

Camellia Times

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Meeting Date

Monday, October 24, 2016

7:00 P.M.

Lutheran Church of the Master

1900 Potrero Way

Sacramento, CA 95822



President's Message

Hello Camellia Friends,

The weather is changing, *finally*...

Autumn is in the air, and I am looking forward to a great year. I like to stay in the background, so this new venture of being president is a big step for me. Please be patient...there will be some awkward times, but I hope to do a good job. Carol is a hard act to follow! She has promised me she will help me in any way she can, thank goodness.

I hope everyone had a wonderful summer and hope you will all attend our meetings and meet the great group we have! We are all gardeners and enjoy being outside working in the dirt. I've been twisting off lots of buds and talking to my camellias. I have been feeding my camellias fish emulsion the last couple months...my neighbors just love that!!

So please mark your calendars and plan to attend our first meeting of the year on Monday, October 24th. The meeting starts at 7 p.m. We are done no later than 9. Come by, enjoy our program by Don Bergamini on his trip to China with the International Camellia Society, taste our great hostess goodies at break and meet some new friends. Bring a friend with you...the more the merrier!

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

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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.

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

Camellia Society of Sacramento

2016 - 2017 Executive Board

President	Julie Vierra
1st Vice President	Don Lesmeister
2nd Vice President	Ron Morrison
Recording Secretary	Lana Paulhamus
Corresponding Secretary	Carol Schanz
Treasurer	Rosemary Spasovich
Historian	Bill Kitagawa

2016 - 2017 Advisory Board

ACS/ICS Representative	Don Bergamini
Education, Research & Science	Don Lesmeister
Greeter	Anne Pomer
Hospitaity	Rosemary Spasovich
Meeting Bloom Display	
Membership	LuAnn Lantsberger
Nominating Committee	Don Lesmeister
ACS Pacific Director	Carol Schanz
Outreach/New Member Liaison	Tanis Toland
Past President	Carol Schanz
Show Chairmen	Don Lesmeister and Julie Vierra
Sunshine	Jackie Randall
Ways & Means	Julie Vierra, Joan Lesmeister, Carol Schanz
Website	Carol Schanz & Julie Vierra



Program: Don and Mary Bergamini will be presenting a slide show on his trip to China for the International Camellia Society Convention. Great pictures and fun stories. Don't miss it and bring a friend. Don is the ACS Past President, our ACS/ICS representative and a member of our society.



Culture Corner by Don Lesmeister

Now that summer is all but over, there are a few annual items we need to do for our Camellias.

First is disbudding. This year, buds were setting as early as late June. You can disbud when new flower buds appear. Normally mid to late September is a good time to begin. Since many varieties re-set buds, particularly hybrids, you can review & continue bud removal at least once a month in September thru December.

Another project is Winter fertilizing. A suggested application is LIQUID 0-10-10 or 2-10-10 at full suggested strength in late September, October & December. There is no Nitrogen in 0-10-10 fertilizer, so you do not have to be concerned with late growth through its use.

Another project is pruning. Now is a good time to remove any dead wood and to thin out branches that prevent flowers from opening fully.

This is also the time of the year when seed pods start to open. If you want to harvest your seeds, put a small bag of netting around the seed pod to prevent the seeds from falling to the ground and becoming sterile. Many camellia growers do their rooting program beginning when the new growth hardens through November. You can extend the rooting season if you provide bottom heat. We will provide an American Camellia Society Fact Sheet (No. 9 - on Propagating Camellias by seeds and cuttings) to you at the October Society Monthly meeting. This will give you more detailed information on these projects.



Board Member of the Month

This month features our President, Julie Vierra. Here are a few things you may not know about our fearless leader.

