

Camellia Times



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Meeting Date

Monday, December 18, 2017

6:30 P.M.

Lutheran Church of the Master

1900 Potrero Way

Sacramento, CA 95822

President's Message, January 2018



Hello and Happy New Year to all our Camellia Friends! I hope your holidays were full of fun, family, and friends. It's that time of year again when we start preparing for our Show. As many of you know, it takes many hands to put our Show on and we need your help! Please come to our January 22nd meeting.

We'll have sign-up sheets for various jobs. *PLEASE* come to the meeting and sign up to help. If you have any ideas that might help to improve our show, feel free to talk to any of us!

Don Bergamini will be showing a program on winners from last season. He'll be showing great pictures of beautiful camellias. So please plan to attend and bring your pen and a friend! Don't forget to feed your camellias 0-10-10, disbud, and water those camellias that are in containers. We haven't had too much rain yet, so don't let them dry out. I have quite a few camellia plants that are blooming already. Be sure and bring your blooms to the meeting and show those flowers off! If you don't know the names of them, our members can help you with that.

Saturday, February 3rd, in Atherton, we will be having a seminar for judges and clerks. If you are interested in becoming either of these, please plan to attend. ACS has come up with some new rules and this will help with understanding of them. The seminar will be held in the beautiful home of Nancy Hardesty. Lunch will be provided. There will be a mini-show where the rules will be implemented and lessons learned! It will start at 10 am and ends around 2:30 pm.

Thank you EVERYONE who attended our December Pot Luck! The food was fabulous and the company excellent!

See you the 22nd!

Julie

ANNUAL MEMBERSHIP DUES ARE DUE NOW AND PAYABLE:

\$10 a year per household, electronic newsletter

\$15 a year per household, USPS newsletter

\$20 a year per household, Sustaining membership

Membership:

LuAnn Lantsberger

2960 Brenda Way

West Sacramento, CA 95691, 916 729-9892

If dues are **not** paid by January, your name will be dropped from the Roster. The monthly Camellia Times will also not be continued.

You can pay your dues with a credit card at the meeting. See **Rosemary** to pay with credit card.



EXECUTIVE BOARD MEMBERS 2017-2018

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Advisory Board 2017 - 2018

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Julie Vierra

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Julie Vierra,
Joan Lesmeister,
Carol Schanz

Website

Julie Vierra & Carol Schanz

Program: Our January Program will be presented by Don Bergamini. He will bring us beautiful pictures of last year’s Camellia Show Winners. Always a great evening.



Monthly Meeting Dates and Programs 2017-2018, 7:00 PM

October 23	The Plant Lady	Marlene Simon
November 27	Potassium Permanganate	Don Lesmeister
December 18		Pot Luck and Gift Exchange
January 22, 2018	2017 Show Winners	Don Bergamini
February 26	Floral Designs with Camellias	Jan Goehring, SFDG President
March 26	ACS Convention, Newburg, Oregon	Don Lesmeister

Dates and locations for Board Meetings, 2017 – 2018, 10:30 AM

October 2	Ernie & Julie Vierra	1048 Longcroft Street West Sacramento	916 371 2174
November 6	Gary & Carol Schanz	1177 Cavanaugh Way Sacramento	916 447 1969
December 4	Don & Joan Lesmeister	4512 Marble Way Carmichael	916 967 8420
January 8, 2018	Helmuth & Leone Wildemann	31 Rosemead Circle Sacramento	916 422 4128
February 5	Ron & Arlene Morrison	2712 Ripon Court Sacramento	916 383 7005
March 12	Ernie & Julie Vierra	1048 Longcroft Street West Sacramento	916 371 2174
April 2	Rosemary Spasovich	6129 Landis Avenue Carmichael	559 779 1197

Culture Corner by Don Lesmeister

As we near the Camellia blooming season, there are a few things we should remember....First, if you haven't applied any 2-10-10 or 0-10-10 fertilizer, this is about the last month to do so....If you apply this fertilizer in liquid form, the plant still has time to absorb it. A solid fertilizer would take too long to break down & be effective. It is also a good time to start doing your flower bud gibbing....do a few buds each week. Many growers identify gibbed buds with different colored clothes pin, yarn, etc. A rule of thumb is 2-3 buds on 2 gallon plants and 6-8 on larger plants. We haven't had much rain as yet, so do not overlook watering. . Recommended water for container plants is about every 5 days and add one day for every day of rain. Once a week is usually enough for plants in the ground. Finally, from now until the first of the year is usually the coldest part of Winter. If your container plants are elevated on wood, cement, etc. place them on the ground to get the heat from your soil. Make sure the container plants are under a tree, shade cloth, lath, etc. to prevent frost bite. Also make sure the plants are watered well when the temperature gets below freezing.....Have a Merry Xmas & Happy New Year.....See you at our dinner meeting and be sure to sell some Camellia buttons to help pay for our upcoming Camellia Show.....

