

THE PLUMERIA SOCIETY OF AMERICA
GENERAL MEETING
July 9, 2019

The general meeting at the Cherie Flores Garden Pavilion, 1500 Hermann Drive, Houston, Texas was called to order at 7:16 p.m. by Ray Allison, President.

Ray welcomed everyone and made the following announcements:

- The nominating committee of Paula Furtwangler, Mark Wright, and Karen Babb are handling all nominations for officers. Anyone interested in serving on the board should contact one of these committee members.
- Lori has done a great job with food for meetings and plant sales, but more people are needed to help.
- Assistance is needed for handling audio/visual for presentations.
- Someone is needed to arrange for speakers and get more information (on website and FB Page) to advertise the speakers.
- Assistance is needed to coordinate social events – yard tours, trips to South Texas Botanical Gardens, etc.

Ray offered plumeria seeds to visitors. There are 502 registered varieties of plumerias.

The June plumeria sale represented a 12% increase in total dollars over last year's sale.

Presentation – Joy Columbus, VP of Horticulture, Houston Botanic Gardens (HBG)

The Houston Botanic Gardens master plan was created in 2015 and will have a grand opening in the fall of 2020. There is currently no dedicated plumeria area, but the HBG is open to adding one in the future.

Joy is from Ohio and studied botany and science. Her career has been in public gardens and she moved to Houston for the HBG project.

HBG is a 132 property that sits on Sims Bayou, just across the Gulf Freeway from Hobby Airport, on the former site of the Glenbrook Golf Course.

The mission of HBG is to enrich life through discovery, education, and the conservation of plants and the natural environment.

Elements to be included in HBG:

- Community garden
- Volunteer opportunities
- Education and discovery

- Education for children
- Outdoor lab/classroom for older students
- Sustainable horticulture
- Conservation
- Stormwater wetlands garden
- Coastal prairie garden

Phase I of the master plan includes:

- Pine grove
- Global collection
- Edible garden
- Children's lagoon

HBG projected visitors:

- Year 1 – 100,000
- Year 5 – 500,000
- Year 10+ - 1 million

The City of Houston donated the land for the HBG. There are 328 post oaks on the site. During hurricane Harvey, water reached the banks but did not overflow onto the property.

Plant Raffle

After the presentation, many plants were given away as door prizes.

Sellers' Meeting

A sellers' meeting for the July 20 plant sale was held immediately following the general meeting. Copies of the plant sale rules were distributed and tables were selected for the sale.

The meeting concluded at 8:45 pm.