

Camellia Times

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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE



Hi Camellia Friends!

It's April already! I hope you all had a wonderful Easter! Ours was quiet, but nice. We are enjoying all the beautiful flowers popping out and sad about our camellias winding down. Now is the time to fertilize, thin

out, and prune your camellias. I try and do a couple a day, so it's not too overwhelming.

We had a board meeting on April 6th. I finally talked to an official at the Elk's about scheduling our show and meetings. I was getting pretty nervous that I hadn't heard from anyone. It turns out that they had to lay off their events person, Laura, who I had been trying to contact. So Ron took the dates of our show and our regular meeting dates. They were going to have a board meeting April 5th and were going to check the dates to see if they were okay, Below is a list of *tentative dates*.

I was so happy to see our board that I made lunch and dessert for them and we visited after the meeting. Most of us have had our vaccines and Yolo County is in the orange tier now, so I think we can breathe a bit easier. Hopefully everything will continue to open up and we can get back to "normal".

We want to welcome three new members! **Nick Tchan, Sharon Finley** and **Jessica Rosenburg!** We hope you will be able to make some of our meetings and when you do you get a plant! Welcome to our camellia family!

We will send out another newsletter before October. So look for updates regarding our meetings at that time. Miss you! Julie

Tentative General Meeting Dates

October 26th, 2021

November 16th, 2021*

December 14th, 2021*

*(a week earlier because of holidays)

January 25th, 2022

February 22nd, 2022

March 22nd, 2022

LUNCHEON: Saturday, APRIL 23rd at the Club Pheasant

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We can't wait to see everyone again!

MEETING DATE:
COMING SOON!
 Elk's Lodge #6
 6446 Riverside Blvd.
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CAMELLIA SOCIETY OF SACRAMENTO
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The Executive Board positions are provisional because we did not have an official installation. The membership has not been able to vote or have these officers officially installed

American Camellia Society (ACS) - Carol Schanz

The American Camellia Society has some very informative and interesting videos available on their website. (americancamellias.com). Look under Education and Camellia Care tab on their website. You will find very helpful information. There is a wonderful list of camellias with pictures. You can search by camellia name. For ACS members, they receive a Camellia Journal and a Camellia Year Book which has many interesting articles and pictures. Call Carol Schanz for information about signing up!

Northern California Camellia Council notes—Joan Lesmeister

Did you know that the Northern California Camellia Council is made up of members from all our Northern California Camellia Societies? Modesto, Northern California (which includes members from Napa, Walnut Creek, Martinez, etc.), Sacramento, San Francisco/Peninsula & Santa Clara. And, we are all awaiting the good news that it will once again be safe to meet for our council meetings and our society meetings! Some societies have been ZOOMing their meetings, some have met outdoors, and we are all patiently waiting for an all clear! The American Camellia Society has been having some very good ZOOM meetings with excellent speakers and beautiful camellia pictures. If you are unable to attend the ZOOM meetings, you can watch them by going on the ACS website, at your convenience, isn't that amazing?! Technology is saving us from isolation! Kind of like the old "party line" telephones, remember those? So, my dear friends, be well, be safe, wear masks, help yourselves and your friends, families and mankind, by getting your vaccines! Missing you all! Elbow bumps!

Your NCCC Representative, Joan Lesmeister

WATCH FOR A SPECIAL "SUMMER" NEWSLETTER EDITION, WHERE WE WILL FILL YOU IN ON THE LATEST INFORMATION REGARDING OUR MEETINGS, SHOW DATE (MARCH 5TH AND 6TH, 2022), LUNCHEON AND ANYTHING ELSE WE DEEM IMPORTANT!



WHATS IN YOUR GARDEN?

Do you have a time of year when your yard is the prettiest? Mine is right now, although my camellias are winding down, but azaleas, lilies, lilacs are in full bloom.

Would you let some of us come visit? We are starting to come out of our homes more now and need some new ideas for our yards and enjoy looking at other yards for inspiration.

