

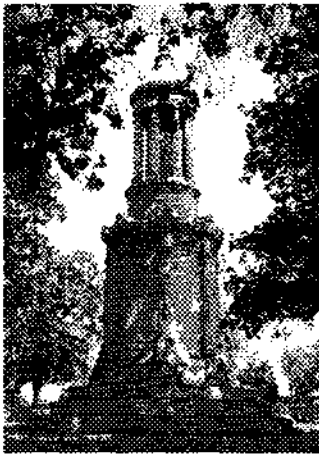
# West Adams Matters

## Dead Men Do Tell Tales Some Last Words on the Angelus Rosedale Cemetery Tour

by Don Lynch

The old adage that "dead men tell no tales" is not necessarily true. Just walk around Angelus Rosedale Cemetery and you'll see. It's human nature to want to have the last word and a headstone is a good opportunity for the final say.

Monument companies recognized our desire to make a statement from beyond the grave. They sold headstones with pre-carved inscriptions familiar to all, such as "At Rest," "In Memorium," "Gone But Not Forgotten," and the ever-popular "R.I.P.," which was more affordable than having the entire phrase "Rest In Peace" carved in stone.



Messages often relate who the person was. Los Angeles was filled with migrants from other states and countries. Cemeteries in the East are filled with locals who were born and subsequently died in the same community. In California, before the laws required death certificates to record such details, it was common to inscribe where you were born along with the birth and death dates. For example L. G. Voter's marker notes that he was born in Farmington, Maine on June 5, 1843, and that he died "Off Point Conception" on November 8, 1873. Andrew Fraser went one step further. He not only noted that he was born in County Down, Ireland in 1856, but that he was "Born Again" on October 27, 1874 before he "Departed To Be With Christ" on January 31, 1895. His tombstone, amidst some Bible quotes, asks, "Reader Where Will You Spend Eternity"?

Occupations and achievements also identify who the person was. Arthur Laidler MacBeth was not only "Our Beloved Father" who was born in Charleston, South

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## WAHA Annual Report: The State of Historic Preservation in West Adams

by Jean Frost

It has been quite a busy year for the Historic West Adams District! Each Summer, the West Adams Heritage Association presents an annual report in its newsletter describing its preservation activities, its committees and its finances. (Please look to page 6 for the WAHA's financial statement and the complete list of committee contacts and descriptions.) As always, historic preservation tops the list of our concerns.

As a community-based historic preservation organization, the WAHA Preservation Committee works very closely with the Zoning and Planning Committee. This past year, the Historic Preservation Committee was co-chaired by Eric Bronson, Colleen Davis and Jean Frost. For the fiscal year 2003-2004, the Historic Preservation Committee Chair is Jean Frost. (And, Zoning and Planning Committee Chairs are Eric Bronson and Tom Florio, succeeding Jim Dugan.)

In West Adams, there have been several ongoing preservation issues. Several years ago, the Los Angeles Unified School District (LAUSD) selected a site for Central Los Angeles New High School #2 on the southeast corner Washington and Vermont that involved the demolition of the Film Exchange Building and numerous historic properties. The area had been surveyed as a potential historic district. However, the LAUSD hired its own consultant to state that there are more significant historic properties in the surrounding area than those involved in the demolitions. WAHA participated in the environmental review process: Tom Florio has for several years been engaging in dialogue with the LAUSD, and he and Catherine Barrier made comment on the EIR; subsequently WAHA asked for a supplemental EIR. Currently the LAUSD and other non-profits are attempting to find move-off opportunities for the doomed properties. Preservation of the surveyed properties seems doubtful.

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## The Mosquito Returns

by Anna Marie Brooks



You've called Los Angeles County Vector Control—310-915-7370—and you now have Mosquito Fish efficiently working to eradicate the pesky mosquitoes from your backyard. But your neighbor has yet to get with the program. What to do?

