



*Camellia Society of Sacramento*

**camelliasocietyofsacramento.org**

Meeting Date: TBA

Presidents Message

Hello Camellia Friends!

Our Show is upon us! We hope you all attend our Show and enjoy our beautiful camellias! Our worker bees will be hard at work making this the best Show ever!



Come with blooms early Saturday morning. You will be able to enter two of each type this year because of the wind, hot weather, etc. The more blooms the better! There will be entry cards, pencils and some cups available to enter your blooms. Look for the big entry card and you will find what you need, and people to help you!

We also have a beautiful quilt made by one of our members, Betty Kisbey. We are raffling this beautiful piece of art off, along with other raffle prizes. So bring your pocketbook and your friends and come visit us this weekend!

Sunday morning the Elk's have a breakfast buffet for \$11, so eat, then enjoy our blooms and informational booths, plants for sale, raffle items, Matsuyama Booth, waxing booth, the arrangers in the Emblem Room and the Paint-In artists that come on Sunday. Lots to do and IT'S ALL FREE!!

See you there, Julie

**ANNUAL MEMBERSHIP DUES ARE NOW DUE!**

\$20 a year per household, electronic newsletter

\$25 a year per household, USPS newsletter

\$30 a year per household, Sustaining Membership

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### **Culture Corner**

It sure seems as if there is an inordinate amount of petal blight on Camellia flowers this year. While this is normally associated with rain, it is also present with other conditions such as we are having this year. Be sure and remove flowers which show indication of the brown spots. Try to do this before the flower hits the ground. If you are not able to do so, please pick them from the ground as soon as possible. AND,,,,, put the spent blooms in the garbage, rather than IN the green waste containers. The Country/City folks generally take the garbage to a landfill, or send it elsewhere. If you place the bloom in the green waste containers, they will be ground up and eventually could end up in back your yard and perpetuate this disease.....Another thing you can do is to prune your plants that have completed, or are near completion of their blooming season. It is still a good time to re-containerize your plants. You can also still transplant plants from one location to another. Smaller & younger plants should be fine, but older and larger plants will suffer more shock, so it may be best to hold off transplanting them until next season. Lastly, towards the end of March you can begin your fertilizing program. I usually use a liquid fertilizer in the first fertilizing, as it is absorbed quicker by your plant. A solid fertilizer usually takes nearly a month to break down & before your plant can use the ingredients. Don Lesmeister

Future Program: The Winners of the 2020 Camellia Shows presented by Don Bergamini

**Meeting Dates: Because of Covid-19 Virus, all meetings have been postponed until further notice. We are still wanting to stay connected with you. Our website: [www.camelliasocietyofsacramento.net](http://www.camelliasocietyofsacramento.net), will have any new information.**

### **2021 Camellia Button Contest**

We are looking for a new design for our 2020 collectable button. If you are interested in applying there is an application you can submit. Email Julie Vierra, [j4sfgiants@sbcglobal.net](mailto:j4sfgiants@sbcglobal.net).

### **Blast from the Past by Lana Paulhamus**

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After the 3/5/2011 Camellia Show, under the direction of Patrick and Irene Moore the students of Will C. Woods School took all the trays from the show back to their school and cleaned them all. Not only did they do a great job helping us set up the Camellia Show but they took time to clean the trays. A great thank you to the Moore's and the Will C. Woods students.

## Website

Our website, [camelliasocietyofsacramento.org](http://camelliasocietyofsacramento.org) has been reformatted and updated with lots more resources and pictures. Let us know how you like it.

Questions for our Board:

### What questions would you like to ask about I your Board?

- How many camellia plants do you have?
- Do you attend Camellia Shows besides Sacramento? Which ones?
- What city outside Sacramento would you like to visit to see camellia plants and flowers?

Irene Moore

I have 20 camellia plants - 4 in the ground and 16 in pots.

I have never been to any other Camellia Shows.

I have always wanted to go to the Modesto Show.

### WHAT TO DO IN OCTOBER AND NOVEMBER

1. Disbud your camellias terminal.
2. Prune cross branches for better blooms..
3. Fertilize with 2-10-10 or 0-10-10.
4. Keep your plants watered. Remember not all plants get watered if under eaves and trees.
5. Start to gib after Thanksgiving.
6. Clean up leaves and debris under and around your plants.
7. Spray for chewing insects.

TIPS COURTESY OF DON BERGAMINI



