

**Welcome to
The Plumeria Society of America,
The International Cultivar Registration Authority for Plumerias!**

The Plumeria Society of America is an International organization dedicated to furthering society's knowledge of the Plumeria. The propagation, culture, classification, identification of the species and registration of Plumeria cultivators are our primary goals. Beautiful beyond belief are the many colors of The Plumeria!

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Plumeria is known by other common names, including frangipani, melia (Hawaiian), and temple tree, and has many named Cultivars. Plumerias are native to tropical America. Plumeria has widespread use in tropical landscapes around the world and is frequently associated with temples and graveyards.

ThePlumeriaSociety.org (under construction as of March 2014) website provides you with information about registered and named Plumeria cultivars, how to register your Plumeria plants, how to take care of your Plumeria plants, Plumeria seeds, Plumeria cuttings and much more.

History of the Plumeria Society of America

It was 1979 and virtually impossible to find a plumeria in the Houston area. Many nurserymen were not yet familiar with the plumeria. In that same year, the Plumeria Society of America was organized by Elizabeth Thornton, Nadine Barr and Nancy Ames with the intent of furthering knowledge of plumeria. The propagation, culture, classification, identification of species and registration of plumeria cultivars were the goals of the new organization.

The first meeting of the Plumeria Society was held at the Houston Arboretum and Botanical Garden on March 13, 1979. Membership was limited to only 75 members and attendance at the three meetings a year was mandatory. A plumeria display and sale was held in June of that year at the Arboretum. All 120 plants and Hawaiian plumeria leis were sold in 20 minutes. Approximately 700 people attended the sale.

In 1980, many letters came in asking about plants and seed exchanges. The letters came from as far away as South India, New Zealand and Hong Kong. Membership was increased to 100 members. Garden tours were held at the homes of John and Pili Oliver, Elizabeth Thornton and Nancy Ames.

There was a dues increase and an additional meeting date was added in 1984. A donation of \$500.00 was sent to the University of Hawaii and a donation of \$100.00 was sent to the University of Houston's Physiology of Flowering and Tropical Ornamentals Fund.

In 1986, progress was made on the procedures for registration of cultivars. An honorary membership was awarded to Elizabeth Thornton, and Bill Adams from the county Extension Agency was guest speaker at one of our meetings. Also in the year, the Moragne seed project was started.

The Plumeria Society has reached beyond any expectation of growth. It has helped people from all over learn more about the beautiful plumeria plant and its blossom. The society has had numerous successful plant sales. We have toured Hawaii as a group four times. The research committee continues to bring numerous insights and knowledge about the exotic plumeria. The registration committee has identified and registered many plants and is continuing to accept applications for new cultivars.

In the years past much has been accomplished however, there is much more to be done. The future of the Plumeria Society is exciting - Let's continue to make history.