

Camellia Times

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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Dear Camellia Friends!

It's the holiday season - wow, time sure has flown! Sorry I wasn't at the November meeting, and thank you Don for filling in for me! I'm feeling somewhat better...this "gunk" just doesn't want to go away!

We are excited for our December Christmas goodies meeting, with TOM NUCCIO!! He is always such a wealth of information on all things camellias and azaleas, so bring your questions! Tom will also bring some unusual camellias to the meeting for the raffle in addition to our usual great plants and Darlene Fong will bring table decorations that will be raffled off. I hear her turkeys at the November meeting were a hit! So bring a pocket full of money, because the plant raffle is going to be hopping!

On another note, we want to update you on Irene Moore. She is in a residential home in Woodland, close to her son, and is on hospice watch. Please continue to send her "thinking of you" cards, as Sandra reads them all to her. Her address is 5510 Fruitridge Road, Sacramento, CA 95820. Also, keep Alan Logan in your thoughts. He has been diagnosed with pancreatic cancer and is currently undergoing chemo. The tumor has shrunk, but he will be continuing chemo and having surgeries through July, 2023. One good thing is that he is going to be a grandpa! His son, Justin, and wife are expecting a baby girl around 12/13! So please let him know you are thinking of him. He would love to hear from you. His address is 8404 Matisse Court, Sacramento, CA 95828.

We hope to see a good turnout for our December meeting! Keep our camellia friends in your prayers and see you on Sunday the 18th, at 2:30.

Stay safe and healthy,

Julie



MEETING DATE:

**SUNDAY,
DECEMBER 18th**

2:30 PM

**Elk's Lodge #6
Emblem Room
6446 Riverside Blvd.
Sacramento, CA
95831**



General Meeting Dates

October 23rd, 2022

November 20th, 2022*

December 18th, 2022*

*(a week earlier because of holidays)

January 22nd, 2023

February 26th, 2023

March 26th 2023

LUNCHEON: Tentative, Saturday, APRIL 22nd (location TBA)

CAMELLIA SOCIETY OF SACRAMENTO
2022-2023 EXECUTIVE BOARD

**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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supporting our club!**

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Happy HOLIDAYS

IF YOU ARE A NEW MEMBER WHO SIGNED UP AT OUR SHOW OR SIGNED UP THIS SUMMER, DON'T FORGET TO COME TO A MEETING AND YOU WILL RECEIVE A FREE PLANT!

American Camellia Society (ACS) - Carol Schanz

The ACS Convention will be held between February 23rd and 27th in Ft. Valley, Georgia. The event will feature an exciting blend of local history, including touring Macon for its cultural and music history, sightseeing tours to Columbus visiting several American Camellia Trail gardens, touring Masee Lane Gardens, enjoying local food, classes, and a host of other activities.

See Carol at the meeting to get more information!

International Camellia Society Congress, Italy 2023

The Congress will take place at Lake Maggiore March 26th to 28th. It'll be preceded by a tour of Tuscany March 21st to 25th, and followed by a lakes tour March 29th to 31st. More details and registration at internationalcamellia.org/en-us/home/congress-Italy2023.



Northern California Camellia Council — Joan Lesmeister

Good news! - Southern California Camellia Shows are on! When you have some beautiful blooms in January, you'll want to share them with our SoCal camellia friends and have a chance to win some trophies! There will be two shows before our NorCal shows begin on February 18th:

Southern California 2023 Camellia Shows:

- January 21 & 22 - Descanso Gardens, LaCanada - Rose Pavilion
- February 11 & 12 - Huntington Gardens, San Marino

Don & I plan to attend one of the shows...hope to see you there!

Merry Christmas! Happy New Year!
Joan Lesmeister, NCCC Rep.

2023 Camellia Button



California Bloomin'

Pin: \$1

Magnet: \$1.50

We also have previous buttons!

