

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



**June 2023**

## **President's Corner**

**Jaki Kamphuis**

Aloha! We are finally starting to get a little heat! Most of us are starting to see some leaves and maybe even some inflos now (though I still have some stubborn ones that are just starting to wake up). Be honest, how many of you are out in your yard every day checking for new growth or a hint of an inflo? I know I am...lol.

I want to thank Linda Ohara for her informative presentation on plumeria pests at our June meeting. Linda is one of the most knowledgeable people I know when it comes to plumeria and plants in general. I feel lucky to have her as part of our South Coast plumeria family and an advisor to the Board.

Just a reminder that there won't be a regular meeting in July. The SCPS will be participating in the Plant-O-Rama sale at Sherman Gardens July 15-16 and Plumeria Day at the LA Arboretum on July 22.

Our next meeting will be the ANNUAL FLOWER SHOW AND SALE on August 6th (2-5pm). Members will be able to enter their blooms in several categories for a friendly competition. There will be several vendors and some special activities as well. The GARDEN TOURS will take place the weekend of August 19-20. More information will be sent out to members next month about both events. If you would like to be a vendor at the Flower Show & Sale or if you would like your yard to be part of the Garden Tours, please contact me at jbwk@aol.com.

**Mahalo,  
Jaki**

## **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.

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## **Flower of the Month**

**Can you name this Plumeria?**



Answer on page 5

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<https://www.facebook.com/groups/709694926035650>

Web Page

<http://www.southcoastplumeriasociety.club/>

## REMINDER:

There is no July meeting! During the month of July, the SCPS will be participating in two special events:

- July 15-16 Plant-O-Rama at Sherman Gardens
- July 22 Plumeria Day at the LA Arboretum

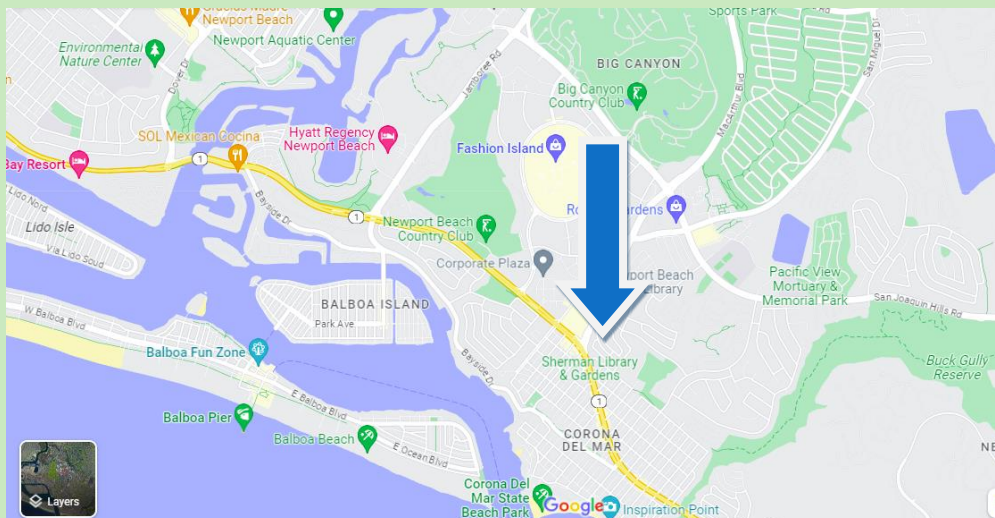


### Plant-O-Rama Sale at Sherman Gardens

The SCPS will be sharing information and our love of plumeria as well as selling plants at the Plant-O-Rama at Sherman Gardens on Saturday, July 15 and Sunday, July 16 (10:30-4 both days). Sherman Gardens is a beautiful place to visit, so come on down! There will be several other plant societies participating as well including the LA International Fern Society, Newport Harbor Orchid Society, Orange County Begonia Society, Saddleback Valley Bromeliad Society and the Southern California Carnivorous Plant Enthusiasts. There is an entry fee of \$5.

### Volunteers Needed for Plant-O-Rama!

Volunteers are still needed to help out at the SCPS booth at the Plant-O-Rama event being held at the beautiful Sherman Gardens in Corona del Mar. The event is being held on Saturday, July 15 Sunday, July 16. We especially need help on Saturday with set up and helping out at the booth. Part of the society's mission to share our knowledge with others, as well as our love for plumeria! Please contact SCPS President, Jaki Kamphuis at [jbwk@aol.com](mailto:jbwk@aol.com) if you can volunteer.



