

Camellia Times

CAMELLIA SOCIETY OF SACRAMENTO

July, 2014

Summer Edition

You can't get rid of us that easily! We thought a summer edition of the Camellia Times would help to keep us all in touch and give you tips for over the summer months.

Christmas in July Party

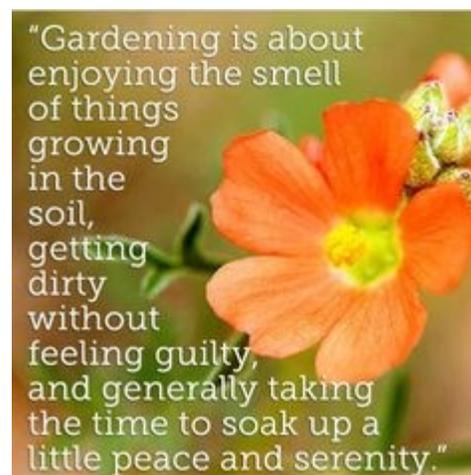
Don & Mary Bergamini are having their annual party this next Saturday, July 12th at 12 noon. The address is 2023 Huntridge Court, Martinez. The cost is \$10 per person to help pay for the meat and soft drinks. They also ask you to bring a side dish or dessert to share. If you would like to participate in the gift exchange, bring a Christmas wrapped gift of no more than \$15. **Please respond ASAP.** They need a head count to buy the meat and drinks. Email or call them at 925-229-0775.

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Water, water, water! (But only on the days you are suppose to...)



Dan Yee and Julie Vierra at our Pruning Clinic at Dan's Home April 12, 2014



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Special Thanks to:

Holly and Bruce Ong
 Dan Yee (Your home & yard are fabulous!)
 Carol & Gary Schanz
 Jim and Tanis Toland
 Helmuth & Leone Wildemann
 Bob Christopher
 Eric Ross
 Kathy Fields
 Bob, Joanne & Alan Logan
 Holly's classmates from UOP and a couple neighbors came by too!!
 Julie Vierra

Pruning Clinic at Dan's

We had a super fun time at Dan's home pruning his camellias! The above picture shows Carol Schanz talking to Eric Ross and Bruce Ong and showing them how to start pruning potted camellias. Carol went around talking to everyone and I think Eric, Kathy Fields and myself finished pruning this particular potted camellia. It looked great when finished and I believe we all learned how to thin out camellias a little better, and had fun doing it!

The whole group of people (listed to the right) went wherever needed to get the job done. We had a lot of shrubbery out front when finished. Dan's yard looked a little "thinner" when we sat down for lunch. Dan's family graciously donated monetarily to our society, along with lunch. Thank you so much! We all enjoyed the experience and some of our newer members learned to not be afraid to prune their camellias.



Photo Caption



Holly Ong, Dan's daughter, fixing lunch!



Dan's beautiful backyard!

Since we are in a nasty drought, I've begun to save the water in my shower. Our water heater is at the other side of our house and it takes *forever* for the water to get hot. Solution? I have a very big bowl that I put on the floor of our shower and let it accumulate all the water till it gets warm...and use it to water my inside plants. If I have extra, I water my potted plants outside. That way I don't feel like I am wasting water.



We have another fundraiser event at the Elk's Lodge on Saturday, October 11th. If you have treasures you don't want anymore we would gladly take them off your hands so we can sell them at the parking lot event . We can always use some help manning our parking space too! So look around and let us know! It's after our first board meeting on Oct. 6th at Julie Vierra's home and before our first meeting of the year. So please call Carol Schanz (447-1969) or Julie Vierra (371-2174) if you can help in any way. Thanks so much!

Elk's Lodge on Florin Road and
Greenhaven Drive



Photo Caption

Summer Fertilizing

When people see large Camellia blooms, the first thing they want to know is how much the grower fertilizes. My experience is that Camellias require very little fertilizer. The secret is not how much, but how often. This applies to both plants in the ground, but even more so for container Camellias. Liquid fertilizers become available to the plant in a matter of hours. Solid fertilizers take a couple of weeks to break down. In Sacramento, you can cause plant damage by fertilizing during 100+ degree weather, so it is difficult to get the timing correctly. Many growers therefore miss fertilizing completely anticipating 100+ days. The safe way is to reduce the amount of fertilizer, but apply more often, regardless of whether you use liquid or solid fertilizers. If the fertilizer instructions read: Monthly from May through August, apply one tablespoon of liquid per gallon of water, change this program to 1/2 tablespoon per gallon of water every 2 weeks. For solid fertilizer, change application to 1/2 tablespoon per gallon size plant every 2 weeks. This requires a little more work, especially if you have over 200 plants, but the final result is a lot better blooms.

Use fertilizer like Fish Emulsion (PU!) or Black Gold, which is 5-5-3.

Don Lesmeister

Northern California Camellia Council Meeting

On Sunday, October 5th, the NCCC will hold its fall meeting at Micki Grove Park, just outside of Lodi (on Hwy 99). They will have the joint-clubs meeting at 11:30, followed by a potluck lunch, with catered barbeque (tri-tip and chicken). The cost for the meat will be announced later (usually \$6-8 per person). For more information, contact Barbara Bort at b.bort@yahoo.com

DON'T FORGET OUR FIRST MEETING OF THE CAMELLIA YEAR WILL BE ON MONDAY, OCTOBER 27TH. SEE YOU THERE!



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