Dorrie Popovich, our able Resource Director, forwarded an email from which we've extracted the following suggestions—and added some of our own—for mosquito repellents. A word of CAUTION—some of the suggested products may cause skin discomfort for some folks. Test on a tiny patch of skin before slathering yourself with a new concoction and AVOID APPLYING any of these "remedies" TO THE EYE AREA!

Wipe exposed skin with Bounce Fabric Softener Sheets.

Take one vitamin B-1 (Thiamine Hydrochloride 100 mg.) tablet every day of Mosquito Season. The odor of the vitamin repels mosquitos, black flies, and knats.

Mosquitoes love you if you eat bananas. So, you might want to avoid banana consumption for the Season.

The same mosquito attraction element is true for perfume, cologne, scented deodorants, anti-perspirants, shaving and body products. Use baking soda as a deodorant and cornstarch as an anti-perspirant. For double duty, mix the two powders.

Vick's Vaporub is an effective repellent, but you may also repel humans with this one!

Plant marigolds around the yard. The flowering plants are a centuries-old insect repellent. Avon Skin-So-Soft bath oil mixed about half-and-half with rubbing alcohol will keep mosquitoes at bay.

You may also mix your own mosquito repellent: Combine 20 drops Eucalyptus oil, 20 drops Cedarwood oil, 10 drops Tea Tree oil, 10 drops Geranium oil and 2-ounces of a carrier oil such as Jojoba. Mix together in a 4-ounce container. Apply to skin as needed. The essence oils are available at some pharmacies and many health foods emporiums. Keep out of reach of children.

One of the best natural insect repellants is made from clear real vanilla—not the grocery store vanilla extract which is mostly alcohol. Utilize pure vanilla from the health food store or kitchen supply specialty shops. A half-and-half solution of pure vanilla and water repels mosquitoes and ticks. Hmmm, wonder if this works on Fido??? ●

## Dead Men Do Tell Tales continued from page 1

Carolina, but was a "Pioneer Photographer" and "Inventor MacBeth Daylight Motion Picture Screen." Like Mr. MacBeth, your relationship to your family was part of your identity. Many headstones were probably pre-carved with "Dearest Mother" but occasionally something more personal will appear, such as Catherine and Clarence Goldman who are "Momsie" and "Daddy," or D. R. Clay, who is "My Husband Loyal and True."

Other markers are not quite as descriptive of a career or family relationship, but instead tell more of the deceased's personality. Orpha Smith Withers has on her headstone that "She is Sorely Missed" while those who mourned Mabel Edith Maddox upon her death in 1922 wanted everyone to know "She was a kind and affectionate (sic) wife, a fond mother, and friend to all. Weep not, she is not dead, but sleepeth."

Sleeping, or, in a sense, awaiting resurrection and eternity, is naturally a common theme. "Dearest" Uria Jane Malone is "Not Dead, Just Asleep." Either Rhoda Edwards Russell or her husband John wanted the other to know that "I Will Meet You in Heaven." Jesse D. Hunter assured his "Wife and Children Weep Not For Me. I've Only Passed Away. The Sling of Death Has Made Me Free. I Live in Endless Day." Elizabeth Sawin is "Forever Free." Reverend Daniel



Clay's tombstone notes that "More Abundant Life is Mine" while his wife has "Passed Into The Higher Life." Cornelia S. Tiffany, whose death, like those of Jesse Hunter and L. G. Voter, predates Angelus Rosedale and therefore implies that she was moved there from the old City Cemetery, has a headstone which, in true Victorian sentiment, tells us, "There is no death: the stars go down, To rise upon some fairer shore, And bright, in Heaven's jeweled crown, They shine for ever more."

Eternity was present on the mind of Edwin Edwards, a corporal in the Pennsylvania Volunteer Cavalry. He did not want his remains to swiftly return

to the soil, so he erected a large sarcophagus above the ground on which he had inscribed the instructions to, "Cremate Me. Let Not My Ashes in Mouldering Coffin or Casket Lie, But in This Granite Tomb Seal Them Till the Call of Time."