## **In Memory of Ken Smith**

Ken Smith was a long-time member of the society who passed away recently at the age of 95, and while his health kept him from attending meetings the last couple of years, it did not impede his love for plumeria. Ken had several large trees in his yard including Cancun Pinks and Celadines. Some of his favorite varieties were Mango Beauty, University of Hawaii and Barbados Show Girl. Ken also loved orchids and staghorn ferns, as well as hummingbirds. He was a retired “motorcycle cop” who served on the Alhambra police force for many years. He was also a talented craftsman who made metal sculptures, glass bottle art and beautiful kites. Those who knew Ken describe him as a kind, caring man who always had a smile. He was well respected and an inspiration to many in our plumeria ohana. Phil Kinoshita, a good friend of Ken’s, shared a saying that Ken often used, that described his outlook on life...“I wouldn’t worry about that”.

Our deepest sympathies to his daughters, Gayle Collins and Joyce Hunter, and their families.



Ken, on the left with Bud and Phil

## **GARDEN TOURS**

The Garden Tours will take place Saturday, August 19th and Sunday, August 20th this year. This event is for members only (members may bring a guest) and is one of perks of being a member. Every year several members open up their yards to share their blooming gardens with others. If you are interested in having your yard on the garden tour, please contact Jaki at [jbwk@aol.com](mailto:jbwk@aol.com).

## **South Coast Plumeria Society Board:**

President: Jaki Kamphuis

1<sup>st</sup> VP - Programs: Dawna Fry

2<sup>nd</sup> VP Membership: Richard Ingrassia

Secretary/ Store: Angie Dalley

Treasurer/ Newsletter: Julie Spacht

Advisor; Linda Ohara

Web Master Linda Hales

**BE SURE TO CHECK THE CALENDAR- we rearranged dates of Garden tours and Luau to avoid other plumeria events. .**

### **Secretary's report:**

Secretary (Angie also volunteered to operate the Store)

Meeting: June 4, 2023, 2PM-4PM

Topic: Plumeria Pests

1. Announcements given by Pres Jaki Kamphuis
  - There will not be a regular SCPS meeting in July.
  - The SCPS will have a booth at the Sherman Gardens Plant-o-Rama plant sale in Corona del Mar on July 15 –16.
  - Volunteers requested to help at the SCPS booth at the Plant-o-Rama sale.
  - Plumeria Day at the Los Angeles Arboretum in Arcadia will be on July 22.
  - The International Plumeria Conference 2023 will be held on September 28-30 at the Los Angeles Arboretum. Information cards are available at the membership desk.
  - Home Garden Tours will be held on August 19-20.
2. Presentation given by Linda O'Hara
3. Intermission 3-3:15PM
4. Member raffle and silent auction

Meeting adjourned at 4PM

Next Meeting: August 6 – Flower Show and Sale

Submitted by: Angie Dall

## **Welcome from Membership**

Hello fellow members. I hope you all enjoyed our June meeting on Pests. We have 7 renewal/new membership this month for a total of 180 members to date.

For those who paid online after Wednesday June 28th and those who paid at the last meeting, I will have your new ID badges ready for you at the next meeting.

I want to extend a thank you to all of those who volunteer at the monthly meetings. You are greatly appreciated and need to ensure the meetings go smoothly from set up to take down and clean up. If anyone can arrive a little early or stay a little late to assist you are welcome to do so.

Summer has finally arrived. Let's just hope it's not with a vengeance. Enjoy the blooming season. There are lots of events all over southern California to enjoy. Go out and smell the plumeria.

See everyone next month!  
Richard Ingrassia  
Vice President Membership

### **Treasurer's Report**

– Julie Spacht

End of May Accounts

Checking and cash	\$ 13,629.19
Saving	\$ 1,492.49

End of June

Checking and cash	\$ 14,712.19
Saving	\$ 1,492.49



## Flower of the month



## Garden Tools



A recent tree pruning project was timed with peak sap flow.

Climbing in and around the trees, needless to say, I got pretty sticky. I started out with a hat- but it didn't last long in and among the branches. Plumeria latex, while not technically toxic, is a considerable irritant. Shampoo was little help unmatting my hair, but conditioner did the trick.

As one who tries prevention first, I recommend a shower cap as one of your pruning tools!



**Thanks, Linda, for all the information on pests.** While the trees seem to be a bit slow coming into their leaves, the pests have been there right at the moment. Your information was not only spot on for plumerias, but covers many of the pests I have on my other plants. Getting my tooth brush out to clean the scale off my young lime tree! Thanks as always for sharing.



