

## Camellia Times



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### MEETING DATE:

- **Monday, December 16, 2013**
- **7:00 p.m.**
- **Lutheran Church of the Master**
- **1900 Potrero Way**
- **Sacramento, CA 95822**



Hello Camellia Friends and Seasons Greetings!

This is such a beautiful time of the year. Autumn leaves still falling on the Christmas Lawn art, beautiful lights brighten neighborhoods, friends and family gather to share the holiday joys 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 beauty of nature and family and friends. Our back yard looks like a

### PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Xmas tree lot, with Gary's camellia plants all lined up ready for Santa's inspection. Great bud set this year but serious concerns about the cold weather we are expecting in the Sacramento area. (Secret Santa Tip to warm your camellia plants, string Xmas lights. It not only keeps the plants warm but it looks pretty too.) 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 meetings will be

starting in January. Everyone is welcome to bring your flowers to the meetings. This is a wonderful opportunity to get practice preparing and displaying your camellia blossoms for our Big Show in March.

Congrats to our button winner, Joanne. Your design is beautiful.

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

**Carol Schanz,  
President**



### ACS MEMBERSHIP DRIVE

Our ACS President, Don Bergamini, reminded our membership that ACS is having a membership drive. For only \$15 to **new** members our Society can win a \$200 gift certificate from Nuccio's Nursery! The ACS membership entitles you to: a helpful booklet entitled "Camellia Culture

for Beginners", access to members only section of the ACS website, 4 colorful & informative issues of the Camellia Journal (these are wonderful!), a bound ACS Yearbook full of camellia information, 10% off ACS gift shop merchandize, free admission to Masee Lane

Gardens at ACS headquarters, Ft. Valley, Georgia, and free admission to reciprocating botanical gardens! So go to the ACS website, [www.americancamelliasociety.com](http://www.americancamelliasociety.com), sign up and be sure to put that you belong to the Camellia Society of Sacramento on your check. You won't regret it!



## CAMELLIA SOCIETY OF SACRAMENTO 2013-2014 EXECUTIVE BOARD

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***We have a new member!***

***Welcome Suzi Rupp! We are so glad that you have joined our group! We know you will enjoy all that we offer and will become a valued member of the Camellia Society of Sacramento! We are a fun group and look forward to getting to know you!***

**Just a reminder to our members that your dues are now due and payable. See Patty at the December meeting or send her a check. Her address is on the left side of Page 4 of this newsletter. Thanks!**

## DECEMBER PROGRAM

Our annual Christmas potluck is Monday, DECEMBER 16th, a week earlier than usual because of Christmas. *If you did not attend the meeting and wish to attend and bring a dish, please call Julie Vierra and she will let you know what is still needed for our delicious potluck!*

We will also have a Secret Santa. This is entirely optional, but if you wish to participate, just bring a gift (around \$10) wrapped.

**ALSO, OUR 2014 BUTTONS WILL BE AVAILABLE!**



Don is also working on the Show Kits that were a hit last season. Look for them in January!



## MEETING DATES FOR 2013-2014

Monday, October 28th—Tom Nuccio from Nuccio's Nursery!

Monday, November 25th—Button Contest—You help pick our button for 2014! Also, Don Lesmeister will be giving a gibbing demonstration.

Monday, December 16th—Holiday Potluck & Fun

Monday, January 27th—How to Get Ready for the Show by Don Lesmeister and/or friends!

Monday, February 24th—Mini-Show & YOU be the Judge

Monday, March 24th—Debbie Arrington of the Sacramento Bee will be our guest speaker!

Saturday, April 26th (End of Year Luncheon)—Installation of Officers, Silent Auction, Plant Raffle & much more!

