

Camellia Times

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REMINDER!!

**NEW LOCATION for
our monthly
meetings**

**SIERRA 2 Center
2791 24th Street
Room 12**

**Sunday, October 22nd
2:00 p.m.**

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Hi Camellia Friends!

We decided to do an early newsletter to let you know what is going on as we get ready for the 2024 camellia season and to celebrate Sacramento's 100 years of camellias!

We decided on our 100th camellia button. The winner was Megan Vierra, my daughter. In fairness, I did not vote until everyone else on the board had voted, and she unanimously received the most votes. We had members who submitted excellent entries, therefore we have decided to add them to our 100th by using their drawings on t-shirts, lawn signs, posters, etc! We are currently reaching out to different printers to obtain quotes. At our October and November meetings we will again be asking for your input so please plan to attend. Once we have the specific costs for t-shirts we will be preordering and prepaying for the shirts. We are also planning to have EVENT STAFF t-shirts available to order for members who work the show so that people will know who to come to with questions. Do any of you know of or have friends who work for a t-shirt/poster/hat printing place? The first estimate we received was a little more than we wanted to spend...call LuAnn or Julie.

Tom Nuccio will be our speaker for our October meeting! He will bring his wealth of information on everything camellias! He will also be bringing some plants with him, so bring your pocketbook to buy raffle tickets to get some cool Nuccio's plants.

We hope that your summer has been wonderful and you have all been well. Ernie and I, who hadn't gotten Covid since the beginning, somehow got it in July. Luckily, just a bad headache for 2 days and isolation for 10 days. We will see you in October at our NEW VENUE FOR OUR MONTHLY MEETINGS!

If you have free time on Wednesdays from 3-7 pm, come down to the Farmer's Market in the parking lot of the Scottish Rite Temple, 6151 H Street. Say hi and maybe buy a camellia or a succulent from us. We have made over a thousand dollars since we started. We are now attending every other week. (September 6th & 20th and tentatively October 4th & 18th).

See you at our October 22nd meeting! I can't wait to share news about the plans for our 100th!



Julie

P.S. Remember to twist off seeds that have popped up and also start disbudding, keeping just one bud that is looking down.

CAMELLIA SOCIETY OF SACRAMENTO 2023-2024 EXECUTIVE BOARD

MEMBERSHIP DUES ARE NOW DUE AND PAYABLE.

**THE NEWSLETTER WILL
BE:**

- \$20 SENT VIA E-MAIL;
- \$25 SENT VIA U.S. MAIL;
- \$30 FOR SUSTAINING MEMBERSHIP

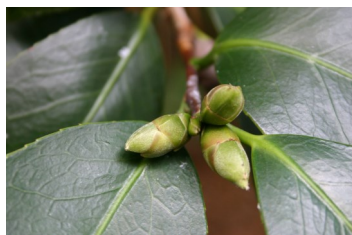
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Thank you for
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*IF YOU ARE A NEW MEMBER WHO SIGNED UP AT OUR SHOW
OR SIGNED UP THIS SUMMER, DON'T FORGET TO COME TO A
MEETING AND YOU WILL RECEIVE A FREE PLANT!*



2023-2024 ADVISORY BOARD

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Website	Rosemary Cooper, Julie Vierra & LuAnn Lantsberger

NOTE: The location for all of our monthly meetings has changed. New location is:

Sierra 2 Center
2791 24th Street
Room 12
2:00 p.m.

General Meeting Dates

All meetings are on Sundays at 2 p.m.

October 22nd, 2023

November 19th, 2023*

December 17th, 2023*

January 28th 2024

February 25th, 2024

March 17th 2024*

*(a week earlier because of holidays)

LUNCHEON: Sunday, April 28th (Sierra 2)



Sending well wishes to Cindy Cook, President of the Modesto Camellia Society. Cindy recently had breast cancer surgery and will be undergoing radiation soon. Her prognosis is good so let's keep her in our thoughts and prayers for a speedy recovery.



Sacramento Camellia Show 2024

"Sacramento Celebrates 100 Years"

2024 Button Contest Winner



Congratulations to Megan Vierra, our 2024 button contest winner. Megan's entry captures the grandeur of our celebration of **100 Years of Camellias**. In addition to her entry being on all buttons and magnets, it will also be used to promote our 2024 show celebrating 100 years of camellias. It will be used for advertising and also for merchandise (shirts, hats, etc.) for both our members and the public. We also want to thank everyone who submitted their creative and unique designs for the button contest this year. Our Board has decided that this year we will also incorporate these entrees, using them for publicity, shirts, etc. We are in the process of obtaining quotes for t-shirts, hats, etc. and will have more information soon on how to purchase.



October 22nd Program - Tom Nuccio

We will welcome Tom Nuccio at our October 22nd meeting where he will share his wealth of knowledge on everything camellias (and azaleas also)!! Please plan to attend as in addition to our regular monthly plant sale Tom will be bring some wonderful varieties of camellias and azaleas that will also be raffled.

We will also be sharing updates on the plans for celebrating 100 Years of Camellias at our March 2024 show.



UPCOMING EVENTS

DATE	PROGRAM	SPEAKER
October 22nd	All About Camellias!	Tom Nuccio
November 19th	All About Bees The different types of honey bees produce	Linda Kancev
December 17th	Gift Exchange and Desserts!	
January 28th	Everything you need to know to enter this year's Sacramento Camellia Show photo contest	Jackie Randall
February 25th	Grafting How to Show Blooms	Justin Bergamini
March 17th	Overview of the 2024 Camellia Show and ice cream social	Julie Vierra and Don Lesmeister
April 28th	Luncheon, Installation of Officers, Silent Auction, Plant Raffle, Great Friends, Laughs	Fun for all!

