

Meeting held:
United Methodist Church
1000 S State College Blvd.
Anaheim, CA 92806



August 2022

President's Corner

Jaki Kamphuis

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Aloha Members! The Garden Tours is always one of my favorite events. I know it's a lot of work to get the yards ready for visitors, and it is much appreciated! Mahalo nui to everyone who opened their yards for our members! I even heard that Anita served Dole Whip and others held raffles! Thanks for making the Garden Tours even more special!

The Garden Tours are hard to beat, but we have our annual Flower Show and All Things Plumeria Sale coming up on Sunday, August 28th! The Flower Show is a fun competition and a great way to show off your blooms! Members will be able to enter 1 flower into each of the 8 categories.

Please look for the Flower Show rules in this newsletter for more information. Also happening at the Flower Show, Pat Shimamoto will be sharing how to make plumeria hairpieces (make and take) again, and Ken Sakata will be demonstrating how to make a ti leaf lei (lei la'i)!

There will also be eight different vendors to tempt you with plants, ceramic plumeria rings, wood carvings of plumeria and other wall and home décor, beautiful handmade crafts and much more! This event is so special, we've scheduled an extra hour (2-5pm) so you'll have plenty of time to enjoy everything!

Just a reminder that our September meeting is being held on September 11th, not the 4th, since that is Labor Day weekend. I'm not going to mention names, but one of our Board members

Mission

Educate the membership in the culture, development, hybridization, propagation and research of Plumeria (Aka Frangipani) Promote interest in and increase knowledge of Plumeria, share this knowledge, and promote a forum for the South Coast Plumeria Society members.



(Rich Ingrassia) was able to get Ampol Orrungro as our guest speaker for September. Ampol is credited with being the first person in North America to graft plumeria back in the early 90's. Originally from Thailand, Ampol owned a nursery in San Diego County for many years and is a member of the Southern California Plumeria Society. We are honored to have him share his wealth of information with us! I look forward to seeing you all soon!

Jaki

Volunteers Needed!!! Mahalo and I hope to see you soon! Jaki

South Coast Plumeria Society

Flower Show & All Things Plumeria Sale

Sunday, August 28th 2-5pm

**1000 S. State College Blvd, Anaheim
(at the United Methodist Church)**

**See hundreds of plumeria blooms!
Make & take plumeria hair pieces with Pat Shimamoto!
Ti Leaf Lei demonstration with Ken Sakata!**

**Plumeria Vendors: Irene Jones, Johnny Barajas, Erik Jordan,
Plumeria Papa and Tiki Tropic Plumeria.**

**All Things Plumeria Vendors: Ciara Bali (home décor), Monkey
Flinging Art (plumeria rings and pottery) and Nani Hawaiian Crafts**

FREE EVENT!

**Entry of flowers into Flower Show contest is limited to current members of the South Coast
Plumeria Society, but everyone can enjoy the blooms!**

SCPS Flower Show Rules 2022

1. Must be a current member (2022) to enter flowers.
2. Check in is 2:00-2:45 for entry.
3. Members can enter 1 flower per category (1 white, 1 pink, etc).
4. Flowers must be from the member's own yard (not a relative or neighbor)
5. Members entering flowers must check in at the membership desk to pick up a flower show packet. Members will receive a random number to identify their flowers.
6. Couple members can both enter flowers using their own number.
7. Fill out the form for each entry; place your bloom in the test tube (1 per category).
8. The same variety may be entered in more than one category.
9. Place the cup and entry form next to the bloom you've entered.
10. First, second and third place winners will be selected based on votes.
11. First place winners will receive \$25 cash.
12. Best in Show winner will receive an additional \$25 cash.
13. All winners (first, second and third place) will receive ribbons.
14. Best in show is the winning flower with the most votes.
15. Winners will be announced and will have their pictures taken for the newsletter.

