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Meeting begins at 2:00 pm

Anaheim United Methodist
Church

1000 S. State College Blvd.
Anaheim, CA 92806
www.southcoastplumeriasociety.club

Sticks to Stars



PO Box 4138, Seal Beach, CA 90740

October 2019

President's Corner

The days are growing shorter and the nights are cooler. It's the time of year when our plants will soon start dropping leaves and going to sleep for winter. Summer seemed to get here late and is leaving too quickly. Another season is coming to an end, but what a wonderful season it was! I am grateful to our presenters beginning with Ken Sakata who shared his knowledge of Hawaiian history and its relationship with some of our favorite plumeria; Mike Atkinson discussed the foibles of fertilizers; David Konishi, Irene Jones, Linda Ohara and Brendon Dorish shared their techniques of grafting, bag rooting and growing from seeds; Linda Ohara shared her expertise in garden pests, and most recently, Don Hodel gave a wonderful talk about Plumeria species. Their willingness to share their time and knowledge with us is much appreciated! Mahalo to you all.



The SCPS also participated in the Green Scene and Plumeria Day at the LA Arboretum, and Pennie and I gave a talk at Roger's Gardens about plumeria basics and shared about our society. The Garden Tours were a hit with members, as usual, and Diem Nguyen and Raul Cerna managed a successful Flower Show. None of this would be possible without the members who volunteer their time at meetings and events. My sincerest thanks to all of you. I truly appreciate your support.

Our society is more than just meetings and events, however. It is a place to gather with friends. It is a feeling of belonging and shared love of Plumeria. It is our Plumeria ohana. I hope you will be able to join us for our final gathering together – our luau on October 6th.

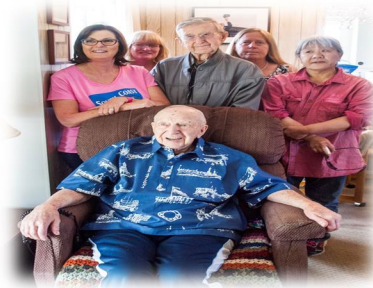
Several months ago, Ed McGrath contacted me about the SCPS's involvement in propagating cuttings from a Plumeria tree that belonged to Lauren Bruner. Lauren was the second to the last to leave the USS Arizona when it was bombed during the attacks on Pearl Harbor during WWII. Members of the SCPS Board and Bud Guillot had the honor of meeting Lauren at his home when we went to take cuttings from his tree. Those cuttings were distributed to SCPS members who were interested in growing the cuttings with the intent of returning them so they could be planted as part of the landscape for a museum to be built in Hawaii honoring WWII veterans. Lauren passed away on September 10, 2019. The museum is part of Lauren's legacy of which we will continue to be a part. If you are growing a cutting from Lauren's tree, please continue to send updates as outlined in the letter you should have received. The following is Lauren's obituary.

Mahalo,
Jaki

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The Passing of Lauren Fay Bruner Second to the Last to Leave USS Arizona

Lauren Fay Bruner, Second to the Last to Leave the Great Battleship USS Arizona, now known throughout the world as the USS Arizona National Memorial, passed from this life to the next on September 10, 2019 at home at 98 years. Amongst Lauren's many friends who mourn his passing but celebrate his life include Max & Sheila Callison, who looked after his affairs and Ed & Dyanne McGrath, Ed having co-written Lauren's best-selling book at Pearl Harbor, *Second to the Last to Leave USS Arizona*. Lauren Bruner joined the Navy out of high school in Elma, Washington on November 15, 1938, only 11 days following his 18th birthday. USS Arizona was his first ship, and he always considered it to be lucky, as this elevated him to becoming a Battleship Sailor. Lauren had just turned 21 before the Attack on Pearl Harbor and with his crew of 5 were the last crewmembers off the ship after it was bombed and sank during the Attack. Their escape is considered by Military historians to be USS Arizona's Greatest Escape, and Lauren survived after having been burned over 73% of his body and taking two enemy machine gun rounds to his left leg, for which he was awarded the Purple Heart. Aching to get back into the fight after spending 7 months in Naval hospitals, Lauren became the Gun Captain aboard the new destroyer USS Coghlan, where he and his crew spent the rest of World War II taking the fight back to the enemy's doorstep. Lauren's ship and crew received 8 battle stars for their part in 8 of the Navy's greatest sea battles during the rest of the war. Lauren never talked to anyone about the Attack on Pearl Harbor or his serving his country throughout the rest of the war until he met his friend Ed McGrath, which eventually led to their writing and publishing of his book. In 2015, Lauren and Ed established the Lauren F. Bruner USS Arizona Memorial Foundation to help honor his crew and ship. Among the many projects his foundation has undertaken includes Lauren's "Dream Gift to America," which can be viewed at dreamgifttoamerica.com, whose goal is to have portraits drawn of each of the 1,512 crewmembers of USS Arizona, as they looked on 7 December 1941, in order to share these with future generations who visit Pearl Harbor. Lauren has chosen to return to his ship and will be interred/buried back aboard USS Arizona in the Spring of 2020, and it is believed that he will be the last Arizona crew member to return to his ship in this manner. The interment will be followed by a wake to celebrate his life, choreographed by Lauren himself at Smith's Union Bar in Honolulu, which was the "Official Watering Hole of the Crew of USS Arizona" prior to and after the Attack on Pearl Harbor. Details to be announced, everyone to be invited. Donations, should you wish to make one, would be welcomed by Lauren at dreamgifttoamerica.com



