

Camellia Times

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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

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Hello My Camellia Friends!

Wow! What a great show this year! Thank you everyone for all your help! I believe it was better than last year...more walk-ins with camellias, vendors were a hit, lots of nice raffle prizes, new merchandise, the return of the Ikebana group, beautiful camellia blooms and a beautiful trophy table!

Of course, the Coffee Roasters did a terrific job as always. Ryan and Rob are the best! Everyone had fun watching the paint-in group on Sunday and the addition of the kids' corner was a big hit. Thank you Belle and Su for all your help as the kids, and parents, had so much fun!!

Margot and her buttons did well, also! Margot wants to retire, so we will need someone to take over her button booth at next year's show. Please see me if you are interested.

Matsuyama had their beautiful booth again this year. Always fun to look at all the things they have on their table.

Waxing with Katie and her mom and aunt was as popular as ever! This is the first time I remember them running out of blooms to wax!!

The workers at the plant sale tables were kept remarkably busy selling those plants! I only have to take care of 28 plants in my yard now, instead of 376 this past year! Yay! In all, we now have only 80-90 plants left from our over 400 inventory a year ago to take to next year's show. We will work with Green Acres to hopefully increase our inventory and we are also planning to have Justin do another grafting clinic next year at our January meeting.

Thank you all again for your help. It will be a fun March meeting to celebrate another great camellia year! Bring your favorite treat to share with others and your thoughts about the show. We will talk about the show and what we can improve upon next year.

Thank you again and see you on the 22nd!

Julie



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General Meeting Dates for 2025/26

All meetings are on the following Sundays at 2 p.m.



October 26th, 2025
 November 16th, 2025*
 December 14th, 2025*
 January 25th, 2026
 February 22nd, 2026
March 22nd, 2026



MEETING LOCATION: Eskaton Land Park
 3225 Freeport Blvd, Sacramento

LUNCHEON: Sunday, April 26th (Sierra 2 - Curtis Hall)
SEE PAGE 5 FOR MORE DETAILS

DATE	PROGRAM	SPEAKER
March 22, 2026	End of year yummy desserts and review of our 102nd Show	All Members
April 26, 2026	Luncheon, Installation of Officers, Silent Auction, Plant Raffle, Great Friends, Laughs	Fun for all!

THIS MONTH'S PLANT RAFFLE - Bill Kitagawa

- **Ace O'Hearts** - Medium to large semidouble deep red with yellow anthers.
- **Spring Mist** - Fragrant ,miniature semidouble, blush pink with yellow anthers and cream filaments.
- **Tata** - White, very large semidouble with golden stamens.

SPECIAL RAFFLE - 5-Gallon Bob Hope - Large red with bright yellow anthers and pinkish filaments..



SPECIAL WINE RAFFLE TICKETS ARE STILL AVAILABLE!!!
See LuAnn at the meeting and luncheon. Winning ticket will be selected at this year's luncheon on April 26th!

Grafting Workshop was a HUGE Success!!!

Thanks again to Justin Bergamini for his expertise and guidance at our 1st grafting workshop. We had 14-16 hands-on grafters and a total of 43 members present at our meeting to learn the ins and outs of grafting. Can't wait to do it again next year!





Camellia Society of Sacramento Luncheon

Sunday, April 26th

Sierra 2 - Curtis Hall (2791 24th Street, Sacramento)

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:

- ♦ Chicken Marsala with Mushrooms
- ♦ Cavatappi Alfredo with four cheeses and peas
- ♦ Caesar Salad
- ♦ Garlic Bread, 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**

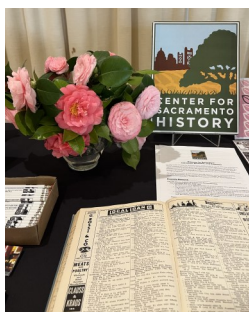
UPCOMING SHOW DATES— 2026 NORTHERN CALIFORNIA SHOW SCHEDULE

February 21st Flower of the Show: Linda Lee Ehrhart Exhibitor: Julie Vierra	Mini-Show Desco Plaza III 3675 Mt. Diablo Blvd, Lafayette Contact: Justin Bergamini, 707-637-7051
March 7th & 8th Flower of the Show: Holy Pure Exhibitor: Ron & Arlene Morrison	Camellia Society of Sacramento Show Scottish Rite Temple 6151 H Street, Sacramento Contact: Don Lesmeister, 916-742-3443 or Julie Vierra, 916-371-2174, 916-812-3202
March 14th & 15th Flower of the Show: Julius Nuccio Exhibitor: Bob & Elena Naldi	Northern California Camellia Society Show St. Andrews Celebration Center, 1601 Mary Drive, Pleasant Hill Contact: Justin Bergamini, 707-637-7051
March 21st	Camellia Society of Modesto Show Location Modesto Junior College Contact: Barbara Bort



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CAMELLIA HISTORY - Joan Lesmeister

History does repeat itself; it is true! The year was 1996 and Ron & Elsie Morrison entered their beautiful Bravo bloom and won Best of Show! What a celebration! I remember we all gathered around & congratulated Ron & his family. It was a beautiful, touching moment in time. In 2012, Ron and Arlene won Best of Show again with Dawn's Early Light.

What a history - 30 years later the Morrison family is still growing and showing camellias. Daughter Lisa won a trophy with her beautiful Miss Tulare, Judy's daughter Katie has been our expert on camellia waxing, AND Ron & Arlene's beautiful bloom, Holy Pure, is this year's 2026 Best of Show winner! We gathered around the Morrison family once again and congratulated them on their beautiful camellia winnings! Another celebration with three generations of Morrisons. Also, Ron was our Historian for many years and in 1986, he penned a terrific updated History of the Sacramento Camellia Society. Check out our website to see our history!

Thank you, Ron, for your valued dedication and beautiful bloom contributions!



CAMELLIA CULTURE - Don Lesmeister

Oh my! Another unusual year for camellias. As you check around the neighborhood there are beautiful bushes of camellias in full bloom everywhere. This warmer than normal weather causes our camellia plants to respond accordingly.

This early heat also brings out another item to respond.....PETAL BLIGHT. The 4 most critical culture things for you to accomplish now are:

1. Pick your old camellia blooms. Preferably before they drop from their bush.
2. Place these blooms in the GARBAGE cans. Not the Green Waste Cans. Otherwise, the green waste will be recycled throughout the neighborhood.
3. Spread the word through the neighborhood, and anywhere else.
4. You can apply the first treatment of a weak fertilizer combination such as 5-1-1, as the terminal growth buds begin to elongate.



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