

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



## February 2024 President's Corner

### Dawna Fry

Happy New Year and welcome back to the 2024 South Coast Plumeria Society meetings and events. I am excited to be President of the SCPS for the 2024-2025 year and to have an awesome and supportive Board. So far 2024 has started off with some unstable weather from being in the high 70's and sunny to heavy rains, wind and in some area's tornado watches. I hope all your plumeria's are "Surviving & Thriving" which happens to be the topic of our first meeting on Sunday, March 3<sup>rd</sup>, 2024. The meeting will be held at the Anaheim Methodist Church from 2p.m.-4p.m.

We have a lot of great topics & events scheduled for 2024 and we are excited to see you all on March 3<sup>rd</sup>.

We will keep you updated on all the meetings and topics so you can come prepared with any questions you may have.

We also welcome any suggestions on topics and if will do our best to schedule them in 2024.



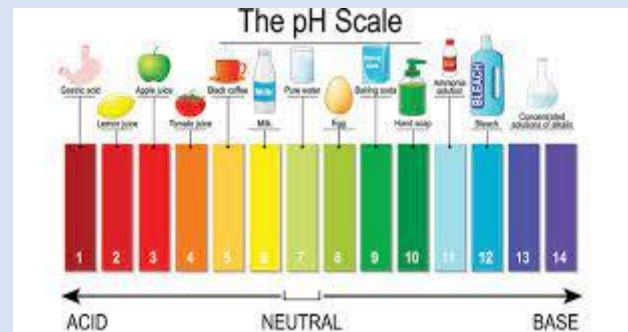
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<https://www.facebook.com/groups/709694926035650>  
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## Mission

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.

## MARCH 3<sup>rd</sup> Meeting Presentation:

Are you using the recommended soil, fertilizer, and watering properly and still not seeing your plumeria thrive? The answer may lie in the pH of any or all of them. Join us at the March 3<sup>rd</sup> meeting of the South Coast Plumeria Society to get these questions answered during Jim McKibben's presentation.



Science News Explores

## Volunteers

All Things go more smoothly with a little help. We are looking for volunteers to help set up room and snacks (please arrive before the meeting at 1:30)

## Snacks

Members whose names **start M-Z**, please brings snacks to share for the March meeting. Please bring individually wrapped items.

**South Coast Plumeria Society Board:**

President: Dawna Fry  
 1<sup>st</sup> VP - Programs: Jim McKibben  
 2<sup>nd</sup> VP Membership: Richard Ingrassia  
 Secretary/ Store: Angie Dalley  
 Treasurer/ News Letter: Julie Spacht  
 Advisors; Linda Ohara & Jaki Kamphuis  
 Web Master Linda Hales

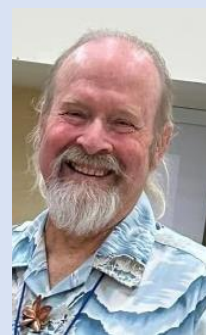


**Dawna Fry- President**  
 Seen here all decked out on their trip to Jim Little's on Maui- last Fall.



Linda Ohara      Jaki Kamphuis  
 Advisors

**VP of Programs-  
 Jim McKibben**  
 Jim has stepped up to do the first program!



**Richard Ingrassia  
 -VP Membership**  
 You can meet Rich at the membership table, just as you come in the door.



**Angie Dalley  
 Secretary  
 and Store Manager**  
 Its great she took this on!



Linda Hales Web Master  
 (I don't have a picture available---She works behind the scenes.)

**Treasurer's Report:** As of 1/12/24    Start of year

Checking	\$11,156
Savings	\$ 1,493
Cash on Hand	\$ <u>208</u>
TOTAL	\$12, 857

- Bills this month
- Liability Insurance
  - Storage Fee



**Julie Spacht**  
 Returning as Treasurer and Newsletter Editor

We are looking forward to a full year in 2024, with meetings and events of all sorts. Just some of what is in store for you

- ❖ Meetings starting March 3 with topics including soil preparation and pH; propagation; followed by varieties and species; and microclimate effects on growth and results.



