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

July 2023

President's Corner

Jaki Kamphuis

Aloha! Many members have been getting some blooms in their yards now that we finally have some sun and heat! Our plants may need protection during this time, especially if they aren't fully leafed-out yet. Many members use paper towel rolls to protect the stems, some use tree paint and others have used Calamine lotion. I have as many as possible tucked away on benches on the shadier side of my house; others are placed so they get some shade in the heat of the afternoon...tucked amongst palm fronds or other plants, or in the shadow of the shed. I water deeply and give my plants a "Hawaiian shower" in the early evening. Remember to protect yourself as well! Wear sunscreen and a hat when out in the yard!

Our annual FLOWER SHOW AND SALE is Sunday, August 6th- 2-5pm. The Flower Show is a friendly competition for members to showcase their flowers in a number of categories. Flower Show rules and categories are in this newsletter. There will be several plant vendors including Irene Jones, Johnny Barajas, John Tarvin, Allen Volz, Erik Jordan and Alex Franco. Lernie Beuler will be selling her beautiful ceramic plumeria rings and doing henna tattoos...very fun! Liz Wong will be selling her Nani Hawaiian Crafts as well, and Ken Sakata will be sharing his knowledge of lei making again! Kona Ice may also be there (we're working on it). This is one of our biggest events of the year...hope to see you there!

I'm very excited to announce that Mike and Dawna Fry will be our guest speakers at our September meeting. Dawna and Mike vacationed in Oahu earlier this year and had the honor of being the very first people to have a private tour of Jim Little's Farm since it opened to the public in May. They will be sharing pictures of their experience both at the farm and the Koko Crater Botanical Gardens which boasts a large plumeria grove. I'm looking forward to hearing about their trip and seeing pictures of their adventure!

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.

ATTENTION-No Raffle in August

Due to the busy schedule of the Flower Show, there won't be a member raffle. We appreciate your generosity, but please do not bring cuttings/other items to the Flower Show (August 6).

Mahalo!

Snacks, however, will be on the schedule. Members with last names starting A through L, please bring single serving prewrapped treats to share. Drinks will be provided.

Follow us on Face Book at South Coast Plumeria Society Members Only FB: https://www.facebook.com/groups/709694 926035650

Web Page

http://www.southcoastplumeriasociety.club/

SPECIAL ANNOUNCEMENTS and THANKS

PRE-ORDER A LEI FOR THE LUAU!

Remember those wonderfully scented Celadine flowers that we handed out at the March meeting? Imagine having a lei made from those flowers...straight from Hawaii.

Members can pre-order a lei to have for the luau by completing a form available at the membership desk at the August or September meeting. Cost is \$25 for a lei made of 50 flowers.



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.



MAHALO!

Mahalo nui to Nancy Reiter, Philip Wong and Lee & Julie Spacht for donating cuttings to sell at the Plant-O-Rama at Sherman Gardens. Sales at these types of events help offset the cost of participating and raise money for the SCPS.

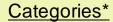
Flower of the month.



Do you recognize this beauty? Answer on page 4

SCPS Flower Show Rules 2023

- 1. Must be a current member (2023) 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.



White Yellow Pink Red Rainbow Unique

*Categories are based on color of the flower, not the name of the variety. For example, there are some reds that bloom pink in coastal areas. If the flower is pink in color, it can be entered in the pink category. The flower must consist primarily of the category color to be entered in that category. Although there are no purple or orange categories, these flowers and others can be entered in the "Unique" category. Flowers may be removed from a category at the discretion of the Flower Show committee.



Flower Show



Vendors Including Irene and Dale



<u>Plumeria merchandize – Vase ring by Lernie</u>

South Coast Plumeria Society Board:

President: Jaki Kamphuis

1St VP - Programs: Dawna Fry

2nd VP Membership: Richard Ingrassia

Secretary/ Store: Angie Dalley

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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:

There was no meeting for the month of July- because we have so many other fun events to attend in addition to our newly blooming plants.

July Events
Plant- o-Rama- Sherman Gardens
July 15- 16
Plumeria Days LA Arboretum July 21-22

See you there!

Welcome from Membership

Be sure to pay current year's due if you have not already. Benefits of membership include the Garden tours and Luau; both coming up soon!

Anyone with an outdated email- please meet up with Richard at the membership desk at the meeting.

Treasurer's Report

Julie SpachtEnd June checking account \$13,180.20Saving \$ 1,492.51

Not including cash on hand and sales from Plant-o-Rama.

Flower of the Month

Kelly Morange-just one of the beautiful flowers of the Moragne "Family" of plumeria. Shown here from Bud's collection raised in Huntington Beach.



Does talking to your Plumeria help them grow?

Why of course it does, we all do it!

