

# Camellia Times

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## Meeting Date

Monday, November 28, 2016

7:00 P.M.

Lutheran Church of the Master

1900 Potrero Way

Sacramento, CA 95822

## President's Message

Hello Everyone!



I am so glad today is Election Day and all the negativity by both sides disappears. I am enjoying the autumn days...getting out and raking leaves, sweeping, disbudding my camellias and enjoying camellias that are appearing! My sasanquas are beautiful...they are supposed to be blooming now, but my japonicas are showing color and starting to bloom.

Margaret Davis is blooming, Ferris Wheel is going to bloom soon, along with some others. Yikes! They need to slow down so we can show them after the New Year starts.

Please plan on coming to the November meeting. Jackie Randall has a fun program she is going to do...Get Fired Up! She wants people to come and hear what she has to say about her photo contest. She would love for everyone to take pictures of their camellias and then bring them to our show in March for competition. As always, we will have a wonderful program and delicious snacks. Bring your \$\$ for our plant raffle and we will have a few succulents for sale. Sun Gro gave us quite the deal on potting soil, so if you had an order from the October meeting and haven't picked it up, now's the time.

If you can't make it to the meeting, please know that our members and I myself wish you a very joyful Thanksgiving. We hope it's filled with loving family, friends, lots of turkey, dressing and delicious desserts! Happy Thanksgiving Everyone!

*Julie Vierra*

President



Join the fun!

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

If you prefer to pay your  
dues with a credit card, see  
**Rosemary**, our treasurer.

**Camellia Society of Sacramento**

**2016 - 2017 Executive Board**

President	Julie Vierra
1st Vice President	Don Lesmeister
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Corresponding Secretary	Carol Schanz
Treasurer	Rosemary Spasovich
Historian	Bill Kitagawa

**2016 - 2017 Advisory Board**

ACS/ICS Representative	Don Bergamini
Education, Research & Science	Don Lesmeister
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Membership	LuAnn Lantsberger
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ACS Pacific Director	Carol Schanz
Outreach/New Member Liaison	Tanis Toland
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Show Chairmen	Don Lesmeister and Julie Vierra
Sunshine	Jackie Randall
Ways & Means	Julie Vierra, Joan Lesmeister, Carol Schanz
Website	Carol Schanz & Julie Vierra



**Program:** Jackie Randall will give tips and information about the Photo Contest. She wants to get you “Get Fired Up” about the Photo Contest. You won’t want to miss this program.



### Culture Corner by Don Lesmeister

It sure seems as if the Camellia blooming year is far ahead of past years. AND....., the recent warm rains will probably further speed up the blooming cycle. Some of you may look forward earlier flowers, and welcome this activity. However, if you would rather have later blooms for the Camellia shows, there are a couple of adjustments you can make. First, discontinue any winter fertilizing program, especially ones that include nitrogen such as 2-10-10. This will reduce plant growing activity. It is probably OK to continue your last application of 0-10-10. Second, start your gibbing program for show blooms a little later. How much is anyone guess, but two or three weeks later is not unreasonable. Another seat of the pants theory of mine is to raise your plants off the ground, patio, gravel, etc., to get the colder air circulating under your plants.

Mother Nature could toss a curve into the equation by having several days of cold weather and slow down the current trend. In reviewing my, and the Randall Records, the colder days of Winter generally occur in the first couple weeks of December. When there is significant warm rains in the early fall, the colder days occur towards the end of December.

Other non-weather activities, you should check your plants and disbud as necessary. You can also remove any dead branches or those that prevent buds from fully opening. This is also a good time of year to clean up your yard of any dead leaves & other debris to discourage critter occupation. Good Growing...DON



## Board Member of the Month



This month features our Historian, Bill Kitagawa. Here are a few things you may not know about our Bill.

- ♣ I was born in Sacramento at the Sutter Memorial hospital. It is now gone.
- ♣ He attended Fruitridge Elementary school, Peter Lassen Middle school and Sacramento High, class of 1974. It was the last class before the old school was remodeled. Bill also attended Sacramento City College and California State University, Sacramento.
- ♣ I was attracted to camellias living in the Camellia City. Many things had camellias as part of their name or logo. Swanson cleaners used to have camellias on their plastic covers. I used them for parachutes for my army men.
- ♣ I joined the society after Hiroko Ninomiya had left to go back to Japan. The people keep me coming back. Besides camellias, I enjoy bowling, I bowl in two leagues, one mens and the other mixed. I do a lot of volunteering. Active in BoyScout Group 250 even though my son has been out for ten years. I am also active with Matsuyama Sacramento Sister City Corporation. I help at ACC Meals o Wheels cafe on Wednesday at Sacramento Japanese United Methodist Church..Growing things such as vegetables and other plants bring me much enjoyment.
- ♣ As a child, my parents used to take my brother Ron and myself to many places in California. Shasta, Lassen, Sierras, San Francisco, San Jose, Santa Cruz, Monterey, Santa Barbara, Disneyland, Knott Berry, San Diego, Salt Lake and Tijuana, Mexico. Trout and Strip Bass fishing with my parents were always fun.  
  
