

Camellia Times

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Meeting Date

To be announced

Elks Lodge #6, Emblem Room

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President's Message



Happy New Year to Everyone!
 I bet you are as happy to see 2020 go as I am! Yikes, what a year...hopefully we will get back to some semblance of order by the end of the year. I sure miss everyone! Well, we have a button entry winner! Please see the Button Contest article

that is in this newsletter. Thank you to Joanne Sprogis, David Peterson, Laura Szeto and Tatiana Lopatin for their beautiful entries!

Some more news is that I was contacted by Ileana Maestas from the Old Sacramento Parks and Recreation. She sent me pictures of some sasanquas that were planted next to the plaque commemorating where the feed store stood and where our first seedlings were sold in Old Sac. I went down and put aluminum tags on them. Unfortunately, there is NO shade anywhere. So hopefully they will survive. I had a Zoom meeting with Ileana and Francesca Martella on Thursday. They want to do an interpretive video on the history of the camellia in Sacramento and so I will be working with them to do that. There will be a link to it, once finished, on our website and on our Facebook feed. Stay tuned! Any way we can get people interested in camellias is wonderful.

It looks like there will be no official camellia shows this year. We are trying to figure out how to have some sort of mini show without compromising everyone's health. So in the meantime, what about taking pictures of your camellias and add them to our Camellia Society of Sacramento Facebook page? If you don't have Facebook, send them to me and I will add them with your name and the name of the camellias. We need to flood

President's Message Continued

social media with beautiful camellias! Our camellias are way too pretty not to share with others! If you don't have Facebook, send them to me and I will download them onto it. My email is j4sfgiants@sbcglobal.net. Another idea is to ask places that you go into and ask if you can bring some blooms in to display. I'm going to ask our Wells Fargo in Raley's here in West Sacramento and see if I can bring some in when mine start taking off. We used to do this when we had a certain bank that subsidized our show. People loved seeing them. Keep your camellias watered, buds twisted off to just one looking down, and just enjoy the beauty in your yards. May 2021 bring us much needed vaccinations, health, happiness, and our lives back to normal, whatever that may be...

Miss you all,
Julie

Monthly Meeting Dates and Programs 2020-2021 to be announced.

Northern California Camellia Council by Joan Lesmeister

Camellia Culture by Don Lesmeister

Well, here we are again, waiting for our Camellias to commence blooming. One thing is different this year.....possibly no shows.....we are hoping the vaccinations will come quickly so we can make adjustments and possibly provide some type of Camellia show. In the interim, we can still disbud, thin our branches, pin leaves back, etc. and do our normal culture items, as we do every year. At least for now, we should take advantage of the situation and give our flowers to those around us.

Our friends, relatives, neighbors, Medical folks, etc. will be as excited about Camellias, as we are. AND perhaps we can generate new membership. If any one of you has some ideas on any of the above, please let someone on the Camellia Society Board know.....!

The Culture Guy, DON

Northern California Show Schedule for 2020-2021

No show plans at this time because of the Covid 19 virus.

History by Lana Paulhamus

In 2002-2003 the Camellia Society of Sacramento had 74 paid members and also that same year had 3 sustaining commercial members, Capital Nursery, E.A. Grebitus and Son, and McDowall and Keeney Insurance Associates. October 1, 2002, Jim Randall, President of the Camellia Society of Sacramento reported that the California State Fair had changed its policy towards horticultural societies and there doesn't seem to be a place for the Camellia Society of Sacramento at the California State Fair anymore.

American Camellia Society (ACS) News by Carol Schanz

Massie Lane in Georgia, is a magnificent camellia garden and home of American Camellia Society, (ACS)

The gardens are open and the beautiful new Silver Building and Educational Center is open. While travel is on hold because of the virus, if friends or family live in the area, it is well worth the time to visit the gardens which are in bloom now. If you can't visit in person, check out their website.

www.americancamellias.com

CAMELLIA BUTTON 2021

2021 Camellia Button Contest

We had four entrants this year. All wonderful artists! Our winner is Tatiana Lopatin. She lives in Arkansas. She is the sister of Tamara Lopatin, who won our contest back in 2010.

