

Camellia Times

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Welcome to our newest members!!

- **Caitlin Lam**
- **Gary & Sharon Macias**
- **Lisa Morrison**
- **Jessica Sam**
- **Luke & Ziyang Wang**
- **Claudia Watson**
- **Heather Reynolds**

Our 1st meeting of the year is right around the corner! We are looking forward to an amazing camellia year and can't wait to catch up with everyone. See page 3 for dates/times/location of meetings.



Can't wait to see everyone on Sunday, October 26th!

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Hello my Camellia Friends!

Well, October came quickly and here we are looking forward to another camellia season! We hope all of you had a wonderful summer.

Tom Nuccio will not be attending our first meeting this year to talk about all the wonderful camellias they have at Nuccio's, but he will be here in spirit. He's doing pretty well, as LuAnn and I went down and visited him a couple weeks ago. We had dinner with Tom, Jim & Judy Nuccio and Carol & Gary Schanz. Tom said to say hello to his Sacramento friends and is thinking about all of you.

Also, although Tom will not be at this year's 1st meeting, we will have additional Nuccio camellias for this month's raffle!! Thank you Madeline Pyo for picking out 8 beautiful sasanqua camellias and for transporting them to Sacramento for us!! So bring your checkbook to pay your dues for the year and lots of cash to buy raffle tickets for some of the last Nuccio plants.

Justin Bergamini will be showing us the winning camellias from last season to wet our whistles for what's to come this season. This year we are bringing back the "mini show" at our monthly meetings so everyone can show off their beautiful blooms and get pointers on how to complete entry cards and present blooms for judging. At the end of the year we will have a prize for members who brought in the most blooms. So bring any sasanquas you may have blooming now to start the season off right!

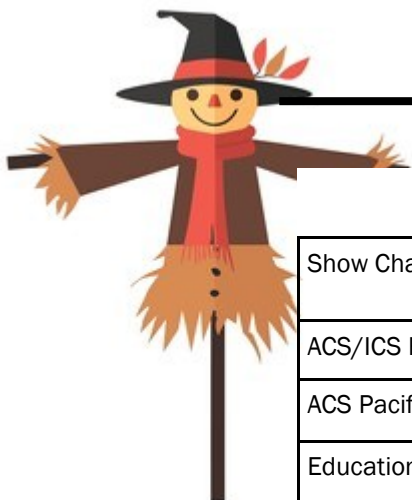
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Julie



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General Meeting Dates for 2025/26

All meetings are on the following Sundays at 2 p.m.



October 26th, 2025
 November 16th, 2025*
 December 14th, 2025*
 January 25th, 2026
 February 22nd, 2026
 March 22nd, 2026

*(a week earlier because of holidays)
 LUNCHEON: Sunday, April 26th (location TBD)

MEETING LOCATION: Eskaton Land Park
 3225 Freeport Blvd, Sacramento

THIS MONTH'S PLANT RAFFLE - Bill Kitagawa

- *Antique Rose* - Hybrid. Deep lavender rose red, semi double to rose form.
- *Nuccio's Gem* - Japonica. Large white formal double.
- *Ville de Nantes* - Japonica. Large dark red blotched white semidouble



ADDITIONAL PLANTS FROM NUCCIOS FOR RAFFLE:

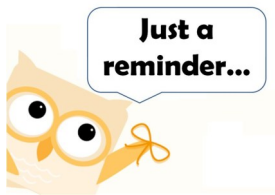
- *Bonanza* - Sasanqua. Deep red with yellow anthers.
- *French Vanilla* - Sasanqua. Creamy white with light yellow anthers and filaments.
- *Hugh Evans* - Sasanqua. Deep rose pink with yellow anthers and light yellow filaments.
- *Lil Rose* - Sasanqua. Brilliant rose red.
- *Little Pearl* - Sasanqua. Pink buds opening pure white.
- *Painted Desert* - Sasanqua. Pale pink to near white bordered deep rose red.

SPECIAL RAFFLE (donated by Gary Schanz)

- *Miss Sally* - Reticulata. Very large red with fluted petals with yellow anthers and white filaments.



- ♦ The deadline to enter this year's button contest is **October 31st!!**
- ♦ Remember to start taking pictures as soon as your camellias begin to bloom for this year's photography contest.