If you are willing to let us come by, give Julie a call and she will grab a few members and come see your place. A couple that come to mind are Leigh and Margot's yard (dahlias), Vern and Kathy's yard, LuAnn's yard...

Give me a call at 9167-371-2174 and we will arrange a visit. Thanks to all our camellia members!





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

Please send your check to:

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Thank you for
supporting our club!

CAMELLIA CULTURE CORNER ~ DON LESMEISTER

As we enter into the summer months, I find that this is the 77th unusual weather year in a row in this area of California. Our Camellia plants, and many of other Society members, state it appears that plants are blooming a little later than normal. Generally, we fertilize our plants around the first of April, but may have to adjust, according to a later blooming season. Regardless, I have been using a liquid Fish fertilizer (5-1-1) at 1/2 half strength every 15 days. The liquid fertilizer is utilized by the plants a few weeks earlier than solid fertilizers, which takes longer to break down for plant use. While it entails a little more work, I fertilize using this method for around 3 to 4 months (6 to 8 applications).

Another item, is it seems like there has been a significant increase in petal blight in our neighborhood this year. IF you have experienced this also, be sure to take a few minutes longer in your clean up of blooms/petals around your plants, especially if they are in containers. AND, put your old blooms in the GARBAGE CAN rather than the green waste containers. Otherwise, the blooms can be ground up and returned to either you or your neighbors as mulch, by the City or County. Supposedly, the spores from this disease can travel for great distances in the wind...and you will notice the terrific winds we have had this year. You do not have to be a pest, or lecturer, but you can explain the Petal Blight situation to your neighbor camellia growers. Lastly, we have not cut as many blooms as normal because of the absence of Camellia shows. Therefore, you may want to wait to do some pruning in the fall months.

Under normal year things to do, you will have to increase your watering. The weather folks are reporting earlier, and warmer than normal temperatures, so pay closer attention to the soil dampness at the beginning of summer months.

Also, the critters are coming out a little earlier. Aphid seem to be the more prevalent, on new growth. ANTS deposit the aphid on the new growth, so attack the ants first, then the aphid. You can place ant stakes, etc. around your plants & garden. I keep a hand sprayer, with an insect solution available in my plant area. I usually keep a little milder solution than suggested. This may take a tad more spraying work, but the plants do not suffer any spray burn in case of a drastic temperature increase. The chewing insects do not normally present a large problem for Camellias but the same spray can be used for them also...

Lastly, don't forget to thank your plants for the great blooms you have had this year...and encourage them to get ready for the next blooming season.

The Plant Guy,

Hope this does the trick...Don



**UPCOMING SHOW DATES—
2022 NORTHERN CALIFORNIA SHOW SCHEDULE
MARK YOUR CALENDARS!**

February 19th & 20th	<i>San Francisco Peninsula Camellia Society Show</i> CAB Community Activities Building, 1400 Roosevelt Avenue, Redwood City Contact: Linda Kancev, 650-574-1220
February 26th & 27th	<i>Camellia Society of Santa Clara County Show</i> Community Recreation Center, 969 Kiely Blvd., Santa Clara Contact: John Mendoza, 408-249-5606
March 5th & 6th	<i>Camellia Society of Sacramento Show</i> Elk's Lodge No. 6, 6446 Riverside Blvd., Sacramento Contact: Don Lesmeister, 916-967-8420 or Julie Vierra 916-371-2174
March 12th & 13th	<i>Northern California Camellia Society Show</i> St. Andrews Celebration Center, 1601 Mary Drive, Pleasant Hill Contact: Don Bergamini, 925-229-0775
March 19th & 20th	<i>Camellia Society of Modesto Show</i> TBA, Modesto Contact: Cindy Cook 209-484-1369

CAMELLIA BUTTONS!

Julie Vierra has this years commemorative camellia buttons and magnets for sale. The buttons are \$1.00 and Magnets \$1.50.

The first camellia button was issued in 1967 as part of the Camellia Festival. (1993 was the last year of the Festival buttons.)

