

# Camellia Times

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Meeting Date:

**October 26, 2021**

**Elks Lodge #6, Emblem Room**

**7:00 p.m.**

6446 Riverside Blvd  
Sacramento, CA 95831



## President's Message



Happy Summer Everyone!

We hope you are all staying cool and having a wonderful summer. We hope you aren't in harm's way with these awful fires. I have to admit, I'm looking forward to autumn and the weather cooling off. The days are getting shorter, I can feel fall coming!

We have good news in that we have reserved the Elks Lodge for our regular meetings and for our show! Keep your fingers crossed that this Covid pandemic calms down and we can get back to some semblance of normalcy. We have missed all our camellia friends and look forward to seeing you soon!

We will be having a **dinner** at the Pheasant Club on October 23<sup>rd</sup> at 4:30 p.m. to start off our camellia season. We will be recognizing the Nuccio Family for their dedication to the propagation of camellias and azaleas. Tom Nuccio will be up here, so it will be fun having him recognized and hopefully he will be our guest speaker at our first meeting on October 26<sup>th</sup>.

So please fill out the reservation sheet and send in your check and your choice of entrée to Rosemary Spasovich as soon as possible.

See you all soon!  
Julie



**Adolphe  
Audusson  
Variegated**

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## Northern California Camellia Council by Joan Lesmeister

Don has made a short video @ ACS request on the method he uses to variegated Camellias. This "Tie-In" method usually has successful results in one year, rather than grafting, which takes 3 years or so.

Northern California Camellia Council: We are all so looking forward to our Camellia Society meetings, seeing our friends, having some fun, and sharing our love of camellias...such a very long time since we've been together! The Council's latest news to share with you are these tentative, Camellia Show scheduled dates for 2022: February 19 - Peninsula/SF; February 26 - Santa Clara; March 5 - Sacramento; March 12 - NorCal; March 19 - Modesto. We want to see you all there, every show, with loads of beautiful blooms! Stay well, get your vaccines, boosters, wear masks, sanitize hands, etc., etc.!!!

Virtual Hugs, Joan Lesmeister, NCCC Rep.

## Camellia Culture by Don Lesmeister

Well, here we go starting another Camellia flowering year. Let us hope & pray that we have our regular Camellia Shows. There are a few things we MUST do now in order to have "Show" quality blooms.

First, we need to apply a winter fertilizer. I currently prefer to use a solid /non-nitrogen fertilizer, like 0-10-10. Apply it now and maybe another one or two times prior to blooming time. The solid fertilizer breaks down gradually and gets to the plant roots a little slower than the liquid fertilizer. It spreads out the feeding over a period of weeks rather than in one feeding like a liquid fertilizer.

Next, prune out all branches that prevent the flower buds from fully opening.

Lastly, disbudding. Leave only one terminal bud on each limb. This is an on-going project. Many Japonica and Hybrid Camellias will reset buds so you may have to go back and redo this process several times over the next few months on some varieties. I usually remove all buds on the balance of the stem, except for miniature blooms. You can leave one or two buds down the stem without affecting the flower size on many miniature plants. This can give you some additional blooms. Many Hybrid plants set buds down the stem, but should be removed to obtain Show quality blooms. Try to remove the upper buds of a cluster on terminals, so the bloom will face downward and not get wind/rain, etc. damage. Both Japonica and Hybrid varieties have more pliable stems, so periodically I try to leave the larger of two buds, if possible, to obtain a larger flower and bend the branch downward and fasten to the container /leaf/branch etc. with clothes pins to get the bloom to open without wind/rain, etc. damage. Some Reticulata are more sensitive to the cold weather. On these plants, I usually do not disbud until later in the year, after the cold spells are over. Well, that should do it for now...The Culture Guy... Don L.

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## American Camellia Society (ACS) News by Carol Schanz

ACS is a wonderful resource. Don Lesmeister has a video **VARIEGATED CAMELLIAS BY TIE-IN METHOD (APPROACH GRAFTING)**. You can find this and many other interesting videos at: [www.americancamellias.com](http://www.americancamellias.com), Instructional videos.

## Executive Board 2021-2022

President	Julie Vierra	916-371-2174
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ACS/ICS Representative	Don Bergamini
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Meeting Bloom Display	Ron & Arlene Morrison
Membership	LuAnn Lantsberger
New Member Liaison	<i>We need someone!</i>
Nominating Committee Chair	Rosemary Spasovich
Past President	Carol Schanz
Pruning Clinic Liaison	Carol Schanz
Sunshine	Jackie Randall
Ways & Means	Joan Lesmeister, Carol Schanz, Rosemary Spasovich, Julie Vierra, Alyssa Begley
Website	Carol Schanz, Julie Vierra, Rosemary Spasovich

Think about volunteering to help on one of the committees. By getting involved, you will get to know our fun members faster. We are always looking for new ideas and program suggestions.