Well, here are some little known tidbits:

- ♣ I was born in St. Croix Falls, Wisconsin many moons ago. It is located one hour north of Minneapolis/St. Paul, Minnesota.
- ♣ I was a premie...weighed a whopping 3# 2 oz. Was in an incubator for a month, then my parents put me in a dresser drawer till I was big enough for a crib. No "stinkin fancy smanzny" stuff back then!!
- ♣ Worked at a horse stable, Perkins Lakeview Stables, in Homewood, Lake Tahoe for two summers. I was a wrangler and took some pretty dumb people out for horseback riding trips for half hour and hour rides. Not the glamorous job...was at the stable at 6 am, fed and saddled horses, rode all day, stopping for a sandwich at noon, then when the day was over, shoveled sh*t! All for \$100 month. That was big money back in 1966 and 1967!! We got fed dinner too, by the bosses wife. That was delicious!
- ♣ 1969, believe it or not, I was approached by a faculty member at Sacramento City College and was asked to participate as a princess for the Camellia Festival! Shocker. But being the very shy person I was back then, I said, oh hell no...so then he looked at my good friend back then and asked her...she said yes...but I was asked first!! Little did I know many moons later I would be part of the Camellia Society of Sacramento!
- ♣ Married my husband of 46 years in 1970. He was in the Army so our honeymoon was in Killeen, TX (Ft. Hood) for a year and a half. We moved back to West Sacramento and have lived in our "starter" house for 44 years. We have three beautiful daughters, two son-in-law's, three cute grandkids and a black lab named Maggie.

Northern California Camellia Council Person of the Year.



Each year a committee from the NCCC selects a person who has contributed to all the Northern California Societies. This year the Person of the Year is

Julie Vierra. Julie has been active in the camellia world for over 30 years. She is a "behind the scene" worker. She is an amazing camellia grower, shower and judge. Thank you Julie for all you have done to encourage and support the love of Camellias.



Dates and Programs for 2016 - 2017

October	Don & Mary Bergamini	ICS Convention in China
November	Jackie Randall & Carol Schanz	ACS 2016 Convention, Charleston, So Carolina
December		Potluck and Gift Exchange
January	Don Bergamini	NorCal Camellia Shows
February	Jackie Randall and Lance Armstrong	Taking the perfect picture
March		TBA and ice cream social

Northern California Show Schedule for 2017

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 ?	Northern California Camellia Society	TBA
March 18 & 19	Camellia Society of Modesto	Ernest & Julio Gallo Administrative Building, Modesto, CA
March 25 ?	Broadway Plaza?	

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



October Plant Raffle:

Frank Houser, Retic,	Door Prize
Bravo, Retic,	Special
Cherries Jubilee,	Japonica
Waltz Time Var,	Japonica
Rudy's Magnoliaeflora,	Japonica
Miss Charleston Var,	Japonica



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



Camellia Grove in William Land Park

In 1986, the Camellia Society of Sacramento dedicated a camellia grove. Many camellia plants were planted. This April, members of the Camellia Society and friends refreshed the grove by pruning and planting new plants. The plants with blooms were identified and name tags were placed. The Land Park Volunteers have been great partners in revitalizing this area. A special thank you to Rick Stevenson and Forest Neff. Forest rebuilt, refurbished, repainted the sign and installed it. Next time you are in the park, at the zoo or pony rides, take a few minutes to see the camellia grove.

The grove is a part of the Camellia History of Sacramento.





Photo Contest: Stay tuned for the contest rules. This annual event at our show is fun and entertaining. Jackie Randall will have more information.

This and That:

Did you know that the Sacramento Zoo needs camellia branches to feed the Giraffes? If you have neighbors or friends cutting back their plant, let them know the zoo wants them. The branches need to be fresh and if there is a large amount, someone from the zoo might pick them up. Phone: 916 808 5888

Thank You

I would like to thank everyone who attended the luncheon. I felt so honored. To all of you in the Camellia Society, it was a pleasure being your President for the past 8 years. I am excited and happy to have Julie Vierra as our new President. She will do an outstanding job. I know you will all support her as you did me.

I now have a new learning curve to master. Publishing and editing the Camellia Times. Julie Vierra is a tough act to follow, so be patient with me.

Carol



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.

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