

Camellia Times

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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Hello Fellow Camellia Lovers!

I again want to THANK EVERYONE for their hard work at our show! Even people who do not grow camellias came to help. I wish we could have had more blooms on the tables, but with the weather we had, the quality of blooms was fantastic!

Don Bergamini's Celebration of Life is Wednesday, April 19th, 10:30 a.m. at St. Catherine's of Siena Church, 604 Mellus Street, Martinez 94553 with reception to follow at St. Andrews Celebration Center, 1601 Mary Drive, Pleasant Hill, CA 94523 (where the NorCal show is held).

I'm sad to share that one of our members, Patty Bonnstetter, passed on March 15th. She was a member of our society for many years and some of you will remember her and her Shar-pei dogs she brought to our meetings.

On a lighter note, please plan to attend our end of year luncheon on Sunday, April 23rd, 11:30 - 2:30 at the Elks. We've had to change rooms so the luncheon will now be held in the Lounge (next to the bar) instead of the Emblem Room. The day will be fun with our installation of officers, silent auction, plant raffle, delicious lunch, and a large sheet cake for dessert. Bring your money to bid on the auction items and plant raffle. The plants on the lunch tables will also be part of the raffle. Please see Page 7 if you have not yet signed up for the luncheon.

On a harder to swallow note, do any of you know of a church social hall, or somewhere we can have our general meetings? It needs to be large enough to seat 25-35 people and a place for our food and plants. The Elks really upped our monthly charge and we thought maybe you might have some ideas for a place that is central for everyone. Call if you have any ideas (916-371-2174). See you soon, and if you cannot make the luncheon have a wonderful spring and summer and see you in the fall! Do not forget, if you plan on entering the button contest, the entries must be submitted to me no later than July 7th.

LUNCHEON DATE:
SUNDAY April 23

11:30

**Elk's Lodge #6
Lounge**

**6446 Riverside Blvd.
Sacramento, CA
95831**

*Thank
You*
for yet another
great year!



Julie

CAMELLIA SOCIETY OF SACRAMENTO 2022-2023 EXECUTIVE BOARD

MEMBERSHIP DUES ARE NOW DUE AND PAYABLE.

**THE NEWSLETTER WILL
BE:**

- \$20 SENT VIA E-MAIL;
- \$25 SENT VIA U.S. MAIL;
- \$30 FOR SUSTAINING MEMBERSHIP

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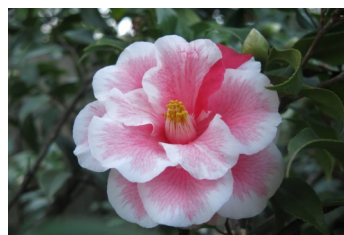
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**Thank you for
supporting our club!**



**Remember
to
water!!!**

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Overview of ACS Convention – Carol Schanz

February 23 – February 27, 2023

Gary, Jackie Randall and I adventured to Macon, Georgia in late February to this year's ACS convention. Catching our plane at 3 a.m. we brought 15 camellia blooms in small plastic boxes that we counted as one of our carry-ons. Seven of the blooms survived the flight and three won trophies!

The camellia show was held at the beautiful Massee Lane Gardens. The bloom competitions on the East Coast are not exactly like ours. They have two classifications - protected and unprotected. Meaning, plants grown in a greenhouse are protected and those grown out in the open or under trees are unprotected. Gary and I both judged and it was fun getting to know more camellia friends from other states.

Some of the events included: a waxing demonstration, self-guided tours of the gardens, a presentation on the origin of Massee Lane, a tour of the camellia garden in Old Town Columbus and also the Sam M. Wellborn camellia garden.

Many wonderful memories!



Northern California Camellia Council - Joan Lesmeister

We have two important dates to share:

CELEBRATION OF LIFE FOR DON BERGAMINI

Memorial Mass will be held on **April 19th** at 10:30 am at St. Catherine's of Siena Church - 604 Mellus Street, Martinez, CA 94553.

