

# Camellia Times

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## PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Happy November!

It was so nice to see so many people at our first Sunday meeting! It was a fantastic turn out and I'm excited to see such interest and I hope you will all be involved in our show in March!

This month Debbie Arrington will be our speaker. Once she starts speaking, you realize what a wealth of information she is! She will talk on how to evaluate/test a plant. So come and show your support!

Bill has some great plants for the raffle...this month bring your money and buy tickets and also purchase this year's button or magnet!

We hope you will like our new day and time for our meetings. SUNDAYS AT 2:30 pm. No more night driving! We have a fun filled camellia year ahead of us and we hope you can join us.

See you on November 20th!

Julie

Also, please keep Irene Moore in your prayers.



**MEETING DATE:**

**SUNDAY,  
NOVEMBER 20th  
2:30 PM  
Elk's Lodge #6  
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)

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Sunshine	Jackie Randall
Ways & Means	Julie Vierra, Joan Lesmeister, Carol Schanz, Rosemary Cooper, Alyssa Begley
Website	Rosemary Cooper, Carol Schanz & Julie Vierra

**MEMBERSHIP DUES  
ARE NOW DUE AND  
PAYABLE.**

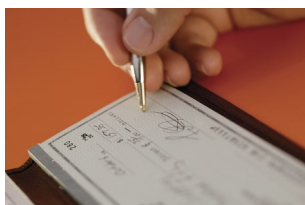
**THE NEWSLETTER WILL  
BE:**

- \$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  
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CA 95691  
Questions: 916-  
729-9892**

**Thank you for  
supporting our club!**



**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](http://internationalcamellia.org/en-us/home/congress-Italy2023).



### Northern California Camellia Council notes—Joan Lesmeister

I'm happy to report that we had a NCCC (Northern California Camellia Council) meeting combined with a Christmas in July party, July 9th at Jay Humison and Joellen Bergamini's home. Our hosts have a beautiful home and it has plenty of garden space for their beautiful growing camellia collection. Christmas in July was super fun...bring a gift, get a gift! A delicious bar-be-que and potluck luncheon was enjoyed by all. We camellia folks are really good cooks and eaters!

The next Judges Symposium will be in 2024. We are sorry and sad, but for now, Santa Clara will no longer have a camellia society. In 2023 we will begin working on a new address book with members from all the Northern California Camellia Societies. It will be available to all at a minimal fee, to cover expenses. Meg Melani (with Cindy Cook being the alternate) will be our NorCal ACS representatives. Clerking at shows with punching vs. stickers of entry cards was discussed. Meg Melani, Beve Heathorn and head table judges are working on a resolution. Council funds will be used to buy the trophies for the first show of the season known as Justin's Mini Show.



### 2023 Camellia Button

California Bloomin'

Pin: \$1

Magnet: \$1.50

We also have previous buttons!

## PROGRAM FOR NOVEMBER:

Debbie Arrington will be our speaker. She is a wealth of information for everything gardening! She will be talking about evaluating/testing plants.

Check out her "Sacramento Digs Gardening blog: [sacdigsgardening.blogspot.com](http://sacdigsgardening.blogspot.com). She is one of the very few that give us publicity for our show! So come and enjoy an afternoon with Debbie!



DATE	PROGRAM	SPEAKER
November 20th	How to evaluate/test a plant	Debbie Arrington
December 18th	Tom talking all that is camellias! Christmas Goodies and 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

**Chris Bergamini**—Japonica. White, striped with varying shades of pinks and reds. Miniature to small, anemone form.

**Water Lily**—Hybrid. Lavender tinted bright pink. Medium, formal Double.

**Nuccio's Bella Rossa Var**—Japonica. Red blotched white. Large, Formal double.

**Ferris Wheel**—Japonica. White with multiple red and pink streaks in various lengths throughout the flower with yellow anthers and white filaments. At times there may be pink shading on the petals. Large to very large, semidouble to loose peony with an occasional anemone flower.



Tickets are \$1.00  
Or  
6 for \$5.00



## CAMELLIA CULTURE CORNER~ DON LESMEISTER

As we enter the Fall, if your camellia plants have not set flower buds yet, the chances are narrowing that will occur. But, there are still a few things you can do to increase the odds of bud set. First, give your plants a full dose of 0-10-10. Next, if your plants are in containers, you can move them to a sunnier location. Your plants can take full sun until noon or 2 p.m. at this time of year.

IF we have rain, you can increase the days between watering. HOWEVER, they still require moisture.

Most people GIB (gibberellic acid) their plants beginning the end of November or first of December. If you do not have GIB and need help, give me a call at 916-742-3443. I will bring prepared GIB to the regular November meeting and give you a short lesson on how to apply GIB. If you don't call before the meeting, I won't bring any. The cost will be \$1 max for enough to GIB over 100 blooms.

Don



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

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



*DID YOU KNOW?*

**Gardening adds years to your life,  
And LIFE to your years!**

*Garden as though you will live forever-William Kent*



## THIS N' THAT



Well, at our board meeting, we decided that maybe Aviators isn't the place for our April luncheon. We also looked at catering and wow, has that gotten expensive!

At our last board meeting it was discussed about having a potluck like we used to do at Christmas. Everyone bring their favorite recipe and share it with the membership. The society would take care of a ham or two, or chicken, or turkey, whatever you guys would like to have. We would have a sign-up sheet so we don't get a lot of one thing...

What do you think? It would be less expensive and I think more people would attend. We were so fortunate to have the Club Pheasant let us use their back room for all those years. We wish them well, but they will be sorely missed! Bring your ideas to the meeting.

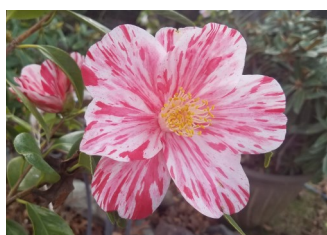
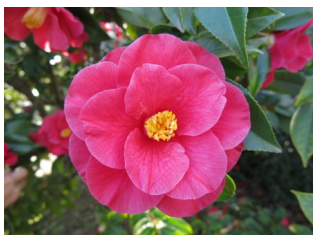
Come December, when LuAnn Lantsberger retires, she will be taking over the newsletter. I can't wait!! It will be nice to have new eyes on this newsletter and hopefully she will update the look.

Your Prez,

Julie



Check out the Atlantic Coast Camellia Society on the web. They have the most complete library of camellia photos. Just tap on "Library" and you will go to it and see your favorite camellia, or one you are thinking of getting.



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