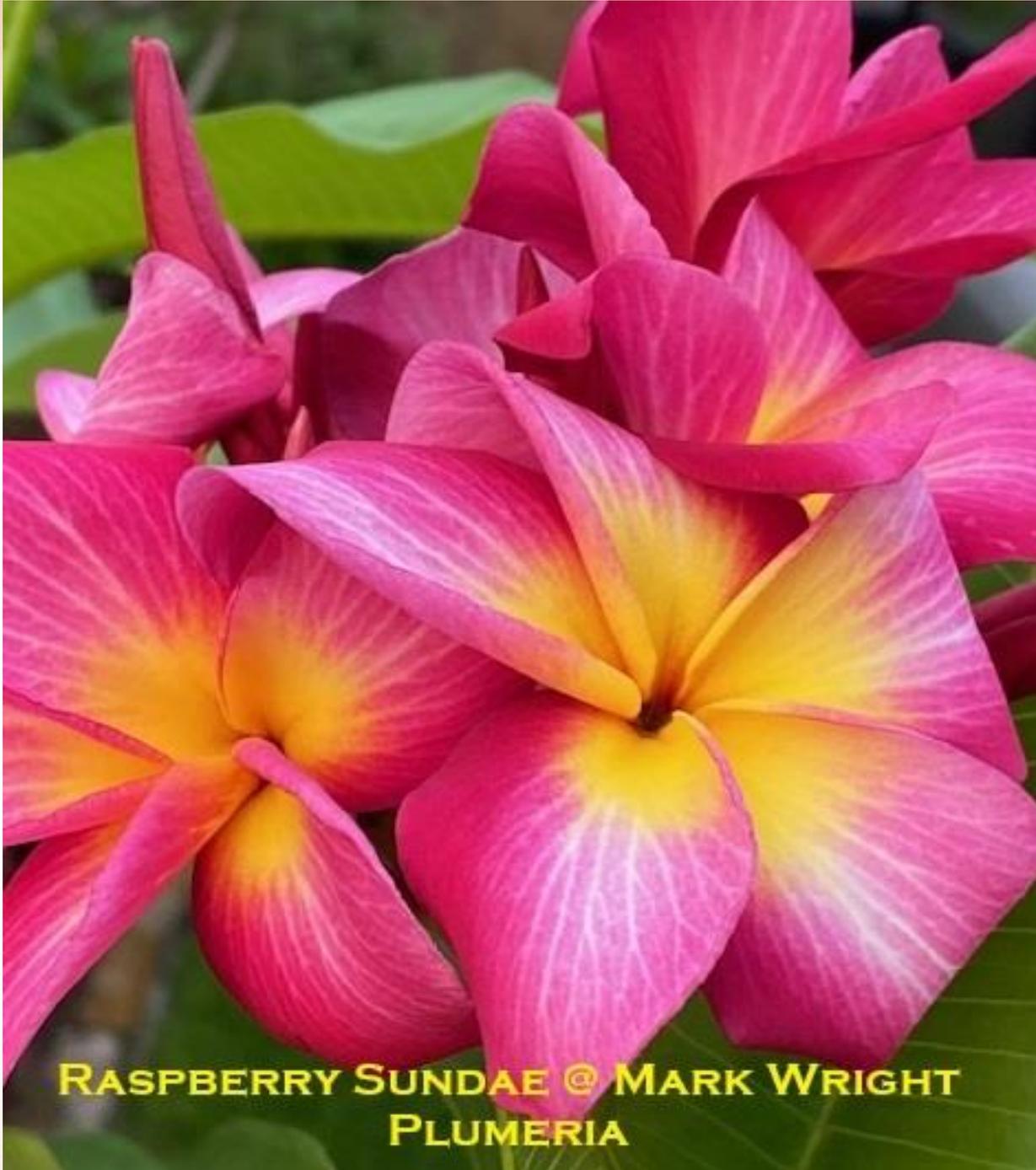


Plumeria Potpourri

May 2025



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Presidents Corner May 2025

Presidents Corner: May!

Mothers Day, Cinco de Mayo and Graduations, are the three things that come to everyone's mind, however for Plumeria folks it's Grafting, Rooting and Germinating. May is the "Let's get'er done" month, with our limited growing season we have to be on top of our Plumeria game come May! Your cuttings should have been started in May. May is the perfect grafting month now that your Plumeria are growing, those Plumeria are calling for you to graft them into a Rainbow Tree.

Let's not forget germinating our seeds there are more ways to germinate Plumeria Seeds than keys on my keyboard!!! Wrapped in a wet paper towel, floating in water, stabbed into a peat pot seed starter kit. Any and all methods work, however the question is always, how many seeds do I germinate? 10, 50, 100??? Nothing increases the workload of a Plumeria Addict like germinating a few dozen or a hundred seeds!

