

Camellia Times

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Be safe on the roads today!!
My car just slid into the garden
center's parking lot again.



PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Dear Camellia Friends,

Wow! We did good! Our 101st camellia show was wonderful! Thank you all for your help during the three days. Set up, show day, and Sunday. With everyone helping, it went smoothly.

We had our board meeting this morning and have decided to stay at the Scottish Rite for next year. So mark your calendar for March 7th and 8th, 2026 (the first full weekend in March).

We hope you can attend our last meeting of the year on Sunday, March 23rd, 2PM at Eskaton Land Park. Please bring your favorite treat to share with everyone and we will celebrate another great year!

Again, thank you for a great 101st show! See you on Sunday the 23rd !

Welcome New Members!

- ♦ Gary & Shannon Macias
- ♦ Caitlin Lam
- ♦ Jessica Sam



Julie



Last General Meeting for this Camellia Season
(bring your favorite treat to share!)

March 23rd, 2025

2pm

Eskaton Land Park 3225 Freeport Blvd, Sacramento

LUNCHEON: Sunday, April 27th
11:30 a.m. – 1:30 p.m.
Curtis Hall at Sierra 2

CAMELLIA SOCIETY OF SACRAMENTO 2024-2025 EXECUTIVE BOARD

President	Julie Vierra	916-371-2174
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2024-2025 ADVISORY BOARD

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Show Chairmen	Don Lesmeister, Julie Vierra
Sunshine	Jackie Randall
Ways & Means	Julie Vierra, Joan Lesmeister, Carol Schanz, Rosemary Cooper
Website	Rosemary Cooper, Julie Vierra & LuAnn Lantsberger

THIS MONTH'S PLANT RAFFLE - Bill Kitagawa

Cupcake - Hybrid. Coral pink with darker coral stripes. Small single form.

Herme - Japonica. Medium, pink petals with irregular white border and streaked deep pink. An old timer!

Moonlight Bay - Japonica. Light orchid pink, very large.



**** This month we will also have a special camellia plant raffle ****

DATE	PROGRAM	SPEAKER
October 27, 2024	All About Camellias!	Tom Nuccio
November 17, 2024	Gardening A to Z and Q&A	Debbie Arrington Tips from Growers
December 15, 2024 @ 1 p.m.	Gift exchange, fun games, raffle, silent auction and DESSERTS!	Start your show prep with raffle of special camellia prep box!! Tips from Growers
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, Don Lesmeister & LuAnn Lantsberger Tips from Growers
February 23, 2025	Ecological Gardening	Greg Gayton, Green Acres <i>Last chance for Q&A on Entering Camellia Blooms</i>
March 23, 2025	Last meeting of the year - sharing favorite treats!	Review of show
April 27, 2025 at Sierra 2 Curtis Hall	Luncheon, Installation of Officers, Silent Auction, Plant Raffle, Great Friends, Laughs	Fun for all!

The Year in Pictures!!



Sacramento Camellia Society History - Joan Lesmeister

E. Carl Tourje, San Gabriel, was a prolific writer about camellias, Google him! He wrote an article "Competition and Camellias" in our March 5, 1960 show program. The theme was "Camellia Olympics". He wrote "Camellias in competition with those of neighbors and friends may well furnish further inspiration to create beauty and bring joy to other viewers in other years. This is competition in its highest and noblest form".

1960-2025, we still believe this to be true!



Camellia Culture

As the Camellia Show season comes to an end, this starts the beginning of a new cycle of growing.

Grafting season is almost completed. Once the new growth appears, it is too late to cut scions. The next grafting cycle will begin in mid-summer when the new growth hardens.

When the camellia plant completes blooming it is an excellent time to prune and shape your plants. Also, it is becoming too late to transplant large plants from the ground. You can still move your container plants as long as the feeder (top) roots are not drastically disturbed.

Lastly, around the time the new growth begins, I suggest a liquid, low nitrogen fertilizer, like fish emulsion (5-1-1), at 1/2 strength. The American Camellia Society has a series of Fact Sheets as an easy reference to cover all the above subjects.

Your Camellia Friend,

Don Lesmeister



**UPCOMING SHOW DATES—
2025 NORTHERN CALIFORNIA SHOW SCHEDULE**

February 15th Flower of the Show: Sir Robert Muldoon Exhibitor: Don & Joan Lesmeister	Mini-Show Desco Plaza III 3675 Mt. Diablo Blvd, Lafayette Contact: Justin Bergamini, 707-637-7051
February 22nd & 23rd Flower of the Show: Bella Jinhua Exhibitor: Justin & Melissa Bergamini	San Francisco Peninsula Camellia Society Show CAB Community Activities Building, 1400 Roosevelt Avenue, Redwood City Contact: Meg Melani, camelliasfpcs2021@gmail.com
March 1st & 2nd Flower of Show: Black Magic Exhibitor: Kathy Fields	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 8th & 9th Flower of the Show: Elegans Exhibitor: Don & Joan Lesmeister	Camellia Society of Modesto Show Modesto Junior College, West Campus (Mary Stuart Rogers Building) Carpenter Road & Blue Gum (off Highway 99) Contact: Cindy Cook 1-209-484-1369
March 15th	Mini-Show Desco Plaza III 3675 Mt. Diablo Blvd, Lafayette Contact: Justin Bergamini, 707-637-7051
March 22nd & 23rd	Northern California Camellia Society Show St. Andrews Celebration Center, 1601 Mary Drive, Pleasant Hill Contact: Justin Bergamini, 707-637-7051





Camellia Society of Sacramento Luncheon

**Sunday, April 27th
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.**

\$28 per person

Buffet lunch will consist of:

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

Name(s) _____

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

**Please return the bottom portion of this form
with payment no later than April 15th to:**

**Rosemary Cooper
6129 Landis Avenue
Carmichael, CA 95608**

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C/O LuAnn Lantsberger
2960 Brenda Way
West Sacramento, CA 95691