

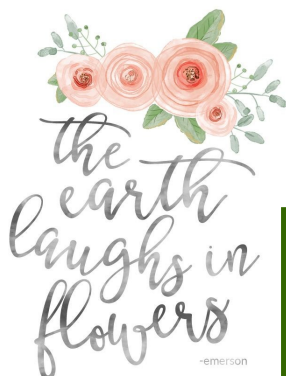
Camellia Times

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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Hello My Camellia Friends!

Happy April! Hopefully the weather will warm up a bit and we can get in our yards and play with our camellias. Now is the time to feed your camellias fish emulsion. Do not forget if your camellias need some trimming, you can take them down 1/3 if need be. If they are smaller, be careful not to cut any new growth. I have a few that need to come down a bit, as I swear, I have gotten shorter this past year. Thin your camellias out so a small bird can flit through the plant. See Don's Culture Care for more information.

Do not forget to sign up for our luncheon! We are getting some cool auction items. Bring your appetite and enjoy the fun afternoon. Silent auction, plant raffle, installation of officers by Jackie Randall and relax and visit with your camellia friends as many of us may not see each other until next October. There will be a Christmas in June luncheon at Jay and JoEllen Humiston's home in Martinez and we are also planning an outing with our NorCal camellia friends to Botanica Nursery and Gardens in Sebastopol. We will send out an email when more information is available.

So, see you April 27th! In the meantime, get your hands dirty in the garden!!

New Address for Tom Nuccio!

Tom would love to hear from you! You can send cards and well wishes to him at:

Tom Nuccio
Astoria Park
925 E. Village Street
Pasadena, CA 91106

Julie



LUNCHEON: Sunday, April 27th

11:30 a.m. – 1:30 p.m.

Curtis Hall at Sierra 2 Center

2791 24th Street

Sacramento, CA

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CAMELLIA SOCIETY OF SACRAMENTO
2024-2025 EXECUTIVE BOARD

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THIS MONTH'S PLANT RAFFLE - Bill Kitagawa

Blush Purity - Japonica. Medium with white center to blush pink edges. Rose form double to formal double.

Bunny Ears - Hybrid.. Pink, miniature to small semidouble with rabbit ears

Spring Fling - Japonica. Medium, red formal double



**** We will also have a special camellia plant raffle ****

DATE	PROGRAM	SPEAKER
October 27, 2024	All About Camellias!	Tom Nuccio
November 17, 2024	Gardening A to Z and Q&A	Debbie Arrington Tips from Growers
December 15, 2024 @ 1 p.m.	Gift exchange, fun games, raffle, silent auction and DESSERTS!	Start your show prep with raffle of special camellia prep box!! Tips from Growers
January 26, 2025	Preparing the for Show w/Q&A. From how to prepare blooms while still on the plant to transporting them to the show (and everything in between!!)	Julie Vierra, Don Lesmeister & LuAnn Lantsberger Tips from Growers
February 23, 2025	Ecological Gardening	Greg Gayton, Green Acres <i>Last chance for Q&A on Entering Camellia Blooms</i>
March 23, 2025	Last meeting of the year - sharing favorite treats!	Review of show
April 27, 2025 at Sierra 2 Curtis Hall	Luncheon, Installation of Officers, Silent Auction, Plant Raffle, Great Friends, Laughs	Fun for all!



**CAMELLIA SOCIETY OF SACRAMENTO
CAMELLIA PHOTO CONTEST
MARCH 7th, 2026**



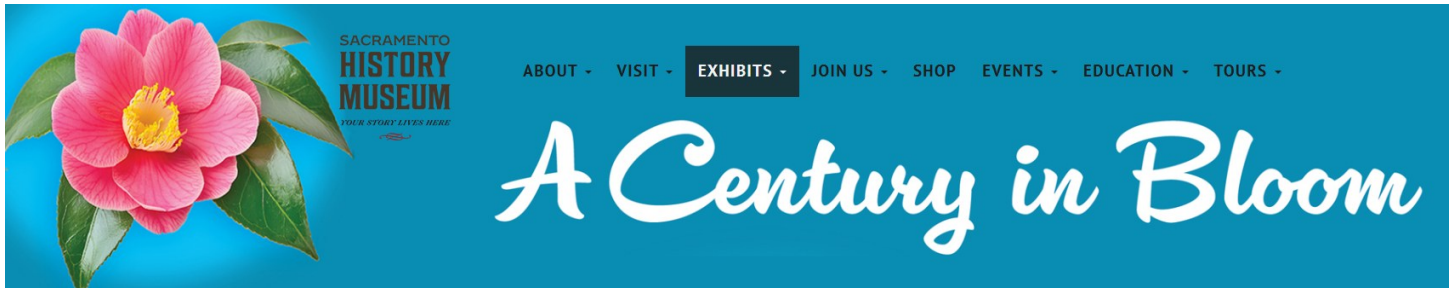
Get a head start on next year's photo contest! Here are the 5 categories!