THIS MONTH'S PLANT RAFFLE - Bill Kitagawa

Adolph Audusson - Japonica. Dark red, large, semi-double. Average compact growth.

Antique Rose - Hybrid. Deep lavender rose red. Small to medium semi-double rose form. Medium, upright, fairly compact growth.

Big Wheel - Sasanqua. Deep rose red, Large flat faced semi-double with well spaced, narrow, sometimes fluted petals. Fast, upright, open growth.

Cupcake - Hybrid. Small single, coral pink with deeper coral stripes. Medium, upright, bushy compact growth.



Tickets are \$1.00
or
6 for \$5.00

Blast from the Past - Lana Paulhamus

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Don Lesmeister says:

The summer months are the most enjoyable "Camellia times" for me. Every day I watch the new growth of the darker colored leaves on the red flowered plants, the light colored leaves on the white and pink flowers. You soon get to know and identify your camellia plants by their leaves. Watch the young plants mature to adulthood...the power hitters put on surges of strong growth, the old timers surviving their butch haircuts. After a while, you can say hello to your plants without looking at their nametags. It's more exciting than watching paint dry.

Camellia Culture

Summer is nearly over and with the season/weather changes there are several things we should accomplish to keep our camellia plants and flowers in top condition.

- ◆ First, an application of 0-10-10 or 2-10-10 is very important. Just follow the manufacturer's instructions. Remember, less is more when fertilizing.
- ◆ Next, disbudding is very important. Leave one bud per terminal to obtain better flowers. It is not as important to do this on small or miniature varieties. Check your plants periodically and re-disbud where necessary.
- ◆ You can also reduce your watering schedule as the rainy season starts.
- ◆ You can harvest the seed pods as they open. The American Camellia Society Fact Sheet No. 9 provides excellent information on this.
- ◆ Lastly, minor pruning of some branches may be necessary.

See you at our monthly Camellia Society meetings where we can enjoy time with Camellia Friends.



**UPCOMING SHOW DATES—
2024 NORTHERN CALIFORNIA SHOW SCHEDULE**

February 18th	<i>Judge's Symposium/Mini-Show</i> St. Andrews Celebration Center 1601 Mary Drive, Pleasant Hill Contact: Justin Bergamini, 707-637-7051
February 24th & 25th	<i>San Francisco Peninsula Camellia Society Show</i> CAB Community Activities Building, 1400 Roosevelt Avenue, Redwood City Contact: Meg Melani, camelliasfpcs2021@gmail.com
March 2nd & 3rd	<i>Camellia Society of Sacramento Show</i> <i>Scottish Rite Temple</i> 6151 H Street, Sacramento Contact: Don Lesmeister, 916-742-3443 or Julie Vierra, 916-371-2174
March 9th & 10th	<i>Northern California Camellia Society Show</i> St. Andrews Celebration Center, 1601 Mary Drive, Pleasant Hill Contact: Justin Bergamini, 707-637-7051
March 16th & 17th	<i>Camellia Society of Modesto Show</i> Gallo Administration Building, Modesto Contact: TBD
March 23rd	<i>Mini-Show</i> Desco Plaza III 3675 Mt. Diablo Blvd, Lafayette Contact: Justin Bergamini, 707-637-7051

100
YEARS

Farmer's Market Update

We hope you have all had a nice summer! Julie and I have made two trips to Nuccio's in Altadena this summer to pick up camellias for our Farmer's Market booth. Since May 10th, Julie and I have manned our booth at the weekly Farmer's Market held on Wednesdays at the Scottish Rite Temple from 3-7 p.m. We have had an opportunity to promote our upcoming March 2024 show and share camellia growing tips with many community members. To date we have made over \$1,000 for the Society selling camellias, succulents, jewelry, and other gardening related items. We want to thank everyone who has donated items and also everyone who has come out to join us. It is truly appreciated!!

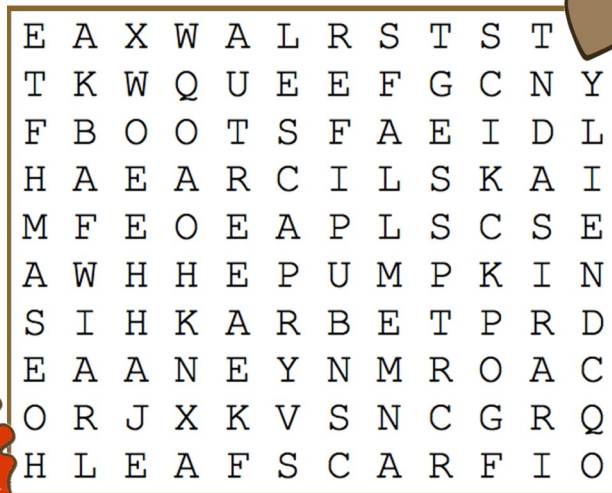
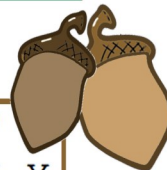


LuAnn, Tom Nuccio and Julie
August 2023

Autumn



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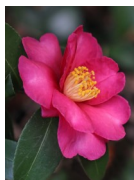


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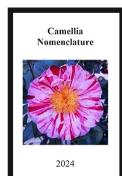
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BOOTS
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PIE
LEAF

FUN FACT: The 10th hole at Augusta National Golf Club, home of the Masters Tournament, is called "Camellia," where several species of the evergreen shrubs grow. According to the Masters, the golf course is a former nursery where camellias imported from Japan were grown along with slew of classic Southern plants, shrubs, and trees.



The Northern California Camellia Council membership directory was updated over the summer and is now available. Please see Don Lesmeister for a copy.



The new 2024 nomenclature book is available. You can purchase a hard copy or a digital version with photos on Amazon. Cost is \$22 plus S&H and tax (for the hard copy).

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