

Camellia Times

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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Happy Autumn Everybody!

Its that time again! Camellia lovers, welcome back for another wonderful year of growing and showing our camellias! I've been walking through my yard and my camellias don't look too bad, considering the HOT summer we had. Every time I go out, I find more buds that need to be twisted off. Remember, twist off the bud that is facing UP and keep the bud that is facing down. Hopefully we will be getting some rain this winter and when we do, we want that rain to fall off the bloom, not stay inside it.

We hope you will like our new day and time of our meetings. SUNDAYS AT 2:30 pm. No more night driving and having to deal with I-5 construction. We have a fun filled camellia year ahead of us and we hope you can all make the meetings.

MEETING DATE:
SUNDAY,
OCTOBER 23rd
2:30 PM
Elk's Lodge #6
6446 Riverside Blvd.
Sacramento, CA
95831



"Find a group of people who challenge and inspire you, spend a lot of time with them, and it will change your life forever." Amy Poehler



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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Meeting Bloom Display	Ron & Arlene Morrison
Membership	LuAnn Lantsberger
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Outreach/New Member	Tanis Toland
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Show Chairmen	Don Lesmeister, Julie Vierra
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.**

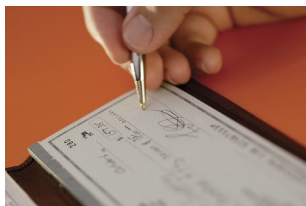
**THE NEWSLETTER WILL
BE:**

- \$20 SENT VIA E-MAIL;
- \$25 SENT VIA U.S. MAIL;
- \$30 FOR SUSTAINING MEMBERSHIP

**Please send your check
to:**

**LuAnn Lantsberger
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West Sacramento,
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 Massee Lane Gardens, enjoying local food, classes, and a host of other activities.

See Carol at the meeting to get more information!

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'



The winner is Megan Vierra, who is closely related to your president, Julie! She's 46, has a very tall partner, two beautiful children, 3 dogs, 1 cat, 11 chickens and a new guinea pig. We are very proud of her entry and we will have buttons and magnets for sale at our October meeting!

PROGRAM FOR OCTOBER

Don Bergamini will be showing us the 2022 winners from last year. Many of our members did very well! Come see the beautiful camellias and see if you want to add a few to your camellia list! It will be wonderful having everyone back for another camellia season.

We will also be having our newest button for 2023 available for purchase! Magnets will also be available. Buttons \$1.00, Magnets \$1.50



DATE	PROGRAM	SPEAKER
October 23rd	2022 Camellia Winners	Don Bergamini
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 SALE—Bill Kitagawa

Freedom Bell—Hybrid, Bright Red. Small, bell shaped semidouble. Vigorous, upright, compact growth

Night Rider—Hybrid, Very dark black Red. Miniature to small, semidouble. Average, upright growth

Bella Jinhua—Japonica, Dark red with black veining on the interior of the petals and lighter red on the edges of the petals. Medium, formal double. Slow, bushy, upright growth. Leaves are burgundy red for months before finally turning light green with black streaks and flecks

Elegans Splendor—Japonica, Light pink edged white with deep petal serrations. Large to very large, anemone form



Tickets are \$1.00
Or
6 for \$5.00



CAMELLIA CULTURE CORNER ~
DON LESMEISTER

With the fall season weather change, there are several new camellia items that need to be accomplished. First, an application of 0-10-10 fertilizer is very important. This sets the stage for setting strong flower buds. I suggest application at 1/2 the manufacturer's recommended strength (1 Tbs. per gallon of liquid, monthly) every 15 days from now through December. Also, as the weather drops, you can reduce the frequency of watering, especially for containerized camellias. I also add an additional day for each day it rains

Disbudding is very important. Leave only one bud per terminal. Miniature varieties can be neglected somewhat, and most hybrids usually need more attention. Try to disbud at least once a month from now until the plant begins to bloom.

Also, get prepared for November gibbing. Enjoy your Camellia plants and friends, see you at our monthly meetings!

Don



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

February 18th	Mini-Show Desco Plaza III 3675 Mt. Diablo Blvd Lafayette Contact: Justin Bergamini 1-707-637-7051
February 25th & 26th	San Francisco Peninsula Camellia Society Show CAB Community Activities Building, 1400 Roosevelt Avenue, Redwood City Contact: Meg Melani camelliasfpcs2021@gmail.com
March 4th & 5th	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 11th & 12th	Northern California Camellia Society Show St. Andrews Celebration Center, 1601 Mary Drive, Pleasant Hill Contact: Don Bergamini, 925-229-0775
March 18th & 19th	Camellia Society of Modesto Show TBA, Modesto Contact: Cindy Cook 209-484-1369



**DID YOU KNOW?
SOIL IS AN ANTIDEPRESSANT!**

A 2007 study found a bacterium in plant soil called mycobacterium vaccae triggers the release of serotonin, which lifts moods and reduces anxiety. Therefore, interaction with indoor or outdoor plants can alleviate symptoms of depression.

A mood-lifting hormone!

SO... GET THOSE HANDS DIRTY!



THIS N' THAT



We think we have found a new place to have our April luncheon! Jackie Randall, Rosemary Cooper and Julie Vierra checked out Aviators, a restaurant at the old airport on Freeport Boulevard. The restaurant used to be called the Red Baron years ago. They have a side room that can be closed off from the rest of the restaurant. Lots of windows so you can see small planes coming and going at the airport. The owner is very amenable to anything we want...we just need to decide what kind of food we want! So, put on your thinking caps and let us know some ideas!

Go check out Aviators for lunch, 11:00-2:30 during week.
Prices very reasonable and a nice venue.
6151 Freeport Boulevard
Sacramento

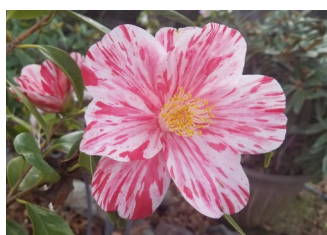
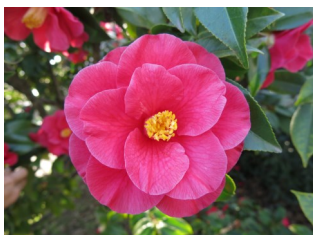


Rosemary Cooper and Julie Vierra also went down to Fairfield to talk with the Fairfield Garden Club. They had contacted us and their members wanted to know a bit about camellias...so we left early, had lunch in Vacaville, and then gave a nice talk on camellias. We brought down handouts and showed a Power Point on favorite camellias of the Sacramento area. A few seemed excited about carpooling up to our show in March. Didn't pick up any new members, but they do live a ways away! Nice group of people!

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



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