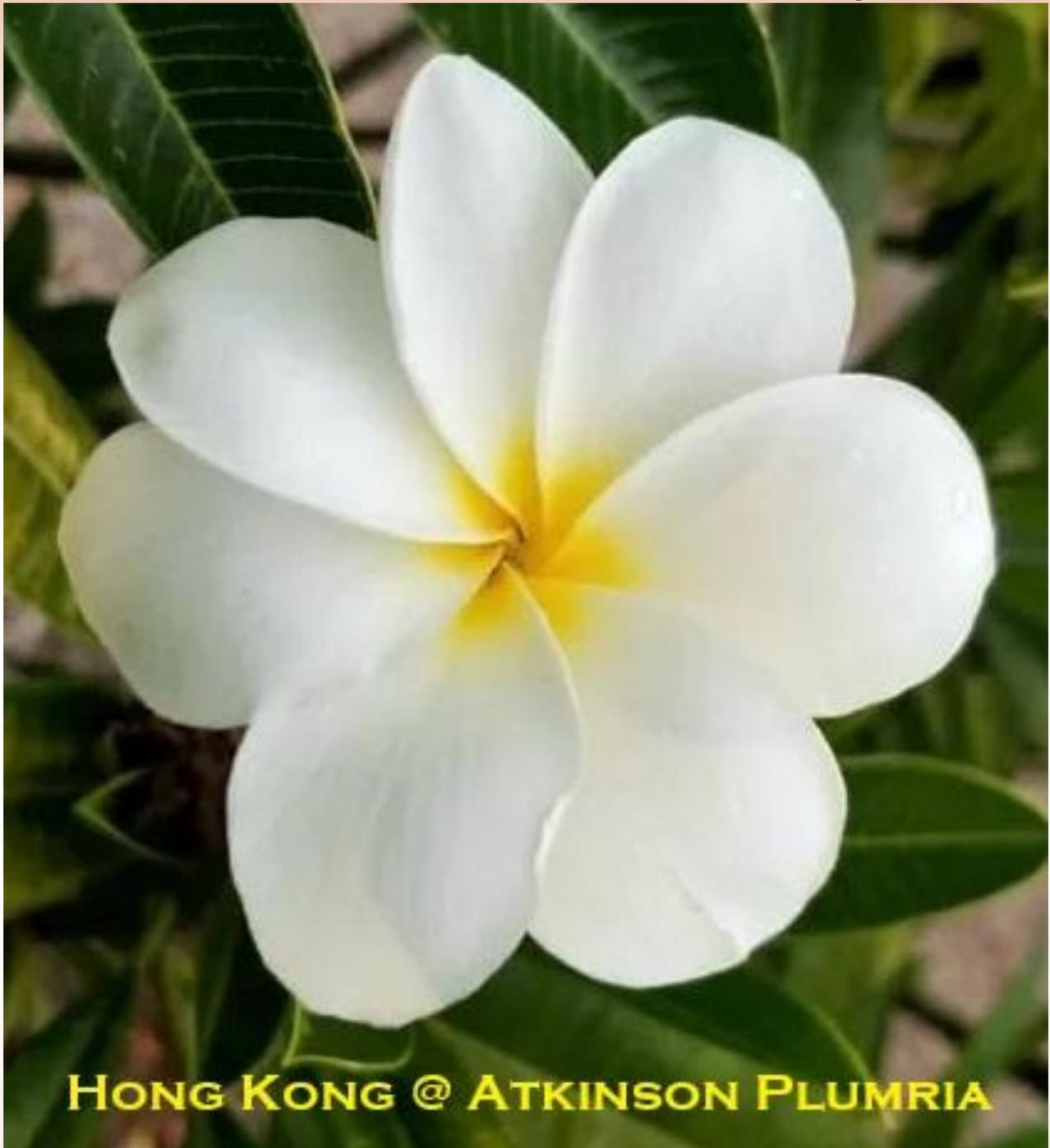


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# Presidents Corner July 2025

Presidents Corner: July 2025!

What summer we have had here in Houston so far, seems like Mother Nature is blessing us with cooling afternoon showers, yet the flooding in Central Texas is breaking our hearts. Please keep all of those affected by the flooding in your hearts; they need lifting up.

