

American Hibiscus Society, Inc.

Conrad - Sunrise Chapter

Newsletter for August 2016

Next Meeting - Wednesday August 17th at 7:30 PM



### Ice Cream Social, Mini Show, & Seed Planting

Welcome Back! We hope everyone enjoyed the summer break. Our August meeting we will have an ice cream social. Members please bring your favorite topping to share. The chapter will provide the ice cream. Be sure to bring any blooms you might have for our mini show. For our seed program we have some great hybrid seeds from growers in Texas, Louisiana, and here in Florida. John will show slides for us of the seeds parentage and also recent show winner crosses. Don will then have a seed planting members workshop. You never know what new hybrid flowers you will get and you can name your new hibiscus.

\*\* Any members who have any seeds, please be sure to bring them. Remember to mark down the cross names.

### Jo Conrad's Garden Tip

Right now, we are experiencing less than ideal conditions. The extreme heat is stressing out plants and making it difficult for us to give them the kind of care that they deserve. Among the most critical is watering. We all think that watering is a no brainer, but we need to make sure that the water reaches the roots with an adequate amount. Remember the roots are the heart of your plant. Morning watering should be done after the dew has burned off. Avoid watering at night as this will keep the soil too wet for too long. There is so much to know about watering that I could do a whole news letter on just that.



### June Pot Luck Dinner Recap

Our annual Pot Luck Dinner was a success once 'AGAIN', thanks to Eileen & Glenn's menu and dinner set-up. We have never had such a wonderful array of sumptuous entrees, appetizers, salad, and desserts. We had a perfect evening of socializing with each other with even candle light thrown in. Thank you all so much for making this the best potluck we have ever had. There is always a lot of work that goes into planning this but so worth it. We can't wait for another one.



## Stage 1



## Stage 2



## Stage 3



Different stages of a bloom

## Upcoming Events

- August 17: Seed Planting & Ice Cream Social
- September 21: Garden Stroll 6:00 - 7:30 (No Meeting)
- October 19: Flower Arrangements (trim your garden, greens, & flowers)
- November 16: The Seed Man Darryl
- December 21: Holiday Party

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