Reception to follow at St. Andrews Celebration Center - 1601 Mary Drive, Pleasant Hill, CA 94523. In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to the American Cancer Society, St. Catherine's of Siena Church, or the American Camellia Society.

You are welcome to bring a dish to share at the reception. I'm taking "Mary's Dessert"!

Christmas in July & NCCC Meeting will be on Saturday, **July 22nd**, 1-4pm at Jay Humiston & Joellen Bergamini's, 754 Palm Ave, Martinez CA 94553. There will be a potluck lunch for you to bring a dish to share, & a Christmas gift exchange. If you'd like to join in the exchange, \$15 max. for the gift is suggested. The meeting will be after lunch & the exchange. Society presidents and a representative are requested to attend, and all are welcome to stay!

Sacramento Camellia Show 2024

"Sacramento Celebrates 100 Years"

We are in the planning process for next year's camellia show, ***"Sacramento Celebrates 100 Years"*** of camellias. Thanks to those of you who shared ideas at our March meeting. Please continue to share ideas and help us in planning for this amazing celebration by:

1. Getting your artistic visions flowing and enter your design in the button contest. See Page 6 and our website for additional information. **Deadline to submit entry is July 7th.**
2. Thinking of items we can create using the winning button design (t-shirts, phone holder/grip, hats, etc.) for purchase by our members and to sell at the show.



Blast from the Past - Lana Paulhamus

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Don Lesmeister says:

The summer months are the most enjoyable “Camellia times” for me. Every day I watch the new growth of the darker colored leaves on the red flowered plants, the light colored leaves on the white and pink flowers. You soon get to know and identify your camellia plants by their leaves. Watch the young plants mature to adulthood...the power hitters put on surges of strong growth, the old timers surviving their butch haircuts. After a while, you can say hello to your plants without looking at their nametags. It's more exciting than watching paint dry.



DATE	PROGRAM	SPEAKER
November 20th	How to evaluate/test a plant	Debbie Arrington
December 18th	All About Camellias! and Christmas goodies Gift Exchange	Tom Nuccio
January 22nd	Tales of a Camellia Princess	Marlene Hensley
February 26th	Flower Arranging	Pat Gaston from the Floral Design group
March 26th	Ice Cream Social!	Review of Camellia Show
Sunday, April 23rd 11:30 a.m.	Luncheon, Installation of Officers, Silent Auction, Plant Raffle, Great Friends, Laughs	Fun for all!



THIS MONTH'S PLANT RAFFLE - Bill Kitagawa

Ave Maria - Japonica. Silvery pink. Small to medium formal double. Slow, compact, upright growth.

Bonanza - Sasanqua. Deep Red. Medium. Semi peony form.

Julius Nuccio - Japonica. Brilliant dark red. Large to very large, irregular semi double.

Junior Prom - Japonica. White to faint blush pink. Large rose form double. Occasionally loose peony form.



Tickets are \$1.00
or
6 for \$5.00

Camellia Culture Fertilizing Camellias - Gary Schanz

After consulting with a long time camellia hobbyist, he suggested to start strong and finish light. This schedule is for container plants. If applied to plants in the ground, I would use APRIL, JULY, and OCTOBER as months to apply fertilizer.

Fertilizers used, etc.

- VITAMIN B-1, one tablespoon per gallon of water
- SOY MEAL (7-2-1*) or any dry acid fertilizer. Use lightly.
*Nitrogen - potassium - phosphorus ratio
- SEAWEED BASED fertilizer, I currently use MAXSEA (14-18-14) water soluble. Use 1-2 tablespoons per five gallons of water.
- Liquid Fertilizer, Algoflash, (5-4-6) or any comparable liquid fertilizer. One tablespoon per gallon of water.
- 2-10-10 fertilizer, 1 tablespoon per gallon of water



Fertilizing Schedule

- April 1st: Two "level" tablespoons of seaweed based fertilizer per 5 gallons of water and soy meal or dry fertilizer - lightly. B1 - one tablespoon per gallon of water or 1/3 cup B1 for 5 gallons of water.
- May 15th: one "level" tablespoon of seaweed based fertilizer per 5 gallons of water and soy meal or dry fertilizer - lightly.
- July 1st: one tablespoon of liquid fertilizer only or 1/3 cup per 5 gallons of water. - Algoflash.
- October: 2-10-10 fertilizer
- December: 2-10-10 fertilizer

Recommendations

- Always water a couple of days before fertilizing.
- Never fertilize dry plants.
- Do not use seaweed based fertilizer on one gallon or immature plants.
- Better to under fertilize that over fertilize.

