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MEETING DATE:

- Monday, December 15th, 2014
- 6:00 p.m.
- Lutheran Church of the Master
- 1900 Potrero Way
- Sacramento, CA 95822





Dear Members,

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 joy and wonderful holiday music can be heard on radios, iPhones and streaming from the malls music systems. With so much hustle and bustle this time of the year, I hope you can WELCOME BACK! PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

take time to pause and reflect on our most important gifts, the 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 sasangua 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.

Our December meeting will be a holiday pot luck. We will also have a gift exchange for those of you who want to participate. Always good food, good friends and a good time.

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

Your Camellia Friend,

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.

CHRISTMAS MEETING POTLUCK!

For those of you who plan on attending the December meeting, we would love for you to participate in the potluck part of it! We need some side dishes, like vegetables, potato/rice dishes, and rolls/butter. The society will provide the ham and utensils.

The potluck starts at 6 PM, instead of 7 PM! If you want to participate in the Xmas gift exchange, a gift of \$10-15 only. We will have some fun and frivolity along with our plant raffle. Joanne Tsukomoto will be on hand, our winner of the button contest. Buttons /magnets will be available, hopefully, and Joanne can sign them for you. A great Christmas stocking stuffer!

So please **call me**, Julie, at 371-2174 if you plan on bringing a food item. We need to figure out how many will be attending so I can get hams accordingly.











Some pictures from this past camellia season! These were taken at our end of year luncheon at the Club Pheasant!

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Website	Carol Schanz & Julie Vierra

Ways and Means for December

If you have an ornament you would like to donate this month, bring it! We will auction off the ornaments like we did the mugs last month! Thanks for helping out!

Patty Bonnstetter

DECEMBER PROGRAM

Our yearly potluck! We always have such delicious dishes to share, along with good friends, and lots of laughs! Hope you can make it! We will also have a gift exchange if you want to participate...no more than \$10-15, wrapped. As always, good plants for the raffle. Also, if you have an ornament you would like to contribute to Ways & Means, we will auction them off. See you there!



FOR SALE: Last Call!

Taking orders at our December meeting for the following:

Cottonseed meal—\$30 for a 50 pound bag. Must PRE-PAY when ordering. To be delivered in January—LAST CHANCE!

Society name tags—\$10 each. Must PRE-PAY when ordering. To be delivered in January. 2014 Nomenclature books—\$20 each

GIB KITS FOR SALE \$12—INCLUDES PREPARING MIXTURE INFO, 5 GRAMS GIB, COMMERCIAL GRADE AMMONIA, BOTTLE/LID/DROPPER, MEASURING SPOON. SEE DON LESMEISTER

MEETING DATES FOR 2014-2015

Monday, October 27th-ICS Convention Power Point by Don & Mary Bergamini Monday, November 24th—Button Contest—You help pick our button for 2015! Monday, December 15th-Holiday Potluck & Fun Monday, January 26th-How to Show Blooms by Carol & Joan. Also, a forum for Q&A Monday, February 23th-Mini-Show & YOU be the Judge Monday, March 23th-Bob Marcy Slides, presented by Don Lesmeister Saturday, April 25th (End of Year Luncheon)-Installation of Officers, Silent Auction, Plant Raffle & much more!

MARK YOUR CALENDARS!

PLANT RAFFLE FOR DECEMBER

Door Prize: Elaine's Betty (Japonica) Special: Barbara Goff (Retic) Regulars: Tiffany (Japonica) Nuccio's Jewel (Japonica) Tudor Baby Var (Japonica) Nicky Crisp (Hybrid)

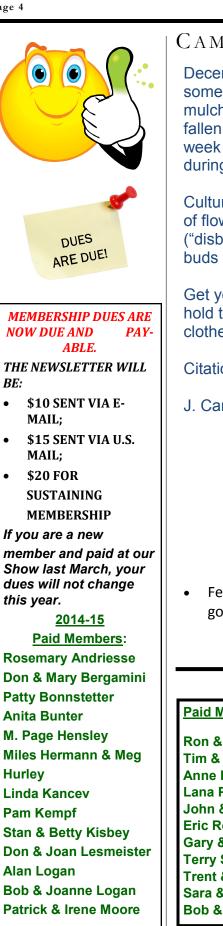




Regular tickets are \$1 or 6 for \$5

Special plant tickets are \$2 each





CAMELLIA CULTURE CORNER~ JIM TOLAND

December is here and most tree leaves are down. We even have some rain! Don't get in a hurry to clean up. The leaves make good mulch. But do continue to clean up any camellia blossoms that have fallen. It is important to pick up and dispose of old blossoms each week to avoid spreading petal blight. This disease turns flowers brown during damp weather.

