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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE



Happy New Year Everyone! Thank goodness 2021 is behind us. Let's hope 2022 is better and we can get back to a somewhat normal life! Check out some of the pictures Tanis Toland took at our Christmas party! We are gearing up for our show! January's program will be Don Lesmeister and his sidekicks showing you tips on how to

prepare your blooms for entering at our show.

Bill Kitagawa has some great plants for our raffle. See his list of plants on page 3.

We are bringing back something we did back in 2016. See page 5 for information!

In two years, it will be our **100th anniversary!** Put your thinking caps on and let's get creative on how we will celebrate this historic and monumental achievement! The Board has a few ideas but we want to hear yours! Bring your ideas to the meeting. We plan on forming a committee to work on ideas. Please think about joining.

Remember: Pick up spent blooms to prevent petal blight, disbud, water, take pictures of your camellias, and bring inside to enjoy them!

See you on **Tuesday, January 25th!**

Julie, your President 

Not that you need reminding...

MASKS REQUIRED INDOORS

MEETING DATE:

JANUARY 25TH

7 P.M.

Elk's Lodge #6

6446 Riverside Blvd.

Sacramento, CA

We need your help! We need as many people as possible to help at our show this year! We will be providing N95 masks for everyone working the weekend. Come to the meeting and see where help is needed. *THANK YOU SO MUCH!* We work hard, but have fun while doing it, so please sign up wherever you can. Don't be shy!



CAMELLIA SOCIETY OF SACRAMENTO
2021-2022 EXECUTIVE BOARD

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| President | Julie Vierra | 916-371-2174 |
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2021-2022 ADVISORY BOARD

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| ACS/ICS Representative | Don Bergamini |
| ACS Pacific Regional Vice President | Carol Schanz |
| Education, Research & Science | Don Lesmeister |
| Greeter | Darlene Fong |
| Hospitality | Linda Grant & Sydney Donnell Morris |
| 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 meeting.

JANUARY PROGRAM

Don Lesmeister will talk on getting blooms ready for shows. Julie Vierra and Joan will be his sidekicks. Come listen to one of the best on how to show those camellias in your yards. We will have some handouts after the presentation is over.



Bring blooms to the meeting so we can show you how to present them for judging! This is a hands-on program!

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 that need to be filled. We will also have a sign-up sheet for lunch boxes from Togo's like we had in 2020.

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. More information to come. We will have installation of officers, silent auction, plant sale and fun, fun, fun!

PLANT RAFFLE FOR JANUARY

- Frank Houser, Var.- Retic, red & white, VL, semi double to peony form. E-M
- Bill Woodroof – Retic, scarlet, occasionally toned lighter, VL, semi double to loose peony form. M
- Lucky Star – Hybrid, Rich pink, Medium, semi double, M-L
- Cupcake – Hybrid, Coral Pink, lighter toward middle, occasional deeper coral pink stripes. Small single form. M-L



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

Looks as if Mother Nature has suddenly thrown everyone a weather curve requiring adjustments to our Camellia growing habits. For example, for container grown plants, I usually water every 5 or so days in the normal winter weather. IF it rains, I then add another day. This year, it has rained several days in a row, which has extended my watering cycle to over a week.

Regarding gibbing, I usually try to gib on days when the afternoon temperature is around 50 degrees. This has happened only one day here, so my gibbing has been pretty well limited to varieties and plants that I haven't seen bloom before. AND, the weather forecast here is for the next week of 30 degree morning temperatures only one day in the high 40 degrees. Fortunately, gibbing does not a replace plant growing problems. The bud set on most plants here have been excellent. However, there has been very few blooms. It would appear that the later shows will have an abundance of blooms.

One thing you should pay attention to is the Judges Symposium. The Symposium will be held on Feb 5, 2022 in Pleasant Hill, Ca by Don Bergamini. Check your ACS Judges Certificate to make sure it has not expired. Your certificate can be extended for 5 years. If you want to become a Novice Judge, etc., or just want to attend, check with an Accredited Judge for details. There will also be a Mini Show. Your lunch order must be placed on or before Feb 2, 2022.

If you desire to order any Camellia plants from Nuccio's Nurseries in Altadena, place your order NOW with Bill Kitagawa... You may want to call Nuccio's to make sure they have what you want first. Nuccio's # is 1-626-794-3383

Your Culture Guy, Don

Northern California Camellia Council Notes— Joan Lesmeister

Please read "Culture Guy's" article, it has some good information on the Judge's Symposium, Feb. 5, 2022! If you have any questions and/or want to make reservations for lunch for \$16 (Chicken sandwich, Italian sandwich or Veggie Sandwich) & attendance, Call or text Don Bergamini 925-768-5690 or E-mail at camelliadon@comcast.net, deadline is Feb. 2, 2022! Hope to see you at the Symposium! Happy New Year!

Masked Hugs, Joan Lesmeister, NCCC Rep.

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

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| 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 <p style="text-align: center;">(TENTATIVE)</p> | Camellia Society of Modesto Show Gallo Administration Bldg, 600 Yosemite Blvd. Modesto 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 volunteering to help out with our many projects is fun. Talk to anyone on the Board about helping. We'd love for you to join us. And to tell you the truth, we are getting older and need YOUNGER helpers!!



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 25th!

CAMELLIA BUTTONS!

Julie Vierra has the 2021 and 2022 camellia buttons and magnets for sale. The buttons are \$1.00 and Magnets \$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. Buttons sold for \$1.00 in 1994 and still are only \$1.00! Even though we had no show in 2021, we still have a button.

Please contact Julie Vierra at 916-371-2174 if you are interested in purchasing. She will drop them off, send them to you, whatever! Support our Society! Thank you!

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. For ACS members, they receive a Camellia Journal and a Camellia Year Book which has many interesting articles and pictures. 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.

PICTURES FROM OUR CHRISTMAS PARTY! WE HAD LOTS OF FUN! THANK YOU TANIS TOLAND FOR YOUR BEAUTIFUL CAMERA SHOTS!



A Fun Time was had by all!

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



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