

Camellia Times



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MEETING DATE:

- **Monday, January 25, 2016**
- **7:00 p.m.**
- **Lutheran Church of the Master**
- **1900 Potrero Way**
- **Sacramento, CA 95822**



Dear Members,

Happy New Year! I can hardly believe it is already 2016. On a personal note, I am glad to start a new year in good health and say good-bye to my experiences this past year. With the very cold weather we are having, the camellia buds are a bit slower opening. Our flowers so far are gorgeous. The 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

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

on growing camellias. 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 our Camellia Society. 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, 916 967-8420.

Jackie Randall and I are excited about attending the ACS convention in Charleston, South Carolina in mid January. It is always so interesting

to meet camellia growers from other parts of the United States and see their beautiful flowers. Jackie and I will be doing some sight seeing and shopping as well.

Remember to water your camellias, pick up the blooms that fall and bring some of those beautiful flowers into the house to enjoy.

I look forward to seeing you at our next meeting on January 25, at 7 PM. Have a happy and **healthy** new year and may all your dreams come true!



Ann McKee Plant Sale



A big thanks to the members who helped out at our plant sale! Thanks Gary & Carol for letting us use your yard! Thanks also to Don & Joan, Julie, Bill, Rosemary who braved the cold to stand outside and sell those plants! Most of the plants were bought by other members!! Rosemary, Bill, LuAnn, Eric, Lana, Leone... We made \$185 and want to thank the McKee family for donating Ann's camellias. They all have good homes now!




Photos from our December potluck

CAMELLIA SOCIETY OF SACRAMENTO 2015-2016 EXECUTIVE BOARD

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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 December! Your chances are great!! So watch your camellia blooms and bring in some pretty ones and see you on Monday, January 25th!

JANUARY PROGRAM

Debbie Arrington will be coming by to talk to us about current gardening trends. It's sure to be fascinating as we wind down another year of drought conditions and the changes we are making in our gardens. Debbie is very informed about all that is gardening. Bring your questions! She is a great resource.

We also will be asking for help at our show. The more people we have setting up, working during the show, and tearing down, the easier it is for everyone! Some of us aren't that young anymore! Thank goodness for the Will C. Wood students on Friday...they are such a wonderful addition to our family. They are so young and energetic and so much help!

Please come to the meeting and bring a buddy! The more the merrier!

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: Miss Tulare (retic)
Regulars: Island Sunset (hybrid)
Man Size (japonica)
Nicky Crisp (hybrid)
Royal Velvet, Var. (japonica)
Nuccio's Carousel (japonica)
for our bloom competition



Tickets are \$1
or
6 for \$5





MEMBERSHIP DUES ARE NOW DUE!

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

Even though our Camellias are starting to bloom, there are still tasks we should or should not do. You can discontinue fertilizing. It is too late for winter fertilizing (0-10-10 or 2-10-10) and too early for Nitrogen fertilizers. Pruning is not necessary. However, you can do some "touch up" trimming to remove limbs that could interfere with bloom opening. Be careful in your watering. With the prediction of El Nino rains, be sure not to over water. This is the worst thing you can do to your plants. Camellia plants that are in the ground require very little watering. If it rains once a week, it may not even be necessary. Container grown Camellias still require some water, but a LOT less. A rule of thumb is to extend your watering cycle by about another 3 days for every day of rain. Now is an excellent time to plant Camellias in the ground, or change them to a different container size. Move containerized Camellias (particularly white flowers) to a shadier area, like under a patio, to prevent bloom damage. Also, if you enter your blooms in Camellia Shows, make sure you have an ample supply of extra cups, floral mix, entry cards, etc. And don't forget! DO NOT judge your blooms in your back yard, let the judges do that at the show. Good Luck...



THIS 'N THAT

- 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. It is BEFORE our meeting, so please call her as soon as possible if you plan to attend.



**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,
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 as soon as possible!!

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



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.



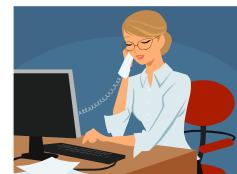
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**IF ANY OF YOU HAVE SUGGESTIONS FOR UPCOMING MEETINGS OR ANY SUGGESTIONS AT ALL, PLEASE LET ANY OF THE BOARD MEMBERS KNOW! WE ARE ALWAYS LOOKING FOR WAYS TO IMPROVE! IT IS YOUR CAMELLIA SOCIETY, AFTER ALL!**



**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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