

Camellia Times



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MEETING DATE:

- **Monday, December 14th, 2015**
- **6:30 p.m. HALF HOUR EARLIER!!**
- **Lutheran Church of the Master**
- **1900 Potrero Way**
- **Sacramento, CA 95822**

Happy Holidays!



PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Dear Members,

I can hardly believe this year is almost over. Holiday (Christmas) decorations and lights bring such a happy and grateful feeling to my heart. Never forget the reason for the season. Our camellias are starting to bloom which also brings a smile to my heart.

Tis the season to appreciate our wonderful Camellia friends from all over California and at ACS. I can't imagine my life without the richness the camellia brings. Be sure to water, disbud and get ready for the camellia shows. Our website has the dates and locations for all the shows this season. Judge's Symposium will be held on 1/16 at the Club Pheasant. It is a fun and educational day. Bring your blooms for judging. Jackie Randall and I will be attending the ACS convention

being held in Charlston, So. Carolina 1/19-1/23 2016. I am looking forward to the many adventures awaiting us.

I wish each of you a very happy and healthy holiday and new year. Looking forward to seeing you at the camellia shows.
Carol

Thought this poem was perfect!

It's Christmas Time Again
by

Bob Lazzar-Atwood

Put your problems on probation
Run your troubles off the track,
Throw your worries out the window
Get the monkeys off your back.
Silence all your inner critics
With your conscience make amends,
And allow yourself some happiness
It's Christmas time again!
Call a truce with those who bother you

Let all the fighting cease,
Give your differences a breather
And declare a time of peace,
Don't let angry feelings taint
The precious time you have to spend,
And allow yourself some happiness
It's Christmas time again!
Like some cool refreshing water
Or a gentle summer breeze,
Like a fresh bouquet of flowers
Or the smell of autumn leaves,
It's a banquet for the spirit
Filled with family, food and friends,
So allow yourself some happiness
It's Christmas time again!



Ann McKee's Camellias for Sale!

On Saturday, December 12th, we will be having a camellia sale at Gary and Carol's home, 1177 Cavanaugh Way, Sacramento from 10 to 1. If you can help with the sale, come early! These camellias will be priced to sell. Come with your wallets and bring home some camellias. Some are mystery plants...you will just have to wait till they bloom! See you there!



CAMELLIA SOCIETY OF SACRAMENTO 2015-2016 EXECUTIVE BOARD

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Photos from our November meeting



Don't forget to bring blooms to our meeting! Your name will be put in a basket and one person will win a plant. We had more entrants in November! Your chances are great!! So watch your camellia blooms and see you on Monday, December 14th!

DECEMBER PROGRAM

We will be having our annual potluck on **Monday, December 14th at 6:30 p.m.** If you didn't sign up at the November meeting, please call Julie Vierra at 916-371-2174 to see what is still needed for our beautiful table full of delicious delights!

We will be having a Christmas present exchange if you want to participate. Bring a wrapped gift, no more than \$15.

Don't forget your blooms! We will have live music for a half hour courtesy of Mary Jo James! Don't forget we will have our plant raffle with a Special this month, a new introduction named Ferris Wheel!

Please come and participate, and bring a friend!

The meeting starts at **6:30** this month!



MEETING DATES FOR 2015-2016

Monday, October 26th—Carol Schanz and Julie Vierra will talk on the history of the camellia and camellias common to the Sacramento area.

Monday, November 16th—Joanne Tsukamoto will talk on how she designs a button once she knows the theme.

Monday, December 14th—Holiday Potluck & Fun

Monday, January 25th—Debbie Arrington of the Sacramento Bee will be talking on current garden topics.

Monday, February 22nd—Our own Bill Kitagawa will speak on Matsuyama, Japan, our Sister City.

Monday, March 28th—Don Bergamini will talk on his camellia introductions & the process for naming them.

Saturday, April 23rd (End of Year Luncheon)—Installation of Officers, Silent Auction, Plant Raffle & much more!

MARK YOUR CALENDARS!

PLANT RAFFLE FOR DECEMBER

Door Prize: Barbara Goff

Special: Ferris Wheel

Regulars: Betty Foy Sanders

Elegans Champagne

Fircone Var.