By the time this edition makes it way to the printers our second sale will have happened, and we will be prepping for our season ending October Luau. As you read through, you will see we have awarded five wonderful and inspirational High School Seniors a nice scholarship. If you would like to join the Scholarship Committee for the 2025-2026 school year, please just reach out!

Just a reminder, it is election time. We are seeking candidates for the following positions:

President, Treasurer, and all 3 Director positions. While the job duties vary by position, the President and Treasurer work hand in hand taking care of the daily Plumeria Society business. The Directors mainly serve in an advisory role. While they do have a hand in the daily business and when it comes to our sales and meetings, our gracious volunteers are the work force needed to make the PSA events a success. Just contact us if your interested in an open position.

Please remember to add [events@theplumeriasociety.org](mailto: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

## 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 to all

Meetings are as follows for 2025:

July 27th 2-4pm

October 12th 2-5pm (LUAU)

# Plumeria Society of America is Proud to Award the 2025 Scholarships

The Plumeria Society of America is excited to announce the recipients of the 2025 Scholarships. This year, we are proud to award five scholarships of \$1,000 each to deserving individuals who are actively involved in their schools and communities, and who have demonstrated a strong commitment to the study of horticulture or agriculture. These scholarships are designed to support their educational pursuits. We look forward to witnessing the positive impact these students will have in the future.

**Ava Bowers** recently graduated from Palacios High School, where she was actively involved in several organizations, including FFA, the National Honor Society, and the Workforce Industry Training program. In addition, she was a cheerleader and participated in three sports: volleyball, basketball, and track. Ava's Ag Mechanics team earned the title of Reserve Grand Champion Overall for their design and construction of an automatic cattle feeder. In addition to her academic and athletic achievements, Ava is an entrepreneur. For the past five years, she has successfully run her own business, Ava's Cookie Company, where she designs, decorates, and bakes cookies and cakes. Ava plans to attend Texas A&M University to pursue a degree in Agribusiness. Ultimately, she hopes to return home to work with her father in the family aquaculture company.



**Katharina Chalouka** recently graduated from Weimar High School, where she was actively involved in numerous extracurricular activities. She served as the captain of her state-qualifying cross-country team and also participated in track and field. Additionally, Katharina was a member of the National Honor Society and the Student Council. She achieved notable success in the H.S. Band, finishing 5th in the state competition. In her work with the FFA, she finished 1st in Team at Nationals and 5th as an individual competitor. During her sophomore year, Katharina nearly quit cross country after finishing last in a meet. However, after a long journey of perseverance and dedicated training, she qualified for the state cross country meet in her senior year and recorded a personal best time. Today, Katharina serves as a mentor, encouraging others to make positive choices. In the fall, Katharina will attend Arkansas State University to study Animal Science, with the goal of becoming a veterinarian.

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## Plumeria Society of America is Proud to Award the 2025 Scholarships



**Logan Kainer** is a graduate of Weimer High School, where he served as the Senior Class Vice President, as well as Vice President of the National Honor Society and the Future Farmers of America (FFA). Additionally, he was the Secretary of the Student Council and played varsity baseball and football. Through his numerous extracurricular activities, Logan was able to overcome his shyness and become more confident and outgoing. He will attend Texas A&M University in the fall to study Agricultural Economics. After completing his degree, Logan hopes to pursue a career in commodity brokerage, focusing on buying and selling agricultural commodities.

