

# Camellia Times

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## Meeting Date

To be announced

**Elks Lodge #6, Emblem Room**

6446 Riverside Blvd

Sacramento, CA 95831



## President's Message



Hello Camellia Friends!

March 6<sup>th</sup> would have been our camellia show...it's been so strange not to go to our monthly meetings, show camellias in northern California and just be around all the great camellia friends I've encountered over the years. I miss you all so

much! April 6<sup>th</sup> we will be having a board meeting in my backyard so that we can start planning for next year. A lot of us have already had our vaccinations and things are starting to open up, so hopefully next year will be better and we will be able to get together with you all. It's been a LONG year...hopefully all of you have been well and your families too. It's time to open up and get back to some kind of normalcy. We all need it, right?

As usual, keep your spent blooms raked up and containers watered. With so little rain, it's important to keep everything watered. Mark Finan said we are going to have some rain come the 8<sup>th</sup>, so hope he is right.

Also, buttons are still for sale (I can send them to you, deliver them, whatever) Call me at 916-371-2174 if you are interested. We also have magnets for \$1.50. We have many camellias still for sale. I sold one of the camellias we had been given this winter. I repotted them, pruned them, and they are looking pretty good. There are two that didn't bloom, so they are mystery camellias until next blooming season. They are all scented.

We will keep you posted on any new information regarding opening of the Elk's, our meetings this fall and our show next year. Club Pheasant is still open, so hopefully we will be able

to have either a welcome back luncheon before our meetings start up, or one at the end of the year, as usual. Start saving your money, as all the restaurant prices have gone up...luckily the Pheasant Club is still hanging in there.

Have a great March! Happy St. Patrick's Day! Easter is just around the corner. Enjoy the beautiful spring flowers and keep sending in the pictures on Facebook! Everyone's blooms are beautiful!

Virtual Hugs,  
Julie

## Wellness Corner:

I want to thank all of my camellia friends for the calls, cards, and good wishes after my recent surgery. It meant a lot and I am on the road to recovery.  
Fondly, Jackie



## Zoom Meetings

*Dr. Brad King did a very interesting ACS zoom meeting featuring the Descanso Gardens, the Huntington Gardens and Nuccio Nursery. He had a very interesting slide presentation providing historical information as well as showing some of the early beautiful camellias brought in to the various garden founders. It was a very informative and beautiful presentation. Attendees were from Florida, Georgia, and California.*

*The San Francisco/Peninsula Society has a zoom meeting featuring camellia blooms from various members of Northern California Societies. There were about 25 attendees and the presentation created by Leslie Bone was well organized and fun. So many beautiful blooms.*

## 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.

Our membership can see the video by going to:

1. American Camellia Society
2. Education & Camellia Care
3. Instructional videos on Camellia Propagation
4. Variegated Camellias by Tie-in Method (approach grafting)...there is a picture of a bottle of tole paint, and a red flower with one petal painted white!

Joan Lesmeister, NCCC Rep.

## Camellia Culture by Don Lesmeister

Boy this Covid thing has thrown a curve into Camellia growing...no shows, meetings, etc. etc. etc...

The things that need to be accomplished at this time of the year are nearly the same, regardless of the virus. First, PICK UP YOUR SPENT BLOOMS...especially if you see any sign of petal blight. If you don't you will suffer the results, not only later this year, but probably next year also. *Put these old blooms in the garbage pail rather than the green waste containers. If you do not, the green waste can be ground up and distributed by the City or County. Someone could end up with the petal blight in their yard.*

Because of the lack of rain, and increase in temperature, you may have to start watering more frequently.

Moving your plants up in containers from one size to another can safely be accomplished so long as you stay within a 2-3 inch diameter increase. You can also move containerized plants into the ground nearly anytime so long as *the feeder (top) roots are not disturbed. Moving plants that are in the ground to another ground location should be done with great care. I would suggest not doing this once they have completed blooming until next fall when the plants go dormant.*

You can begin pruning your plants now. I would also suggest fertilizing your plants around the middle of March. I prefer using a liquid fertilizer with a low Nitrogen quantity, like Fish food...5-2-1. The liquid is absorbed by the plant much faster than solid fertilizer, which takes an additional week or so to dissolve before the plant can absorb the fertilizer. *You can then use a solid fertilizer a month or so later so long as the temperature is around the low 90 degrees or less.* If aphid or other creatures appear when the new growth begins, use a mild insecticide to eliminate them.....Have a good summer!

The Culture Guy, DON



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

ACS is looking for applicants who would be interested in representing the Camellia Society of Sacramento as a Regional Director. See: [www.americancamellias.com](http://www.americancamellias.com)

**Responsibilities General:** Regional Directors shall actively seek to effectuate all of the missions and purposes of ACS in their regions; and shall be responsible for developing and serving the members in their regions, including organizing conventions which are held in their regions.

#### Responsibilities Specific:

- Membership in ACS and in a local club
- Contagious enthusiasm for ACS and building membership through active marketing
- Attendance at all meetings of the ACS Board of Directors
- Communication
- Willingness to serve on ACS Committees
- Annual financial donation (Appropriate for one's own means )

If anyone is interested in applying, contact Carol Schanz, [carolschanz@sbcglobal.net](mailto:carolschanz@sbcglobal.net) or 916 447-1969

*Julie Vierra has this year's commemorative camellia buttons and magnets for sale. The buttons are \$1.00 and the magnets are \$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 each in 1994 and still are only \$1.00. Even though we have no show this year, we have a button.*



## BEAUTIFUL BLOOMS

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



Lundy's Legacy grown by Gary Schanz



Yours Truly grown by Julie Vierra



Coral Delight, Var. grown by LuAnn Lantsberger

Send us your pictures of your camellias in your yard so we can display them in our newsletter!

## **EXECUTIVE BOARD MEMBERS 2020-2021**

President	Julie Vierra	916 371 2174
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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
Education, Research & Science	Don Lesmeister
Hospitality	Linda Grant
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Nominating Committee Chair	Rosemary Spasovich
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Sunshine	Jackie Randall
Ways & Means	Julie Vierra, Joan Lesmeister, Carol Schanz
Website	Julie Vierra & Carol Schanz
Welcome	Barbara Smith





**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
Dr. Clifford Parks (2)	Red with orange cast. Very large, semidouble to anemone form loose or full peony form. Vigorous growth. M
Francie L (2)	Rose pink. Very large. Semidouble with irregular, upright, wavy petals. M-L
Frank Houser Var	The variegated 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
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 (2)	Salmon rose pink blotched white. Very Large semidouble. E-M
Moonlight Bay	Pale orchid pink. Very large semi-double, somewhat tubular in form. Extremely strong, upright and full growth. Long blooming season. E-L
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.
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
Shock Wave	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, 916 591-5654, for more information. (Leave a message)

## 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 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)

