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MEETING DATE:

- Monday, February 22, 2016
- 7:00 p.m.
- Lutheran Church of the Master
- 1900 Potrero Way
- Sacramento, CA 95822





Dear Members,

I am wishing you a happy Valentine's Day. Hearts and camellias to all of you! The camellia buds are popping open and the flowers are gorgeous. Camellia blooms bring such beauty and light into otherwise dormant gardens.

Camellia shows will be starting soon. It is always a wonderful time to visit with camellia friends in other areas of California and share tips and ideas on growing camellias. First show of the year is a Mini Show PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

in Modesto on February 6th.

Our show will be March 5th and 6th at the Memorial Auditorium. There is a lot of work that must be done before the doors open to the public. The more volunteers we have, the faster the tasks can be completed. This is the largest camellia show in the world. Working before and during the show will give you a great opportunity to get to know other members of the Camellia Society of Sacramento. Feel free to bring a friend to join us. We set up on Friday, March 4, in the morning. If you can spare a few hours to help, call Don Lesmeister, 916 9678420. There will be a camellia waxing station at our show.

So grateful for the rain in Sacramento which provided water for our camellias. Pick up the spent blooms that fall and bring some of those beautiful flowers in the house to enjoy. I look forward to seeing you at our next meeting on February 22, at 7 PM. Bring your camellias and a friend.

Carol

Your President

Luncheon at our Show

If you are interested in eating at our show and not having to move your car, here's a deal for you! For \$20 you get to sample Sampino's Deli food. We will be having:

Chicken Parmesan Cheese Tortellini Green Salad Bread & Butter Coffee Italian Cookies Sodas & Waters Areas we Need Plenty of Helpers:

FRIDAY 9-4

- Set up of tables for blooms
- Set up of Information Booth
- Set up of Photo Contest
- Set up of Hospitality & Luncheon room for Saturday
- Set up of signs on 2nd floor

SATURDAY 3-6 (after judging)

- . Help with Luncheon
- Help at Information Booth •
- Help at Button Sales •
- Help at Photo Contest area •

Help with Plant Sales SUNDAY 10-5

- Help at Information Booth •
- Help with Sales of Buttons •

Help with Plant Sales • TEAR DOWN @ 5

- Tables
- Trophies
- Booths
- Take down of signage •

PLEASE TAKE A LOOK AT THE AREAS WE ALWAYS NEED HELP WITH AND THINK ABOUT HELPING US OUT ON ONE OR ALL OF THE DAYS. WE HAVE LOTS OF FUN AND LOTS OF-LAUGHS.

PLEASE SIGN UP AT THE FEBRUARY MEETING . CALL JULIE VIERRA IF YOU WANT TO SIGN UP NOW AND I WILL PUT YOU ON THE LIST! THANK YOU FROM THE BOTTOMS OF OUR HEARTS!



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Carol Schanz & Julie Vierra

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Don't forget to bring blooms to our meeting! Your name will be put into a basket and one person's name will be drawn for a plant. The blooms are not judged. We just want everyone to enjoy blooms at our meetings. Who knows, someone else may love your camellia bloom and want one too! We had more entrants in January! Your chances are great!! So watch your camellia blooms and bring in some pretty ones and see you on Monday, February 22nd!

FEBRUARY PROGRAM

OUR OWN BILL KITAGAWA will be talking about our Sister City, Matsuyama, Japan. Matsuyama has been our Sister City for 35 years! Bill has been with the organization for 15 years and will give an interesting talk. So come to the meeting and enjoy the evening with your camellia friends!

Don't forget to sign up for duties at our Show! Chairpersons will be bringing their sign-up sheets. Don't be shy, it's fun!!



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!

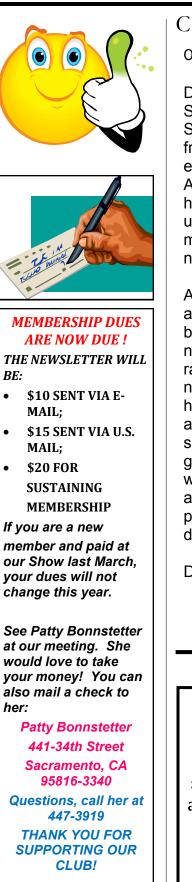
PLANT RAFFLE FOR FEBRUARY

Door Prize: Elaine's Betty (Japonica) Regulars: Cherries Jubilee (Japonica) Rudy's Magnoliaeflora (Japonica) Spring Daze (Hybrid) Sue Kendall, Var. (Japonica) Tiffany (Japonica) Hishi-Karaito (Japonica) for our bloom competition









CAMELLIA CULTURE CORNER

Our Culture Expert...Don Lesmeister

Did you know that this March is the 92nd annual Camellia Show here in Sacramento? It is the largest bloom competition show in the United States. Also, it is the oldest. This would never happen without backing from our City, County, schools, and young adult organizations, but especially our members. So why don't you come down to the Memorial Auditorium on J Street, between 15th and 16th Streets in Sacramento, have a donut, cup of coffee and lend a helping hand. We start setting up on Friday, March 4th around 9 am. You will be amazed to see how much activity it takes to continue our outstanding show. Help is always needed all three days of the Show.

All our hard work for the past several months is starting to pay off...we are seeing our Camellias bloom. But we can't totally relax. One of the biggest nemeses, pedal blight, is just starting to appear. This is that nasty fungus that puts those brown marks on our favorite flowers. The rain one day, warm weather the next, etc. is ideal conditions. There is no known commercial product that can eliminate or prevent this from happening. So what can we do? First, spread the word to your friends and neighbors to pick up their spent blooms. You must show leader-ship in this. Put all your spent blooms in the GARBAGE cans, not the green waste. If you place these infected blooms in the recycle green waste containers, they will be ground up with other green waste items and be recycled to various locations in your City. This will just perpetuate the problem. CLEANLINESS is the word of the Camellia day.

Don



This 'n that

Camellia Day at the Murer House in Folsom

1125 Joe Murer Court, Folsom

It is Saturday, February 27th from 10-2. The public is invited to share and show up to five camellia blossoms and ribbons will be awarded! Julie Vierra will be giving a little talk on camellias from around the Sacramento area at 1 pm. If you would like to come and help her at the table that has been set up for us, she would LOVE to have some help (and company)! Hint, Hint...call her at 916-371-2174.

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 we had a great time learning more about our judging of camellias. Here are a few pictures from that day.





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 Monday, November 2nd Monday, December 7th Monday, January 4th Monday, February 1st Monday, March 7th Monday, April 4th

Julie Vierra Gary & Carol Schanz Julie Vierra (12 noon) Helmuth & Leone Wildemann Ron & Arlene Morrison Don & Joan Lesmeister **Rosemary Andriesse** ALL MEETINGS START AT 1 P.M.



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





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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