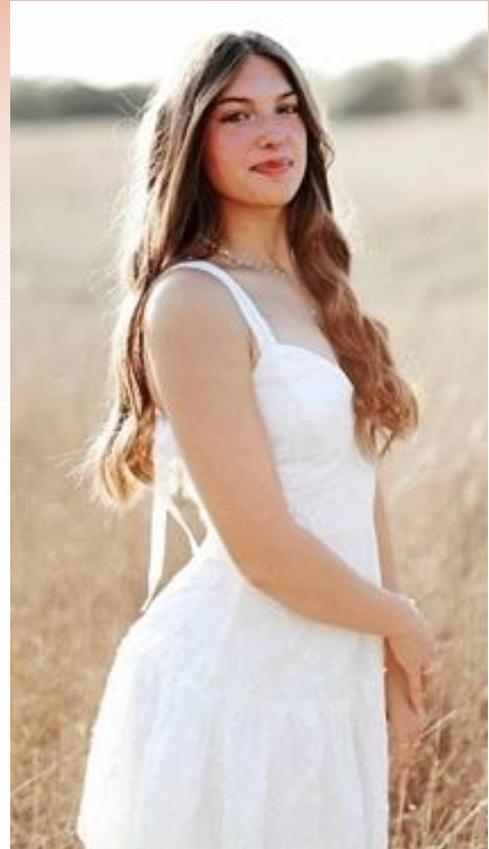
**Colby Nedd** is a graduate of Sealy High School, where he was a member of the Future Farmers of America (FFA) and the Varsity Baseball Team. Through FFA, Colby earned the Lone Star Degree and received the Texas State Floral Design Certification. He also participated in Texas Boys State, where he was elected as the County Delegate for Sealy, Texas. Among his many achievements, one stands out as a testament to Colby's determination, resilience, and passion. From an early age, he enjoyed playing golf and baseball despite facing physical challenges due to cerebral palsy. Colby was a state qualifier in golf, and received the District 24 4A Fighting Heart Award in baseball, which honors dedication and perseverance in the face of adversity. Colby will attend Texas A&M University in the fall to pursue a degree in Agricultural Economics, with the goal of becoming an Agricultural Lawyer.



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# Plumeria Society of America is Proud to Award the 2025 Scholarships

**Madalyn Pierce** recently graduated from Brenham High School, where she was actively involved in various extracurricular activities, including FFA (Future Farmers of America), the Anchor Club, the National Honor Society, the swim team, and volleyball. One of her notable achievements during high school was founding the Middle School Garden Club. This project started with 16 students and 12 garden beds, and under her leadership, it has expanded to over 50 students and 20 garden beds in just three years. Additionally, she participated in several volunteer and community activities, including coaching young athletes in swimming and track during the Special Olympics. In the fall, Madalyn will be attending Texas A&M University to pursue a degree in Horticulture.



Article by Kim Orsak

## 2025 PSA Sales Recap

### June 2025

Our June sale was a great event; we were able to fill the coffers about half-way to our 2026 Budget Goals, which is a great deal. Here is our general breakdown:

Sellers: We had 26 sellers  
Plants Sold: 940 plants were sold  
Average Cost: \$34.12, Of course we had higher end Tai collectables and more affordable Heritage Cultivars for all shoppers' budgets.

### July 2025

Our July sale was also a great event; we were able to finish filling our coffers for our 2026 Budget Goals.

Here is our general breakdown:

Sellers: We had 20 sellers  
Plants Sold: 589  
Average Cost: \$31.18 Our July sale constituted of a combination of all ranges of Plumerias. Former PSA President Ray Allison donated roughly 30 rooted plants that the first shoppers quickly grabbed as a gift from the PSA

# 2025 June PSA Sale Memories



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# Plumeria Society of South Texas

While The Plumeria Society of South Texas is preparing for their annual sale, Sherry Halbrook shared some blooms from their coveted collection. If you are in the Corpus area this coming Sept, please join them at their Sept Meeting.

September 24th at Garden Senior Center,

5325 Greely St.

Corpus Christi, TX 78412

@ 6:30 pm.



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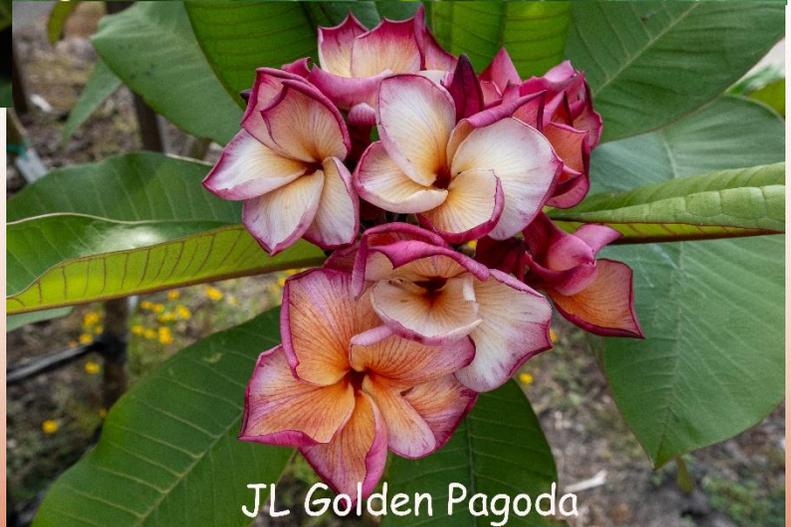
California Sunset, JJ