PROGRAM FOR DECEMBER:

We are fortunate to have Tom Nuccio joining us for our December meeting. He is always a wealth of information on everything camellias (and azaleas too!!). As he has done in the past, Tom will be bringing some unique camellias to include in our monthly raffle. Please join us on Sunday, December 18th, 2:30 p.m. for Tom’s informative presentation, our annual holiday goodies and gift exchange. *If you would like to participate in the gift exchange please bring a garden or Christmas themed wrapped gift (\$15-\$20 value) and find LuAnn Lantsberger when you arrive. She will place a ticket on your gift and then after Tom’s presentation we will begin the gift exchange drawing.*



**UPCOMING
EVENTS**

DATE	PROGRAM	SPEAKER
November 20th	How to evaluate/test a plant	Debbie Arrington
December 18th	All About Camellias! and Christmas goodies Gift Exchange	Tom Nuccio
January 22nd	Tales of a Camellia Princess	Marlene Hensley
February 26th	Flower Arranging	Pat Gaston from the Floral Design group
March 26th	Ice Cream Social!	Discussion/Review of Camellia Show
Saturday, April 22nd	Luncheon, Installation of Officers, Silent Auction, Plant Raffle, Great Friends, Laughs	Fun for all!

THIS MONTH'S PLANT RAFFLE - Bill Kitagawa

Adorable - Hybrid. Bright pink. Small to medium formal double. Upright compact growth.

Cupcake - Hybrid. Coral pink, lighter toward middle. Occasional deeper coral pink stripes. Small single form. Average bushy compact and upright growth.

Adolphe Audusson Var. - Japonica. Dark red, spotted white. Large, semidouble. Average compact growth.

Moonlight Bay - Japonica. Light orchid pink. Very large semidouble. Vigorous, compact, upright growth.



Tickets are \$1.00
Or
6 for \$5.00



CAMELLIA CULTURE CORNER~ DON LESMEISTER

As we move closer to the camellia blooming season, there are still a few things we need to do. The colder weather presents some real challenges. Be sure that your plants have been watered before the freezing nights. DON'T water every day, but make sure that your plants have some water. When it rains, you can add an additional day between watering days. Also, this month should be the last month to apply 0-10-10. You can review your plants' buds and make sure to disbud where necessary. If you do any gibbing, you should complete your program by the end of December.

Now that your plants are dormant, it is a good time to re-containerize them. Also, it is the perfect time to transplant your in-the-ground camellias from one location to another. When doing this a little vitamin B-1 should be applied to your plants. Start getting prepared for the camellia shows. Move your containerized plants to a more protected location.

Lastly, be sure to attend the Camellia Society meetings to gain additional information about how to grow camellias.

Don



**UPCOMING SHOW DATES—
2023 NORTHERN CALIFORNIA SHOW SCHEDULE**

<p>February 18th</p>	<p>Mini-Show Desco Plaza III 3675 Mt. Diablo Blvd Lafayette Contact: Justin Bergamini 1-707-637-7051</p>
<p>February 25th & 26th</p>	<p>San Francisco Peninsula Camellia Society Show CAB Community Activities Building, 1400 Roosevelt Avenue, Redwood City Contact: Meg Melani camelliasfpcs2021@gmail.com</p>
<p>March 4th & 5th</p>	<p>Camellia Society of Sacramento Show Elk's Lodge No. 6, 6446 Riverside Blvd., Sacramento Contact: Don Lesmeister, 916-967-8420 or Julie Vierra 916-371-2174</p>
<p>March 11th & 12th</p>	<p>Northern California Camellia Society Show St. Andrews Celebration Center, 1601 Mary Drive, Pleasant Hill Contact: Don Bergamini, 925-229-0775</p>
<p>March 18th & 19th</p>	<p>Camellia Society of Modesto Show TBA, Modesto Contact: Cindy Cook 209-484-1369</p>

"Gardening is the art that uses flowers & plants as paint, and the soil and sky as canvas" - Elizabeth Murray





THIS N' THAT



As Julie mentioned in the last newsletter, now that I'm retired I'm happy to have the opportunity to help create our monthly Camellia Times! I hope you enjoy this issue and the word search below. See you on December 18th!!

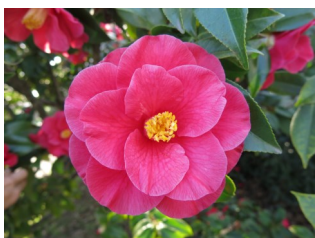
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DIRECTIONS - Find the words below in the puzzle.

Words can go in any direction and can share letters as they cross over each other.

BLOOMS
 DEBUD
 HYBRID
 RETIC
 CAMELLIA
 FORMAL
 JAPONICA
 STAMEN
 CULTIVAR
 FRAGRANT
 NUCCIOS
 VARIEGATED



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