

Camellia Times

camelliasocietyofsacramento.org



WELCOME NEW MEMBERS!

We are so glad you joined our fun group of camellia enthusiasts and we can't wait to get to know you better. Please plan to join us at our end-of-the-year luncheon on Sunday, April 28th. More information and RSVP form on Page 7.

We will have your free camellia plant for joining at the luncheon!!

Jeff Corbett
Melissa deOliveria
Stephanie Duncan
Sharon Finley &
Willis Burroughs
Stasia Griffin
Page Hensley
MJ Kelly
Sandy Kundert
Dania Lukey
Sharon Peterson
Gregory Ratliff
Gregory & Eleanor
Van Acker
Anna Vierra
Becky Vierra-Brick
Megan Vierra

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Dear Camellia Friends,

Wow! What a great show! THANK YOU EVERYONE for your hard work over the last year to make it possible! We are still receiving kudos and compliments about the venue and the large space for the photography table, button table, history table, waxing, plant sale, princess and tiara/scepter table, Murer House, merchandise, raffle, Matsuyama, face painting, arrangers, and Ikebana, along with the Camellia Coffee Roasters on Sunday - and of course, the beautiful trophy table and camellias!

We have already put our deposit down for the same room at the Scottish Rite Masonic Center next year. More information later.

We will be changing venues for our general meetings next year (beginning in October). We will be moving to Eskaton Land Park, 3225 Freeport Blvd, Sacramento. Their parking is a little tighter, but there will not be other events like we had on a few occasions at Sierra 2. If you are able to do so, carpooling to our new location is a good option. The venue is beautiful inside with lots of camellias out front and in back! They are excited to have us!

Our luncheon on Sunday, April 28th will be at Sierra 2 in Curtis Hall, the large room outside of where we are currently meeting. Please arrive around 11:30, and lunch will be at 12 noon. We will have a Power Point presentation documenting our 100th show, thanks to many of you who gave LuAnn pictures and from Matt, our Instagram guru from Camellia Coffee Roasters. As always, we will enjoy a fun silent auction, installation of officers, a plant raffle and one last time to visit with our camellia friends until next October.

If you have not already done so, please send in your luncheon reservations ASAP so we can get a good number by April 15th.

See you soon,

Julie



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General Meeting Dates for 2024/25
All meetings are on the following Sundays at 2 p.m.

October 27th, 2024

November 17th, 2024*

December 15th, 2024*

January 26th, 2025

February 23rd, 2025

March 23rd, 2025

*(a week earlier because of holidays)

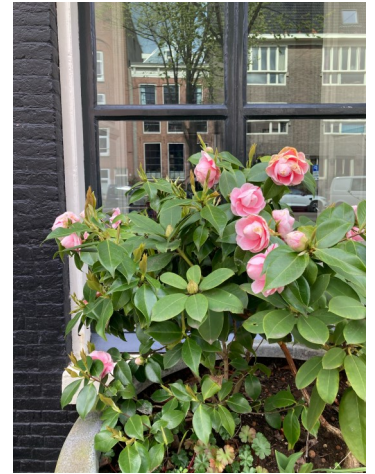
LUNCHEON: Sunday, April TBD

NEW MEETING LOCATION FOR the 2024/25 year!!
Meetings will be held at Eskaton Land Park
3225 Freeport Blvd, Sacramento

Camellia Society End-of-Year Luncheon
Sunday, April 28th
11:30 doors open - lunch served at 12 noon
Sierra 2 - Curtis Hall
2791 24th Street, Sacramento

Please see page 7 of this newsletter
for more information and the RSVP for this year's luncheon.
We hope you can attend!!





Camellias in Amsterdam!

Photos courtesy of society member Meghan Hurley



24-25
CALENDAR

DATE	PROGRAM	SPEAKER
October 27, 2024	All About Camellias!	Tom Nuccio
November 17, 2024	Gardening A to Z and Q&A	Debbie Arrington
December 15, 2024	Gift Exchange and Desserts!	Start show prep with raffle of special camellia prep box
January 26, 2025	Preparing the for Show w/Q&A. From how to prepare blooms while still on the plant to transporting them to the show (and everything in between!!)	Julie Vierra and Don Lesmeister
February 23, 2025	Special Presentation	Greg Gayton, Green Acres
March 23, 2025	End of year ice cream social and fancy desserts	Review of show
April	Luncheon, Installation of Officers, Silent Auction, Plant Raffle, Great Friends, Laughs	Fun for all!



THIS MONTH'S PLANT RAFFLE - Bill Kitagawa

Adolphe Audusson - Japonica. Dark Red. Medium.