So, start yours now!!!

Please remember to add events@theplumeriasociety.org to your email address book so you are receiving all of 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:

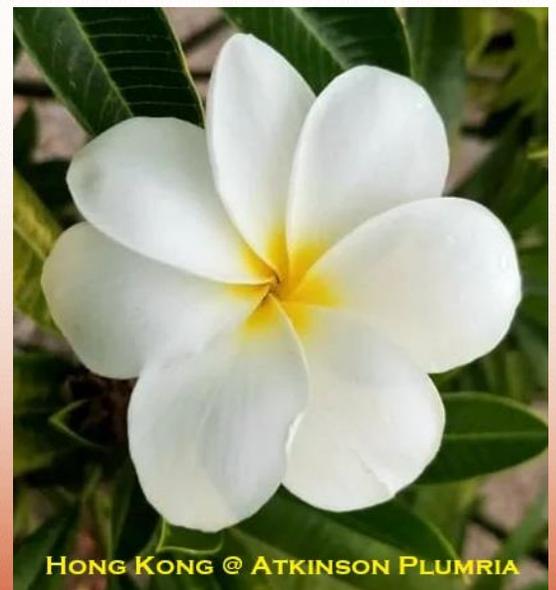
July 27th 2-4pm

October 12th 2-5pm (LUAU)

Our two annual sales are set for:

June 21st and July 19th.

These are 9am till 1pm.



Too Many Leaves? Compost to Make Soil



Sven Bors-Koefoed
GCMG 2023

Too many leaves in the yard? Don't put them in the landfill. Use them to make soil for your yard. It is easy, and what you get is wonderful soil to use for all your gardening needs. (1) Gather the leaves from the yard. I usually fill trash cans or have them in bags. (2) I use round wire structures and dump the leaves into them. Each structure allows 5 feet of ma-

terial to be held in it. (3) On top of the leaves, I pour Trinity River sand (locally available) to weigh them down. On top of this, I pour compost which has microbes to start activating the



breakdown of the leaves. Finally, (4) I put in a handful or two of a multipurpose fertilizer which is high in nitrogen (the first number written on the bag). Then I add water to dissolve the fertilizer into the mixture. The nitrogen in the fertilizer stimulates activity and growth of the microbes to start breaking down the cellulose of the leaves. I continue to add cuttings and leaves as I gather more from the yard.

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“I make enough soil for all my needs...”

When the leaves have broken down, the once 5-foot mixture becomes around 2.5 feet tall. (5) Using a six-horsepower tiller, I till the rough areas of the mixture until it stands around 1.5 feet tall. (6) More sand can be added to create the right feel of

year, I am given additional bagged leaves from neighbors and friends. It keeps the material out of the landfill and keeps my soil demands filled. (10)

Note: *This is a method of cold composting. To understand the difference between cold and hot composting, see the article by MG Christie McGrath on page 15 in this issue.*



the soil. (7) I keep the new mix coarse and use it as a potting soil. (8) I can then use it for my herb gardens, trees, vegetables, flowers, container plants, wherever great soil is needed. (9) I store the new soil in covered trashcans I keep available for use.

I have a huge yard with large quantities of leaves but making great soil is easy. To make sure I have enough soil each



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Gulf Coast Gardening – March/April 2025

Galveston County Master Gardeners - Texas A&M AgriLife Extension - Galveston County

Growing Friends Gardening Club



In April, the Growing Friends Garden Club enjoyed a delightful stroll through the Heights. Our adventure began at Buchanan's Native Plants, where we admired their fantastic selection of native plants, as well as the new perennials and annuals that were released this spring. After that, we visited Another Place in Time, where it is always amazing to see such an array of interesting plants in this cozy corner nursery. We capped off our day with a delicious lunch at Katz, discussing all the interesting things going on in our home gardens.

Lisa and Vicky
 enjoying the
 incredible
 selection
 at Buchanan's
 Native Plants



Patricia
 grabbed a flat
 of perennials
 to give her
 garden a touch
 of POP!!!



Rick, John and
 Donna helped
 support Another
 Place in Time
 with a variety of
 plants to spruce
 up their flower
 beds.



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Plumeria Society of South Texas

Spring is here and our collection of plumerias at the South Texas Botanical Gardens are in full growing mode. We've had two good rain events that has helped the plumerias take off, most have leaves and there is a lot of color with many of the plumerias in bloom. Of course, it is a lot of work to keep the grove maintained. With the recent rains, the weeds are growing well also, so several workdays will have to be set up to get the grounds spruced up.



