

After the show ~~Nov 2000~~

ACADIANA HIBISCUS

Tuesday September 19, meeting.

Well, show day came and we had a long day and a good show. I want to thank all the members for their efforts before, during and after the show. Many people commented on the show and most of it was favorable. A special thanks to Mr. Bobby and Mrs. Bootsie for decorating the head tables and providing the plants for our sale.

At our September 19, meeting we will discuss the show and possibilities for next year! We will also have a discussion on "Hibiscus and Fungus". It seems that some are losing plants and I have seen evidence of root rot and crown rot along with tip dieback! With cooler weather around the corner we will have another fungus to deal with. Subdue Maxx is the recommended fungicide for battling fungus on hibiscus, it is a systemic and gives excellent results.

One of our members has purchased a quart of Subdue Max at a hefty price of \$230. If you are interested in obtaining a couple ounces, the price will be \$7.25 an ounce and you need to bring a two ounce amber colored medicine bottle to the meeting. I was able to purchase a bottle at my local Wal-Mart drugstore for 50 cents. Recommended rate is 1 teaspoon per 5 gal of water, so 2 oz. should be plenty.

The New Orleans Chapter will be hosting a grafting party at Longue Vue Gardens, October 22nd from 1 til 4 p.m. for all three Louisiana chapters. I need to get back with Fr. Gerlich as to how many will be making the trip; let me know if you are interested in making it. October is an excellent month for grafting and I trust that there will be more "takes" because of the milder weather.

Congratulations on having a great show!

Mike Bernard

President.