- ❖ Plumeria Day at Sherman Gardens
- ❖ Expanded Plumeria Day at the LA Arboretum- additional day, more

vendors and exhibits




- ❖ SCPS Garden Tours- Inside look at some of our members' beautiful gardens
- ❖ Flower show and All Things Plumeria- opportunity to show your stuff!
- ❖ Members only Luau, a great end to the season

We are also looking to schedule a cutting sale, and perhaps the Tiki Market event. We also have some additional fun things in store!

Let us know what you are interested in seeing and participating in!






And while we are looking ahead, let's not forget those wonderful dancers at the Fall Luau. Should you find yourself in need of a beautiful talented dance group, here's your answer:



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## My Favorite Plumeria

It's often said that beauty is in the eye of the beholder, but for me, a flower has to smell as good as it looks. In fact, I'm obsessed by all the different scents that plumeria can have: floral, citrus, rose, peach, grape, vanilla, cloves, cinnamon, butterscotch, buttered popcorn...even Bazooka bubblegum. This season, I'm going to showcase one or two varieties a month in the newsletter and in our FB group, starting with Mary Helen Eggenberger (MHE).

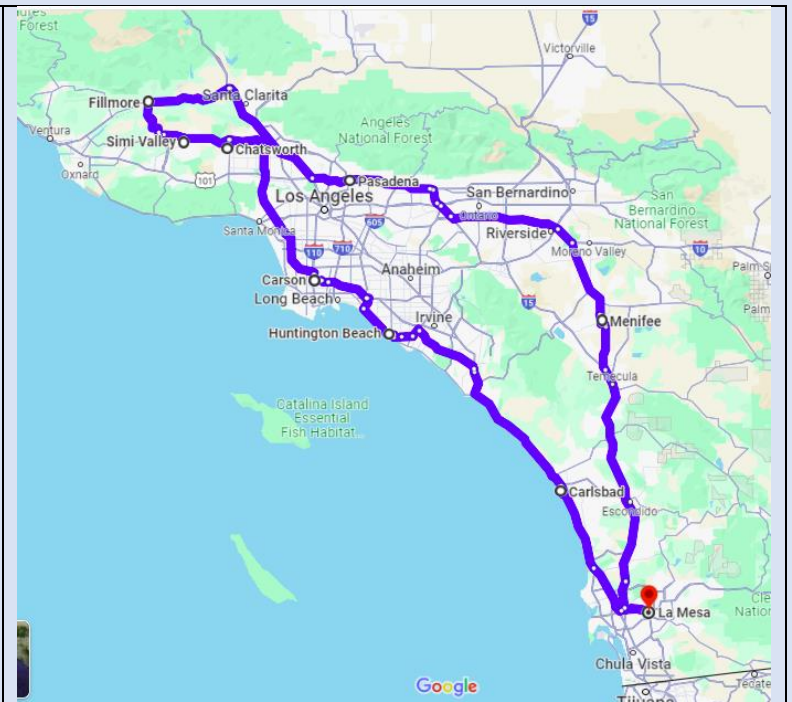
I think MHE was the first plumeria with a fragrance that just blew me away. The sweet scent is very strong, and to me, smells like sweet candy. I've heard others say it smells like grape, and I saw a post in FB from Jim Little saying that he thought it smelled like butterscotch! The blooms are 3.5-4 inches, white with pink edging and a yellow center. It looks similar to Double Delight, but they are not the same. The inflos are large and typically the buds open starting on the outside of the inflo first. MHE is a fairly compact grower and tends to grow low and wide. This variety is a Moragne seedling that Jim Little brought back from Kauai. He named it after Mary Helen Eggenberger who was a plumeria pioneer in Texas. She and her husband, Richard, wrote the book "The Handbook on Plumeria Culture" (1985). I highly recommend MHE for your garden!