Jim Randall designed the first button for the Camellia Society of Sacramento in 1994. We have continued the tradition of selling buttons each year since. Students, members, and friends have submitted designs each year and members voted on the design for that year. Buttons sold for \$1.00 in 1994 and still are only \$1.00! Even though we have no show this year, we have a button.

Please contact Julie Vierra at 916-371-2174 if you are interested in purchasing. She will drop them off, send them to you, whatever! Support our Society! Thank you!

THESE ARE THE PLANTS WE STILL HAVE FOR SALE! CHECK THEM OUT! \$15.00!

Call Bill Kitagawa at 916-591-5654

Alba Plena	White. Medium, formal double E-M
Bonanza	Deep Red. Large, semi-peony form. Medium, low growth. E. Sasanqua
Carter's Sunburst	Pale pink striped or marked deeper pink. Large to very large, semi-double to peony form to formal double. E-L
Chris Bergamini	Anemone form miniature to small bloom that is white with varying shades of red and pink stripes. M
Dr. Clifford Parks (2)	Red with orange cast. Very large, semi-double to anemone form, loose or full peony form. Vigorous growth. M
Francie L (2)	Rose pink. Very large. Semi-double with irregular, upright, wavy petals,. M-L
Frank Houser	Very large. Deep glowing pink to red with darker veins; white anthers and filaments, Vigorous, upright growth; dark green foliage. E-M
Frank Houser Var.	The variegated form of Frank Houser. Rose red mottled white. M
Grand Prix	Very large, brilliant red, irregular semi-double. Excellent texture. Vigorous, upright
High Fragrance	Pale ivory pink with deeper pink shades at edge. Medium, peony form. Vigorous, open growth. M-L Fragrant
Holly Bright	Glossy salmon red. Petals creped. Large semi-double. Compact, upright and bushy with unique crinkled holly-like foliage. M
Julius Nuccio	Brilliant dark red. Large to very large, irregular semi-double. Vigorous upright growth.
Katie Var (2)	Salmon rose pink blotched white. Very large semi-double E-M
Moonlight Bay	Pale orchid pink. Very large semi-double, somewhat tubular in form. Extremely strong,
Nuccio's Bella Rossa Var	Variegated red mottled white form of Nuccio's Bella Rossa
Nuccio's Carousel	Large semi-double tubular form. Soft pink toned deeper at edge. Medium upright growth. E-L
Red Hots	Medium, tubular, brilliant red semi-double. Pointed petals. Dark green foliage.
Rudy's Magnoliaeflora	Brilliant rose pink. Sport of Magnoliaeflora. Medium, semi-double. Compact, bushy growth. Has all of the fine qualities of its parent. M
Ruta Hagmann (2)	Very light coral pink loose peony. Very large. M
Shockwave	Medium very brilliant deep bluish pink with white filaments and yellow anthers. Upright, open growth. M-L
Sue Kendall Var	Miniature pink with white blotched rose form double. Sport of Sue Kendall. Vigorous upright growth. E-L
Swan Lake	Large white, formal double to full peony. Medium, upright growth. M-L

BEAUTIFUL BLOOMS!

We will be featuring blooms from member's gardens each month.



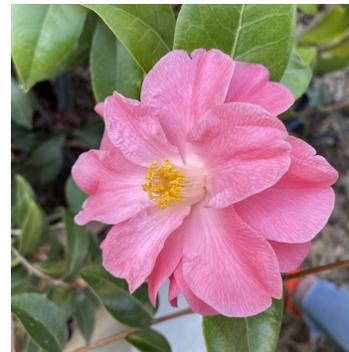
FRANK HOUSER VAR,
From Michael Warren



DR. CLIFFORD PARKS,
Bill Kitagawa
This plant is for sale!



FRANK HOUSER,
Bill Kitagawa



ISLAND SUNSET,
Rosemary Spasovich

Articles for the **Camellia Times** are due by the board meeting date, the first Tuesday of every month. If you have questions or ideas, please call or email me. Carol Schanz 916-447-1969 or carolschanz@sbcglobal.net



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