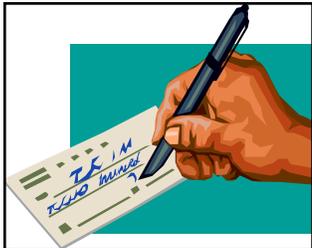
## PLANT RAFFLE FOR NOVEMBER

**Door Prize: Emma Gaeta Var. (Retic)**  
**Special: Island Sunset (Hybrid)**  
**Regulars: Little Bo Peep (Min Jap)**  
**Nuccio's Carousel (Jap)**  
**Princess Masako (Jap)**  
**Snowman (Jap)**  
**Something Beautiful (Jap)**



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

Special plant tickets are  
\$2 each



**MEMBERSHIP DUES ARE NOW DUE AND PAYABLE.**

**Options:**

- **\$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, you are paid up for this year.*

See Patty Bonnstetter at our meeting, or mail a check to her at

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December  
Camellia  
Care



## CAMELLIA CULTURE CORNER~ GUEST CULTURE GUY, DON LESMEISTER

There are a few remaining things to do before the serious work of Camellia blooming season begins. First, go around and check your Camellia plants and do some more disbudding. Some varieties, particularly the Hybrids, are famous for setting additional buds after the initial disbudding. Also, remove some branches that may interfere with the flowers opening completely. This is also a good time to do your last application of either 0-10-10 or 2-10-10 fertilizer. Liquid is preferred over solid, because it gets to the plant roots within a few hours. The solid fertilizer requires 10 days to 2 weeks

before it is absorbed in the plant. **REMEMBER**, no high Nitrogen containing fertilizer.

The last thing is to take care is this **DARN COLD** weather. Over the years I have experimented with several things, but most have resulted in disaster. For sure, you want to make sure your plants are watered **BEFORE** the freeze. Watering them while the temperature is 35 degrees or lower usually produces bad results. You do not have to do additional watering just make sure they are watered **BEFORE** the freeze. The constant freeze, thaw, freeze, thaw can result in soggy roots and then root

rot. Take your plants off anything elevated such as terraces, blocks, etc. and place them on the ground. Dirt is preferred over cement. This prevents cold air from circulating under the container. You can also put a towel or some material around the container. Do not cover the plant. If possible, place your plants in an area protected from the wind. The wind chill factor is generally about 10 degrees colder. Lights, fans, putting the plants in the garage overnight only, are other ideas, but not so sure this works. If you have any good ideas, please share them with us. Don

## THIS 'N THAT

- **Are you disbudding? Be sure and gently twist off any buds that are pointing UP in a cluster. You want only ONE bud, pointing DOWN (so that rain won't accumulate in the bloom).**
- **Water those camellias! (Before the freeze and after it warms up...above 35 degrees!)**
- **Fertilize after watering well. The north winds have really dried out everything and the freeze isn't helping. Use 0-10-10 or 2-10-10 fertilizer.**
- **Time to Gib!**

**UPCOMING SHOW DATES—  
2014 NORTHERN CALIFORNIA SHOW SCHEDULE  
MARK YOUR CALENDARS!**

February 1	<i>Napa Camellia Society Show</i> Napa Senior Center, 1500 Jefferson Street, Napa, CA Contact: Nancy McGowan-Russell, 707-545-7546
February 8	<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
February 15	<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 22 & 23	<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 1 & 2	<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 8	OPEN
March 15 & 16	<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 22	OPEN
March 29	<i>Mini Show</i> , Broadway Plaza, Walnut Creek, CA Contact: Don Bergamini, 925-229-0775 or Bob Ehrhart, 925-937-0188



*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!

At our November meeting the membership voted on their favorite entry which will become our 2014 Camellia Show button. The three winners were:

1st Place: Joanne Tsukamoto, our button designer for the last 3 years!

2nd Place: Our own Joann Sprogis!

3rd Place: Lyn Hart, a new entrant!

We hope they all can come to the December meeting where we will honor them with their prizes for this year!



## 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 Andriese at our meetings or give her a call at 916-944-4415! Thanks!*

**BOARD MEETING DATES –ALL MEMBERS ARE WELCOME TO ATTEND!**

October 1, 2013	Julie Vierra
November 5, 2013	Gary & Carol Schanz
December 3, 2013	Don & Joan Lesmeister
January 7, 2014	Helmuth & Leone Wildemann
February 4, 2014	Ron & Arlene Morrison
March 4, 2014	Julie Vierra
April 1, 2014	Bob & Joanne Logan



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**POEM CONTEST FOR 2014**



*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.

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