On April 26th, the Nueces Master Gardeners had their annual sale. We were able to participate in the sale with a table at their event. We sold many cuttings and some rooted plumerias. It was a fun morning for the members, meeting with each other and the many people asking questions about plumerias.

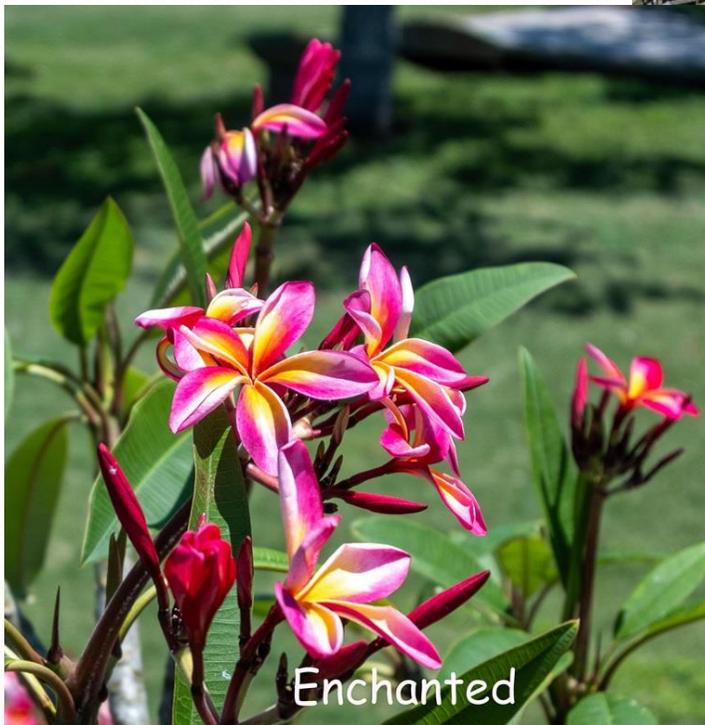


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Plumeria Society of South Texas

Our annual plumeria sale is Saturday, July 19th at the Garden Senior Center from 9:00 am – 2:00 pm. 5325 Greely Dr, Corpus Christi, TX 78412

We will have approximately 10-12 sellers.



If you can't make The PSA Plumeria Sale that same day in Seabrook (Bay Area Community Center), 5002 E NASA Pkwy, Seabrook, TX 77586 and Corpus Christi is closer for you, consider coming to our sale.

Our next general meeting is May 28th – 6:30-8:30pm, Garden Senior Center.

2025 New Releases from Sunchai Jenakom Plants AKA “SJ’s”
They and others are available at Danny Kashou Plumerias



SJ Blue Lagoon Sun: Is a large blooming very fragrant Plumeria. She exhibits stunning colors as well as a vibrant color pattern. Her color combination and variation make her stand out in the grove.

SJ Firefly Purple: Another large bloomer with incredible fragrance. She also exhibits stunning color variations, in addition to a beautiful throat color pattern and color variation



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SJ Watercolor Stroke

SJ Watercolor Stroke: Her velvety blooms look as though they were painted with a Watercolor brush. Hues of Reds, Pinks and Purples make her mottled pattern a real eye catcher in the grove. Her blooms are very symmetrical, extremely fragrant with a slight spicy bouquet.

SJ Thai Firecracker: Vibrant Reds give Thai Firecracker her name! Thai Firecracker simply POPS in the grove, looking like an explosion of color, her reds filter through pinks to a soft almost blush color. Her petal veining carries her Red throat completely through the bloom. Round and symmetrical blooms make her inflorescences really stand out!