Categories*

White
Orange

Yellow
Purple

Pink
Rainbow

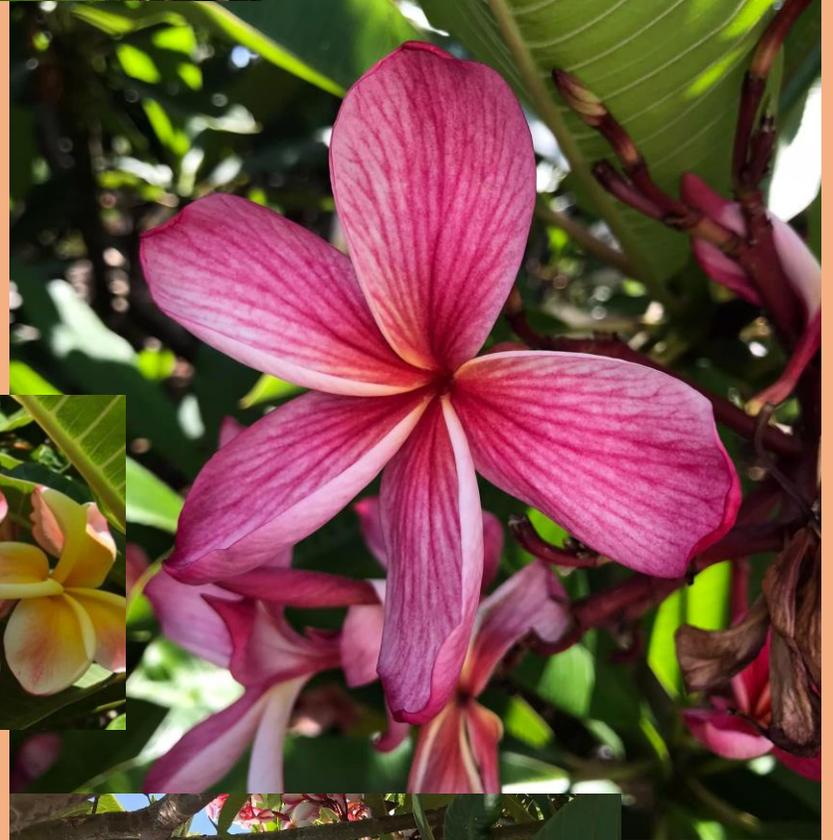
Red
Unique

**the flower must consist primarily of the category color*



SCPS 2022 GARDEN TOURS

*Trace & Teri
Westcott*



ANITA
Dorsey De Leon



David Lopez

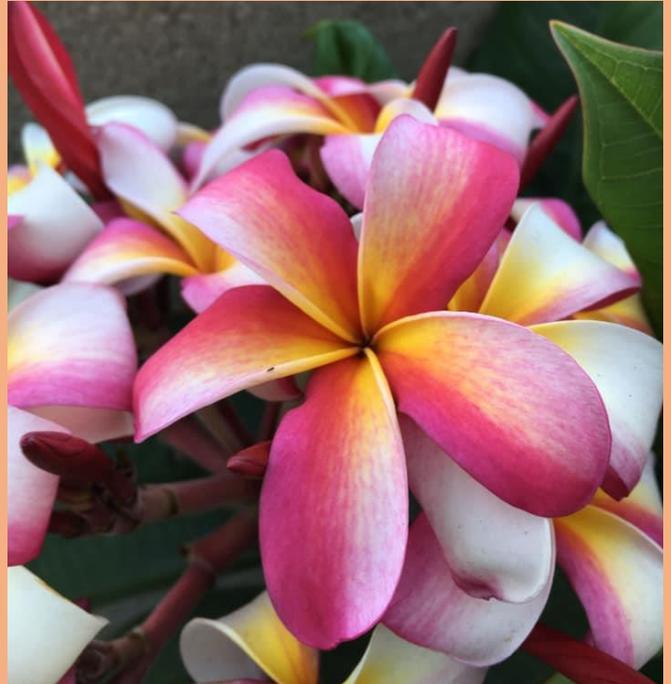


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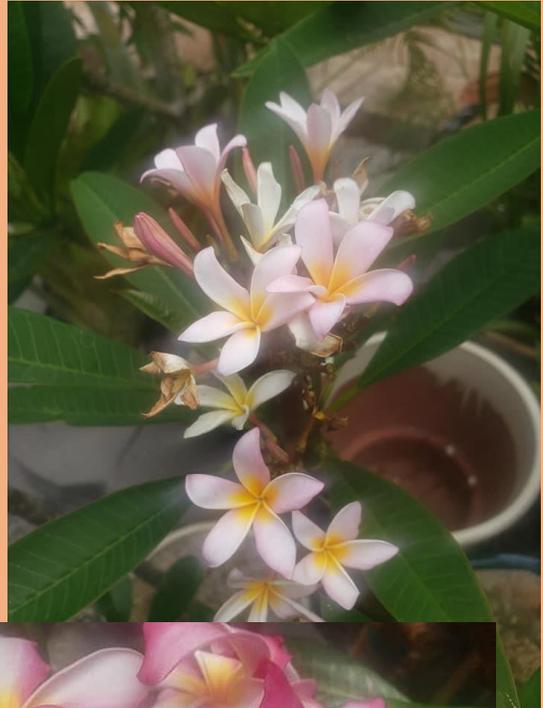


Diem Nguyen



Photos by K Rowley and J Kamphuis

Kenny Lam



Upcoming Calendar

- August 27 Annual Flower Show and All things Plumeria. Vendors, Lei and hair-piece making 2-5:00 United Methodist Church
- September 11 Monthly meeting Ampol Orrungro guest speaker
- October 2nd Members only Luau

Tiki Market July 7/23



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Treasurer's Report:

Checking Balance	\$14,746.82
Savings	1,492.27
Bills yet to clear	
Calif Garden club	\$605
Tiki Market	200
PO Box	212
Legal Zoom	TBD

Editor's Note:

Special thanks to all those who allowed us to use photos of your lovely blooms and gardens in this month's Newsletter. It wouldn't look the same without them! Thanks to the photographers. I have endeavored to attribute the grower and photographer where I knew them. I apologize if I mistook one. Another time I will work to get the names of all the trees. Also, in arranging as many blooms on a page as I could I had to compromise the perfect framing and setting of some of the scenes. I hope you understand. Aloha!

PLUMERIA DAY LA Co Arboretum 2022



Tours of plumeria grove on Tallic Knoll



Plaque honoring Bud Set below "California Sally"