Tatiana is a recent college graduate and a newlywed! Art wasn't her major, but it is her passion. She has been drawing since she was three years old. She also loves to hike, hang with friends and family, and read. Congratulations to our 2021 winner! She can't wait to enter next year!



EXECUTIVE BOARD MEMBERS 2020-2021

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These are provisional positions because of no meetings, the membership has not been able to vote or have these officers officially installed.

Advisory Board 2020-2021

ACS/ICS Representative	Don Bergamini
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Nominating Committee Chair	Rosemary Spasovich
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Show Chairmen	Don Lesmeister & Julie Vierra
Sunshine	Jackie Randall
Ways & Means	Julie Vierra, Joan Lesmeister, Carol Schanz
Website	Julie Vierra & Carol Schanz

Camellia Plants for Sale

Alba Plena	White. Medium, formal double. E-M
Barbara Goff	Pink. Very large. Semi-double, rose-form. Medium upright. E-L Reticulata
Bonanza	Deep Red. Large, semi-peony form. Medium, low growth. E. Sasanqua
Cabernet	Small formal. Rich burgundy red. Medium, bushy, upright growth. L.
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
Debutante	Light pink. Medium, full peony form. E-M
Dr Clifford Parks (2)	Red with orange cast. Very large, semidouble to anemone form loose or full peonyform. Vigorous growth. M
E.G. Waterhouse	Light pink. Medium, formal double. M-L
Ferris Wheel	White, aspect red striped. Large. Semidouble, peony form. Upright. E-L
Francie L (2)	Rose pink. Very large. Semidouble with irregular, upright, wavy petals. M-L
Frank Houser Var	The varigated form of Frank Houser. Rose red mottled white. M
Frank Houser	Very large. Deep glowing pink to red with darker veins; white anthers and filaments. Vigorous, upright growth; dark green foliage. E-M
Freedom Bell	Bright red. Small to medium, bell shaped semidouble. E-M Hybrid
Grand Prix	Very large, brilliant red, irregular semi-double. Excellent texture. Vigorous, upright growth. M.
High Fragrance (2)	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	Large whorls of intense crimson red petals surrounding yellow centers form semi-double

Katie Var(3)	Salmon rose pink blotched white. Very Large semidouble. E-M
Lucky Star	Rich orchid pink, semi-double. Medium. Unusual shape due to offset rows of narrow, upward curved petals. Bushy, upright growth. M-L.
Moonlight Bay	Pale orchid pink. Very large semi-double, somewhat tubular in form. Extremely strong, upright and full growth. Long blooming season. E-L
Night Rider (2)	Small, very dark black red. Semi-double. Very attractive plant with new growth deep maroon. Upright, somewhat loose growth. M.
Nuccio's Bella Rossa-var (2)	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.
Nuccio's Jewel	White shaded to coral pink on edges. Medium, loose to full peony. Slow, bushy growth. M-L
Red Hots	Medium, tubular, brilliant red semi-double. Pointed petals. Dark green foliage. Medium, compact, upright, somewhat columnar growth. E-M
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
Senritsu Ko	Small to medium formal to rose form. Beautiful light-yellow toned peach pink near edges. moderately fast, upright open growth. M Hybrid
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

Contact Bill Kitagawa, 916 481 5654, for more information

DUES NEWS

Because of increased operating expenses for the Camellia Society of Sacramento, it is necessary to increase our dues. Annual Regular membership, \$20; Membership with USPS newsletter, \$25; and Sustaining membership, \$30.

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

BEAUTIFUL BLOOMS

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



Pink Perfection grown by Julie Vierra

Newsletter Information

Thanks to all who have contributed articles to this newsletter. Remember, you can see previous newsletters on our website, 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

The Camellia Society of Sacramento wishes each of you a healthy and happy New Year. Enjoy the beautiful camellias blooming.