Little Michael

Mable Bryan Strawberry

Nuccio's Jewel for our bloom competition



**Tickets are \$1
or
6 for \$5**





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

**THE NEWSLETTER 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! You can also mail a check to her:

**Patty Bonnstetter
441-34th Street
Sacramento, CA
95816-3340**

**Questions, call her at
447-3919**

**THANK YOU FOR
SUPPORTING OUR
CLUB!**

CAMELLIA CULTURE CORNER

Our Culture Expert...Don Lesmeister

Merry Christmas and Happy New Year to all! My Camellias seem to be blooming a LOT earlier than normal, and also earlier than last year. But it sure is nice to have flowers around the house. I have records dating back over 30 years that show December is the coldest month of the year. We may not be able to change what Mother Nature has in mind, but there are a few things we can do to help our Camellia plants. When weather reports predict 32 degrees or colder days, make sure your plants are watered in advance of this cold weather. Water the same amount and don't OVER water. Plants will absorb the water usually within a couple of hours, so you can water at night so long as you have a few hours before the freeze sets in. The coldest time of day is when the sun rises, so don't water in EARLY morning on freezing days. This does more damage than good. If you have plants setting off the ground on stands, etc, take them off and set on the ground. The ground or bark bases are far better than cement or rock bases. If you have a covered overhang, place them under this, even if the base is cement. Wait until AFTER the freeze is over to do additional bud removal. Many Camellias, especially Reticulatas, drop their buds as a result of cold weather. Wait a week or so after the freeze before you disbud. The time to use 0-10-10 or 2-10-10 has passed. Camellias are in their dormant stage, so now is an excellent time to transplant. You can transplant from container to container without any problems. I would suggest waiting until after the freeze danger is over before you transplant the larger plants out of the ground. In ground transplanting, remember the feeder roots (those closest to the top of the soil), are the most important not to disturb. Trim the top branches of the plant in proportion to the roots damaged in transplanting, and apply Vitamin B-1 to avoid shock.....Good luck

Don



THIS 'N THAT

- **BOB & JOANNE LOGAN HAVE AN ABUNDANCE OF BLACK CONTAINERS, ASSORTED SIZES THAT ARE YOURS FOR THE ASKING. CALL JOANNE AT 434-8618 AND THEY WILL BRING THE CONTAINERS TO THE NEXT MEETING OR YOU CAN PICK THEM UP AT THEIR PLACE. FREE FOR THE ASKING!**
- *Even if you don't want to become a judge, the Judge's Symposium scheduled for January 16th at Club Pheasant is a wonderful way to enrich your knowledge of camellias. It's free! See Julie Vierra to sign up.*



**UPCOMING SHOW DATES—
2016 NORTHERN CALIFORNIA SHOW SCHEDULE
MARK YOUR CALENDARS!**

February 6th	Mini Show & NCCC Meeting Held at John's Incredible Pizza Co., 2225 Plaza Parkway, Modesto, CA 95350 Contact: Barbara Bort 209-537-9945
February 13th & 14th	San Francisco Peninsula Camellia Society Show CAB Community Activities Building, 1400 Roosevelt Avenue, Redwood City Contact: Linda Kancev, 650-574-1220
February 20th & 21st	Camellia Society of Santa Clara County Show Community Recreation Center, 969 Kiely Blvd., Santa Clara Contact: John Mendoza, 408-203-0011
February 27th	No Show
March 5th & 6th	Camellia Society of Sacramento Show Memorial Auditorium, 1515 J Street, Sacramento Contact: Carol Schanz, 916-447-1969 or Don Lesmeister, 916-967-8420
March 12th & 13th	Northern California Camellia Society Show St. Andrews Celebration Center, 1601 Mary Drive, Pleasant Hill Contact: Don Bergamini, 925-229-0775 or Bob Ehrhart, 925-937-0188
March 19th & 20th	Camellia Society of Modesto Show Ernest & Julio Gallo Administration Building, Modesto Contact: Pete Warner, 209-576-0831 or Tony Miranda, 209-526-2197



*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! Another way is to attend the Judge's Symposium in January.*

Our Camellia family is a wonderful group of people who not only love growing camellias, but are also just plain gardeners who enjoy getting out and getting their hands dirty. Joining our group and volunteering to help out with our many projects is fun. Talk to anyone on the Board about helping. We'd love for you to join us.



JUDGE'S SYMPOSIUM

On Saturday, January 16th, the Northern California Camellia Council will conduct a Judge's Symposium from 10 am to approximately 2 pm at the Club Pheasant in West Sacramento. This is to provide current Camellia judges an opportunity to renew their American Camellia Society Judges certificate and qualified Novice Judges to become certified. *Judges are required by ACS to renew their certification every 5 years.* Don Bergamini, of Martinez, and Don Lesmeister, of Carmichael will provide training at the Symposium. Information will be provided covering ACS Rules and Regulations and how to judge Camellias at ACS approved Shows. The Symposium is **FREE** of charge and **anyone** interested is encouraged to attend. The Club Pheasant will provide a buffet for \$20 for those who would like to eat there.

****IF YOU DO NOT WANT TO BECOME A JUDGE AND JUST WANT TO ATTEND AND SOAK UP INFORMATION ABOUT CAMELLIAS, YOU ARE WELCOME!****



Those interested in attending should contact Julie Vierra at 916-371-2174 or email her at j4sfgiants@sbcglobal.net.

NCCC offers these symposiums approximately every 2 years. With so many new introductions every year, it's a good idea to attend every symposium.



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 Yuletide camellia photo - NEW CATEGORY!**
5. Humorous Camellia photo



If you have any questions, Jackie Randall can help you. See her at our meetings.



Hostess Help

*If you can help with the monthly snacks, (preferably something home made!)
please see Rosemary Andriesse
at our meetings or give her a call at 1-559-779-1197! Thanks!*



BOARD MEETING DATES
ALL MEMBERS ARE WELCOME TO ATTEND!

Monday, October 5th	Julie Vierra
Monday, November 2nd	Gary & Carol Schanz
Monday, December 7th	Julie Vierra (12 noon)
Monday, January 4th	Helmuth & Leone Wildemann
Monday, February 1st	Ron & Arlene Morrison
Monday, March 7th	Don & Joan Lesmeister
Monday, April 4th	Rosemary Andriesse

ALL MEETINGS START AT 1 P.M.



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**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!**



**Newsletter Information**

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

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