January Plant Raffle



Tickets are \$1.00 each or 6
for \$5.00
Special \$2.00

Publicity Help Needed!!!

Ron and Arlene Morrison have a very difficult job getting publicity about our show out to the public. At times their hard work does not appear to have been seen by the publicity resources. They are looking for some help! The Camellia Show is the oldest in the United States. Can you help get the word out about our beautiful show? We start sending notices now. All ideas are welcome. Let Ron Arlene know if you can help with this important job, Arlene49er@aol.com or 383-7005. Thank you.



Camellia Society History Trivia: by Bill Kitagawa



50 years ago, 1968

Camellia “Festival” celebrated its 14th year.

Theme “Fantasy of the Gods” and Greece as honored nation.

Festival president was Dr. F. Melvyn Lawson, Superintendent, Sacramento City Schools

Governor Ronald Reagan had the honor to crown the Festival queen, Barbara Vernon

The 44th Camellia Show had over 10,000 blooms

Mrs. Ann McKee won “Flower of the Show” award with Glen 40 variegated japonica.

40 years ago: 1978

Who won the Outstanding Flower Award at the 54th Camellia Show?

And what was the flower? See answer

Answer: Mr. and Mrs. James Randall with Miss Tulare.

Northern California Show Schedule for 2018

February 17 & 18	San Francisco Peninsula Camellia Show	CAB Community Activities Bldg. 1400 Roosevelt Avenue Redwood City. CA
February 24 & 25	Camellia Society of Santa Clara County	Community Recreation Center 969 Kiely Blvd Santa Clara, CA
March 3 & 4	Camellia Society of Sacramento	Sacramento Memorial Auditorium 1515 J Street Sacramento, CA
March 10 & 11	Northern California Camellia Society	St. Andrews Celebration 1601 Mary Drive Pleasant Hill, CA
March 17 & 18	Camellia Society of Modesto	Ernst & Julio Gallo Administrative Building Modesto, CA



GARDENING FOR YOUR HEALTH

Gardening strengthens your immune system. While you're outdoors basking in the sun, you'll also soak up plenty of vitamin D, which helps the body absorb calcium. In turn, calcium helps keep your bones strong and your immune system healthy.

American Camellia Society (ACS) Club Director Position

Interested members must also be members of ACS. They should be someone who has good communication skills, contagious enthusiasm and a willingness to promote ACS membership and participate on an ACS committee. If anyone is interested in the fun opportunity to meet and get to know camellia lovers from other parts of the United States, and increase your knowledge about camellias, this is for you. There is an application that will need to be completed. Members of the board will select the candidate to represent our club. That name will be submitted to ACS for consideration. California has three (3) ACS Club Directors. Contact Carol Schanz, 916 447 1969, or carolschanz@sbcglobal.net if you are interested. Deadline is March 1, 2018. The American Camellia Society has a wonderful website with pictures of camellias, culture and care, activities and more. Americancamellias.com Check it out.

Review of new ACS Judging Rules and Regulations

On February 3, 2018, a review of the new ACS Judging Rules and Regulations will be held at the home of Nancy Hardesty, 69 Santiago Avenue, Atherton, CA, 94027, 10 AM to 2:30 PM. There are new rules for becoming a Novice Judge and guidelines for participating at the camellia shows as a clerk. A mini show will be held at the same time to give participants time to implement and observe the new rules.

Don Bergamini will be facilitating the workshop.

Don Lesmeister and Julie Vierra will be in charge of the show.



Hostess Help:



Rosemary could use some help with refreshments at our monthly meetings. Contact Rosemary if you would like to provide some yummy treats at one of the monthly meetings. rspasovich@aol.com or 599 779-1197

Newsletter Information

Articles for the Camellia Times are due by the board meeting date, the first Monday of every month. If you have questions or ideas, please call or email me. Carol Schanz, 916 447-1969 or carolschanz@sbcglobal.net



*Wishing each of you a new year filled with beautiful camellias,
fun, good health and peace.*