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## BEAUTIFUL BLOOMS



**Kaleidoscope**



**Kay Berridge Red**



**Mabel Blackwell**



**Sally Arnold**

Meeting Dates! Mark your Calendars!  
*Meetings start at 7:00 p.m.*

October 26, 2021

November 16, 2021\*\*

December 14, 2021\*\*

January 25, 2022

February 22, 2022

March 22, 2022

(\*\* not 4<sup>th</sup> Tuesday,  
because of holidays)

## DUES NEWS

Annual Regular membership, \$20;  
Membership with USPS newsletter, \$25;  
Sustaining membership, \$30.

**Send dues to: LuAnn Lantsberger, 2960 Brenda Way, West Sacramento, CA, 95691**

## Newsletter Information

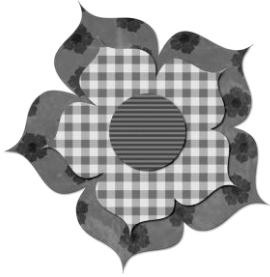
*Thanks* to all who have contributed articles to this newsletter. Remember, you can see previous newsletters on our website,  
**[www.camelliasocietyofsacramento.org](http://www.camelliasocietyofsacramento.org)**

**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](mailto:carolschanz@sbcglobal.net)

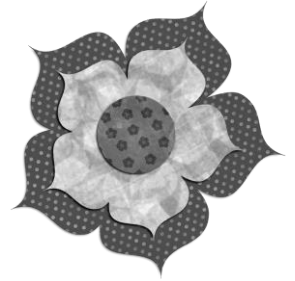


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## Please join us!



We will be honoring the Nuccio Family for their unwavering dedication to the propagation of camellias and azaleas. Tom Nuccio will be our guest!

Please join us at the Pheasant Club for dinner, celebrating the Nuccio Family, kickoff of our camellia season, installation of our officers that didn't happen in 2020, our silent auction, and plant sale!

As always, we will be enjoying a delicious meal with our camellia friends! It's been too long in coming! It is dinner, not lunch!! And we will have cake for dessert. They don't have spumoni anymore...

Please check out the menu and return ASAP to Rosemary Spasovich, along with your check for dinner.

We miss everybody and this will be a wonderful introduction into the 2021-22 camellia season! We will also have our newest 2022 button available32.

So please send back your reservation as soon as possible! (See other side of flyer)

### MARK YOUR CALENDAR

When: Saturday, October 23rd!

Time: 4:30 p.m.

Where: Pheasant Club, 2525 Jefferson Blvd.  
West Sacramento



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2525 Jefferson Blvd.  
West Sacramento  
[www.theclubpheasant.com](http://www.theclubpheasant.com)

Saturday, October 23<sup>rd</sup>  
4:30 p.m.



## Dinner Party Menu

All entrees are served with a house salad with house dressing (tomato based vinaigrette), garlic bread, and coffee or tea.

Oven Baked Chicken Baked in White Wine with Rosemary and Garlic. Served with Baked Potato and seasonal vegetables.	31.00
Rib Eye Steak Served with Baked Potato and seasonal vegetables.	37.00
Slow Roasted Prime Rib (Minimum 6 orders) Served with Baked Potato and seasonal vegetables.	37.00
Fresh Filet of Salmon Poached in White Wine and topped with Lemon Dill Sauce Served with a baked potato and seasonal vegetables.	31.75
Vegetarian Spaghetti and Ravioli Combination Cheese and Vegetable Ravioli, Marinara Sauce	23.00
Children's Menu (9 and under) Spaghetti with a Meatball or Chicken Strips with Steak Fries	11.95

MAKE YOUR DINNER RESERVATIONS BY FILLING OUT THE FORM BELOW MAKING CHECKS PAYABLE TO: **CAMELLIA SOCIETY OF SACRAMENTO**

SEND TO: Rosemary Spasovich, 6129 Landis Avenue, Carmichael, CA 95608  
Questions? Call Rosemary at 559-779-1197 (If you have special dietary requests, please note)

----- Cut here and mail reservation -----

Name	Menu Item	Cost
Total: \$		

**RESERVATIONS DUE BY FRIDAY, OCTOBER 8th**

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