Guidelines and additional information for button and photo contest can be found as attachments included in the email with this newsletter.



DATE	PROGRAM	SPEAKER
October 26, 2025	Winning Blooms of the 2025 Camellia Season	Justin Bergamini
November 16, 2025	Garden Myths and Q&A	Marlene Simon
December 14, 2025	Gift Exchange and Desserts!	Start show prep & Jackie will review Photo Contest rules
January 25, 2026	Preparing the for Show w/Q&A. From how to prepare blooms while still on the plant to transporting them to the show (and everything in between!!)	Julie Vierra, LuAnn Lantsberger & Don Lesmeister
February 22, 2026	Grafting	Justin Bergamini
March 22, 2026	End of year ice cream social and fancy desserts	Review of show
April 26, 2026	Luncheon, Installation of Officers, Silent Auction, Plant Raffle, Great Friends, Laughs	Fun for all!



Summer Highlights!



Road Trip to
Botanica Nursery in
Sebastopol



Mini show at CCR
and camellia
nametags for
Ryan and Rob



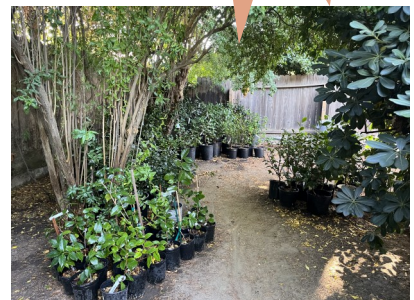
Garden Tour
at LuAnn's



Our President
tending to almost
400 camellias over
the summer!



Participating in
Roseville Home &
Garden Show



**UPCOMING SHOW DATES—
2026 NORTHERN CALIFORNIA SHOW SCHEDULE**

February 21st	Mini-Show Desco Plaza III 3675 Mt. Diablo Blvd, Lafayette Contact: Justin Bergamini, 707-637-7051
March 7th & 8th	Camellia Society of Sacramento Show Scottish Rite Temple 6151 H Street, Sacramento Contact: Don Lesmeister, 916-742-3443 or Julie Vierra, 916-371-2174, 916-812-3202
March 14th & 15th	Northern California Camellia Society Show St. Andrews Celebration Center, 1601 Mary Drive, Pleasant Hill Contact: Justin Bergamini, 707-637-7051
March 21st	Camellia Society of Modesto Show Location Modesto Junior College Contact: Cindy Cook, 209-484-1369



CAMELLIA HISTORY - Joan Lesmeister

In the old days, 1852 that is, Agriculturist James Warren brought camellia seeds to Sacramento. Thank you Mr. Warren! In 1965, J. Carroll Reiners, a treasured Sacramento Camellia Society friend & member, wrote an article about "The Camellia Seedling", in the Northern California Camellia Bulletin. Carroll wrote about "propagating plants by seeds for the creation of new varieties....the anxiety & exhilaration...upon the arrival of the first flowers from the progeny." In 2016, Don L. wrote an article in our Camellia Times about how to harvest your seeds. Last Friday, we bought Don some little "jewelry" mesh bags to harvest some camellia seeds (the days of using ladies nylons are gone)! It's been 173 years & we're still trying to bring some more beautiful new camellia varieties to Sacramento, by seeds!



Camellia Culture - Don Lesmeister

Summer is nearly over and we move into another phase of camellia growing. Not necessarily in order of importance, is watering. During cooler weather and shorter days, containerized plants require a lot less water. Usually extending the cycle one or two days is required. As buds appear, start your disbudding. Leave one bud per terminal for larger blooms. Many varieties, particularly hybrids and miniatures require a monthly review. This can be done once a month through January. Winter fertilizing is also important. A non-nitrogen variety is best. Something like 0-10-10. Thin out dead wood or branches that prevent flowers from fully opening. Also, seed pods are beginning to open. Cover the pod with a mesh jewelry bag so the seed is not lost. These are some of the more significant items. The American Camellia Society has fact sheets which provides information on many subjects such as those above..!



MEMBERSHIP DUES for 2025/26

- \$25 - Regular Membership
- \$30 - Sustaining Membership
- An additional \$5 will be required if you request the newsletter be sent via U.S. mail to cover the cost of printing and postage.



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Thank you for supporting our society!

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