

Camellia Times



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Hello Camellia Friends!

This month we celebrate, Valentine's Day, President's Day, Camellia Day at the Capital, & Chinese New Year. It is "**Show Time**"! Our first camellia show of the season was in Napa, February 2. Gary and I were winners of the Best of Show. Last weekend in Walnut Creek, Don & Joan Lesmeister were winners of the Best of Show. Beautiful flowers.

To me, the really "big show" is just driving around Sacramento areas, enjoying the camellias in the neighborhoods that are just happy to be bloom-

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

ing in someone's yard.

Our meeting this month, February 24, is our Mini Show. Bring your flowers and get good information on how to best present your blooms at our show on March 1st. If you are not sure about the name of a flower, bring it to the mini show. Our flower 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 or Gary Schanz to find out where help is needed. There are many jobs behind

the scenes that need your help. 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 in March. Jackie Randall has the judges ready. There is more about the contest in this bulletin. Those of you who like to write poetry, sharpen those pencils. Poetry entries must be submitted no later than April 1st. The winner will be announced at our luncheon in May.

Carol



MEETING DATE:

- **Monday, February 24th, 2014**
- **7:00 p.m.**
- **Lutheran Church of the Master**
- **1900 Potrero Way**
- **Sacramento, CA 95822**



WE NEED YOUR HELP!

Showtime is right around the corner! We need everyone's help, whether it's help setting up on Friday, signing up for different jobs for Saturday and Sunday, or clerking during the judging...every job is important! Be sure to attend February's meeting where we will have the different show

persons with their clipboards hoping everyone will help out. It's a great chance to meet new people and to help us make this the best Show ever! We are the largest Show in the U.S., so let's make it count! Different areas that need help are:
~Clerking, plant sales,

Information Booth, front hostess table, Boutique selling buttons and raffle tickets...I'm sure there are more, so don't forget to come to the meeting on Monday, February 24th! We will be having our mini camellia show and you can be a judge! It's fun and everyone learns!



CAMELLIA SOCIETY OF SACRAMENTO 2013-2014 EXECUTIVE BOARD

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Don't forget to take your camera out and take pictures of your favorite camellias! It's fun to enter the Photo contest. See Jackie Randall or Jim Toland at our meeting to find out how to enter...you just need an entry card, 8 x 10 black matte for your picture, and follow directions! The rules are posted on our website:

www.camelliasocietyofsacramento.org

Also, don't forget the poem contest! That is a fun one too...the winner will be announced at our May 3rd luncheon.

FEBRUARY PROGRAM

Bring in those camellia blooms from your yard and enter them into our special Mini Show this month! We will have prizes for "Flower of the Show", 1st Runner-Up and 2nd Runner-up! Just like at our show! So groom those blooms and ready them for our meeting, just like Don talked about in January! Everyone is a judge this month. It's a great way to learn more about camellias!

p.s. Points will be awarded to winning flowers and points in FEBRUARY are DOUBLED! Overall winner at the end of the year will receive a fantastic prize.

Bring a friend and enjoy a night with your camellia friends!
Delicious snacks, too!

Gary has ordered more nomenclature books in case you want to purchase one. They are \$20.



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, May 3rd (End of Year Luncheon)—Installation of Officers, Silent Auction, Plant Raffle & much more! Note the change of date for the luncheon. Please put on your calendar!

PLANT RAFFLE FOR FEBRUARY

Door Prize: Black Magic (J)
Special: Betty's Beauty (J)
Regulars: Eleanor Martin Supreme (J)
Anticipation (Retic)
EG Waterhouse Var. (Hybrid)
Hishi Karaito (J)
Lady Laura (J)



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

441 - 34th Street
Sacramento, CA
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February Camellia Care



~ CAMELLIA CULTURE CORNER ~ JIM TOLAND

Hints from Jim:

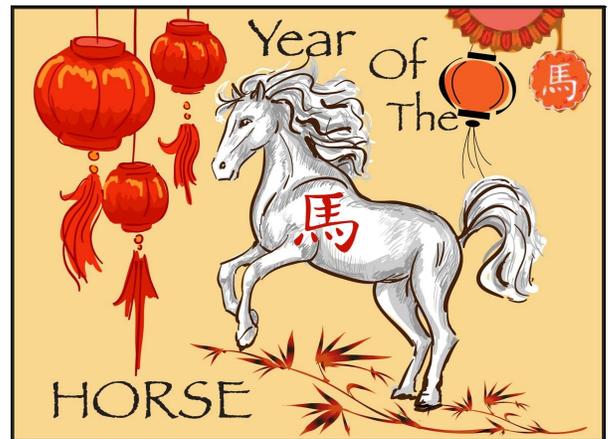
- Water your plants!! This has been a very dry winter.
- Bloom season is here, so you are busy. Take a moment to enjoy the beauty of your garden.
- Did any of your seedlings bloom? Be prepared to mark them. Wood stakes work well. The experts use aluminum; one located low and a second high on the same plant. Some experts use a number system with notes in a log book. While you are at it, retag camellias with

faded or missing tags.

- If you bought one of Don's "get-ready kits", you are all set to show your camellias. If you missed that, then you'll need to assemble your show kit.
- It is a good time to tour the nurseries and look for the components of the idea soil mix.

- See you at our meeting!

Jim



THIS 'N THAT

- Pin back your leaves so they don't hit your blooms
- Keep those flower petals picked up to avoid petal blight
- Ready your boxes and fill out your entry cards (come to the meeting where we will have some to take)
- Good luck at the shows! They are so much fun!
- Our End of Year Luncheon will be held May 3rd this year. Mark your calendars!

St. Valentine
♥♥♥♥

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

February 1 Flower of Show: Bella Rosa Var. Exhibitor: Gary & Carol Schanz	<i>Napa Camellia Society Show</i> Napa Senior Center, 1500 Jefferson Street, Napa, CA Contact: Nancy McGowan-Russell, 707-545-7546
February 8 Flower of the Show: Frank Houser Exhibitor: Don & Joan Lesmeister	<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, Broadway Plaza, Walnut Creek, CA</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, 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!



Our 2014 button comes in pin or magnet style! Come to the meeting to purchase your button or invite friends to come to our Show on March 1st and 2nd.

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. The rules are also on our website.





Hostess Help

If you can help with the monthly snacks, please see Rosemary Andriesse at our meetings or give her a call at 916-944-4415! Thanks!

If you are going to be judging or working the show in some capacity on Saturday, don't forget to sign up for the luncheon that will be held at the Show. See Julie or Gary for details.

BOARD MEETING DATES –ALL MEMBERS ARE WELCOME TO ATTEND!

February 4, 2014
March 4, 2014
April 1, 2014
Meetings are at 7 pm.

Ron & Arlene Morrison
Julie Vierra
Bob & Joanne Logan
Next year we will be changing to daytime meetings.



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 May 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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