**Scale on plumeris trunk.**

## **SUSTAINABLE HORTICULTURE-**

### **Peat-Free Planting**

Julie Spacht

International Peat Society:



Peat is accumulated decaying material, typically Sphagnum moss, which is compressed and decayed by accumulating weight over hundreds of years. It is the single biggest carbon sink on the earth, and is practically not renewable. Bogs, in which peat grows, hold approximately 10% of the world's fresh water and are rich and unique habitats. Historically, Peat has been an important resource fuel for heating and cooking. Harvesting peat involves draining the bog and cutting the peat which results in release of CO<sub>2</sub> and destroys habitat. Much of the peat available in the United States is sourced from Canada.

The UK and Europe have banned or are fading out the use of peat in home gardening in lieu of more sustainable potting materials. While home gardening use of peat is not banned in the United States, decreasing its use is a step toward sustainable gardening and cutting greenhouse gas emissions.

<u>Pros of peat moss for the garden</u>	<u>Cons of peat moss for the garden</u>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Absorbs and retains water</li><li>• Prevents soil compaction</li><li>• Holds soil nutrients</li><li>• Free of bacteria, fungi, and weed seeds</li><li>• Lasts several years</li><li>• Perfect for acid-loving plants.</li></ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Non-renewable resource</li><li>• Contributes to climate change, water and habitat</li><li>• Expensive</li><li>• Poor in nutrients</li><li>• Too acidic for some plants</li><li>• May diminish helpful bacteria and organisms</li></ul>

Alternatives to peat are not a one-to-one replacement. It may take some trial and error to formulate just the right "recipe" for your use and micro-climate. Common replacements include:

- Cedar mulch- finely ground tree bark- a by-product of the lumber industry. It is generally cheaper than peat. Be sure, however, the mulch is fine enough for your intended use.
- Coco Coir- shredded by-product of the coconut industry. Most commonly sourced from Sri Lanka- which adds transportation greenhouse gas emissions. Coir is low in nutrients itself, but will hold added nutrients effectively to make them available when plants need them. Lower quality coir may have a higher salt content.
- Home-grown or commercial compost. Compost can be locally source in most areas. The content, however, can be variable leading to unpredictable results. Purchasing in a large volume and working with it over time may provides more reliable results.
- Worm Castings- while a great for use in small patio plantings, worm casting can be expensive for tree plantings, except as a supplement.

<https://lawnlove.com/blog/peat-moss-pros-and-cons/>

<https://www.architecturaldigest.com/story/what-is-peat-moss#:~:text=Peat%20moss%20releases%20carbon%20dioxide&text=The%20peat%20moss%20harvesting%20releases,it's%20been%20banned%20in%20Europe.>

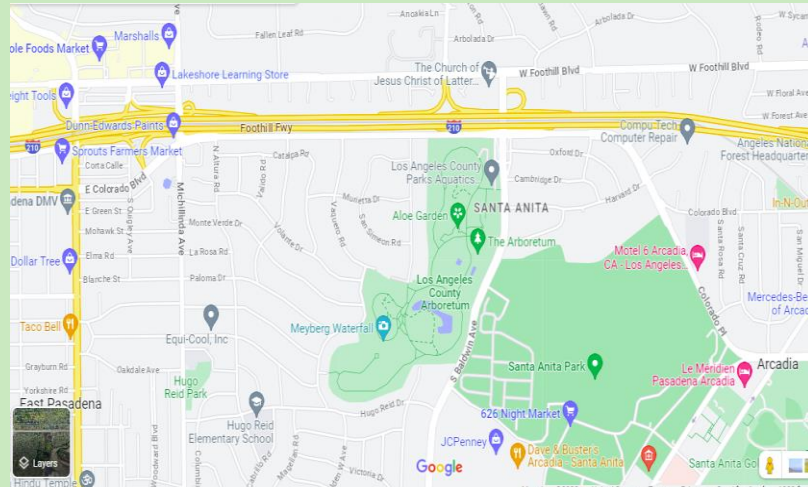
<https://www.bhg.com/gardening/how-to-garden/peat-moss/>

<https://rosysoil.com/blogs/news/peat-free-potting-soil#5reasons>

## Plumeria Days LA Arboretum

July 21-22. Saturday 9-3:00 <https://www.arboretum.org/>

Friday is a members (Arboretum) event. Saturday is a full day of presentations, classes, vendors and tours of the Plumeria collection in addition to the Arboretum regular plantings. Beautiful setting with lots of Plumeria to see, smell, admire, learn (and buy.)







# IPC23

INTERNATIONAL  
PLUMERIA CONFERENCE  
SEP 28-30 | LA ARBORETUM

IPC23 inspires plumeria growers with wide-ranging knowledge, access to experts, and in-person connections to growers from around the world.