Well, the jury of research is out on the value of talking to your plumeria (plants in general) as far as the plant is concerned. However, research shows it is generally good for YOU.

In addition to the obvious heat, air, water, sunlight; Plants respond to all sorts of stimuli, airflow, gravity, length of sunlight hours, elevation. There is some evidence that vibrations called "Green music," including those in the range of the nature and the human voice, can promote growth and disease resistance. It seems plants like classical music but pay no attention to traffic noise.

Some plants may also respond to touch in an effort to ward off landing insects.

The greatest benefits to talking to your plumeria, however, may come to you. Plants do not interrupt, argue or point out flaws in our theories. Talking out loud has been shown to be self- affirming, calming. Plumerias are less "needy" than a cat or dog though they may be just as expensive. Caring for your plumeria gets one out in the fresh air and sun (be careful, however to avoid heat related illness this week.)

No research could be found on the effects of yelling at your plumerias, threating to sell them off if they do not produce lovely flowers or comparing them unfavorably with one another. For the reasons mentioned above, these practices are not likely to be good for one's blood pressure.

Here's to your good health!

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=83tSUi5YbCQ

https://www.npr.org/transcripts/921645429

https://www.washingtonpost.com/home/2023/01/11/talking-to-plants-grow-thrive/

https://www.sciencedirect.com/science/article/abs/pii/S0041624X03001033











AGRONOMY 101

Soil is the basis for all life as it is the food for the lowest level food chain members including our Plumerias. The type, and nutrients available in soil directly affect our trees.

Soil typing is an involved system of describing the structural makeup of soil. Only a few basics, however, are necessary to understand the needs of Plumerias. Soil is made up of minerals, organic matter, water and air. The mineral component of soils, the vast majority by weight and volume, is described by the size of the particles. Smallest particles are:

Clay- sized at <0.002 mm, quite small. By putting a sample of soil in a jar of water and swirling it, much of the soil will break up and sink. Clay particles will remain, forming a cloudiness in the water for some time. Because it is so small, clay has a large surface area, it compacts tightly and holds water for a long time. When moist, clay is elastic and malleable and is used in sculpting and pottery. Once dried out, however, clay may become hard and brittle. These properties are important to many uses, but not growing plumerias. Adobe is a common type of clay found in Southern California; the house building material of the 18th and 19th centuries.

Silt is the next size mineral particle ranging from 0.002 to 0.05 mm. Silt is the powerhouse of rich soils as it retains but allows the migration of water, air and nutrients. Silt is formed as rocks break down and may be deposited far away from the source carried by flowing water or wind.

Sand is 0.05 to 2 mm in size. Particles larger than 2mm are classified as cobbles. Sand drains quickly and allows water to carry with it organics and other nutrients leaving less soil fertility. The larger granule size keeps sand from packing too tightly and provide space for air and water. Sand is mined from both land or water deposits. For both construction and gardening purposes, ocean mined sand may contain damaging salts. Most soil is a mixture of all three particle types providing benefits of each; bringing trace minerals and structure essential to plant growth and development.

Organics in the soil provide trace minerals, nitrogen, microorganisms, mycorrhizae, enzymes and other nutrients important to soil fertility. Organics also provide texture and a spongy characteristic which both retains and releases soil moisture making it available to the plants as needed. Plumeria growers often use organics such as cedar bark or coco coir to provide the texture and spongy characteristics and supplement with fertilizers.

Air and water fill the void spaces between soil particles and allow roots to penetrate as they grow. Water dissolves soil minerals making them more readily available to the plants. In addition to expanding soil enabling root growth, airways in soil promote drainage necessary to protect plumeria roots from excessive moisture. Air flow minimizes risk of anaerobic conditions. Growers often include pumice or similar expansive minerals to further improve soil drainage as plumeria roots are sensitive to root in too wet of soil.



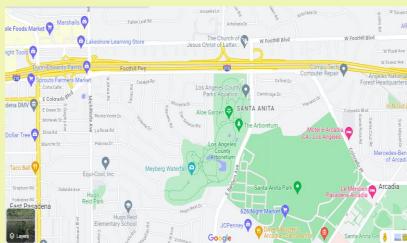
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Plumeria Days LA Arboretum

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.)







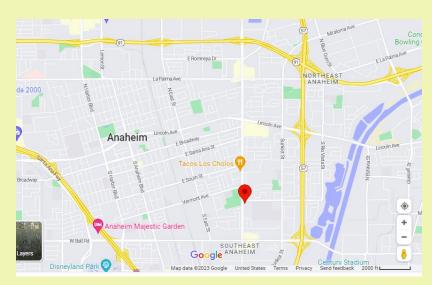


2023 Calendar:

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 1000 S State College Blvd. Anaheim, CA 92806



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 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

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MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION FOR 2023

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