

Camellia Times

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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE



Happy February! Happy Valentine's Day to you all! Well, here we go! I'm getting excited about our show and the shows before our shows...it's been two years and have missed all my camellia friends! Can't wait to see everyone soon. It also means we are gearing up for OUR show, March 5th! Come to our meeting February 22nd. We will

be going over all the jobs that need to be done from Thursday, picking up the show items from our storage unit, to Friday, set-up, Saturday, different jobs throughout the day, and Sunday when we have the artists at the show and then tear down I'm sure there is something for everyone to sign up for.

Lots of information in the newsletter, so enjoy! Start saving now for our dinner at the Pheasant Club, April 23rd. The reservation is on the back of the newsletter. Time for the dinner is **3:30** no host cocktails, Dinner at **4:00** and out by 6. Please be on time so we can get all our fun in! The Pheasant Club graciously letting us come in early so we can use the whole room.

See you on **Tuesday, February 22nd!**

Camellia Day at the Murer House & Gardens in Folsom

Saturday, February 26, 2022

10 a.m. to 2 p.m.

Blossom Show

Self-Guided Murer House Garden Tours

Camellia Identification Experts

Speaker: Greg Gayton, Green Acres Nursery & Supply

Information Table by Camellia Society of Sacramento

The public is invited to share & show single blossoms and arrangements. Ribbons will be awarded for People's Choice and other categories.

Information: Rhonda DesVoignes, bdesvoignes@comcast.net

Or call Murer House at 916-413-9231

1125 Joe Murer Court, Folsom

MEETING DATE:

FEBRUARY 22nd

7 P.M.

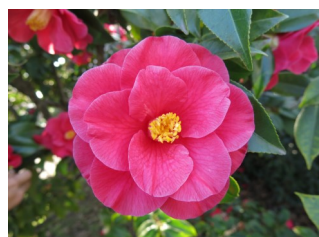
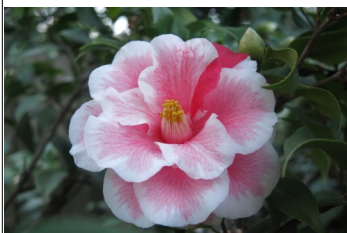
Elk's Lodge #6

6446 Riverside Blvd.

Sacramento, CA



CAMELLIA SOCIETY OF SACRAMENTO
2021-2022 EXECUTIVE BOARD



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Meeting Bloom Display	Ron & Arlene Morrison
Membership	LuAnn Lantsberger
Nominating Committee Chair	Rosemary Spasovich-Cooper
Outreach/New Member	We need someone! Can you help?
Past President	Carol Schanz
Show Chairmen	Don Lesmeister, Julie Vierra
Sunshine	Jackie Randall
Ways & Means	Julie Vierra, Joan Lesmeister, Carol Schanz, Rosemary Spasovich-Cooper & Alyssa
Website	Carol Schanz, Julie Vierra & Rosemary Spasovich-Cooper

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. We've been carrying on anyways! Rosemary Spasovich-Cooper and her nominating committee have come up with a slate of officers for 2022-2023. They will be presented at the January & February meetings.

FEBRUARY PROGRAM

Bring your blooms in and display them on the table. Once again we will have a drawing for a plant...I promise I won't put my name in the hat this time! Julie

We will have sign-up sheets for all the jobs, along with explanations for them all. They are easy peasy and with everyone helping, the set up should go quickly, and everything will go smoothly throughout the two-day show. Thanks so much for being on board. We pride ourselves on the beautiful show we put on and it's because of all your help that it is possible. **Thank you!**

MEETING DATES FOR 2021-2022

February 22nd—We will be gearing up for our show. Bring blooms and our members who show can give you tips. We will have sign-up sheets for all the different jobs. We will also have a sign-up sheet for lunch boxes from Togo's like we had in 2020. Then no one has to leave the show!!

March 22nd—Don Bergamini will be presenting the winners for the 2022 show season! How did we all do?

April 23rd—Pheasant Club End of Year Luncheon/or/dinner. See back page. We will have installation of officers, silent auction, plant sale and fun, fun, fun! Get your reservations in ASAP!

