

Camellia Times



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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Hello dear camellia friends and neighbors. It is so hard to believe that the camellia season is already coming to an end. This has been a wonderful year. I want to thank each of you for your support and participation. For those of you who have not been able to attend our meetings, I hope you feel included by reading this wonderful publication our Corresponding Secretary, Julie Vierra, publishes each month. There will be no "Camellia Times" May through September. Our website is available 24/7 for news and summer events. That does not mean there is nothing to do. It was so great having new members join us at the March meeting!

Pat Rubin's program at the March meeting on "Gardening by the Foot" was so interesting and entertaining. Pat, thank you. We would love for you to return in the future with one of your other presentations. Our last meeting of this season will be a luncheon held at the **Club Pheasant in West Sacramento on May 4th at 11am.** The officers for the next year will be installed. There is a great silent auction and the food is delicious. Most importantly, it is an opportunity for camellia lovers, family and friends to get together one more time. Bring a friend. Reservations must be made by **April 26th** by calling, Rosemary Andriessse, 916 944-4415. The Mini Show in Walnut Creek was a very special event. Don and Joan Lesmeister were Best of Show winners with

Crinoline. Many other Sacramento members were also winners. The potluck at Bob and Linda Ehrhart's was amazing. The Ehrhart's "grove" of camellias is unbelievable. The food was delicious and the event was a fun afternoon to rehash this year's events and wins. A good time was had by all. A special "Thank You" to the Northern Camellia Council for honoring Nancy Russell and myself for our contributions for the ACS Convention. We were so surprised and honored.

If you have any suggestions for this coming camellia season, or you have ideas for meeting programs, let LuAnn Watkins know.

Have a safe and fun summer. Keep those plants watered. I hope to see you at the luncheon May 4th! Carol Schanz

MEETING DATE:

- **Saturday,**
May 4th, 2013
- **11 a.m. No Host Cocktails**
12 noon Lunch
- **Club Pheasant**
2525 Jefferson Blvd.
West Sacramento



IMPORTANT DATES!

- **APRIL 27th, 10 a.m. Pruning clinic** at the Lutheran Church of the Master (1900 Potrero Way, Sacramento 95822). The master pruners will be there!
- **MAY 4th, 11 a.m. End of Year Luncheon** at the Club Pheasant. Bring money for the Silent Auction and the Plant Raffle!
- **JUNE 1st, 7:30 a.m. Garage Sale** at 1048 Longcroft Street, West Sacramento. Set up May 31 in the afternoon. Donated items should be clean and priced. Bring your unwanted treasures and take home new gently used treasures!
- **Christmas in July.** Date TBA at Don & Mary Bergamini's home in July. Check website.

CAMELLIA SOCIETY OF SACRAMENTO 2012-2013 EXECUTIVE BOARD


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Thank you all for donating to our Silent Auction!
We have a great assortment of fun things to bid on this year! Come to the luncheon with lots of money to bid on cool stuff and buy some more plants!! We will be raffling off table decorations, too...
See you there!



PROGRAM ~LUNCHEON

Cocktails, No Host, at 11 a.m.

Lunch at 12 Noon

Silent Auction

Plant Sale

Installation of Officers

Poetry Winner

Scholarship Winner

Raffle of Table Decorations after Plants have been won

Lots of laughs, great friends, good eats...what more could you ask for?

SEE YOU THERE! BE SURE TO GET YOUR RESERVATIONS IN **TODAY!**

MEETING DATES FOR 2012-2013

Saturday, May 4th (End of Year Luncheon)-Installation of Officers, Silent Auction, Plant Raffle & much more! FILL OUT YOUR LUNCHEON FORM AND SEND IN TODAY!

PLANT RAFFLE FOR APRIL



Door Prize: Grand Marshall
Special: Dawn of Creation (5 gal)
Regulars: Chris Bergamini
 Black Magic
 Moonlight Bay
 Coral Delight Var.
 Francie L Var.
 Hulyn Smith
 Showboat
 Kazan



Regular tickets are \$1 or 6 for \$5

Special plant tickets are \$2 each



MEMBERSHIP DUES ARE NOW DUE AND PAYABLE. THE NEWS-LETTER WILL BE:

- \$10 SENT VIA E-MAIL;
- \$15 SENT VIA U.S. MAIL;
- \$20 FOR SUSTAINING MEMBERSHIP

If you are a new member and paid at our Show in March, your dues will not change this year.