Gee Petch



JL Amber Starburst



JL Golden Pagoda

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# Plumeria Society of South Texas



Heirloom



Pinot Rouge, JJ



Sweet Lyndi



Karma



Raspberry Sundae

# Growing Friends Gardening Club

## A Cool July Morning at Enchanted Forest

*By Donna Christy*

This month's Growing Friends adventure took us to the lush, winding paths of **Enchanted Forest** in Rosenberg, Texas—a true gem for plant lovers tucked just outside of Houston.



To our delight, we were greeted by a rare treat: a cool July morning! The air was fresh, the sun mild, and the breeze made it a glorious day to explore one of the region's most beloved nurseries. The staff at Enchanted Forest lived up to their reputation—friendly, knowledgeable, and eager to help. Whether it was a hard-to-find native, an unusual pond plant, or the perfect shade plant, they seemed to know just where to guide us among their hundreds of beautifully maintained selections.



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# Growing Friends Gardening Club



After a successful morning of browsing and buying, we made our way to a nearby restaurant, **The Flying Cow**, for lunch.

Besides the delicious food, we were all thoroughly entertained by the restaurant's service robot, who efficiently delivered our meals with a smooth glide and digital charm.

We joked that he probably gets his tips in "chips!"



Each of us left with at least one garden treasure—and more importantly, with the joy that comes from a day well spent in good company, surrounded by plants, laughter, and a touch of whimsy. If you missed this month's garden fun, be watching for the announcement of next month's adventure. We'd love to have you join us!