PLANT RAFFLE FOR FEBRUARY

- **Nuccio's Bella Rossa**—Japonica. Large, formal double.
- **Carters Sunburst**—Japonica, pale pink striped or marked deeper pink, L to VL, semi double to peony form to formal double
- **Nuccio's Jewel**—Japonica, White washed and shaded orchid pink. Medium, full peony form
- **Chris Bergamini**—Japonica, white, striped with varying shades of pinks and reds. Miniature to small, anemone form



Tickets are \$1
Or
6 for \$5



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:

LuAnn Lantsberger
 2960 Brenda Way
 West Sacramento,
 CA 95691
 Questions: 916-729-9892

Thank you for supporting our club!



CAMELLIA CULTURE CORNER ~ DON LESMEISTER

Can you believe it? It has been nearly 2 years since the last Camellia Show in Northern California. Things start off with a Judges Symposium in Pleasant Hill, California on Saturday Feb 5th from 9 AM to 3 PM. You do not have to be a Camellia Judge or Novice Judge to attend. It is a good idea to attend to further your interest in Camellias and learn what judges look for in winning blooms. ALSO, you can enter your Camellia blooms at the Mini Camellia Show with single flower entries only. There will be a total of 15 Nuccio Gift Certificates as trophies. The cost is \$10 per person and \$16 if you desire a Box Lunch. Contact Don Bergamini (see Page 6).

Also, our Society is having their annual Camellia Show at the Elks Lodge in Sacramento on March 5th & 6th, 2022. We begin on Thursday, March 3rd by picking up the show supplies at our rental. Then the show set up will be at the Elks Lodge on Friday March 4th around 9 AM. We would appreciate any help you can give us to put on this annual event. Once the show has been judged, we can use a lot of assistance on Saturday March 5th and Sunday March 6th.

Lastly, 2024 will be the 100th year of our Camellia Shows in Sacramento. Those 2 years will be here before we realize it and we would like to really do something spectacular in presenting this to our City and the general public. We would appreciate ANY ideas you may have to help the SocietyPLEASE, if you have any ideas, put them on a note and give to Julie, myself, or any of the board members. Thank you.

Northern California Camellia Council Notes— Joan Lesmeister

Looking forward to seeing you at the Judge’s Symposium on Feb. 5th! Good news is that Modesto’s Camellia Show will be at the Masonic Center in Modesto on March 19th & 20th. See the list of shows for the address. And, we’ll be seeing you at the S.F. Peninsula show in Redwood City on Feb. 19th & 20th. Don is getting ready....a few blooms here....promise of many more to open! We’re staying safe, & hope you are too with masking & washing & sanitizing! We can hardly wait to see our camellia friends and their beautiful camellias!

Masked Hugs, Joan Lesmeister, NCCC Rep.



Happy Valentines Day

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

February 5, 2022 Open to all who want to be judges, need to renew or want to learn more about camellias –There is a fee for the symposium. See page 6 for more info	Judges Symposium St. Andrews Celebration Center, 1601 Mary Drive, Pleasant Hill Contact: Don Bergamini, 925-229-0775
February 19th & 20th	San Francisco Peninsula Camellia Society Show CAB Community Activities Building, 1400 Roosevelt Avenue, Redwood City Contact: Meg Milani 650-346-3941
March 5th & 6th	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
March 12th & 13th	Northern California Camellia Society Show St. Andrews Celebration Center, 1601 Mary Drive, Pleasant Hill Contact: Don Bergamini, 925-229-0775
March 19th & 20th CHANGE OF VENUE	Camellia Society of Modesto Show Masonic Center, 800 Rose Ave, Modesto 95355 Contact: Cindy Cook 209-484-1369
March 26th	Mini-Show 3675 Mt. Diablo Blvd, Lafayette Last show of the year. Everyone invited to go to lunch after the show—TBA – end of year lunch :-(Contact: Justin Bergamini, 707-227-6706

Please start thinking about whether you might want to learn a bit about camellias by CLERKING at our Show in March. It's a great way to learn about Camellias! Another way to learn is to attend the Judges Symposium in February.