- Section #1.** Three camellias of the same kind
- Section #2.** Camellia(s) with children
- Section #3.** Camellia(s) with pets
- Section #4.** Camellia(s) in a patriotic setting
- Section #5.** Camellia(s) with food



**“A Century in Bloom”
Exhibit at the Sacramento History Museum**

We are excited to share that the Sacramento History Museum will have an exhibit titled “A Century in Bloom” featuring the Sacramento Camellia Society, the Camellia Festival, and how the camellia is such an important part of Sacramento’s history and culture.



**April 4 - May 26, 2025
Sacramento History Museum
101 I Street, Sacramento, CA 95814
10:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.**

Admission Prices:

Sacramento History Museum Members – FREE

Adults (18+) – \$12.00

Youth (6-17) – \$6.00

Children (0-5) – FREE

Seniors (65+), Students, Military – \$10.00

NOTE: There is also a fee for street parking and to park in the Old Sacramento parking lots/garages.

Sacramento Camellia Society History - Joan Lesmeister

I was wondering about the oldest named camellia and read (actually Googled, then read!) it's japonica Alba Plena, brought to England from China in 1797. Before that, it was known in the Sung Dynasty as "Great White". Our history here in Sacramento, in your Member Handbook, lists Alba Plena as winning Best of Show in 1939 by Napa County Garden Club and in 1945 by Mrs. J.E. Blackford. Any of our members still grow Alba Plena? It's a beautiful white camellia and we probably see it in many of our old Sacramento neighborhoods! The Gamble Gardens in Palo Alto has one, maybe we should visit it?



Camellia Culture

We are now moving into a new phase of camellia growing . . .some **Do's & Don'ts**

If your plants have started to grow, **don't** move plants from the ground into another location or container....also, **do not** prune any new growth. You can move your containerized plants into a larger container so long as the feeder roots (TOP ROOTS) are not disturbed.

Do commence your fertilizer program. Plants in the ground require a little less fertilizer. Plants in containers require a more frequent fertilizing program, because of the leaching process. I recommend a MILD fertilizer like Fish Plant Food (5-1-1) at half strength every 15 days from now to the end of August. Also, as the weather warms, **do** increase watering.

REMEMBER, the three worst things you can do to harm your camellias:

- 1) OVER WATER
- 2) OVER FERTILIZE
- 3) FOLLOW MY ADVICE



Your Camellia Friend,

Don Lesmeister



UPCOMING SHOW DATES—
2025 NORTHERN CALIFORNIA SHOW SCHEDULE

February 15th Flower of the Show: Sir Robert Muldoon Exhibitor: Don & Joan Lesmeister	Mini-Show Desco Plaza III 3675 Mt. Diablo Blvd, Lafayette Contact: Justin Bergamini, 707-637-7051
February 22nd & 23rd Flower of the Show: Bella Jinhua Exhibitor: Justin & Melissa Bergamini	San Francisco Peninsula Camellia Society Show CAB Community Activities Building, 1400 Roosevelt Avenue, Redwood City Contact: Meg Melani, camelliasfpcs2021@gmail.com
March 1st & 2nd Flower of Show: Black Magic Exhibitor: Kathy Fields	Camellia Society of Sacramento Show Scottish Rite Temple 6151 H Street, Sacramento Contact: Don Lesmeister, 916-742-3443 or Julie Vierra, 916-371-2174
March 8th & 9th Flower of the Show: Elegans Exhibitor: Don & Joan Lesmeister	Camellia Society of Modesto Show Modesto Junior College, West Campus (Mary Stuart Rogers Building) Carpenter Road & Blue Gum (off Highway 99) Contact: Cindy Cook 1-209-484-1369
March 15th Flower of the Show: Circus Exhibitor: Justin & Melissa Bergamini	Mini-Show Desco Plaza III 3675 Mt. Diablo Blvd, Lafayette Contact: Justin Bergamini, 707-637-7051
March 22nd & 23rd Flower of the Show: Elaine's Betty Red Exhibitor: Don & Joan Lesmeister	Northern California Camellia Society Show St. Andrews Celebration Center, 1601 Mary Drive, Pleasant Hill Contact: Justin Bergamini, 707-637-7051





Camellia Society of Sacramento Luncheon

**Sunday, April 27th
Sierra 2 - Curtis Hall**

Doors open at 11:30 a.m. / Lunch served at 12 noon

**Please join us for a fun filled afternoon of good food,
friendship, installation of officers, silent auction
and plant raffle.**

\$28 per person

Buffet lunch will consist of:

- ♦ Roasted Tri Tip Marinated in Sesame Teriyaki Sauce
w/Mushrooms
- ♦ Chicken Breast Roasted with Italian Seasonings, Garlic and
Lemon
- ♦ Roasted Potatoes
- ♦ Sauteed Baby French Green Beans
- ♦ Mixed Baby Green Salad
- ♦ Bread/Butter, Water/Tea
- ♦ Dessert

Name(s) _____

Yes, I/we will be attending the luncheon. Enclosed is payment in
the amount of _____ for _____ lunches.

**Please return the bottom portion of this form
with payment no later than April 15th to:**

**Rosemary Cooper
6129 Landis Avenue
Carmichael, CA 95608**

Camellia Society of Sacramento
C/O LuAnn Lantsberger
2960 Brenda Way
West Sacramento, CA 95691