I married my wife Ruth, who has a twin sister, and we honeymooned in Hawaii. We have a son Erick, who should be graduating from Sac State in May of 2017, majoring in economics. Our daughter Rachel will be graduating from Sac State in December, majoring in psychology. We also have a mixed small dog, Cookie. None of my family is involved with camellias. I do not currently travel to camellia shows outside of Sacramento. All of my camellias are being grown in containers.



**Programs for 2016 - 2017**

October 24	Don & Mary Bergamini	ICS Convention in China
November 28	Jackie Randall	Photo Contest
December 19		Potluck and Gift Exchange
January 23	Don Bergamini	NorCal Camellia Shows
February 27	Jackie Randall & Carol Schanz	ACS 2016 Convention, Charleston, So Carolina
March 27		TBA and ice cream social

**Northern California Show Schedule for 2017**

February 4	NCCC Meeting and Mini Show	John's Incredible Pizza Modesto, CA
February 11 & 12	San Francisco Peninsula Camellia Show	CAB Community Activities Bld 1400 Roosevelt Avenue Redwood City, CA
February 18 & 19	Northern California Camellia Society	TBA
February 25 & 26	Camellia Society of Santa Clara County INC.	Community Recreation Center 969 Kiely Blvd Santa Clara, CA
March 4 & 5	Camellia Society of Sacramento	Sacramento Memoria Auditorium 1515 J Street Sacramento, CA
March 11 & 12	Open	
March 18 & 19	Camellia Society of Modesto	Ernest & Julio Gallo Administrative Building, Modesto, CA
March 25	Broadway Plaza?	Hoping to have a Mini-Show in Walnut Creek
April 8	ACS National Convention	Oregon



## November Plant Raffle:

Swan Lake, Japonica	Door Prize
Dr. Clifford Parks	Retic.
Nicky Crisp	Hybrid
Waltz Time Var,	Japonica
Taylor's Perfection	Japonica
Nuccios Carousel	Japonica



Tickets are \$1.00 or  
6 for \$5.00  
Special \$2.00 a ticket

### Did you know?

In 1973, there were over 10,000 blooms entered in the Sacramento Camellia Show. The Sacramento Bee and the Sacramento Union listed all the winner in their newspapers.

### Nomenclature Books

The 2017 Nomenclature Book has been released and can be purchased on [amazon.com](http://amazon.com) for \$20 plus shipping and tax. If you will be judging or planning on attending the Judges school in January, it would be a good idea to purchase one. These books are updated about every 3 - 5 years. Thank you Southern California Camellia Society. If you are planning on attending the Judges Symposium, you will want the 2017 Nomenclature Book.

### Judges Symposium

Don Bergamini and Don Lesmeister will be holding a judging school January 7, 2017, in Santa Clara. Specific location to be announced.

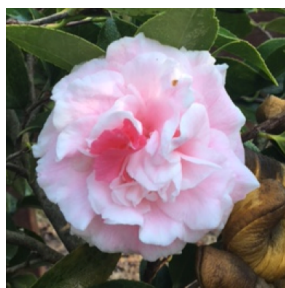


## Community Service Project: Camellia Grove Wm Land Park

Saturday, November 5, six hardy members of the Camellia Society worked on our Camellia Grove. It was a beautiful morning to be outside. We removed dead plants, planted 4 new plants, pruned and disbudded. One of the plants is already in full bloom. A big thank you to Rosemary, Irene and Patrick, Ron and Bill. We hope to continue to add new plants to the grove. I also want to thank the Land Park Volunteer Corp for their help and hard work. If you are interested in helping with the Camellia Grove, call Carol Schanz at 916 447 1969.



**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](mailto:rspasovich@aol.com) or 599 779-1197



Have your camellias started blooming? Bring some to the meeting on November 28, and share them with our members. Be sure to bring the names. If you don't know the name, we can help you identify the flower. We will have plant labels to take home and put on your plant.





*Happy Thanksgiving!  
To You And Your Family*

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 just call or email me.

Carol Schanz

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