

# Camellia Times



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**MEETING DATE:**

- **Monday, January 27, 2014**
- **7:00 p.m.**
- **Lutheran Church of the Master**
- **1900 Potrero Way**
- **Sacramento, CA 95822**



*Hello Camellia Friends!*  
 Happy New Year! I can hardly believe it is already 2014. I look to this New Year with excitement and hope. Mother Nature has given us a real challenge this winter with a lack of rain. Keep your plants watered especially in this cold weather. Despite the weather, camellia buds are popping open and the flowers are gorgeous. Be sure you keep those dropped blooms picked up. Those ugly rust spots on your flowers can be minimized. (petal blight). Camellia shows will be starting soon. It is always a wonderful time to visit

**PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE**

with camellia friends in other areas of California and share tips and ideas on growing camellias. The program this month, given by Don Lesmeister, will be "How to get ready for the Show". Don has won many "Best of Show" trophies and has lots of tips. This is a program you won't want to miss. January is the beginning of our monthly bloom competition at our meetings. Gary Schanz will be overseeing this event. Bring your flowers and display them just as though it was a real show. Blooms need to be in the plastic cups and an entry card also needs to be completed. They will be judged and winners awarded points. At the end of the year luncheon in May, the person with the most

points wins a trophy. It is a wonderful opportunity to get practice before the "really big show". Our show will be March 1st and 2nd 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. We set up on Friday, February 28 in the morning. If you can spare a few hours to help, call Don Lesmeister, 916 967-8420. I look forward to seeing you at our next meeting on January 27, at 7 PM.

**ACS MEMBERSHIP DRIVE**

Our ACS President, Don Bergamini, reminded our membership that ACS is having a membership drive. For only \$15 to new members our Society can win a \$200 gift certificate from Nuccio's Nursery! The ACS membership entitles you to: a helpful booklet entitled "Camellia Culture

for Beginners", access to members only section of the ACS website, 4 colorful & informative issues of the Camellia Journal (these are wonderful!), a bound ACS Yearbook full of camellia information, 10% off ACS gift shop merchandize, free admission to Masee Lane

Gardens at ACS headquarters, Ft. Valley, Georgia, and free admission to reciprocating botanical gardens! So go to the ACS website, [www.americancamelliasociety.com](http://www.americancamelliasociety.com), sign up and be sure to put that you belong to the Camellia Society of Sacramento on your check. You won't regret it!





## CAMELLIA SOCIETY OF SACRAMENTO 2013-2014 EXECUTIVE BOARD

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### JUDGES' SCHOOL IN MODESTO ~ JANUARY 25th!

**This month on Saturday, January 25th, Don Lesmeister and Don Bergamini will once again be sharing their knowledge of judging camellias. If you are interested in becoming a judge, learning to be a better clerk or just interested in camellias, check this out! The Northern California Camellia Council is sponsoring it's bi-annual symposium at John's Incredible Pizza at 2225 Plaza Parkway in Modesto. The school starts at 9:00 a.m. and lasts till about 3:00 p.m. Breakfast and lunch are provided for a mere \$14. If you are interested, call Gary Schanz.**

## JANUARY PROGRAM

Don Lesmeister will be doing a presentation on "How to get ready for the Camellia shows!" If you want to see how competitors pick, pack and enter their camellias at the shows around Northern California, this is the place to be! Come with your pencil and paper (or iPad, tablet or whatever) and take notes.

Don will also have his Show Kits available at the meeting for \$5.00! Thank you Bob Ehrhart for donating the perlite!

The 2014 Nomenclature book is now available. They are \$20. See Gary Schanz if you wish to purchase one.

**Also, bloom competition starts this month. Bring in your blooms! Be sure to fill out an entry card and bring your blooms in cups. Competition will continue through our March meeting. Points will be awarded to winning flowers and points in February are DOUBLED!! Overall winner will receive a fantastic prize!**

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## 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!**

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## PLANT RAFFLE FOR JANUARY

Door Prize: Hulyn Smith (Retic)

Special: Jack Mandarin (Retic)

Regulars: Grape Soda (J)

Royal Velvet (J)

Taylor's Perfection (Hybrid)

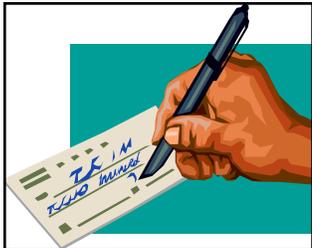
Tiffany (J)

Mansize (J) Mini



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

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January Camellia  
Care



~ CAMELLIA CULTURE CORNER ~  
GUEST COLUMNIST, DON LESMEISTER

After reading the morning newspaper, and watching the TV weathermen, it became clear that we are approaching a near disaster regarding our water supply. The Sacramento City Council is discussing reducing water use for residences by 20%. The City of Roseville is doing the same. The Pope is asking the 10 million Catholics to pray for rain. Channel 3 reports Folsom Lake is at 30% of capacity, which is less than 1/2 of last year at this time. I am thinking, what can be done to conserve water to sustain my Camellias. Well, there is a lot. First, most of us are retired, do nothing, and hardly

ever work up a sweat. SO, we can take a shower rather than bathe. Also, rather than showering daily, we can do so every other day. And since retired people have nothing to do, we never get our clothes dirty. Just wear your clothes a couple extra days to reduce laundering them. You can also reduce or eliminate many of your containerized plants (EXCEPT CAMELLIAS).

On a more serious note, we can do several things to save water. We can make our soil mix a little tighter by eliminating or reducing the perlite and bark percentages and

adding more soil. This should extend your water frequency. Also, extend your plant watering by half a day. Watering in the evening will reduce evaporation. Plant your Camellias in the ground. Ground planted Camellias require considerably less water. Move your container plants to a shadier area. If you can think of more ideas, please let us know. Soon you will be placed on a water meter as we have been, and you become very inventive.

See you on the 27th.  
Don

**THIS 'N THAT**

- **Continue disbudding as needed**
- **Water those camellias! (Before the freeze and after it warms up...above 35 degrees!)**
- **Continue to gib**
- **Our End of Year Luncheon will be held May 3rd this year. Mark your calendars!**

*The Board overwhelmingly voted to give Bea Soehren a lifetime membership to our society!*

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

February 1	<i>Napa Camellia Society Show</i> Napa Senior Center, 1500 Jefferson Street, Napa, CA Contact: Nancy McGowan-Russell, 707-545-7546
February 8	<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</i> , Broadway Plaza, Walnut Creek, CA 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 NEW BUTTON IS READY TO PURCHASE! WE ALSO HAVE THEM IN MAGNET FORM FOR THOSE OF YOU WHOSE LIVES ARE ON THE FRONT OF THEIR REFRIGERATORS!



## 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.*





*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!**

January 7, 2014	Helmuth & Leone Wildemann
February 4, 2014	Ron & Arlene Morrison
March 4, 2014	Julie Vierra
April 1, 2014	Bob & Joanne Logan

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**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 April 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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