Children are not exempt from having messages left on their tombstones. While "Asleep in Jesus" is so common it was surely pre-inscribed, others were likely custom orders. Five-year-old Paul Berry is "Punkin." Tiny Helen Hertrich is remembered as "A Rosebud in God's Garden." The parents of five-year-old Clara Reno were a little more eloquent with, "A precious one from us has gone. A voice we loved is stilled. A space is vacant in our home. Which never can be filled."

More often than not, however, it is the children who outlive the parents, and some of the most touching messages are frequently left by grieving descendants. Florence Perry was so beloved as a "Darling Mother" that her headstone says, "Here Lies My Heart." Another "Beloved Mom," Victoria D. Smith, is told, "You Were Strong. You Were Wise. You Were Loved." "To My Mother," Elgie M. Thompson's adoring offspring wrote, "Love You Baby."

Sometimes the simplest messages can speak volumes. Charquinta Williams is "Always in Our Hearts." In the case of Ralph Hoyt, "The World is Better That He Lived." "Her Smile Was a Benediction" we are told of Delia Morgan, while James and Sarah Cropper went to their graves with "Their Lives an Open Door." Ethel von Rhine was a "Loyal Wife" whose final say is "Aloha."

Through these headstones, and many, many more, the people interred at Angelus Rosedale can be remembered. For, as pianist Art Tatum tells us on his, "Though The Strings Are Broken, The Melody Lingers On."

As in years past, the West Adams Heritage Association is helping to remember the deceased at Angelus Rosedale through its annual Living History Tour. This year's tour takes place on October 11, with a lineup of portrayals that includes:

- The founder of UNOCAL and the Union Mission
- A real estate mogul and Abel Stearns' right hand man in the 1860s
- A Civil War soldier, writer, humorist and founder of Temple Baptist Church
- A wagon train pioneer heroine stranded in Death Valley for two months
- An early African American Olympic athlete

Use the flyer located in this issue of West Adams Matters to order your tickets now, as the tour does sell out quickly. If you are interested in volunteering in any capacity, and we encourage you to do so, please telephone one of the following: Cat Slater (323-733-3964), Audrey Arlington (323-732-8515), Lyn Gillson (323-735-9371) or Corinne Pleger (323-733-3515). ●

# Around the House

## Resources

*Dorrie Popovich*

I'd like to start this month's column with a clarification about the clawfoot tubs. Several of you were interested in resources that would refinish the tubs you already have.

Actually, two of last month's tub references will do that: Bathtub King and Square Deal Plumbing. I spoke with both of them on the phone and was most impressed with Square Deal. They've been in business since 1933, have their own special refinishing process and they do everything on site.

They were also really courteous and helpful on the phone which Bathtub King was not. Also, please note that the area code for Square Deal is different than in last month's column. I made a mistake, the correct area code is 323. Sorry.

And, speaking of plumbing resources, Anna Marie Brooks has a fabulous reference for you: DEA Bathroom Machineries. They specialize in plumbing (including hard-to-find parts and items) copper, garden and other authentic antique items for the home (including some lighting fixtures). Many products are made or designed in their own shop. They are in Murphy, California but they ship anywhere. Check out their website and their online catalog. They also do a hard copy catalog that you can order.

Pam Palmer found the number for Gateway Termite! She used them a few years back and was very pleased. She says Judy, the Gateway contact is a "very efficient coordinator and made the experience as pleasant as possible."

Trevor Norris recommends California Ornamental for electric gates. He says, "Hector there has recently completed a very professional and reasonably priced fencing installation around my property".

Trevor also highly recommends an electrician. Trevor raves, "Bert Hall has almost completely rewired my house. He is prompt, professional and courteous. Bert prefers to work alone, so he does all the work himself without assistants." Unfortunately, we don't have a phone number for Bert Hall. Can anyone out there help? Has anyone else used Bert Hall the electrician? If so, please share the number.