Culturists – keep up with the disbudding. Many camellias form clusters of flower buds. You will improve the quality of blooms by removing ("disbudding") all but one or two buds from the groupings when the buds are about half grown (Reiners, n.d.).

Get your "leaf clips" ready and start to use them. Pull leaves back and hold them away from developing blossoms with leaf clips. Miniature clothes pins and small hair pinch-clips make effective "leaf clips."

Citation:

J. Carroll Reiners, "Concise Camellia Culture." Sacramento. No Date



Fertilize after watering well. Use 0-10-10 or 2-10-10 fertilizer. Thank goodness we have had some rain! Yeah! Get out and fertilize!

Paid Members, con't:		
Ron & Arlene Morrison Fim & Sharon Marriott Anne Pomer Lana Paulhamus John & Ann Rogers Eric Ross & Karen Tarp	Jim Toland Tanis Toland Ernie & Julie Vierra LuAnn Watkins Helmuth & Leone Wildemann Patty Wood	\$10 Bucks is all you
Gary & Carol Schanz Ferry Schanz & Guy Strahl Frent & Cassie Schanz	Thank you!	need to join!

UPCOMING SHOW DATES-2015 Northern California Show Schedule MARK YOUR CALENDARS!

February 7th	Napa Camellia Society Show New Venue due to earthquake! The Meadows of Napa Valley, 1800 Atrium Parkway, Napa 94559 Contact: Nancy McGowan-Russell, 707-545-7546
February 14th & 15th	San Francisco Peninsula Camellia Society Show CAB Community Activities Building, 1400 Roosevelt Avenue, Redwood City
February 21st & 22nd	Camellia Society of Santa Clara County Show Community Recreation Center, 969 Kiely Blvd., Santa Clara
February 28th	Open
March 7th & 8th	<i>Camellia Society of Sacramento Show</i> Memorial Auditorium, 1515 J Street, Sacramento Contact: Carol Schanz, 916-447-1969 or Don Lesmeister, 916-967-8420
March 14th & 15th	Northern California Camellia Society Show *Different Location: St. Andrews Celebration Center, 1601 Mary Drive, Pleasant Hill Contact: Don Bergamini, 925-229-0775 or Bob
March 21st & 22nd	Camellia Society of Modesto Show Ernest & Julio Gallo Administration Building, Modesto Contact: Pete Warner, 209-576-0831 or Tony Miranda, 209-526-2197
March 28th	<i>Mini Show, location to be announced later</i> 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 manning some of the booths, and help tearing down on Sunday night.

BUTTON CONTEST

We have a winner! Joanne Tsukamoto has worked her magic again! A very creative design incorporating the capital building! Nice work Joanne! See you at the December meeting!

Second place went to Carol Schanz who also incorporated the state capital within the design.

Third place went to Joann Sprogis! She also had the dome of the capital in her entry.

Nice work by everyone who entered! Remember, the theme is the basis for the button. All our entries were fantastic and we hope you enter again next year!



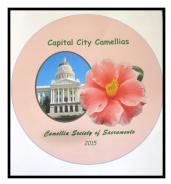






PHOTO CONTEST

Start looking around for some camellia shots for our Show! This is a fun category to enter. We have a new category this year, #4. Good Luck!

- 1. Best Single Camellia
- 2. Best Camellia(s) in a landscape
- 3. Best Camellia(s) with a child or pet in the photo
- 4. Multi Camellias on one stem (Spray)
- 5. Humorous Camellia photo

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

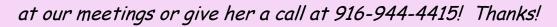






HOSTESS HELP

If you can help with the monthly snacks, (preferably something home made!) please see Rosemary Andriesse



BOARD MEETING DATES All members are welcome to attend!

November 3, 2014 December 1, 2014 January 5, 2015 February 2, 2015 March 2, 2015 April 6, 2015

Gary & Carol Schanz Don & Joan Lesmeister Helmuth & Leone Wildemann Ron & Arlene Morrison Julie Vierra Bob & Joanne Logan



If any of you have suggestions for upcoming meetings or any suggestions at all, please let any of the board members know! We are always looking for ways to improve! It is YOUR camellia society, after all!

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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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