Camellia Mix

- 1 part Camellia/Azalea mix
- 1 part Fir Mulch
- 1/2 part small bark
- 1/2 part Perlite



**UPCOMING SHOW DATES—
2023 NORTHERN CALIFORNIA SHOW SCHEDULE**

February 18th <i>Flower of the Show: Bella Jinhua</i> <i>Winner: Joellen Bergamini & Jay Humiston</i>	Mini-Show Desco Plaza III 3675 Mt. Diablo Blvd, Lafayette Contact: Justin Bergamini, 707-637-7051
February 25th & 26th <i>Flower of the Show: Elegans Splendor</i> <i>Winner: Julie Vierra</i>	San Francisco Peninsula Camellia Society Show CAB Community Activities Building, 1400 Roosevelt Avenue, Redwood City Contact: Meg Melani, camelliasfpcs2021@gmail.com
March 4th & 5th <i>Flower of the Show: Frank Houser Var.</i> <i>Winner: Julie Vierra</i>	Camellia Society of Sacramento Show Elk's Lodge No. 6, 6446 Riverside Blvd., Sacramento Contact: Don Lesmeister, 916-967-8420 or Julie Vierra, 916-371-2174
March 11th & 12th <i>Flower of the Show: Spring Daze</i> <i>Winner: Helmuth & Leone Wildemann</i>	Northern California Camellia Society Show St. Andrews Celebration Center, 1601 Mary Drive, Pleasant Hill Contact: Justin Bergamini, 707-227-6706
March 18th & 19th <i>Flower of the Show: Sir Robert Muldoon</i> <i>Winner: Don & Joan Lesmeister</i>	Camellia Society of Modesto Show Gallo Administration Building, Modesto Contact: Cindy Cook, 209-484-1369
March 25th <i>Flower of the Show: Royal Velvet</i> <i>Winner: Julie Vierra</i>	Mini-Show Desco Plaza III 3675 Mt. Diablo Blvd, Lafayette Contact: Justin Bergamini, 707-637-7051

2024 Button Contest

Our next button contest will celebrate **100 Years of Camellias** so in addition to the winning entry being on all buttons and magnets, it will also be used to promote our next show celebrating 100 years of camellias. It will be used for advertising and also for merchandise (shirts, hats, etc.) for both our members and the public. **Entry deadline is July 7th** so we will have time to judge the winner and begin advertising for our next show. The artwork for the button must include: the Pink Perfection camellia, 1924 - 2024, and Sacramento Celebrates 100 Years!. Please visit our website at for additional information or call Julie Vierra at (916) 371-2174.

Camellia Society of Sacramento April Luncheon

Sunday, April 23, 2023

11:30 a.m.

Elk's Lodge #6 in the Lounge

This year our luncheon will be catered by
Nugget Market. The menu will include:

- ♦ Lemon Grilled Chicken Breast
- ♦ Grilled Vegetable Medley
 - ♦ Roasted Potatoes
 - ♦ Fettucine Alfredo
- ♦ Mixed Green Salad
 - ♦ Rolls
 - ♦ Dessert
 - ♦ Coffee/Tea



The cost for lunch will be \$20 per person. Please send a check made payable to the Camellia Society of Sacramento, along with the form below to LuAnn Lantsberger.

Deadline to sign up for the luncheon is April 10th.

End of the Year Luncheon

Name (s) of Attendees: Amount Enclosed: _____

Please mail along with your check to:

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