Anna Marie Brooks has a wonderful hardwood floor repair and refinishing resource. Click Floor Company does complete hardwood floor service, including peg and groove and custom stains. They've been in business since 1947. Cecil is the office contact, Ed is the floor person. Anna Marie said she just saw one of their jobs and "it looked fabulous."

And, finally, I have a wonderful resource for you...a cleaning lady. Celia speaks fluent English, is a meticulous worker and, best of all, she is recommended and trained by my cleaning lady who is really, really good. Celia just moved back here from Wisconsin and she's looking for houses to clean. If you're interested, e-mail me for details.

Thank you for your e-mails, and most of all, thank you for your referrals. Without your recommendations we wouldn't even have a resource column. Please e-mail me at Popovich22@AOL.com. I'm looking forward to hearing from you. ●

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## Bolts and Nutz

Linda Joshua

Hello and welcome to "Bolts and Nutz" – a column dedicated to matters of home renovation, beautification and the art of restoration within the WAHA community. If you have a question, or you have an area of expertise and would be interested in sharing your knowledge by answering the questions, please contact me at [Linda\\_Joshua@hotmail.com](mailto:Linda_Joshua@hotmail.com)

**Q. My refrigerator is getting rust spots. I've tried removing them with steel wool but the spots keep coming back. How can I get rid of them permanently?**

Janet, Los Angeles

A. Scrubbing with any steel wool will inject bits of steel into the enamel, causing more rust spots. Who knows why you got the rust spots in the first place, but using steel wool will certainly aggravate the situation. You should try to find out where those rust spots are coming from. One cause is chipped enamel, revealing steel that will rust. If this is the case, clean off the rust, and give the refrigerator a coat of furniture wax. Or, spray paint the refrigerator. Depending on the color of your appliance, you can touch up the spots (after sanding all the rust off of course) with appliance touch-up enamel. Another thing to try is cutting a lemon in half, sprinkling salt on one half and rubbing the rust spots.

**Q. How do I clean what I imagine is a beautiful white marble fireplace? Nothing seems to work.**

Sam, Leimert Park

A. Marble is certainly tough to clean because it stains so easily. First, wet with hydrogen peroxide, add 2 or 3 drops of ammonia; when bubbling stops, wash and rinse thoroughly. For this cleaning, try an obscure area of the marble to make sure it does not dull the marble or otherwise harm it.

Another technique is to make a paste of hydrogen peroxide and cream of tartar, wipe it on the marble, leave it for several minutes, rub off and rinse. Again, try an obscure area first.

There are also marble care kits, sold in building supply stores, that might work, always keeping in mind that you should try a small area first to see how effective it is.

**Q. Is it really necessary to clean hot air ducts? I've lived in my house for 6 years old and the ducts are used for heating and I have never had this treatment.**

B.V., Arlington

A. It could be a good idea. After all, ducts do collect dirt and other contaminants that we really don't want in our lungs. On one hand, dirt and other things that line the ducts are often stuck to the sides, and the air is not necessarily going to slough off all those contaminants as it goes slowly through the ducts. A good filter on the furnace will generally catch some of those contaminants.

Having said that, if you looked into the ducts, you might be disgusted to see what lies within. If members of your household are highly sensitive to mold and mildew, it would be a good idea to clean the ducts. There is however generally no need to install any kind of a liner in the cleaned ducts. ●

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# Inside WAHA

## West Adams Heritage Association Annual Financial Report For the Fiscal Year ended April 30, 2003

Cash Position as of April 30, 2002:		\$50,104
Income:		
Membership	\$11,135	
WAHA Products	1,358	
Tours	46,217	
Donations	406	
Interest	234	
Other	940	
<b>Total Income:</b>		<b>\$60,290</b>
Expenses:		
Administration	\$ 4,687	
Computer Repairs	230	
Community	3,551	
Historic Preservation	500	
Membership	765	
Publications	11,941	
Social	6,573	
Tours	24,879	
Products	583	
<b>Total Expenses:</b>		<b>\$53,609</b>
Cash Position as of April 30, 2003:		\$56,785
Less: Restricted Funds*		(6,941)
<b>Net Cash Position as of April 30, 2003</b>		<b>\$49,844</b>

\*Of the total cash as of April 30, 2003, \$6,941 is restricted funds held in trust by WAHA for the South Seas House Restoration Fund.

