

Camellia Times

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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Happy November Everyone!

Wow, we had a wonderful first meeting of the year – great presenter, great attendance and delicious snacks! Tom Nuccio did a fantastic job of sharing information on all the camellias he brought with him. We hope you all enjoyed our wonderful new meeting venue (even though parking was in short supply). We are hoping this won't be an issue the rest of the year as our meeting with Tom as a presenter is always our most attended. We hope to see everyone again on the 17th! LuAnn will have more kitchen towels to choose from...they make great gifts!

We have a winner for this year's button contest – congratulations Megan Vierra! We only had three participants enter the contest this year, but all of the entries were amazing!! Similar to last year, we are planning to use some of the entries to make t-shirts and tote bags. We will have the buttons and magnets at the November meeting.

I will have a sign-up sheet for our Christmas meeting. We would love everyone to bring their favorite treat for everyone to try and if you want to be part of the gift exchange, bring something new, no more than \$20 and wrapped. I cannot believe it is almost that time again. Where does the time go?

Is anyone interested in ordering a LONG-sleeved staff shirt for this year's show? It is so cold in the building, I thought we would check to see if there is an interest. We will have a sign-up sheet at a future meeting.

Hope to see you all again on the 17th! Remember, if you are looking for Christmas gifts, we will have more varieties of kitchen towels to choose from.



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 27th (location TBD)



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

Glen 40 - Japonica. Deep red. Medium, formal double to rose form double..

Minato-No-Haru - Hybrid. Deep peach pink, miniature/single. Fragrant.

Moonrise - Retic. White to blush pink with pale yellow at base of petals. Very large semi double.

SPECIAL RAFFLE - Stardust (2 gallon) - Japonica. Bright pink, medium full peony form.



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

Thank you for supporting our society!

Welcome Debbie Arrington as our November Guest Speaker!!

Please mark your calendars for Sunday, November 17th for our next meeting where we will welcome Debbie Arrington!! Debbie has been a regular presenter at our meetings and we are so grateful to her for sharing her wealth of gardening knowledge with our society.



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	Gift Exchange and Desserts!	Start 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 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	Luncheon, Installation of Officers, Silent Auction, Plant Raffle, Great Friends, Laughs	Fun for all!

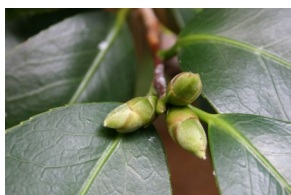


Sacramento Camellia Society History - Joan Lesmeister

With the November elections, I recall a President's wife I got to see up close. Did you know that one year the cover of our show program featured a 1st Lady? Pat Nixon visited our March 4th, 1972 Camellia Show that was held at the Memorial Auditorium. She was joined by Nancy Reagan, our Governor's wife, and they were escorted through the show by camellia society members Beth Grebitus, Trophy Chairperson and Richard Ray, Society President.

The camellia named Pat Nixon was a 1969 Kramer Nurseries flower propagated from a sport of the camellia named Richard Nixon. Don and I were at that show, as were a few of our current members. I was helping on the trophy table and Don was working the show. I was thrilled to see both 1st ladies! What a treat!

***Continue to water
and debud your
camellias***



***It's time to fertilize
and a good time to
transplant!***

***Harvest seed pods and
prune branches that
prevent blooms from
fully opening***



Camellia Culture

November is a very busy month of the year for camellias... Here are things we need to do.....

1. Apply a low/no nitrogen fertilizer such as 0-10-10 or 2-10-10.
2. Spray ants and camellia plants (water is usually sufficient) where ants have placed their winter food (aphid). Aphid stakes can also be in your plant areas.
3. Harvest seed pods as they begin to open. You can also place a small vented bag around the seed pods so they do not get any contamination by hitting the ground.
4. Begin disbudding all but one bud on plant terminal branches. This is not necessary in the case of small & miniature varieties, or where buds are not distinguishable yet.
5. Prune or remove branches that prevent flowers from fully opening or from being bruised.
6. Commence your gibbing. If you gib, a few flower buds every other day or so as this will spread the flower openings rather than all together.
7. Plants are starting to go dormant, so now is the best time to transplant.

Good Luck...

See you at our upcoming Camellia Society meeting!

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



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WORD SCRAMBLE



Unscramble the words to solve the puzzle.



ABERD _____

SEFAT _____

YRTUEK _____

YMA _____

NPMKUIP _____

KUSDCRTIM _____

IPGIRLM _____

TEOTPSOA _____

EEVMNORB _____

UYTHADSR _____

VGRYA _____

NPATUIR _____

NOCR _____

RBYNRECRA _____

LGOBEB _____

FGTSIFNU _____

AINACMER _____

SUASHQ _____

MRCIAAE _____

GGTKINNSHAIV _____



Bring your completed word scramble to our meeting. The person with the most correct answers will win a prize (We will draw a name from a hat if more than one person gets them all correct!)

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