

Camellia Times



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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Jackie Randall and myself just returned from an amazing American Camellia Society Convention in Tallahassee, Florida. We visited some beautiful gardens in Valdosta, GA, Quitman, GA, and Tallahassee. Breathtaking. Great food, informative meetings and a wonderful fellowship with camellia lovers from all over the United States. There were 3 visitors from Japan, 2 from Spain and 2 from Great Britain. We flew out on January 27th at 1:30 PM, got into Tallahassee at 11:30 PM. The camellia show was on Saturday, January 31st. There were two categories for camellia entries. Protected, grown in a green house, or Unprotected, outside. All of the plants we saw at the gardens, really big gardens, were planted in the ground.

Don Bergamini won with Best Miniature, Baby Sis Blush, Unprotected. Congrats Don. Ask me about my trip...I was excited to hear people from all over the United States check out our website and love our newsletter and the things our society is doing. Great job, Julie.

Our meeting this month, February 23rd, is our Mini Show. Bring your flowers and get information on how to enter your blooms at our Show on March 7th. If you are not sure about the name of a flower, bring it to the mini show. Our flower

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Whoever loves and understands a garden will find contentment within.
Chinese Proverb

Dear Members,

This month we celebrate Valentine's Day, President's Day, Camellia Day at the Capital, and Chinese New Year. *It is "Show Time"!* The first show in Northern California will be February 7th in Napa. It will be a great time to reconnect with our camellia friends. I am sure the blooms will be *"Fantastic!"*, as Judge Don Fretz would say. To me the really "Big Show" is just driving around Sacramento and surrounding areas, enjoying the camellias in the neighborhood that are just happy to be blooming in someone's yard.

MEETING DATE:

- **Monday, February 23,**
- **7:00 p.m.**
- **Lutheran Church of the Master**
- **1900 Potrero Way**
- **Sacramento, CA 95822**

Happy Valentine's Day

BUTTONS & MAGNETS FOR SALE!

JUST A REMINDER THAT OUR NEW BUTTONS AND MAGNETS ARE NOW FOR SALE.

BUTTONS \$1.00

MAGNETS \$1.50

THIS IS OUR BIGGEST FUND RAISER, SO PLEASE HELP US OUT BY PURCHASING THEM!

CALL JULIE VIERRA. SHE'S THE BUTTON LADY! 916-371-2174



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

CAMELLIA SOCIETY OF SACRAMENTO 2014-2015 EXECUTIVE BOARD

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| Sunshine | Jackie Randall |
| Ways & Means | Julie Vierra, LuAnn Watkins, Joan Lesmeister & Carol Schanz, Patty Bonnstetter |
| Website | Carol Schanz & Julie Vierra |

Ways and Means for February

Okay, this month we are going to ask for **magnets!** So bring in those magnets you don't put on your refrigerator anymore and recycle! If by chance your magnet doesn't get picked, please bring it home or give to someone else. Thanks for your help in our monthly Ways and Means table! Patty Bonnstetter

We made \$19 in January!

FEBRUARY PROGRAM

You be the judge. Bring your flowers and enter into our members mini show. Just like our BIG show!

There are 5 categories you can enter your flowers in. Japonica miniature/small, medium, large/very large, Retics & Hybrids. Then after our crack team of judges have selected the best three of each category, YOU get to vote for the BEST of each category. Then when we have our final 5 best flowers, YOU get to vote for the Best of Show.

So pin back those camellias, talk to them, and carefully bring them in for judging this February. Good luck!



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, and Ice Cream Social!

Saturday, April 25th (End of Year Luncheon)-Installation of Officers, Silent Auction, Plant Raffle & much more!

MARK YOUR CALENDARS!

PLANT RAFFLE FOR FEBRUARY

Door Prize: Miss Tulare (Reticulata)

Special: Moonlight Bay (Japonica)

Regulars:

Anticipation (Hybrid)

Firecone Var. (Japonica)

Tochi Domoto (Japonica)

Elegans Champagne (Japonica)



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

**Special plant tickets
are \$2 each**



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.

Please send your check to:

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

Thank you for paying your dues!



CAMELLIA CULTURE CORNER ~ JIM TOLAND

The bloom season begins in the fall and continues through the winter and on into spring. Weather influences the bloom and the culturist needs to track the blooms carefully. It all starts with your irrigation schedule. This is a year when it can get too dry quickly. Yes; too wet and too dry! This is one of those years when you must be very careful. Generally, the bloom bud thinning is a key item. Secure leaves and twigs away from the buds. Keep your supply of clothespins to a reasonable level for this purpose – don't run out.