Alba Plena - Japonica. White. Medium, formal double.

Coral Castle - Hybrid. Coral pink with gold anthers, and filaments. Medium semidouble, somewhat cupped

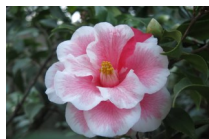
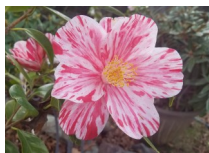
As well as the cute table decorations at the luncheon!

SPECIAL RAFFLE - *October Magic* (3 gallon)



Tickets are \$1.00
or
6 for \$5.00

Camellia Culture - Don Lesmeister



As our camellia plants complete their blooming cycle, we now head to a new phase of growing. If you have not completed recontainerizing your plants, it is almost too late to transplant them from the ground. You can still move them from one container to another, so long as you do not drastically disturb their feeder (top) roots. Loosen up the roots around the sides and bottom with your hands before you move them from one container to another and there should be no problem.

Now is also the time to prune them. Once the new growth has commenced, I suggest you not prune them. Lastly, now is the time to fertilize. My method of fertilizing is twice a month with a liquid fertilizer from now until roughly mid to late August. **AT HALF STRENGTH.** Many commercial growers use a solid liquid release fertilizer so they only fertilize once a year. This works well for them, and is not labor intensive. If you desire to try something new for your plants, my suggestion is to do so on only a few plants first, to see how they respond. If it works, do it on all your plants.....

Don



**UPCOMING SHOW DATES—
2024 NORTHERN CALIFORNIA SHOW SCHEDULE**

February 17th FLOWER OF THE SHOW: Angel Wings Justin & Melissa Bergamini	Judges Symposium/Mini-Show St. Andrews Celebration Center 1601 Mary Drive, Pleasant Hill Contact: Justin Bergamini, 707-637-7051
February 24th & 25th FLOWER OF THE SHOW: Elaine's Betty Red Don & Joan Lesmeister	San Francisco Peninsula Camellia Society Show CAB Community Activities Building, 1400 Roosevelt Avenue, Redwood City Contact: Meg Melani, camelliasfpcs2021@gmail.com
March 2nd & 3rd FLOWER OF THE SHOW: Phyllis Hunt Don & Joan Lesmeister	Camellia Society of Sacramento Show Scottish Rite Temple 6151 H Street, Sacramento Contact: Don Lesmeister, 916-742-3443 or Julie Vierra, 916-371-2174
March 9th & 10th FLOWER OF THE SHOW: Feathery Touch Julie Vierra	Northern California Camellia Society Show St. Andrews Celebration Center, 1601 Mary Drive, Pleasant Hill Contact: Justin Bergamini, 707-637-7051
March 16th & 17th FLOWER OF THE SHOW: Holy Pure Helmuth & Leone Wildemann	Camellia Society of Modesto Show Gallo Administration Building, Modesto Contact: Cindy Cook
March 23rd FLOWER OF THE SHOW: Lilette Whitman LuAnn Lantsberger	Mini-Show Desco Plaza III 3675 Mt. Diablo Blvd, Lafayette Contact: Justin Bergamini, 707-637-7051

2024/25 Show Theme - Share your Ideas!!!!

We are working on ideas for the theme for next year's show. Please email your ideas to Julie at j4sfgiants@sbcglobal.net before April 25th to add to the list that will be voted on at the luncheon. Some examples of past themes are *Camellias on Parade*, *Garden Gate*, *Capitol City Camellias*.



Camellia Society of Sacramento Luncheon

Sunday, April 28th
Sierra 2 - Curtis Hall

Doors open at 11:30 a.m. / Lunch served at 12 noon

Please join us for a fun filled afternoon of good food, friendship, installation of officers, silent auction and plant raffle.

Lunch will consist of:

- ♦ Roasted Tri Tip Marinated in Sesame Teriyaki Sauce w/Mushrooms
- ♦ Chicken Breast Roasted with Italian Seasonings, Garlic and Lemon
- ♦ Mashed Potatoes
- ♦ Sauteed Baby French Green Beans
- ♦ Mixed Baby Green Salad
- ♦ Bread/Butter, Water/Tea
- ♦ Dessert

**\$26/
person**

Please make check out to
Camellia Society of Sacramento

Name(s) _____

Yes, I/we will be attending the luncheon. Enclosed is payment in the amount of _____ for _____ lunches.

No, I will be unable to attend the luncheon this year. _____

**Please return the bottom portion of this form with payment to
Rosemary Cooper, 6129 Landis Avenue, Carmichael, CA 95608
no later than April 15th.**



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