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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Happy Holidays to all my Camellia Friends!

It took forever for Thanksgiving to arrive, and now the Christmas holidays are here and it will be Christmas way too soon! How did that happen?

Don't forget our Christmas meeting is on Sunday, December 15th!! PLEASE NOTE that this month's meeting will begin at 1:00 P.M., instead of 2:00 P.M due to a conflict with an Eskaton function, so come early!! We will start the meeting with everyone's delicious snacks and desserts while we sit down to play a couple of fun games and have the gift exchange and plant raffle.

Bill has some good camellias for the raffle, with larger camellias and also some donated by Gary Schanz for the special raffle. We will have a camellia show box and two silent auction items for people to bid on.

Should be a fun filled afternoon! So don't forget to bring your favorite Christmas treat for all of us to try and a wrapped gift (\$15-20 value) if you want to participate in the gift exchange.

Be merry and safe till then,

Julie



Happy
Holidays

This month's meeting will begin at
1:00 p.m.
on Sunday, December 15th!!

CAMELLIA SOCIETY OF SACRAMENTO 2024-2025 EXECUTIVE BOARD

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Website	Rosemary Cooper, Julie Vierra & LuAnn Lantsberger

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* @ 1pm

January 26th, 2025
February 23rd, 2025
March 23rd, 2025

*(a week earlier because of holidays)

LUNCHEON: Sunday, April 27th (Sierra 2 Curtis Hall)



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

THIS MONTH'S PLANT RAFFLE - Bill Kitagawa

Pink Perfection - Japonica. Small shell pink formal double. (Old-timer 1890's)

Herme - Japonica. Medium with pink petals, irregular white border and streaked deep pink. (Old-timer 1875)

Tama Glitters - Japonica. Red bordered white. Medium to large, semi double to loose peony form.



The table decorations will also be raffled off this month!

SPECIAL RAFFLE:

- *Red Hots (5 gallon)* - Japonica. Brilliant red, small to medium, tubular semi double with pointed pedals.
- *Cabernet Variegated (2 gallon)* - Japonica. Rich burgundy red with white variegation. Small formal double.

MEMBERSHIP DUES for 2024/25

- \$25 - Regular Membership
- \$30 - Sustaining Membership
- An additional \$5 will be required if you request the newsletter be sent via U.S. mail to cover the cost of printing and postage.



Please send your check to: LuAnn Lantsberger, 2960 Brenda Way, West Sacramento, CA 95691



Join us on Sunday, December 15th at 1p.m.

Please join us on Sunday, December 15th for a fun-filled meeting with delicious treats, games, friendship and a gift exchange.

Please bring your favorite dessert to share with the group and if you would like to participate in the gift exchange please bring a wrapped gift (\$15-\$20).

We will have great camellia plants, as well as festive table decorations, in our raffle and special silent auction items with the proceeds going towards our 2025 show.

We hope you all can make it and feel free to wear that festive holiday shirt or sweater!



Please note that the time of this month's meeting has been changed to 1p.m.

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	End of year ice cream social and fancy desserts	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!

Sacramento Camellia Society History - Joan Lesmeister

During Camellia Week of February 20th to 25th, 1950, the Camellia Society had a goal to urge residents to plant up to 50,000 new camellias. The cooperation of 10 local nurseries, 20 local stores & three newspapers aided the society to achieve this goal. The plants were sold for \$1.50. This, indeed would make Sacramento the Camellia City of the World, having in 1941 adopted the camellia as the city's official flower. Wow, I didn't know that . . . did you?

I'm hoping the goal was met and as we are driving around Sacramento, it sure looks like it was!! Sasanquas are blooming beautifully in our neighborhood, how about your's?

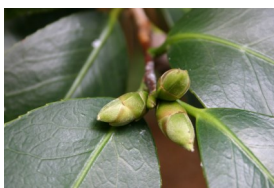


Camellia Culture

As we move out of the summer weather cycle into the winter cycle, camellia grower's work also changes. First, discontinue using 0-10-10 fertilizer. You should check and process seed pods which have not opened. Periodically check your plants and disbud as necessary. Some varieties, particularly non-reticulata hybrids, have a tendency to reset buds - so recheck those plants.

Any large, containerized plants that have set few, or no buds can be moved into more sunlit areas in hopes of setting buds! Many camellia growers use Thanksgiving Day for commencing gibbing. I suggest spreading your gibbing program over a month or so.

Make sure your plants have water during freezing weather. You do not have to water daily, just make sure your plants are not dry. Water BEFORE the freeze, not after. Be sure to pick up spent flower blooms and place them in the GARBAGE pail. Most growers maintain that sasanqua camellia blooms will not carry the petal blight virus, and you do not have to pick up their blooms.



*Continue to water
and debud your
camellias*

Don Lesmeister



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

February 15th	Mini-Show Desco Plaza III 3675 Mt. Diablo Blvd, Lafayette Contact: Justin Bergamini, 707-637-7051
February 22nd & 23rd	San Francisco Peninsula Camellia Society Show CAB Community Activities Building, 1400 Roosevelt Avenue, Redwood City Contact: Meg Melani, camelliasfpcs2021@gmail.com
March 1st & 2nd	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	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



American Camellia Society “Buy a Brick” Fundraiser



The American Camellia Society (ACS) will be hosting the International Camellia Society convention in 2027. This is a fabulous event and it is an opportunity for ACS to share its headquarters and Massee Lane Gardens with people from all over the United States and the world. In planning for this event, there are many things that need to be repaired, refreshed, or updated to improve the enjoyment and safety of the visitors to Massee Lane Gardens. ACS has established a “Buy a Brick” fundraiser to raise funds to complete the sidewalk to the Silvers Building, which was originally designed to accommodate customized bricks. There are two options available: a 4”x 8” brick can be personalized with 3 lines of text for \$250 or an 8” x 8” brick with 6 lines of text for \$500. Having a brick in memory of your family or a loved would be part of the history of Massee Lane Gardens and on display for all visitors to see. If you are interested in purchasing a brick, or have any questions, please contact Carol Schanz at 916-296-2993 for more information.

Fun Facts - Holiday Edition



The world's tallest snowman, built in Maine, was 122 ft tall.



“Camellia sinensis, is the source of all teas, including black, green, and white”



**194,672
WORLD RECORD FOR MOST LIGHTS ON A CHRISTMAS TREE**

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