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South Coast Plumeria Society
Members Only
LUAU

October 6, 2019 2:00pm

Anaheim United Methodist Church
1000 State College Blvd. Anaheim

Music, Entertainment, Food and Friends

Hawaiian food catered by:
Loft Hawaiian Grill

Teriyaki Chicken
BBQ Beef
Kālua Pork
White Rice
Bacon Fried Rice

Members are asked to bring the following:

A-M please bring a side dish/salad to share

N-Z please bring a dessert to share

Beverages will be provided by the Society

If you haven't RSVP'd please do so **ASAP** to Pennie Louwers
moorecents@gmail.com or send text to 949-280-7120

Please include the number of members attending. No guests please.

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2020 SCPS Calendar - Save the Dates

March 1st – General Meeting – Speaker TBD

April 5th – General Meeting – Speaker TBD

May 3rd – General Meeting– Speaker TBD

June 7th – General Meeting– Speaker TBD

July – Members Home Garden Tours – **no** General Meeting

August 2nd – Flower Show/All Things Plumeria

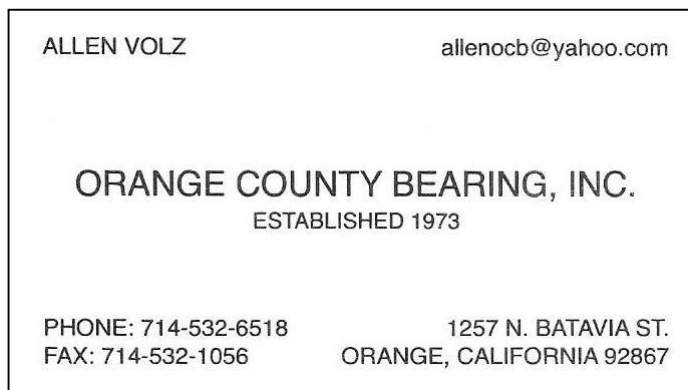
September 13th – (*Second Sunday of the Month*) – General Meeting– Speaker TBD

October 4th - Luau

The General Meetings are held on the first Sunday of the month unless otherwise stated.

Our 2019 Commercial Members

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2019 Calendar (Subject to change)

Unless noted otherwise: All Meetings and Events are held at:

1000 S. State College Blvd., Anaheim, CA 92806

(2-4pm unless otherwise noted)

- March 3:** **The Beauty and History of Hawaiian Plumeria**
Ken Sakata
 For many of us plumeria evoke memories of Hawaii. Ken will be sharing the history and culture of some of our favorite Hawaiian classics.
- April 6-7:** **Green Scene at the Fullerton Arboretum.**
 We will have an information booth.
- April 14:** **Fertilizers!**
Mike Atkinson
 Mike will be discussing different types of fertilizers and how they benefit plumeria.
- May 5:** **Propagation Workshops**
(Irene Jones, David Konishi, Diane Gotti & Brendan Dorish)
 This meeting will focus on different styles of bag rooting and grafting.
- June 2:** **Garden Pests!**
Linda Ohara
 Linda will be sharing her knowledge of garden insects and how to deal with them. Bring your bugs (in a baggie) for identification.
OC Farm Supply – Chris Roy will also be there with products for sale
- July 20:** **Plumeria Day at the LA Arboretum**
 The SCPS will have an information booth, and many of our members volunteer at the grove. Vendors, workshops and tours of the grove.
- July 27-28:** **10th Annual Garden Tours** (Members only)
- August 4:** **14th Annual Flower Show and All Things Plumeria Sale** (2-5pm)
- August 10:** **Roger's Gardens** (9am)
- September 8:** **Plumeria Species**
 Don Hodel
- October 6:** **Luau** (Members only, 2-5pm)



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MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION FOR 2019

South Coast Plumeria Society

P.O. Box 4138, Seal Beach, CA 90740

All information on this application will be for
South Coast Plumeria Society's use only

It will not be sold, shared, or used for any other purpose.

New () Renewing () Please Print Clearly Date _____

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*Newsletters are published via email in an Adobe.pdf file as part of your membership. B&W Snail mail copies will be an additional \$10 on top of the current membership fee. We no longer will send snail mail colored newsletters. **Dues are nonrefundable.***

Dues are due at the first meeting of each year and all memberships end on December 31st. Please choose from the following membership types:

- Individual Membership** 1 yr- **\$25.00** (all membership privileges plus newsletter)
- Couples Membership** - **\$40.00** (all membership privileges plus newsletter)
- Household Membership** - **\$50.00** (2 adults, 2 children (under 18) at the same address, all membership privileges plus newsletter)
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- Electronic Newsletter Subscription Only** - **\$10.00** (no membership privileges, emailed newsletter only)
- Add \$10 if you need the newsletter via snail mail (per year).**

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South Coast Plumeria Society, P.O. Box 4138, Seal Beach, CA 90740

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