to cover the extension. The plumerias had to be tied to the framing to keep them from blowing over from the winds. Our membership helped with the covering of the greenhouse with plastic, then with shade cloth. We did a pretty good job for none of us having any experience, it was on the job training. A big thank you to our members that came out for two days to complete this project.

In December we had a great turn out for our annual Christmas Party. The decorations were beautiful, and the food was awesome, no one left hungry. We had cuttings from the grove for members, door prizes and a White Elephant gift exchange that always is a hit. Everyone is looking forward to 2025 and a great plumeria season.



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After a mild December, winter is making its way to South Texas. The heater will be on in the greenhouse to help maintain the temperature. Since we do not have electricity to the greenhouse, we use a propane heater for our heat source. The tanks must be changed out as needed, so there is some monitoring that must be done during these cold spells.

The plumerias are scheduled to go back into the grove on March 8th. We are on a stage 3 water restrictions and as the restrictions are written we can only hand water plants that are in pots. Our collection is planted bare rooted, and we use a drip system for watering. It may be a little challenging this year. We are hoping for an exemption. I will have an update on this in the next newsletter.

Here are our upcoming events:

January 22nd & February 26th – General Meeting

March 8th – We will be putting the plumeria collection back into the grove. Membership and volunteers are needed for this busy morning.

March 26th – General Meeting

April 5th – Big Bloom Sale – The South Texas Botanical Gardens has their annual sale, and we will have a table at the event. We will mostly have cuttings from our collection and some rooted plumerias available for purchase. It's a fun event with so many people coming out and the Botanical Gardens has a wide selection of plants for purchase.

Enchanted Gardens day with Growing Friends Gardening Club



You are invited to join us for our first meeting at Hungry's in Rice Village. The meeting will be February 12, 2025. A RSVP is required so we can make reservations.

During this meeting, we will catch up on the latest gardening news, discuss our goals for 2025, and welcome suggestions from the group to enhance our club. We look forward to seeing you there! Contact Kim Orsak at orsak5@aol.com if you would like more information.



2025 PSA Calendar

All other meetings and sales will be held at the

Bay Area Community Center

5002 E NASA Rd 1

Seabrook, TX. 77586

General Membership Open Meetings are as follows for 2025:

March 23rd 2-4pm

May 18th 2-4pm

July 27th 2-4pm

October 12th 2-5pm (LUAU)

Our two sales are planned for:

June 21st and July 19th.

These are 9am till 1pm.





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March Plumeria Society of America INC Meeting

March 23rd 2pm -4pm

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Guest speaker Former PSA President Mark Wright will be discussing “Rooting of Plumeria Cuttings”:

How to Root Cuttings:

1. Obtaining your cutting
2. Preparing your cutting for rooting
3. Convincing your cutting to put out roots
4. Proper care for a newly rooted cutting

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2024-2025 PSA Officers and Directors

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Thank you,

The PSA Board



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All Memberships renew in December of the previous year.

Have you renewed yours?

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October 12th 2-5pm (LUAU)

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- Doors open at 1:30 and the meeting begins 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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