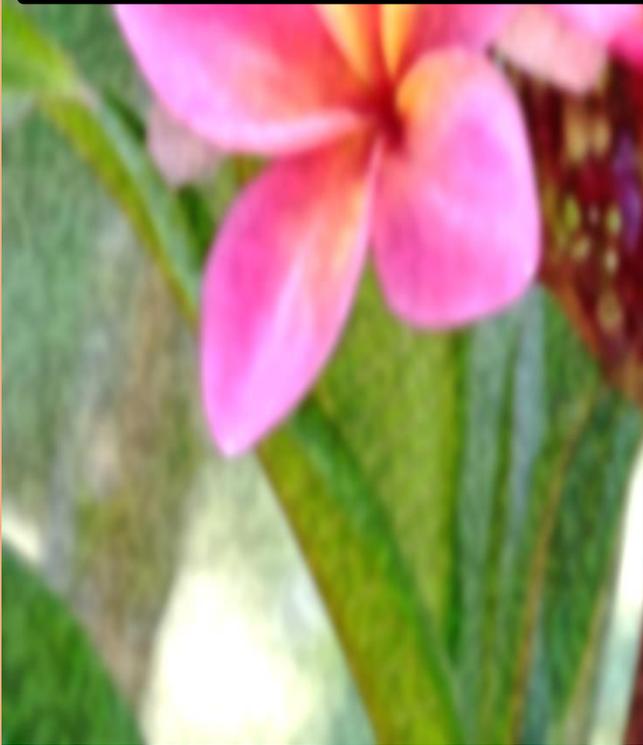
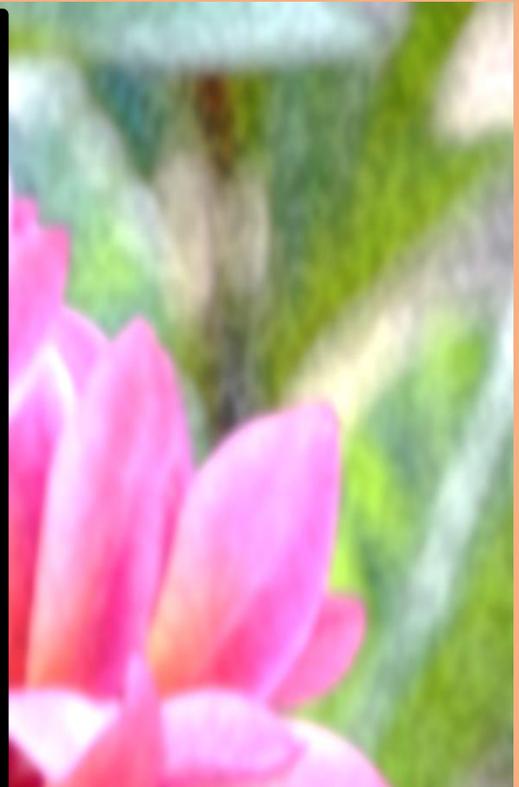
Thank you for your contributions for the plaque



Information table with Flower exhibit



Thanks to Phil Wong for the photos!



Interview with Trace Westcott

By Irene Jones Originally appearing in PSA Newsletter June 2020

Thanks to you Irene

Aloha Plumeria Friends,

I have had an interest in gardening for over 50 years. I started growing cactus and succulents, among other things, in the late 60's. Gardening is my escape from reality and the stress of daily life. Gardening is like meditation for me. I received my first plumeria cutting from a friend, returning from Hawaii around 1975. Like many other folks my first plumeria was a 'Celadine.'

I currently have about 350 plumeria. Very few are duplicates, with the exception of a few younger seedlings. Several times over the years, I have accumulated as many as 500 plumeria at one time. I do this mostly myself, with the occasional help from my understanding wife. My recommendation is to not exceed the quantity that is comfortable for you. I have been at that maximum number of plants a few times, and it can become too much like work. In my opinion you want your hobbies to be fun, not work. I currently have about 45 trees in the ground. Several others are in 24-inch box planters. The remainder are in 20 gallon or less sized pots. I also gravitate towards other tropical varieties such as Adenium, Pacapodium, Jatropha, and Fokea, while also maintaining my collection of cactus and succulents.

I am fortunate that I live in zone 10A in the coastal facing foothills of Southern California. Being basically tropical plants, plumeria have an ideal temperature band of approximately 60° F. to 90° F. In my location, we exceed that on both ends. Occasionally, we get up into the low 100's in summer, and the most sensitive varieties require protection from direct sun—using sun filtering shade cloth or placing them away from afternoon hot sun.

I have found over the years that it is not one-size-fits-all when it comes to the environment certain varieties like. I have found that hard, shiny-leaved plumerias are much hardier in hot sun than light, papery-leaf varieties. Temperatures here can also dip into the mid-30's in winter, although mid-40's is most common. I do move some of my more treasured potted varieties in my greenhouse during the months of December, January, and February. It just becomes less for me to worry about, because I have many others that cannot be moved and must be protected, if necessary, due to frost, freezing, or excessive rain.

I have frost cloth and frost bonnets for all plumeria in the ground and in large containers that cannot be moved. Although frost/freeze protection is not often needed in my climate, I have used it over the years and view it like a fire extinguisher. You hope you never need it, but if you do, you will be very glad you have it.