SJ Thai Firecracker

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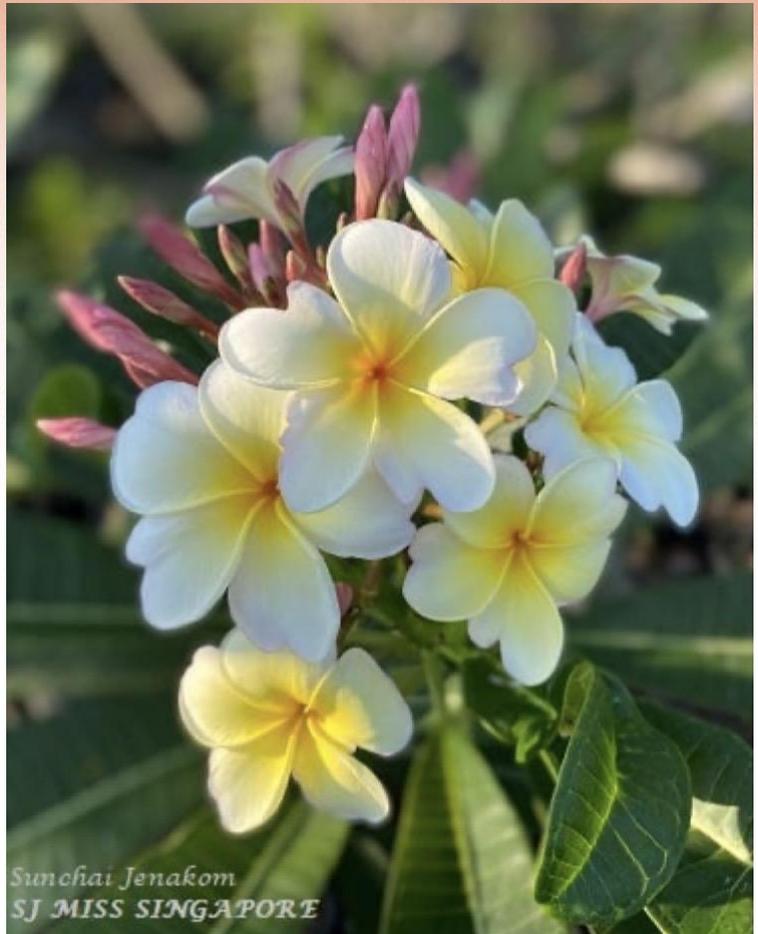
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2025 New Releases from Sunchai Jenakom Plants

SJ Miss Singapore: She is a true Unicorn on the grove.

SJ Miss Singapore is a Singapore Obtusa Seedling, her blooms are stunning with a variety of vibrant pinks, yellows and whites. Every petal has a distinct notch making her the ultimate Unicorn for your collection.



SJ Equatorial Sun: HOT! The one word that describes her blooms. Great shape and size blooms, coupled with a great branching plant makes her a must have for your grove. Branching means Inflorescence and that mean extreme fragrance in the grove!

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2025 New Releases from Sunchai Jenakom Plants

SJ SPIRAL GALAXY
Sunchai Jenakom

SJSpiral Galaxy



SJ Spiral Galaxy: Is a true hybrid of “One In The Universe crossed with Madame Rainbow” Her blooms measure 5” across, her unique petal twist sets her apart in the grove. Pinks, yellows and blush give SJ Spiral Galaxy her POP!

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IRIS ROCK (SUNSET) by Emerson Willis

Very early in my plumeria collecting madness or obsession, let's go with hobby Nancy and I were invited to visit a lady Nan had worked with who reportedly had a few plumerias.

We walked into Barbara Randolph's backyard and found row after row of gorgeous potted, blooming plants. I also learned what a freshly hooked fish must feel like (minus the pain of course).

A nice large bloom over 5" in diameter quickly caught my eye early on.

It was found and registered by a Houston lady who was also a founding member of the PSA. Her name was Iris Rock, her husband was Virgil and their one son was nicknamed 'Pebble'.

Iris would never sell you a cutting, but you had better be ready to pull weeds and/or take plants in or out depending on the season.

She wasn't bashful about asking for your phone number either.

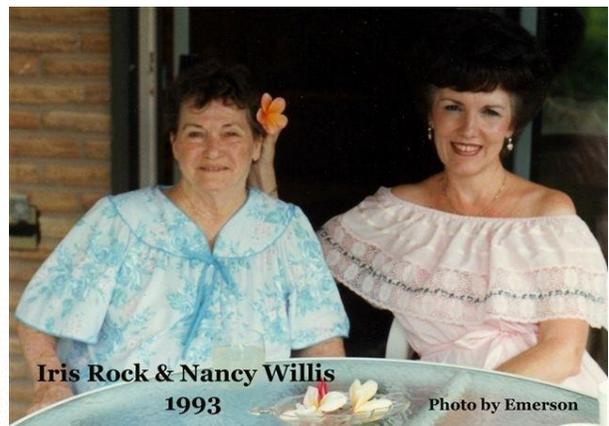
Much of what I've learned from Iris has stayed with me to this day. Nan and I have 84 bare-rooted trees which are taken in and out by our crew of three young fellows.

I don't know what we will do when THEY get too old.!

My sweet wife and I are still able to wrestle the potted plants. I gave up trying to count them ...Somehow, I get a different number every time I try.

Just in case my love story is being read by one fortunate enough to do plumies where it doesn't freeze, "bare rooting", plumeria version, is growing your plants directly in the ground. But, in a frosting area, you had better be ready to dig them up when the Blue Norther's whistle through.

I'm sure Iris and Virgil have passed but hopefully someday I will be allowed to see them once again tending their plumerias. Her back will be in much better shape, but she might allow me to pull a few weeds for old time's sake.





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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?

Open to all General Meetings

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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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