See Patty Bonnstetter at our meeting. She would love to take your money!

If you want to mail her a check, please send it to
Patty Bonnstetter
441-34th Street
Sacramento, CA
95816-3340

Call her at
447-3919
if you have questions

CAMELLIA CULTURE CORNER ~ DON LESMEISTER

This has always been an exciting time of the year for me. All the Camellia repotting and pruning should be completed and it is now time to fertilize. Then, we can watch the little guys grow up to adulthood and the heavy hitters show their new growth. Camellias do better with a mild fertilizing program. For years, I would apply liquid Fish Fertilizer (5-1-1) around the 1st to 15th of April and followed within two weeks with Cotton Seed Meal, and then every month through August. Recently, Cotton Seed Meal has not only become expensive, but difficult to obtain. So I have tried various programs and less expensive replacements, such as Alfalfa and/or Soy Meal with acceptable results. For container plants, it seems the best


program has been fertilizing every two weeks, but at one-half strength. This requires a lot more effort, but the cost is the same. Apply Fish Fertilizer around April 15th at the rate of one tablespoon per gallon of water. Every two weeks after than until around August 1st, apply fertilizer at one-half strength, whether liquid or solid. REMEMBER, when you try a new program, only do this to a few plants until you are confident this works for your plants under your conditions. Another new experiment you can try is GIB spraying. With a very mild solution, 200 to 400 PPM, using a bottle sprayer, spray the new growth about once a week or every 10 days. Start this procedure after the new growth has started, which will probably be in a couple weeks.

Discontinue this practice once the new growth has hardened off. You will be amazed at the new growth you will obtain. This will add at least one or two years of new growth to the plant. The down side of this is that the branches sprayed will not set buds until next year. I have used this on several young plants to get them to a larger size quicker. I do not use this practice on the older plants because of the lack of bud set.



Have a good growing summer...Don


Meeting Dates for Next Year
(ALL MEETINGS ARE ON MONDAYS AT 7 PM EXCEPT LUNCHEON)
October 28th, 2013
November 25th, 2013
December 16, 2013
January 27, 2014
February 24, 2014
March 24th, 2014
Saturday, April 26, 2014 (Luncheon)
Lutheran Church of the Master, 1900 Potrero Way, Sacto. 95822



**UPCOMING SHOW DATES—
2013 NORTHERN CALIFORNIA SHOW SCHEDULE
MARK YOUR CALENDARS!**

February 2	<i>Napa Camellia Society Show</i> Napa Senior Center, 1500 Jefferson Street, Napa, CA Contact: Nancy McGowan-Russell, 707-545-7546
February 9	Open—No Show
February 16	<i>San Francisco Peninsula Camellia Society Show</i> CAB Community Activities Building, 1400 Roosevelt Avenue Redwood City, CA Contact: Linda Kancev, 650-574-1220
February 23 & 24	<i>Camellia Society of Santa Clara County Show</i> Community Recreation Center, 969 Kiely Blvd., Santa Clara, CA Contact: John Mendoza, 408-249-5696
March 2 & 3	<i>Camellia Society of Sacramento Show</i> Memorial Auditorium, 1515 J Street, Sacramento, CA Contact: Carol Schanz, 916-447-1969 or Don Lesmeister, 916-967- 8420
March 9	<i>Northern California Camellia Society Show</i> First Baptist Church, 2336 Buena Vista Ave., Walnut Creek, CA Contact: Don Bergamini, 925-229-0775 or Bob Ehrhart, 925-937-0188
March 16 & 17	<i>Camellia Society of Modesto Show</i> Ernest & Julio Gallo Administrative Building,, Modesto, CA Contact: Pete Warner, 209-576-0831 or Tony Miranda, 209-526-2197
March 23	<i>Mini Show</i> , Broadway Plaza, Walnut Creek, CA Contact: Don Bergamini, 925-229-0775 or Bob Ehrhart, 925-937-0188

We have 3 Show Kits still available for purchase (\$5) at the luncheon. The people who bought them, did you like them? Were they helpful? Is there something else you would like to see in the kits? See Don at the luncheon. We would love input!

