

Camellia Times



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MEETING DATE:

- **Monday, November 16th, 2015**
- **7:00 p.m.**
- **Lutheran Church of the Master**
- **1900 Potrero Way**
- **Sacramento, CA 95822**



Dear Members,

Hello Camellia Friends!

Fall is here. I have so much to be grateful for. I am thankful for the wonderful friends I have made over the years who share my love of camellias. Some of the early blooming camellias are already open and adding lovely color to the beauty of this time of the year. It is so beautiful driving down the streets of Sacramento and seeing the beautiful colors of the trees. Again, I pause and am thankful for the beauty of the colors of nature.

Gary is busy moving plants in and out of his

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

lath house. All of his plants are lined up in our back yard. It is so fun to see all the tight buds that will soon to be beautiful "prize" winning blooms. Amazing bud set on our camellias. Don't forget to disbud. The weather is colder and with the wind, try to keep your plants watered.

The annual Camellia Buttons are here. Believe it or not, still only \$1.00. They make wonderful gifts and help us off set the costs. The November meeting will be a presentation by our member and button designer, Joanne Tsukamoto. Our meeting will be on November 16th and starts at 7PM so bring a friend. Bring a camellia bloom and you will be entered in a special drawing for a plant.

I look forward to this camellia season with joy and excitement. Check the website, www.camelliasocietyofsacramento.org, for dates of camellia shows in addition to Sacramento. It is fun to visit. For me, it is not just the beautiful flowers but the wonderful people who share the love of the camellia along the "Camellia Trail".

Have a wonderful November and don't eat too much turkey.

Your Camellia Friend,
Carol

*"You don't stop laughing because you grow old. You grow old because you stop laughing."
- Michael Pritchard*

Our Button for 2016!

Thank you Joanne for a beautiful button, "River City Camellias". Please join us on **Monday, November 16th** for Joanne Tsukamoto's fascinating presentation on how she comes up with her theme designs.

Bring a friend!





Carol welcoming everyone

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Julie manning PowerPoint presentation

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Sharing some laughs



Sharon Adams from Modesto

Photos from our first meeting



Don't forget to bring blooms to our meeting! Your name will be put in a basket and one person will win a plant. We only had three entrants in October. Your chances are great!! So watch your camellia blooms and see you on Monday, November 16th!

NOVEMBER PROGRAM

Joanne Tsukamoto, our button contest winner for the past 4 years, will be showing us how she designs a button once she knows the theme. We asked Joanne to design our button this year. This will be the 5th button she has done. As it has become harder to get people to enter our button contest and our membership getting smaller to handle the different projects we do, the board decided to ask Joanne to help us out with the button. She submitted two designs to us and the Board chose the paddle boat drawing.



Joanne is also one of Jackie Randall's judges for our photo contest at our Show. She is a woman of many talents!

*Please join us for her fascinating presentation on **November 16th**, a week earlier than usual because of the Thanksgiving holiday.*

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 NOVEMBER

Door Prize: Bravo, Retic Hybrid
Regulars: Autumn Jewel, Hybrid
Waltz Time Var., Hybrid
Tinsie, Japonica
Anticipation Var., Hybrid
Black Magic, Japonica, and,
a special variety for our NEW Bloom
Competition!



Tickets are \$1
or
6 for \$5





**MEMBERSHIP DUES ARE
NOW DUE AND
PAYABLE.**

**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

Culture Tips from December, 2013, by Don Lesmeister

There are a few remaining things to do before the serious work of Camellia blooming season begins. First, go around and check your Camellia plants and do some more disbudding. Some varieties, particularly the Hybrids, are famous for setting additional buds after the initial disbudding. Also, remove some branches that may interfere with the flowers opening completely. This is also a good time to do your last (this is from DECEMBER), so continue fertilizing in November. Use either 0-10-10 or 2-10-10 fertilizer. Liquid is preferred over solid, because it gets to the plant roots within a few hours. The solid fertilizer requires 10 days to two weeks before it is absorbed in the plant. REMEMBER, no high Nitrogen containing fertilizer.

The last thing is to take care of this darn cold weather. Over the years I have experimented with several things, but most have resulted in disaster. For sure, you want to make sure your plants are watered BEFORE the freeze. The constant freeze, thaw, freeze, thaw can result in soggy roots and then root rot. Take your plants off anything elevated such as terraces, blocks, etc., and place them on the ground. Dirt is preferred over cement. This prevents cold air from circulating under the container. You can also put a towel or some material around the container. Do not cover the plant. If possible, place your plants in an area protected from wind. The wind chill factor is generally about 10 degrees colder. Lights, fans, putting the plants in the garage overnight only, are other ideas, but not so sure this works. If you have any good ideas, please share them with us. Don



LETS SEE SOME RAIN!!



THIS 'N THAT

- **BOB & JOANNE LOGAN HAVE AN ABUNDANCE OF BLACK CONTAINERS, ASSORTED SIZES THAT ARE YOURS FOR THE ASKING. CALL JOANNE AT 434-8618 AND THEY WILL BRING THE CONTAINERS TO THE NEXT MEETING OR YOU CAN PICK THEM UP AT THEIR PLACE. FREE FOR THE ASKING!**
- Fertilize after watering well. The drought isn't helping, but be sure to water well. Use 0-10-10 or 2-10-10 fertilizer. Lowe's has the Alaska Morbloom, 0-10-10 for around \$15 for a gallon.
- *Even if you don't want to become a judge, the Judge's Symposium scheduled for January 16th at the Club Pheasant is a wonderful way to enrich your knowledge of camellias. It's free! See Julie Vierra to sign up.*

**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, 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.

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



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.



**Happy Thanksgiving!
To You And Your Family**

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	Don & Joan Lesmeister
Monday, January 4th	Helmuth & Leone Wildemann
Monday, February 1st	Ron & Arlene Morrison
Monday, March 7th	Julie Vierra
Monday, April 4th	Don & Joan Lesmeister

ALL MEETINGS START AT 1 P.M.



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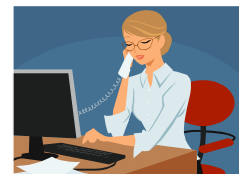
**IF ANY OF YOU HAVE SUGGESTIONS FOR UPCOMING MEETINGS OR ANY SUGGESTIONS AT ALL, PLEASE LET ANY OF THE BOARD MEMBERS KNOW! WE ARE ALWAYS LOOKING FOR WAYS TO IMPROVE! IT IS YOUR CAMELLIA SOCIETY, AFTER ALL!**



**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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