

Camellia Times



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Hello Camellia Friends!

Seasons Greetings!

This is such a beautiful time of the year.

Autumn leaves still falling on the Christmas Lawn art, beautiful lights brighter neighborhoods, friends and family gather to share the holiday joy and wonderful holiday music can be heard on radios, MP3s, iPhones and streaming from the malls sound systems.

With so much hustle and bustle this time of the year, I hope you can take time to pause and reflect on our most important gifts, the

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

beauty of nature and family and friends. As I gaze out my living room window, I can already see large buds about to burst with color on our Francie L. My next door neighbor's sasanqua bush is just covered with sweet fragrant pink blossoms. As I drive down streets looking at the holiday lights, the beautiful blooming camellias bring an additional smile to my face. Time to disbud crowded stems, pick up fallen blooms and enjoy your camellia blooms inside your home.

It is time to start preparation for the camellia shows starting soon. Our monthly bloom competition at

our monthly meets will be starting in January. Everyone is welcome to bring your flowers to the meetings. This is a wonderful opportunity to get practice for our big show in March.

I wish you and yours a joyful and peaceful holiday season.

Carol Schanz,
President

MEETING DATE:

- **Monday,**
December 17, 2012
- **6:30 p.m.**
- **Lutheran Church of the Master**
- **1900 Potrero Way, Sacramento**

The flowers of late winter and early spring occupy places in our hearts well out of proportion to their size.

*Gertrude S. Wister
(This quote reminds me of our beautiful Camellias)*

DUES ARE NOW DUE!

Hi Everyone!

It is now time to pay your yearly dues to our Camellia Society. \$10 per couple sent email; \$15 if you want the newsletter sent US Postal Service; or \$20 if you want a sustaining membership, which helps out the society and that too will be

sent email.

Please remit to
Patty Bonstetter,
441-34th Street,
Sacramento, CA 95816.

You can also pay at our December Potluck on December 17th. But please pay, as we have many who

have not. Thank you so much and hope to see you all at the Potluck!
Patty



CAMELLIA SOCIETY OF SACRAMENTO 2012-2013 EXECUTIVE BOARD

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Each year it becomes a little harder to keep up with all we have to do in the Society. Come see us at the December meeting if you can help us. ***Bring a Friend! Thank you so much!***

***REMEMBER TO BRING YOUR POTLUCK DISH!
OUR MEETING STARTS AT 6:30 THIS MONTH!!***



DECEMBER PROGRAM

Once again we will have our Christmas Potluck! Hopefully you all signed up to bring something! If you haven't, give Julie a call! We will gather to enjoy our camellia friends and celebrate the holidays.

We will have a Christmas gift exchange if you want to participate. Nothing over \$10 dollars. Santa will help with that!

*Thanks again to **Debbie Arrington** for coming to our November meeting to help us pick our 2013 Camellia Button! **Don Bergamini**, thanks for helping tabulate our votes!*



*Through the Garden Gate—Jackie Randall
No Garden Gate This Month!*



MEETING DATES FOR 2012-2013

Monday, December 17th-Holiday Potluck & Fun

Monday, January 28th-How to Get Ready for the Show by Don Lesmeister

Monday, February 25th-Mini-Show & YOU be the Judge

Monday, March 25th-Guest Speaker Pat Rubin and ACS Convention Coverage

Saturday, April 27th (End of Year Luncheon)-Installation of Officers, Silent Auction, Plant Raffle &

We have a Pre plant sale going on. We have a few plants for sale and some special ordered plants in 2 & 5 gallon containers. Gary has a list for all to see. See him at the December meeting or email Gary at: garyschanz@comcast.net

PLANT RAFFLE FOR DECEMBER

Door Prize: Lemon Drop
Special: Blue Bird (2 gallon)
Regulars: Something Beautiful
Nuccio's Jewel
Mabel Bryan
Pink Dahlia
Ruta Hagman



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 last March, your dues will not change this year.

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

CAMELLIA CULTURE CORNER ~ DON LESMEISTER

As we head into December, there are a few culture items that we must remember to accomplish to assure we have quality Camellia blooms, whether it is for our own enjoyment or for later exhibition.