# It's Important to Label Your Plumeria Plants!

Kim Orsak

## Use OneNote to Collect and Organize Your Plumeria Data More Efficiently

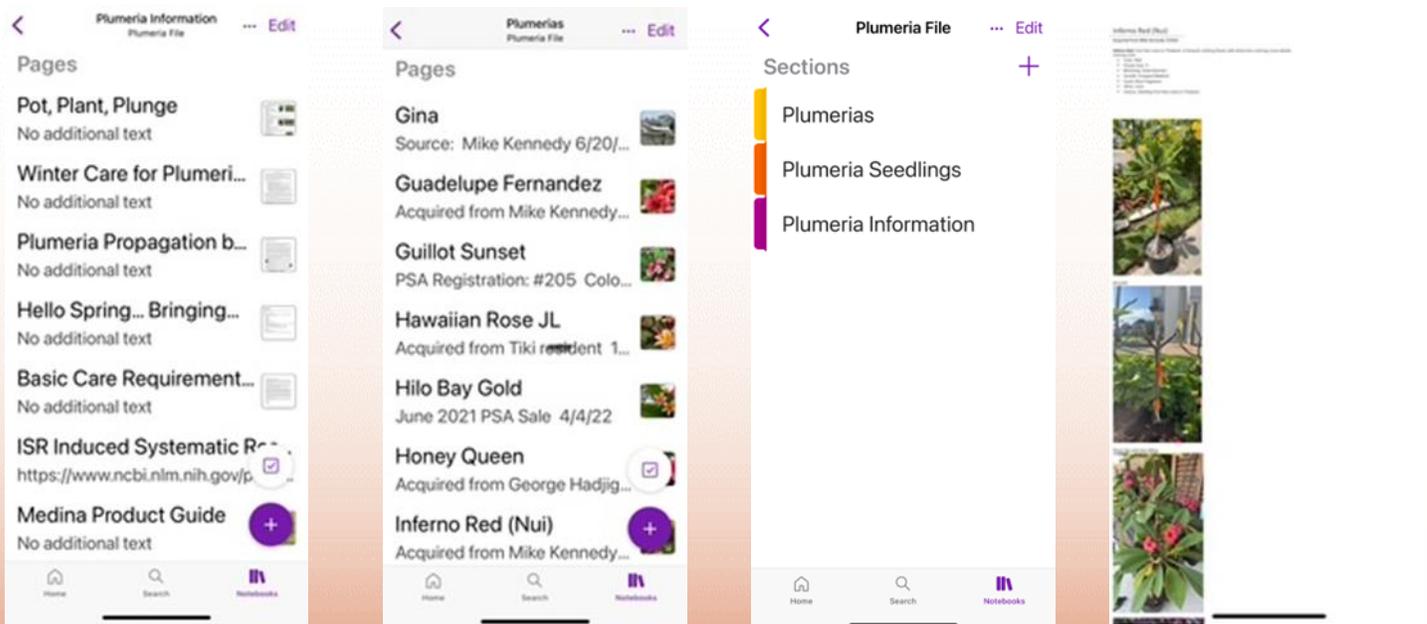
### The Download is Free

It's cross-platform, so whether you're on Android, iOS, Mac, iPhone or even your desktop, your notes sync seamlessly across all devices. You can create notebooks, sections, and pages. You can insert audio recordings, pictures, and even videos into your notes.

### It's Like a 3-Ring Binder with Tabs

Every NOTEBOOK is automatically organized into SECTIONS and these sections have PAGES that can be arranged to meet your needs. Within each notebook, you can create SECTIONS. These are similar to tabs in a binder, allowing you to categorize your notes. Section names and page titles are searchable, so make them meaningful and descriptive to find information quickly. I currently have three sections: Plumerias, Plumeria Seedlings and Plumeria Information. Next create pages. Pages are where the actual content resides. Each section can contain multiple pages, allowing you to break down your notes.

In my OneNote the "Plumeria" Section, I have a page for each of my plumerias. The name of the plumeria, date acquired and purchase place or seller is noted. I document yearly growth, bloom cycles, unique plant information, etc. using pictures and text. Pictures taken on the app appear instantly and are synced to my PC. Pictures can also be uploaded from the photo library on my phone or PC.



The "Plumeria Seedling" Sections contains pages of each seedling. I document planting date, blooming cycles and growth habit.

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The “Plumeria Information” Section contains plumeria data that I can access quickly and share with others. Word documents, PDF articles and other forms of data can be inserted from files on my computer or from online sources.

OneNote is a digital note-taking app that provides a single place for keeping all of your plumeria data — everything you need to remember and manage your plants at your fingertips.

## **TAG OR LABEL YOUR PLUMERIA PLANTS**

Plumerias are an asset that increase in value. As a collector or just backyard gardener, good notes and labels are important.

**Labeling Plumeria plants, especially named varieties or cultivars, is important for several reasons:**

**Accurate Identification:** There are thousands of different plumeria types, each with unique characteristics such as flower color, fragrance, leaf shape, and growth habit. Proper tagging helps to accurately identify and distinguish between these varieties. Additionally, flower colors can vary significantly based on factors like temperature, humidity, and sunlight.

**Prevent Misrepresentation:** If you plan to share, trade, or sell plumeria cuttings or plants, accurate labeling is essential to avoid misrepresentation of the varieties. Misrepresentation is troublesome and unsettling to buyers. It will also ruin your reputation as a seller.

**Personal Collection Management:** Tagging helps you manage your collection effectively. It allows you to track important information such as the name of the variety, the source from which you acquired it, and the date it was rooted or purchased.

## **Methods of Tagging Plumeria Plants**

**Metal Plant Tags:** These are durable and can be etched with a ballpoint pen, creating a permanent and legible label that won't fade or wash away.

**Plastic Plant Markers:** These can be used with a permanent marker or paint pen to label your plumerias. However, the writing may fade over time, so it's important to check periodically and relabel as needed.

**Direct Writing on the Trunk:** You can use a permanent marker or paint pen to write directly on the trunk. Be aware that this method may fade over time due to sun exposure.

**By properly labeling your plumeria plants, you can ensure better organization and accurate identification. However, if a tag is lost and there are no records, the acceptable label would be NoID.**



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# 2024-2025 PSA Officers and Directors

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[www.ThePlumeriaSociety.org](http://www.ThePlumeriaSociety.org)

Thank you,

The PSA Board



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All Memberships renew in December of the previous year.

Have you renewed yours?

**Open to all General Meetings  
October 12th 2-5pm (LUAU)**

**Bay Area Community Center,**

**5002 E NASA RD 1**

**Seabrook, TX. 77586**

- 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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