Be vigilant about picking up fallen blooms. They can carry and spread camellia petal blight. Petal blight is caused by a fungus (*Ciborinia camelliae* Kohn). This fungus affects camellia flowers and causes them to show brown spots. These brown spots enlarge as the weather warms. The best way to control this fungus in your garden is to pick up fallen flowers immediately and **do not** put them into your compost pile or into the green waste bin for municipal pick up and transport to community composting sites. Throw them directly into the garbage.

From President's Message, con't

Experts have *more time* to identify the flowers than during our show. Now is the time to start spreading the word about our upcoming show. Bring a friend to the meeting and share a fun evening learning more about camellias.

Are you interested in helping with our camellia show in March? Contact Don Lesmeister, 916-967-8420, or Gary Schanz, 916-447-1969 to find out where help is needed. There are many jobs behind the scenes that need your participation. It is also fun getting to know our members by working side by side to prepare for the Biggest Camellia Show in the United States.

Don't forget we are also having a photo contest at the show. Jackie Randall and Jim Toland have the judges ready. There is more about the contest in this bulletin and on our website. Carol Schanz, President

THIS 'N THAT

- Pin back leaves
- Camellias are ahead of last year as far as blooming is concerned...those later bloomers may get to be shown at our shows because of this
- Be sure and rake up all spent blooms beneath your camellias to prevent petal blight...Be sure and put in the *GARBAGE*, not *GREEN WASTE*
- Continue to disbud, especially those minis that just can't help but keep producing blooms!
- Water, water, water...the weather is getting warmer.

**UPCOMING SHOW DATES—
2015 NORTHERN CALIFORNIA SHOW SCHEDULE
MARK YOUR CALENDARS!**

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| February 7th | Napa Camellia Society Show <i>New Venue due to earthquake!</i> 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 Contact: Linda Kancev, 650-574-1220 |
| February 21st & 22nd | Camellia Society of Santa Clara County Show Community Recreation Center, 969 Kiely Blvd., Santa Clara Contact: John Mendoza, 408-249-5606 |
| February 28th | Open |
| March 7th & 8th | Camellia Society of Sacramento Show 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 Ehrhart, 925-937-0188 |
| 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 | Mini Show , location to be announced later 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.

Call Julie Vierra and I will direct you to the person you need to speak with. 916-371-2174

BUTTON CONTEST

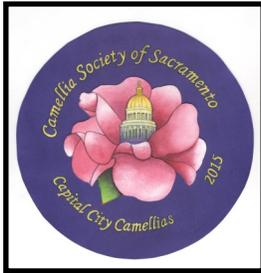


Joann Sprogis, 3rd place, Carol Schanz, 2nd place and Joanne Tsukamoto, 1st place!
Congratulations!

Joanne will be at our Show signing purchased buttons!

BE SURE AND BUY THIS YEARS BUTTON! ALL THE ENTRIES WILL BE DISPLAYED AT OUR SHOW!

1st



2nd



3rd



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



BOARD MEETING DATES ALL MEMBERS ARE WELCOME TO ATTEND!

February 2, 2015

Ron & Arlene Morrison

March 2, 2015

Julie Vierra

April 6, 2015

Bob & Joanne Logan



PLEASE COME HELP AT OUR SHOW THIS YEAR. WE ALWAYS NEED HELP ON FRIDAY SETTING UP, ON SATURDAY WHEN THE SHOW OPENS, PARTICULARLY IN THE PLANT SALE AREA, INFORMATION BOOTH, & BUTTON SALES! WE WILL BRING OUR SIGN-UP SHEETS AT THE FEBRUARY MEETING! SEE YOU THEN!

IF YOU ARE INTERESTED IN EATING AFTER JUDGING IS OVER, PLEASE SEE JULIE VIERRA ABOUT SIGNING UP. IT'S \$22 PER PERSON WHICH INCLUDES: CHICKEN, BEEF TIPS, GARLIC MASHED POTATOES, GREEN BEANS, SALAD, BREAD AND DESSERT. SODAS, WATER AND COFFEE ARE ALSO PROVIDED. EVERYONE IS INVITED!
THAT WAY YOU DON'T HAVE TO MOVE YOUR CAR AND CAN JUST ENJOY! (AND HELP AFTERWARDS!!)

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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