My favorite plumeria variety, even after seeing hundreds of different exotic varieties over the years, is still 'Jean Moragne Jr' usually referred to as 'Jeannie Moragne.' This variety has it all in my opinion—size, durability, prolific blooming, wow factor, and scent. If I had to make the difficult choice to pick one desert island plumeria, it would be her.



I am always evolving with my fertilizer regimen. Currently, on anything 5 gallons and smaller, I am using 9-month Excalibur®, a slow-release fertilizer from Florida Colors Nursery. On my larger potted plants, as well as those in the ground, I use Simplot Best 6-24-24 XB+, a six-week granular fertilizer.

Also, periodically throughout the growing season, I supplement with Grow More®, Sea Grow 16-16-16 at about 1/3 strength applied with a 16:1 siphon mixer. This is a quick release fertilizer that really picks them up during the warmer months. In late fall, I use Sul-Po-Mag one time to help fortify my plants through winter. I personally feel it helps fortify cell strength, and I have

had far fewer damaged and lost plants over winter since I began using it about 15 years ago.

I have used many soils over the years, many times even mixing my own. My current favorite “right out of the bag” mix for plumeria is E.B. Stone™ Palm & Citrus mix, or E.B. Stone™ Cactus mix. With either, I add about 10% pumice or perlite as I want to promote excellent drainage. I would rather have to water a little bit more in the warmer months than have pots remain too wet at any time, especially in cooler weather.

When I root cuttings, I prefer bag rooting in a mix of coco coir and perlite. For very large cuttings, where bag rooting isn't possible, I will root in a similar mix or coarse cactus mix, using an appropriate size pot or clear juice container. I like clear containers, when possible, because I can observe root development. This is also one reason I like bag rooting. When I have a large quantity of common variety cuttings, many times I will gang root them in a pot. I have three large heat mats and size permitting, I always put my rooting cuttings on a heat mat. Bottom heat is essential in root development.

I began growing seedlings about 15 years ago and did it for a few years. For one reason or another I did not plant seeds for about eight years. When those first generations of seedlings began blooming, it reignited my interest in seedlings. I currently have several hundred seedlings one to four years old. I grow seedlings primarily to obtain new varieties—that's the real lure. I plant seeds using the small portable peat pod trays obtained at home stores or on the Internet. I like the peat pods because the seedlings can be transplanted without disturbing the roots. However, I also plant common white or similar varieties and use them for rootstock when I graft. If I am planting common variety seeds, many times I will gang root them in a 1- to 2- gallon pot.

I graft plumeria primarily when I have hard to root cuttings. When I graft, I prefer my host to be either seedlings or rooted cuttings of common whites, 'Celadines,' or other light-colored varieties. Some people have conducted studies showing that lighter-colored plumeria varieties proved to be better hosts for grafting stock as opposed to darker colors.

Over the years I have changed grafting styles several times. Currently I am using a V-graft. For me, it seems to provide a more stable graft that is easy to do for one person. In the past, I did slant grafts which I know many still use. I always felt like I had to have a third hand involved to stabilize the slant graft and prevent it from traveling while zip tying and taping.

A successful graft can be quite rewarding, because within just a few weeks or months you can have a fully functioning mature plant soon after your graft takes hold. The most critical component of grafting regardless of your technique is sanitize, sanitize, sanitize. I use 50% isopropyl alcohol liberally in a sprayer during the whole process. Use it after each cut both on your tools and the area of the plant you are working on.



I have tried many different methods wrapping my grafts. Currently I am using a product called parafilm laboratory tape. It only sticks to itself and is easily molded and breathable. My success rate has gone up versus using the other conventional grafting tape or electrical tape.

Over the years I have asked a lot of questions of fellow gardeners and plumerians, and I always find I can learn something new. Southern California has a great, experienced plumeria community which I'm very grateful for. I hope a few of the items I have shared here inspire you to appreciate more these amazing tropical flowering trees.

Mahalo!



Trace is the member who recommended this series for the newsletter; We appreciate his suggestion and generosity for this 3rd installment.

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