Our Camellia family is a wonderful group of people who not only love growing camellias, but are also just plain gardeners who enjoy getting out and getting their hands dirty. Joining our group and anyone on the Board about helping. We'd love for you to join YOUNGER helpers!!

volunteering to help out with our many projects is fun. Talk to us. And to tell you the truth, we are getting older and need



We are bringing back something from 2016! Don't forget to bring blooms to the meetings! Your name will be put into a basket and one person's name will be drawn for a plant. The blooms are not judged. We just want everyone to enjoy blooms at our meetings. Who knows, someone else may love your camellia bloom and want one too! Your chances are great!! So watch your camellia blooms and bring in some pretty ones and see you on Tuesday, February 22nd!

BLAST FROM THE PAST - By Lana Paulhamus, Historian

Results from a phone conversation with Jim Nuccio on Jan.31, 2022.

Nuccio's Nursery was founded in 1935 by Tom and Jim's dad Julius and their Uncle Joe. They started the nursery in their backyard in Alhambra. In 1946 they bought the current property and began selling plants other than Camellias, strictly wholesale. Eventually sales went retail and they focused mainly on camellias and azaleas.

Earliest camellias sold were Pink Perfection, Herme, Purity, amongst others. Currently their sales are 50% camellias, 50% azaleas (roughly).

They don't ship overseas anymore. They mail order to 49 states except Mississippi. Most frequent sales are CA, Carolinas, FL, GA, WA, OR.

Most popular sasanqua ordered: White Doves, Shishi Gashira, Yuletide.

Most popular Retic: Frank Houser, Var. (Retics aren't as popular as Japonicas)

Most popular Hybrids: High Fragrance, Taylors Perfection

Most favorite Japonicas: Nuccio's Gem, Nuccio's Pearl, Silver Waves.

Most popular red Japonica: Ace of Hearts.

They sell more white camellias than any other color. Nuccio's Gem and Ragland Supreme

They have no procedure for naming camellias. In fact, they took the name for a camellia off a towel. (Royal Velvet!)

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. Call Carol Schanz for information about signing up!

Also an exciting trip coming from the International Camellia Society Congress 2023! Start saving now for a once in a lifetime camellia adventure in Italy! Pre-Congress: Lucca & surroundings, Tuscany, Italy March 21-26th, 2023. See me at our meetings and I will give you more information.

JUDGES SYMPOSIUM INFORMATION—SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 5TH

LOCATION: Saint Andrew's Celebration Center

1601 Mary Drive

Pleasant Hill, CA

TIME: 9 A.M TO 3 PM

EVENT: Symposium and Mini Show (So bring your blooms) (Nuccio's gift certificates for winners)

COST: \$10 per person (cost is for supplies and rental of building)

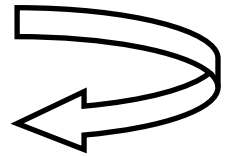
LUNCH MENU \$16 BOX LUNCH. Call Don Bergamini (925-768-5690) or email at camelliadon@comcast.net for more information

Requirements for Becoming a Novice Judge, Requirements for Becoming an Accredited Judge and Requirements for Becoming a Reaccredited Judge are on the American Camellia Society website.

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 www.theclubpheasant.com



Notice the times!!



DINNER PARTY

No-Host Cocktails at 3:30–Dinner at 4:00—done by 6:00!

SATURDAY, APRIL 23rd

Oven Baked Chicken Baked in White Wine with Rosemary and Garlic. Served with Baked Potato and seasonal vegetables.	32.00
Rib Eye Steak Served with Baked Potato and seasonal vegetables.	38.00
Fresh Filet of Salmon Poached in White Wine and topped with Lemon Dill Sauce Served with a baked potato and seasonal vegetables.	32.00
Vegetarian Spaghetti and Ravioli Combination Cheese and Vegetable Ravioli, Marinara Sauce	24.00
Children’s Menu (9 and under) Spaghetti with a Meatball or Chicken Strips with Steak Fries	12.00

PLEASE GET YOUR LUNCHEON ORDERS IN AS SOON AS POSSIBLE!

Our deadline is FRIDAY, APRIL 15TH

MAKE YOUR LUNCHEON RESERVATIONS BY FILLING OUT THE FORM BELOW

MAKING CHECKS PAYABLE TO: **CAMELLIA SOCIETY OF SACRAMENTO**

SEND TO: Rosemary Cooper, 6129 Landis Avenue, Carmichael, CA 95608

Questions? Call Rosemary at 559-779-1197

Name(s)	Menu Item	Cost
Total: \$		

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