

# Camellia Times



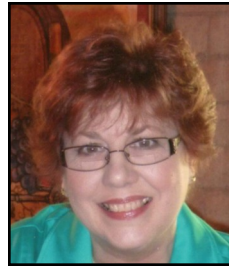
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**MEETING DATE:**

- **Monday, October 28, 2013**
- **7:00 p.m.**
- **Lutheran Church of the Master**
- **1900 Potrero Way**
- **Sacramento, CA 95822**



Dear Members,

According to "[The Meaning of Flowers: Myth, Language & Lore](#)", the camellia stands for "honest excellence." The honesty derives from the absence of fragrance and thorns. The excellence comes from the camellia's large flowers and hardy evergreen leaves.

Several of our beloved members have passed since our last meeting. Condolences to the families and friends of Irene Smith, Eleanore Biggs, and Barbara Goff. They will be missed.

I hope you all had a wonderful summer filled with fun, relaxation and a little adventure. I am still waiting for the lovely autumn colors and cooler temperatures. Now it is time to start working on our camellias. The buds are starting to peek at us and

## WELCOME BACK!

### PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

it is time to do some bud thinning.

Ms. Ayako Niiyama, a member of the staff for the Tourism/International Exchange Division at Matsuyama, Japan, City Office came to Sacramento and I was invited to dine with her and other members of the Matsuyama City Sister board. We had a lovely evening and an invitation was extended to attend their Camellia Convention, March 15 in Matsuyama, Japan. There is much interest in how camellias came to Sacramento and how Matsuyama became our Sister City. Thank you Bill Kitagawa for making the arrangements.

There were several activities over the summer that brought camellia loving folks together. Don Bergamini celebrated a "big" birthday. Christmas in July was hosted by Mary and Don Bergamini at their lovely home. Speaking of Don Bergamini, he is our new ACS President. Congrats Don!

You have our support!

I look forward to an exciting year with all of you. You have an amazing group of dedicated people on the Executive and Advisory Boards. But they can't do it all by themselves. We need your participation and ideas. LuAnn has great programs lined up for our meetings. Consider bringing a friend to this month's meeting on October 28 "The more the merrier", I always say.

The 90<sup>th</sup> annual Camellia Show is not until the March 1 & 2 but it is time to start getting the word out about the show. If you have any ideas or contacts where we can publicize the camellia show, let me or one of our Board Members know.

I am looking forward to seeing you at the meeting October 28, 7PM. There will be delicious refreshments too.

*Your Camellia friend,*  
*Carol Schanz*

## OUR GARAGE SALE THIS SPRING

Thank you, thank you, thank you to the Bob & Joanne Logan, Jackie Randall, Julie Vierra, Ron & Arlene Morrison, Don & Joan Lesmeister, Carol Schanz, Bill Kitagawa, George & Rose Marie Hodsdon, Tanis & Jim Toland, & LuAnn Watkins for their help at the garage sale held at

Ernie & Julie's home. We made \$315.20 for our society! We thought we would do better than that, but that's the way it goes sometimes. So...start finding things and putting them away for our Silent Auction in April. That is always a good money maker. Thank you to Leone

Willdeman for the delicious cookies she brought over for the helpers! Thanks, too, to Joan Lesmeister for picking up sandwiches for us...selling stuff is hard work!! Again, thanks to everyone for a fun filled day!



## CAMELLIA SOCIETY OF SACRAMENTO 2013-2014 EXECUTIVE BOARD

President	Carol Schanz	447-1969
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## 2013-14 ADVISORY BOARD

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Sunshine	Jackie Randall
Ways & Means	Julie Vierra, LuAnn Watkins
Website	Carol Schanz & Julie Vierra

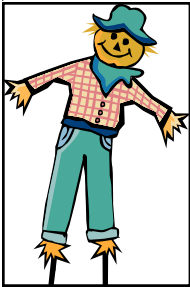


Sending “get well” wishes to Bob Ehrhart, Mike Warren, Ron Morrison, Carol Schanz, Gary Schanz and Julie Vierra. We hope you are feeling better and will be part of the camellia season soon!

## OCTOBER PROGRAM

**Tom Nuccio of Nuccio's Nursery has graciously accepted our invitation to come up from Altadena and talk on Sasanquas and early blooming camellias. He was a hit a couple years ago when he visited us and we are pleased that he will be here again to talk with us!**

**Thank so Gary and Carol Schanz for putting Tom up at the Schanz Hotel! They are wonderful hosts!**



The Northern California Camellia Council Fall Meeting and Picnic is scheduled for Sunday, October 20th at the Old Fisherman's Club, in Modesto. If you have questions or would like to attend, let Julie Vierra know and she will send you off the brochure. It's loads of fun!



### MEETING DATES FOR 2013-2014

**Monday, October 28th**-Tom Nuccio from Nuccio's Nursery!

**Monday, November 25th**-Button Contest-You help pick our button for 2014!

**Monday, December 16th**-Holiday Potluck & Fun

**Monday, January 27th**-How to Get Ready for the Show by Don Lesmeister

**Monday, February 24th**-Mini-Show & YOU be the Judge

**Monday, March 24th**-TBA

**Saturday, April 26th (End of Year Luncheon)**-Installation of Officers, Silent Auction, Plant Raffle & much more!

**MARK YOUR CALENDARS!**

### PLANT RAFFLE FOR OCTOBER

**Door Prize: Jack Mandarinich**  
**Special: Blue Bird (Hybrid)**  
**Regulars: Betty's Beauty**  
**Francie L**  
**Showboat**  
**Phyllis Hunt**  
**A surprise Azalea!**