## WAHA Committees

### Membership Report – John Kurtz, WAHA Membership Chair

During the past year WAHA memberships reached an all-time high with a total of 406. Since many of the memberships taken out were for Households or Businesses, the total number of members is greater than 650 people, again an all-time high for WAHA.

The new membership year has started and the renewal drive is nearly completed. A new directory will be started and distributed in September to all active members. A new membership brochure/application is in the works, updating the old one with the new logo and a more current look.

**The Membership Committee** meets on Wednesday before WAHA Board Meetings, typical the 4<sup>th</sup> Wednesday of the each month. Anyone interested in being involved with this committee should contact me at my home phone number (323-732-2990).

**The Holiday Tour Committee** is chaired by Jacqueline Sharps, 323-766-8842. It meets as needed in through early Fall, and then weekly until the tour, scheduled for December 6 and 7. **The Garden Tour Committee** meets as needed; chair is Jennifer Charnofsky, 323-734-7391, and the 2004 tour is scheduled for the last Sunday in April.

**The Community Relations Committee** meets the second Tuesday of each month, 7:00pm, at Jennifer Charnofsky's house. Call 323-734-7391 for address and directions.

**The Newsletter Committee** meets the second Monday of each month. Contact chair Laura Meyers, 323-737-6146 for more information. **The Publications Committee** meets as needed. Contact chair Anna Marie Brooks, 323-735-3960.

**The Zoning and Planning Committee** meets the third Monday of each month, at City Living, 2316 1/2 Union Avenue, Suite 2. Contact co-chairs Eric Bronson, 323-737-1163, or Thomas Florio, 213-749-8469, for more information. ●

## Angelus-Rosedale Cemetery Tour

West Adams Heritage Association proudly presents its **annual tour of the beautiful Angelus-Rosedale Cemetery on Saturday, October 11**. This is a "Living History" tour in which costumed volunteer actors portray five persons, graveside, in one of the City's oldest, most historically important cemeteries. This is your opportunity, WAHA members, to obtain tickets in advance of the flyer distribution for this always-sold-out tour. This year, to save postage, an additional postcard notice will not be sent to members.

The deceased to be featured include:

- The founder of UNOCAL and the Union Mission
- Real estate mogul and Abel Stearns' right hand man in the 1860s
- Civil War soldier, writer, humorist and founder of Temple Baptist Church
- Wagon train pioneer heroine stranded in Death Valley for two months
- Early African American Olympic athlete

There will be light refreshments included in the ticket price. Tickets are by advance reservation only (no walk-ins) and will be held for your pick-up at the beginning of the tour. Those desiring a confirmation must send a stamped, self-addressed envelope with their reservation. Angelus-Rosedale Cemetery is located north of the Santa Monica Freeway (Normandie offramp) at 1831 W. Washington Blvd. Enter from Washington, east of Normandie.

To volunteer for the tour, please contact Cat Slater (733-3964), Audrey Arlington (732-8515), Lyn Gillson (735-9371) or Corinne Pleger (733-3515).

**Write your tour time here:** \_\_\_\_\_ Remember to arrive at least 15 minutes before the start of your tour to park, get to the chapel, and pick up tickets.

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Tickets: \$20.00 general admission, \$17.00 WAHA members (children under 10 free)

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\_\_\_ 10:00 a.m. \_\_\_ 1:30 p.m.  
\_\_\_ 10:30 a.m. \_\_\_ 2:00 p.m.  
\_\_\_ 11:00 a.m.