<p>CLUB PHEASANT</p> 	<p>SATURDAY, MAY 4th LUNCHEON</p> <p>SOCIAL HOUR STARTS AT 11:00 A.M.</p> <p>LUNCH AT 12:00</p>
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Garage Sale, June 1st!

The Camellia Society of Sacramento is going to have a Garage Sale on **June 1st** at Julie's house (poor Ernie) and we would love to have your stuff!! **BUT**, we don't want it until the day before or the morning of the sale. Can you please put an amount you think the item(s) should sell for and bring them to Julie's house (and stay and help if you want!!)? The more help the better. I'll even pop some popcorn once the garage sale is going strong for sustenance...and some hot coffee and if anyone wants to bring some goodies to eat for the crew, that would be great, too!! Once the sale is over, everything that doesn't sell is going to Goodwill...so Ernie can get his garage back!! Just let me know. Julie :-)

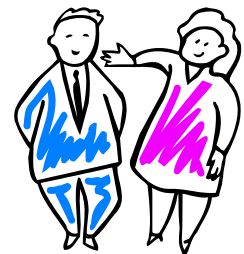
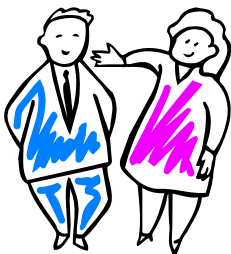


If you are repotting your Camellias and need a few containers (2 or 3 each), of 2, 3, 5, or 15 gallons, I will give them to you. If you need several of each, or trying to have a stock on hand, Green Acres has a FREE area with many containers available. The amount and sizes change periodically, so keep checking each time you visit them.

Don Lesmeister

Welcome New Members!!

Anita Bunter
Gladys Jensen
Gary & Marjorie Elliott
Connie Getterson
Stephen G. Henry
Barbara Lord
Alicia Relles
Jeffrey Silvera



*Welcome back Anne Pomer!! Good to see you!
If you didn't attend the March meeting, please reserve your lunch and pick up
your plant at the May Luncheon!*

SATURDAY, MAY 4th LUNCHEON

CLUB PHEASANT



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2525 Jefferson Blvd
West Sacramento, C A 95691
Phone: 916.371.9530
www.theclubpheasant.com

LUNCHEON PARTY MENU WITH ICE CREAM – No-Host Cocktails at 11:00 – Lunch at 12

PICK WHAT YOU WOULD LIKE TO HAVE AT THE LUNCHEON AND FILL OUT THE ORDER FORM BELOW.
Thanks!

Garlic Steak Sandwich \$22.00
Chicken Sandwich \$19.00
**All Full Sandwiches served with choice of French Fries, Ravioli or Salad with House Dressing*

Combination Spaghetti and Ravioli \$15.50
Spring Mix Salad \$16.00
Shrimp Louie Salad \$17.50
**Pasta Dish and Salads served with Garlic Bread*

ALL ENTREES SERVED WITH CHOICE OF COFFEE, ICE TEA OR MILK
ALL ENTREES INCLUDE ICE CREAM FOR DESSERT
ALL PRICES INCLUDE SALES TAX AND GRATUITY

MAKE YOUR DINNER SELECTIONS AND RESERVATIONS BY FILLING OUT THE FORM BELOW MAKING CHECKS PAYABLE TO: **CAMELLIA SOCIETY OF SACRAMENTO**

**SEND TO: Rosemary Andriesse
6129 Landis Avenue
Carmichael, CA 95608
Questions? Call Rosemary at 916-944-4415**

**PLEASE GET YOUR LUNCHEON ORDERS IN AS SOON AS POSSIBLE!
RESERVATIONS DEADLINE IS APRIL 26th!**

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send to Rosemary

NAME	SELECTION plus CHOICE OF SIDE DISH (if you are having a sandwich)	COST

TOTAL: \$ _____

*Camellia Society of Sacramento
C/O 1048 Longcroft Street
West Sacramento, Ca 95691*