Written by Jaki Kamphuis, February 2024.

**After 4 years of drought,** we had all gotten used to growing our plumerias with little water and lots of dry warmth. Then, last year, we had record rain and a VERY cool Spring. Many of us saw issues with our trees we have never seen before. This year, while not nearly as much rain, it is all coming in a short period of time. Who knows what the Spring will bring.

**SCPS** members come from covers an area nearly 200 mile top to bottom. From High Desert to Low Desert, to Mountains and the Sea. But the revised temperature zones done tell the whole story.



In an effort to shine some sun on what's happening, I am doing some research. I can find lots of quantitative (numbers) data; however, I am looking for Qualitative data, the effects on your trees. Please take note of how your plants are doing this year. When do you see inflos? Did you lose plants due to wet feet where you've not previously? Are your colors brighter than before or brighter than friends at the beach with the same cultivar? What are your tips for protecting against cold? Are you watering more because of increased temperatures.

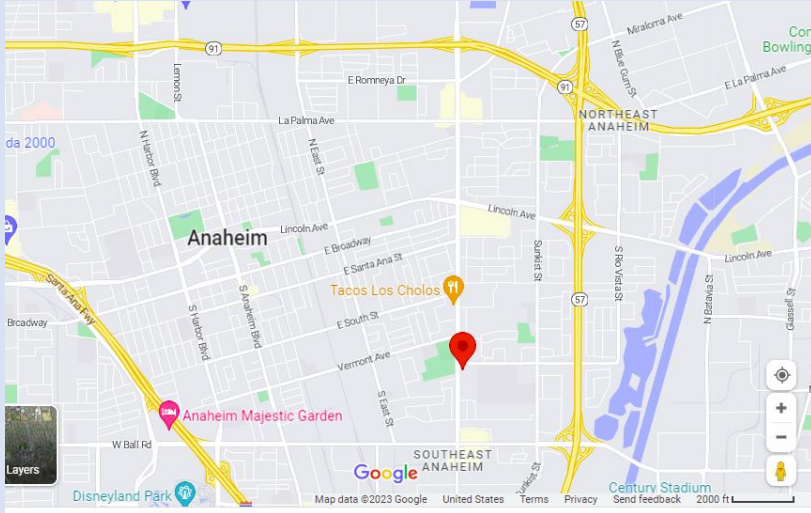
I will collect all your observations, map them, and overlap the quantitative data. Drop me a line email, text, Facebook or catch me at a meeting. Let's see what we can find out!

Julie Spacht

## Meetings

### DATES/TIMES

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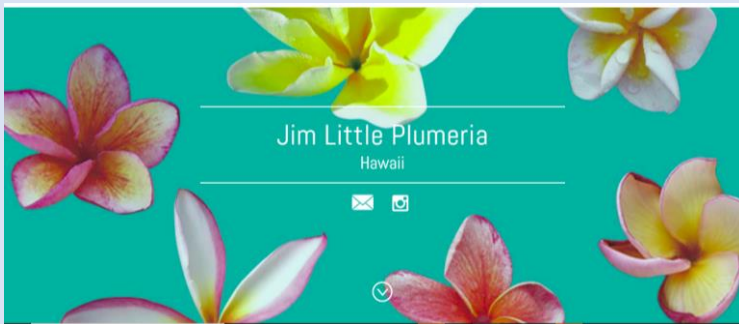


Society events are planned and scheduled to promote and educate regarding knowledge of plumerias and Hawaiian culture and encourage social connections between people of common interests. Meetings and most events are open to the public; however, garden tours and the annual Luau are for members only. We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

### Bring a Friend!

We all know where we live... the house with the biggest trees in a neighborhood of a cluster of plumerias. That's because we've shared with friends and neighbors! Why not invite one of those neighbors or friends along to a meeting.

### Commercial Supporters:



Jim Little Nursery and Farms

**MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION FOR 2024**  
**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

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

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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)
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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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