## The State of Historic Preservation in West Adams

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WAHA's Historic Preservation efforts, on brighter note, convinced a business developer, required to move from his original site by the LAUSD school project mentioned above, not to demolish three Victorian cottages for surface parking. Supporting the affected neighbors, comment was made to the Zoning Administrator, the developer changed the plan, and the integrity of a residential neighborhood was preserved.

WAHA routinely comments on EIR's, MND's, conditional use and zoning requests; WAHA commented on the request at 2946 14<sup>th</sup> Street objecting to legalizing an additional unit to an already non-conforming 16-unit building, and also commented on the impacts of a five-story project at 3405 Arlington Avenue.

On a very positive note, the entire HPOZ movement has blossomed in West Adams and continues to grow with pending districts at West Adams Terrace and other sites. WAHA supported the existing HPOZ's by making grants available in 2001-2002 and these grants should be continued. WAHA continues to monitor and comment on revisions to the city's HPOZ Ordinance.

The Historic Preservation Committee has weighed in on the illegal demolition of the Van Cott Residence 921 West 30<sup>th</sup> Street by USC and the proposed demolition of the brick American Foursquare at 3014 Royal Street. USC has pledged to move on a historic property at 921 W. 30<sup>th</sup> Street. WAHA supported the use of the "scorched earth" Ordinance (preventing use of the site for development for five years) when G. H. Palmer Associates without permits demolished the Giese Residence (840 West Cesar Chavez), the last Victorian on Bunker Hill. Recently WAHA has intervened in the non-permitted change out of windows of the residence at 2713 Severance Street, which has been determined to be individually eligible for the National Register.

The Preservation Committee in addition to intervening in crises is dedicated to designation and research of historic properties in a pro-active way, before issues of demolition arise. This year WAHA provided matching funds to a community organization for designation of a National Register district. In the coming year, it is hoped that additional designations on a national, state and local level can be achieved in partnership with community groups. At WAHA's General Meeting in May, we celebrate Preservation Week and invite a guest speaker on a Preservation topic; in 2003 our guest was Ken Breisch, Adjunct Associate Professor in the School of Architecture at the University of Southern California and Director of its Graduate Program in Historic Preservation.

You are invited to join the **WAHA Historic Preservation Committee** by contacting Jean Frost at 213-748-1656. It "takes a village" to work on and achieve Preservation objectives. ●



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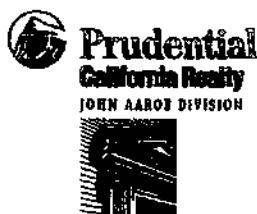
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# Community Matters

## Around the Blocks

### The Arlington Heights Neighborhood Association

The Arlington Heights Neighborhood Association is still looking for those within it's boundaries who would like to join and support it. Our boundaries include the 10 freeway to the south, Crenshaw to the west, Pico to the north and Arlington to the east. Our Arlington Heights Neighborhood Association includes all groups, Block Clubs and Associations within the Greater Arlington Heights Community. These include Arlington Heights Extension, West Arlington Heights, Central Arlington Heights etc. Our aim is to be inclusive and serve the needs of the entire Arlington Heights Community.

For those of you interested in making your community the best it can be, please join us. Get involved! It's your neighborhood! Those interested in joining the Association and making a difference please call either Alex and Linda Frost at 323-735-9639 or Steve Rowe at 323-733-9600 or E-Mail [alex@sunflowerproduction.com](mailto:alex@sunflowerproduction.com) or [Rowesb@aol.com](mailto:Rowesb@aol.com) Thankyou!

### Jefferson Park Neighbors Association

The Jefferson Park Neighbors Association, which meets every 4th Wednesday at Holy Name Catholic School Auditorium, has been discussing issues related to LAUSD, and is attempting to develop a community position regarding Eminent Domain. All Jefferson Park neighbors and friends are invited to these meetings.

Wednesday, August 27, 7-9 p.m.

