

THE PLUMERIA SOCIETY OF AMERICA, INC.

NEXT EVENT: Workshop, flower show and plant sale
Houston Botanical Gardens, 4401 Woodway
Sunday, July 12, 1981 10 a.m. to 5 p.m.

NEXT MEETING: September 8, 1981, Tuesday
St. Phillips Presbyterian Church, Room 26
7:30 p.m.

Report of meeting, May 30, 1981

The luncheon meeting at Lydia and Bill Hilliard's home on May 30 was most successful. Approximately 45 members were there to give an enthusiastic and attentive welcome to our guest, Richard Eggenberger of Matrimandir Gardens, Auroville, South India, who flew in to be our guest speaker. He answered questions for several hours, showed slides of unusual varieties from among the 140 different types of plumerias growing at Matrimandir Gardens, and shared his extensive knowledge of our favorite plant. We so impressed Richard with our enthusiasm that he is returning with his wife in July to live here in Houston. He will be associated with an exotic plant nursery. His knowledge of plumerias—even though in a different growing environment—will add greatly to the work of The Plumeria Society of America.

Our thanks to those who contributed food and their services to making this party and meeting so successful, and to Lydia and Bill for the use of their home and garden.

Horticulture Notes

"If misery loves company", it may relieve some members to know that their plumerias are not the only ones dropping bud stems and ceasing to bloom, putting up "nubs" instead of bud stems, and having spots and holes appearing in leaves of their plants. We think the early heat in May and subsequent constant, heavy rains may be contributing to the bud stem drop. The "nub" growth seems related to immaturity. However, some mature plants that have bloomed in previous years are also guilty of disappointing their growers who think they are going to have blooms! Spots and holes in leaves seem to be caused by the rain which had a high acid level during the first part of May. Plants receiving run-off from roofs and trees seem most affected. If any members have reached other conclusions, please share your thoughts with us at the next meeting.

A word of caution about seed pods. Because of the rains and high humidity, pods are not opening on schedule and the seeds are turning black inside. If the pod has turned brown and rough-looking, it might be wise to pick it and take it in to a dry environment and let it open naturally.

INSTRUCTIONS FOR THE FLOWER SHOW, SALE AND WORKSHOP

FLOWER DISPLAY: This is a horticulture, not an arrangement, show. Any container may be used, but be sure to put your name on the container if you want it back. There will be three classes of blossoms judged: large, medium and miniature. A card with the exhibitor's name and the name of the plumeria (if known) should accompany each blossom exhibited. RAY BUEBE will receive the exhibits not later than 9 a.m. To prepare your flowers for showing it is recommended that you pick them early, soak in the sink for 30 minutes to an hour, then place in a plastic bag with wet paper towels on the bottom in the refrigerator overnight. Flowers will remain fresh for several hours either in or out of water.

WORKSHOP: Any member interested in participating and helping in the work shop, please call KEN AND MARY DUFF, 782-2020, as soon as possible.

SEEDS: DAVE AND HELEN EMISON will receive the seeds to be sold. Please package seeds-6 to a package-in plastic sandwich bags, stapled shut. Write on the bag with a felt pen the color of the mother plant. Again please have the seed packages at the show not later than 9 a.m.

PLANTS: BETTY ANDREWS AND DARLA RACZ will be there at 9 a.m. to receive plants. Each member bringing plants must do the following: Label plant as to cutting or seedling, the growers name, the color of cuttings and name of variety if known, and the price.

The pricing schedule is as follows:

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| CUTTINGS: | 12 inches to 18 inches | \$ 4.00 |
| | 18 " to 3 feet | 7.00 |
| Larger plants, please consult Betty and Darla. | | |

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| SEEDLINS: | 6-12 inches | 2.00 |
| | 12-24 inches | 4.00 |

Larger plants, please consult Betty or Darla, but be sure to have a tag on which to write the price.

GLORIA GLENNEY AND MARY DUFF will be charge of the plant and seed sales to the public.

Your cooperation in being there at 9 a.m. and having your flowers, seeds and plants ready for sale is sincerely requested. Those of you who participated in the last show/sale remember what a mad house it was when all those people showed up early. We request that every member that can be will come there at least half a day to help answer questions from the public. We need everyone's participation to make this show a smooth-running event.