- Keynote speakers who are plumeria, horticulture, and botany experts.
- Workshops on the latest trends and techniques in plumeria cultivation.
- Los Angeles County Arboretum and Botanic Gardens is a 127-acre natural and historic wonder with the renowned, curated Plumeria Grove with 120 trees!
- Vendors showcasing their plumerias and plumeria-related products and services.
- Hands-on demonstrations and panels.
- Social events and an exclusive Hawaiian luau to meet and mingle with fellow plumeria enthusiasts from around the world.

"It doesn't matter if you're a beginner or experienced, there is always something to learn. I attended the 2016 IPC in Florida and treasured every moment. The topics were interesting and filled with information, but the best part was meeting up with friends and making new friends. These friendships have only grown since then. Only a true plumerian has an IPC merit badge!"

(Joe Malinak, Alabama)



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# 2023 Calendar:

## Meetings

DATES/TIMES TOPIC

August 6 (2-5:00) Flower Show and Sale

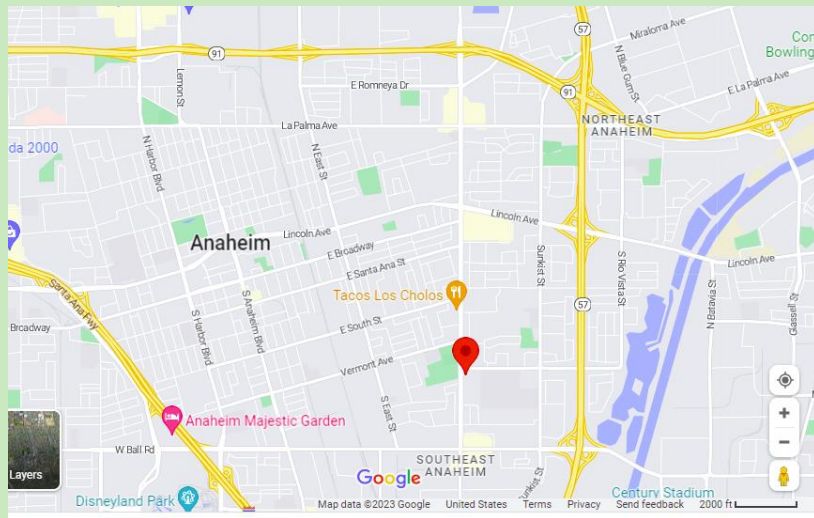
Sept. 10 (2-4:00) Plumeria Species; Elections held

October 8 (2-5:00) Luau

United Methodist Church

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Society events are planned and scheduled to promote and educate regarding knowledge of plumerias and Hawaiian culture and encourage social connections between people of common interests. Meetings and most events are open to the public; however, garden tours and the annual Luau are for members only. We hope you can join us!

## Events

DATES/TIMES EVENTS

July 15-16 Plant-O- Rama at Sherman Gardens

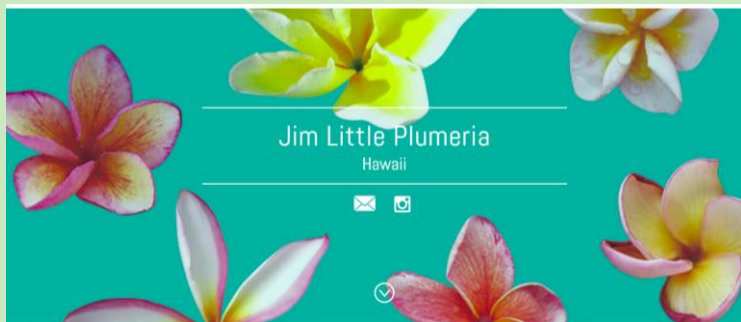
July 21-22 Plumeria Day at the LA Arboretum (Saturday 9-3:00)

August 6 (2-5) Flower Show and Sale

August 19-20 Garden Tours (Tour members' gardens)

September 28-30 IPC23 International Conference

Commercial Supporters:



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# MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION FOR 2023

## SouthCoast 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

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Aloha! Thank you for supporting the South Coast Plumeria Society! Dues should be paid prior to or at the first meeting of each year. *All memberships end on December 31* and are not prorated or refundable. Please note that our newsletter will be sent via email as a pdf file as part of your membership. Please choose from the following membership types:

☐ **Individual Membership** 1 year- **\$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)

☐ **Commercial Membership** - **\$50.00** (includes newsletter, membership privileges for one and a business card size advertisement in each newsletter)

☐ **Electronic Newsletter Subscription Only** - **\$10.00** (no membership privileges, emailed newsletter only)

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[www.southcoastplumeriasociety.club](http://www.southcoastplumeriasociety.club) but please also complete this form and mail or bring to the meeting.

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