Holy Name School Auditorium

1955 W. Jefferson Blvd. (corner of Cimmaron)

**Focus: Identifying Community Issues**

**Free Menu: Grilled Rosemary Chicken, Potato Salad, Vegetables, Soft Drinks**

### New West Adams Girl Scout Troup (for little ones)

Any area families who have a daughters age 5-6, in Kindergarten or 1st grade, and who might be interested in joining a new Daisy Girl (pre-Brownie/Girl Scout) Troup No. 1008, please contact Ingrid Wafer at 323-299-1299 or [ingwafer@yahoo.com](mailto:ingwafer@yahoo.com). Don't miss out on the fun - This should be a great troop. So far, we have a wonderful group of girls and moms.

Our next meeting is Saturday, August 23, 4-5:30pm at the South Seas House, 2301 West 24th.

We are also forming a Troop Committee to give support to our troop. All area community leaders, educators, retirees, former Girl Scouts and Girl Scout leaders are welcome to share your expertises, enthusiasms and skills.



# In the Garden

## The Garden Guy by Steve Rowe

Greetings Gardeners! The heat is on! The warm winds of August are upon us and as I wander amongst the verdant green of my little piece of heaven here in Historic West Adams I am at first captured by the intoxicating scent and as I turn my head in its direction, I am drawn in as the butterfly or bee to revel in the captivating beauty that is the Plumeria.

Plumeria is a name synonymous with and evocative of tropical isles. Its blooms have graced the golden slender necks of generations of Polynesian beauties, bewitching the senses.

For most of the year here in Southern California one might not give the Plumeria a second glance except to dismiss its lackluster appearance, that of an open, gaunt and leafless character. However, as the Southland basks in the golden rays of the summer sun and warm winds caress the earth, the hidden beauty emerges from within and bursts forth with reckless abandon to delight us with its treasures, large verdant leathery pointed or rounded leaves clustered near the tips of its branches accompanied by abundant clusters of heavily scented blooms replete with a rainbow of colors that bewitch the eye.

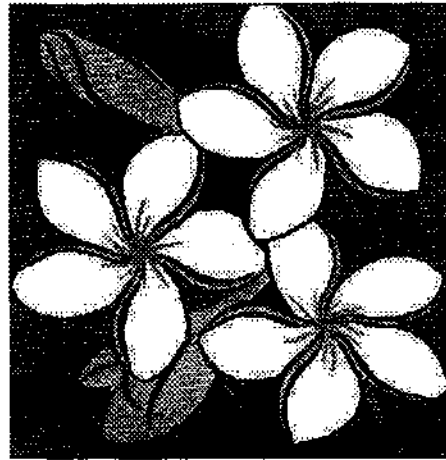
Plumeria ( Apocynaceae ) are evergreen or deciduous shrubs or trees, depending on where they are grown. Plumeria thrive in hot humid climates. However, they do quite nicely here in Southern California barring the occasional frost. Plumeria originate in tropical climes, so any areas that get winter frosts will not be ideal for your plant or tree. You will need to bring in your Plumeria for the cold winter months.

Plumeria can be propagated from cuttings. After a cutting is made, place the small branch in a container with good soil and excellent drainage. Do not let your Plumeria remain in soggy soil, for it will die. Keep it well watered until a root system forms. Plumeria will thrive as an addition in your garden or as a container plant on your patio. Plumeria require full sun for optimum health and beauty.

Plumeria are usually offered and sold in garden centers during the summer months when they are at their best. Their flowers come in a myriad of colors: white, yellow, pink, cherry, salmon, candystriped, crimson, coral and oh so many more!

Plumeria have for many years been hybridized so the color palette comes in a dizzying array of colors. All are fragrant, some more so than others. The two distinct types are: *P. obtusa*. ( Singapore Plumeria ) and *P. rubra*. ( Plumeria Frangipani ). Both will thrive here in our Historic West Adams climate. Our zone, 23-24, here in the Los Angeles Basin is ideal for Plumeria. Some trees will eventually reach - 20ft.

If you that enjoy fragrant and showy blooms with a tropical feel, the Plumeria is a must for your little piece of heaven here in West Adams. Enjoy!



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