

Camellia Times

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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Dear Camellia Friends,

Hello my Camellia Friends!

Gosh, all of a sudden, it is camellia time! I'm getting excited preparing for our show.

We have met with the manager of the Scottish Rite Center and we are finalizing all of the logistics. With all your help, this year will be as great as last year's show!

LuAnn and I are traveling down to Southern California to enter the Huntington Botanical Gardens Camellia Show on Saturday, February 8th. We are having dinner with Jim and Judi Nuccio on Friday night, then visiting with Tom on Saturday after the show to see how he is doing. I have the cards from everyone packed and I know he will be so excited to read them all! LuAnn and I always bring homemade goodies for him, so I know he will be smiling!

Be sure to attend our meeting on Sunday the 23rd of February for a presentation by Greg Gayton of Green Acres Nursery and to sign up to help at one of the tables at the show. If you want to learn more about camellias, sign up to be a clerk who works behind the judges. It's how I got started and you learn a lot about camellias while listening to what the judges are saying. There are other fun jobs around the perimeter of the show, so please, sign up and participate!

We plan to arrive at the Scottish Rite Center around 9 am on Friday, February 28th to start setting up. We are usually done by noon if everyone comes and participates. Then on Saturday, March 1st, don't forget to arrive early to enter your blooms before 10:00 a.m. We have a lot of fun, especially once judging is done and we can relax a bit.

So, see you soon! We will have some nice camellias for this month's raffle and maybe even some more silent auction items.



Julie



Happy
Valentine's
Day!

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General Meeting Dates for 2024/25
All meetings are on the following Sundays at 2 p.m.*



October 27th, 2024
November 17th, 2024*
December 15th, 2024*
January 26th, 2025

February 23rd, 2025

March 23rd, 2025

*(a week earlier because of holidays)

LUNCHEON: Sunday, April 27th (Sierra 2 Curtis Hall)

NEW MEETING LOCATION FOR the 2024/25 year!!
Meetings will be held at Eskaton Land Park
3225 Freeport Blvd, Sacramento

THIS MONTH'S PLANT RAFFLE - Bill Kitagawa

Grand Prix - Japonica. Very large, brilliant red, semi-double.

Nuccio's Jewel - Japonica. Medium, white shaded to pink on edges.

Plugged in Purple - Hybrid, brilliant deep orchid pink, single.

****This month we will also have a special camellia plant raffle and silent auction items.****



Just a reminder that membership dues for 2024/25 are now past due. If you have not yet paid your 24/25 dues, please send your check to: LuAnn Lantsberger, 2960 Brenda Way, West Sacramento, CA 95691 or see her at the January meeting.

- \$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.

Thank you for supporting our society!



Greg Gayton from Green Acres Nursery to Speak at our Meeting on Sunday, February 23 at 2 p.m.

Please join us on Sunday, February 23rd for a fun-filled meeting with delicious treats, plant raffle, and an informative presentation on ecological gardening.



DATE	PROGRAM	SPEAKER
October 27, 2024	All About Camellias!	Tom Nuccio
November 17, 2024	Gardening A to Z and Q&A	Debbie Arrington Tips from Growers
December 15, 2024 @ 1 p.m.	Gift exchange, fun games, raffle, silent auction and DESSERTS!	Start your show prep with raffle of special camellia prep box!! Tips from Growers
January 26, 2025	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, Don Lesmeister & LuAnn Lantsberger Tips from Growers
February 23, 2025	Ecological Gardening	Greg Gayton, Green Acres <i>Last chance for Q&A on Entering Camellia Blooms</i>
March 23, 2025	End of year ice cream social and fancy desserts	Review of show
April 27, 2025 at Sierra 2 Curtis Hall	Luncheon, Installation of Officers, Silent Auction, Plant Raffle, Great Friends, Laughs	Fun for all!



Sacramento Camellia Society History - Joan Lesmeister

In 1959, "Favorite Camellias in Sacramento" were listed in the show program. A white variety was "**Frizzle White**", a 1935 introduction, but it seems to have frizzled out. "**Purity**", a 1890's gift to the USA from Japan, is a favorite we can still see at shows. Another favorite is "**Lady Clare**", a deep pink 1887 introduction! Many reds are still favorites like "**Adolph Audusson**", he came to us from France in 1887. And there's usually "**Mathotiana**" entries at our shows these days, because she's so beautiful. She came to the USA from Europe in the 1840's. "**Pink Perfection**" is still a favorite! She was an 1890's



lovely gift to the camellia world from Japan. Many variegated favorites were listed like "**Daikagura**" from Japan in the 1890's & "**Ville de Nantes**" from France in 1910. I was surprised to see how many familiar names are on that list, and how really very, very old they are! Will you be entering any of these varieties in our show this year?

Camellia Culture

Oh my gosh . . . where did the past year go? Camellia show season is near . . .are you ready? IF not, here is a partial list of things to do:

- Have you disbudded?
- Pruned plant limbs that prevent blooms from fully opening?
- Moved plants to a protected area?
- Modified watering when it rains?
- Cleaned flower boxes to bring blooms to the show?
- Obtained flower preservative?
- Clothes pins to pin back leaves?
- Cleaned flower clippers?
- Checked your vehicle?
- Made out a show list of blooms?
- Made out show cards?
- Done all the tasks you forgot last year?
- Plus,, plus, plus . . .you had better hurry, the 1st Camellia show is LESS than two weeks away!!

Your Camellia Friend,

Don Lesmeister



**UPCOMING SHOW DATES—
2025 NORTHERN CALIFORNIA SHOW SCHEDULE**

February 15th	Mini-Show Desco Plaza III 3675 Mt. Diablo Blvd, Lafayette Contact: Justin Bergamini, 707-637-7051
February 22nd & 23rd	San Francisco Peninsula Camellia Society Show CAB Community Activities Building, 1400 Roosevelt Avenue, Redwood City Contact: Meg Melani, camelliasfpcs2021@gmail.com
March 1st & 2nd	Camellia Society of Sacramento Show Scottish Rite Temple 6151 H Street, Sacramento Contact: Don Lesmeister, 916-742-3443 or Julie Vierra, 916-371-2174
March 8th & 9th	Camellia Society of Modesto Show Modesto Junior College, West Campus (Mary Stuart Rogers Building) Carpenter Road & Blue Gum (off Highway 99) Contact: Cindy Cook 1-209-484-1369
March 15th	Mini-Show Desco Plaza III 3675 Mt. Diablo Blvd, Lafayette Contact: Justin Bergamini, 707-637-7051
March 22nd & 23rd	Northern California Camellia Society Show St. Andrews Celebration Center, 1601 Mary Drive, Pleasant Hill Contact: Justin Bergamini, 707-637-7051



As camellias are beginning to bloom, don't forget to start taking pictures for the photo contest!! Categories are:

- Red Camellia
- Camellia(s) with Children
- Camellia(s) with Pets
- Camellia(s) in landscape
- Humorous photo with Camellia(s)



Break out your crayons or colored pencils and bring your finished masterpiece to our meeting for a chance to win a prize!

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