**Regular tickets are \$1  
or 6 for \$5**

**Special plant tickets are  
\$2 each**



**MEMBERSHIP DUES ARE NOW DUE AND PAYABLE. THE NEWS-LETTER 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!*

## October Camellia Care



## CAMELLIA CULTURE CORNER ~ JIM TOLAND

**Camellia** is a genus of flowering plants in the family Theaceae. They are found in eastern and southern Asia, from the Himalayas east to Japan and Indonesia. There are 100–250 described species, with some controversy over the exact number. The genus was named by Linnaeus after the Jesuit botanist Georg Joseph Kamel, who worked in the Philippines, though he never described a camellia. This genus is famous throughout East Asia; camellias are known as *cháhuā*

(茶花) in Chinese, "tea flower", an apt designation, as *tsubaki* (椿) in Japanese, as *dongbaek-kkot* (동백꽃) in Korean and as *hoa trà* or *hoa chè* in Vietnamese. Of economic importance in the Indian subcontinent and Asia, leaves of *C. sinensis* are processed to create the popular beverage, tea. The ornamental *Camellia japonica*, *Camellia oleifera* and *Camellia sasanqua* and their hybrids are represented in cultivation by a

large number of cultivars.

*Jim Toland has graciously taken on our Camellia Culture Corner this year! He was a member of the Northern California Camellia Society for about 30 years, with 25 years as a member of the Camellia Research Committee, an off-shoot of NCCS.*



## THIS 'N THAT

- Are you disbudding? Be sure and gently twist off any buds that are pointing UP in a cluster. You want only ONE bud, pointing DOWN (so that rain won't accumulate in the bloom).
- Check when you think about it, as those buds they show up overnight!
- Fertilize after watering well. The north winds have really dried out everything. Use 0-10-10 or 2-10-10 fertilizer.

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**UPCOMING SHOW DATES—  
2014 NORTHERN CALIFORNIA SHOW SCHEDULE  
MARK YOUR CALENDARS!**

February 1	<i>Napa Camellia Society Show</i> Napa Senior Center, 1500 Jefferson Street, Napa, CA Contact: Nancy McGowan-Russell, 707-545-7546
February 8	<i>Northern California Camellia Society Show</i> First Baptist Church, 2336 Buena Vista Ave., Walnut Creek, CA Contact: Don Bergamini, 925-229-0775 or Bob Ehrhart, 925-937-0188
February 15	<i>San Francisco Peninsula Camellia Society Show</i> CAB Community Activities Building, 1400 Roosevelt Avenue Redwood City, CA Contact: Linda Kancev, 650-574-1220
February 22 & 23	<i>Camellia Society of Santa Clara County Show</i> Community Recreation Center, 969 Kiely Blvd., Santa Clara, CA Contact: John Mendoza, 408-249-5696
March 1 & 2	<i>Camellia Society of Sacramento Show</i> Memorial Auditorium, 1515 J Street, Sacramento, CA Contact: Carol Schanz, 916-447-1969 or Don Lesmeister, 916-967- 8420
March 8	OPEN
March 15 & 16	<i>Camellia Society of Modesto Show</i> Ernest & Julio Gallo Administrative Building,, Modesto, CA Contact: Pete Warner, 209-576-0831 or Tony Miranda, 209-526-2197
March 22	OPEN
March 29	<i>Mini Show</i> , Broadway Plaza, Walnut Creek, CA Contact: Don Bergamini, 925-229-0775 or Bob Ehrhart, 925-937-0188



*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! Bring a friend!*

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*We are always looking for people to help with set up on Friday, help on Saturday when we open to the public, and help tear down on Sunday night.*

## BUTTON CONTEST

What a talented group of people who entered our button contest last year! If any of you know someone who can draw, know of someplace we can bring applications to, or want to submit a button design yourself, I will have applications at the October meeting. The application will include a letter detailing contest directions, samples of past buttons and the circle to work within to keep your button design aligned. I have contacted David Peterson, whose art group came to our Show last year. He will spread the word among his artist friends. We are hoping to again have a great turnout of applicants for this years contest.

The theme this year is **“Celebrating 90 Years”**. If anyone wants an application or has any questions, please call Julie Vierra at 916-371-2174 or email at [j4sfgiants@sbcglobal.net](mailto:j4sfgiants@sbcglobal.net). I will bring applications at our October meeting, or just email me and I will send you one.

**DEADLINE IS FRIDAY,  
NOVEMBER 22ND.**



## 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 Camellia(s) with adult(s) in the photo
5. Humorous Camellia photo

*Jackie Randall will be going over contest rules at our meetings.*





*Hostess Help*

*If you can help with the monthly snacks, please see Rosemary Andriese at our meetings or give her a call at 916-944-4415! Thanks!*

**BOARD MEETING DATES –ALL MEMBERS ARE WELCOME TO ATTEND!**

October 1, 2013	Julie Vierra
November 5, 2013	Gary & Carol Schanz
December 3, 2013	Don & Joan Lesmeister
January 7, 2014	Helmuth & Leone Wildemann
February 4, 2014	Ron & Arlene Morrison
March 4, 2014	Julie Vierra
April 1, 2014	Bob & Joanne Logan



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**POEM CONTEST FOR 2014**

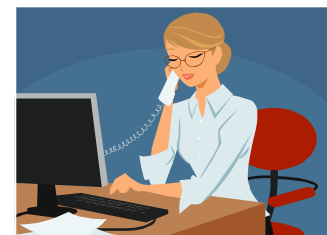


*Once again we will have our poem contest. Pen a poem and give it to one of the board members. He/she will give it to the people who will be judging the poem contest. At the April Luncheon we will announce the winner.*

**Newsletter Information**

Articles for the Camellia Times are due at the board meeting date, the first Tuesday of every month. If you have questions or ideas, please just call or email me.

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