WATERING

This is the single most important item we must master in order to have quality blooms. For plants in containers, you should reduce the amount of water given. This is due to the plants going into dormancy and with cooler days, less water is evaporated. Therefore, we should adjust the watering system from every 3 to 4 days to every 5 to 7 days. In addition, we must consider the frequency and amount of each rainy day. A good rule of thumb is to increase the watering one day for every 1/4 inch of rain, or one additional day between watering for every rainy day. For example, if you water on

Monday, your next watering could be on Saturday. However, if it rains on Wednesday, you wouldn't need to water until Sunday. OR, if it rains 1/2 inch on Wednesday, you wouldn't need to water until Sunday. OR, if it rains 1/2 inch on Wednesday, you wouldn't have to water until Monday. For plants in the ground, you can increase the watering cycle an additional day. For example, if you water on Monday, the next watering wouldn't be necessary until Sunday, and add an additional day for rain.

However, if there is going to be a cold spell, or a night at 32 degrees or less, you want to make sure to water your plants that day, regardless of when you watered last. If the weather is going to be freezing for three consecutive nights, only water on the first day. This applies to plants

whether they are in the ground or in containers.

DISBUD

Another disbudding trip should be made to your plants. This will give you an opportunity to see if you did a good disbudding job on your first trip, or to re-work plants like Hybrids that have set additional flower buds.

FERTILIZER

Sometime during December, you should give your plants another application of either 0-10-10 or 2-10-10.

PRUNING

You can also use this time to do some minor trimming on your plants where branches need to be removed so flowers can open fully without touching which will damage flower petals.

After doing this, you can relax and watch football! Don



The deadline for your application is

MARCH 1, 2013

2013 Rosalie Yee College Scholarship

The 2013 Rosalie Yee College Scholarship application will be available at our October through February meetings. The deadline is March 1, 2013. See Gary or Carol

San Francisco Landscape and Garden Show, March 20-24th

This is a great place to roam! Lots to see. The SF Peninsula Camellia Society is hosting a booth this year. So come down and say hi!

ACS CALENDARS ARE AVAILABLE AT THE MEETING. GREAT XMAS GIFTS! ONLY \$12 AND THEY BENEFIT OUR SOCIETY!

**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, Broadway Plaza, Walnut Creek, CA</i> Contact: Don Bergamini, 925-229-0775 or Bob Ehrhart, 925-937-0188

**WOULD YOU LIKE TO DONATE A TROPHY FOR THIS YEARS CAMELLIA SHOW?
PLEASE SEE JOAN LESMEISTER AT OUR NOVEMBER MEETING**



*Please start thinking about whether you might want to learn a bit about camellias by **CLERKING** at our Show in March. It's a great way to learn about camellias! Bring a friend!*

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We are always looking for people to help with set up on Friday, help on Saturday when we open to the public, and help tear down on Sunday night.

BUTTON CONTEST WINNERS!

You have voted! The winners for this year are:

Joanne Tsukamoto, 1st Place

Randall Ishida, 2nd Place

Carol Schanz, 3rd Place

Please come to the December meeting to meet the winners!



Buttons will be available at our December Meeting! Only \$1.00! They make GREAT stocking stuffers!

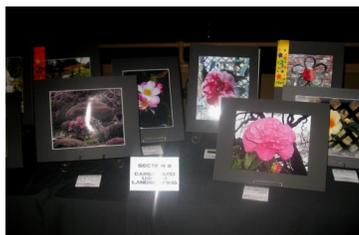
PHOTO CONTEST



Start looking around for some camellia shots for our Show! The categories this year are:

1. Best Single Camellia
2. Best Camellia(s) in a landscape
3. Best Camellia(s) with a child or pet in the photo
4. Best Camellia(s) with adult(s) in the photo
5. Humorous Camellia photo

Jackie Randall will be going over contest rules at our meetings.





Hostess Help

If you can help with the monthly snacks, please see Rosemary Andriessie at our meetings or give her a call at 916-944-4415! Thanks!

DON'T FORGET YOUR POTLUCK DISH!! IF YOU CAN'T REMEMBER WHAT IT IS, CALL JULIE AT 371-2174!

BOARD MEETING DATES –ALL MEMBERS ARE WELCOME TO ATTEND!

December 4, 2012	Don & Joan Lesmeister
January 8, 2013	Helmuth & Leone Wildemann
February 5, 2013	Ron & Arlene Morrison
March 5, 2013	Julie Vierra
April 2, 2013	Bob & Joanne Logan



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### POEM CONTEST FOR 2013



*Once again we will have our poem contest. Pen a poem and give it to one of the board members. He/she will give it to the people who will be judging the poem contest. At the April Luncheon we will announce the winner.*

### Newsletter Information

Articles for the Camellia Times are due at the board meeting date, the first Tuesday of every month. If you have questions or ideas, please just call or email me.

- Julie Vierra
- 916-371-2174
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**Remember!**  
**December Potluck**  
**starts at**  
**6:30!**



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