

Camellia Times

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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Dear Camellia Friends,

Happy New Year! We hope your holidays were fun with family and friends. This new year has come with some bittersweet news about the Nuccios. Tom has been in the hospital for an undiagnosed illness for a while now. We were going to have you all send cards to his little place on Chaney Trail...but then, as we have all been watching, Southern California is on fire. The Eaton Fire, centered in Altadena, has touched the lives of our Nuccio family. Below is the latest information from Brad King, president of the Southern CA Camellia Society:

Camellia Friends,

Jim Nuccio called me this afternoon with an update about the damage from the Eaton Canyon Fire to the Nursery. The house and propagation structures and carts are all destroyed. The office and most of the plants have survived. Two vans also ok! The bad news is there is no water currently to care for the plants. No information about when water will be available. Therefore, with dry weather (no rain predicted) there

may be loss of plants...Jim and staff are not allowed into the area. The Nuccio Nursery phone is not working and so far, no method to get the calls transferred to him. I offered local help when needed.

Jim confirmed this is the Nurseries' last season and could be shortened if there is no way to water and care for the camellias and azaleas in pots. He will call me with updates and if those of us in the area can be of help. Jim's house and family in the area (Altadena Ca.) survived the fire. The fire losses as reported on the news are tremendous and accurate. We feel for those who have lost their homes and businesses. I will give updates when they become available.

Nuccio's Nurseries, as you all know, is a world-famous camellia and azalea nursery entering their 90th year of business. None of us will ever see it replicated.

Best regards,

Brad

With that, we will keep you updated on Tom, Jim & Judi, and the nursery at the meeting. We will be gearing up for the show, so please plan to attend our meeting. We will have sign-up sheets for the different jobs we will need help with at the show. We encourage all of you, new members and old, to help. We have lots of fun while working to make our show the very best.

Our January meeting will have some of us reviewing how you ready your blooms for show. In addition to sharing helpful hints, we will also enlist some of our members who show their camellias to share their favorite tips as everyone does everything differently.

We cannot wait to see you on January 26th so we can catch up with friends and prepare for our upcoming show. We will also have our regular and special plant raffle – who knows, one of these plants might have a winning bloom!



Julie

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General Meeting Dates for 2024/25

All meetings are on the following Sundays at 2 p.m.*



October 27th, 2024

November 17th, 2024*

December 15th, 2024*

January 26th, 2025

February 23rd, 2025

March 23rd, 2025

*(a week earlier because of holidays)

LUNCHEON: Sunday, April 27th (Sierra 2 Curtis Hall)

NEW MEETING LOCATION FOR the 2024/25 year!!

Meetings will be held at Eskaton Land Park
3225 Freeport Blvd, Sacramento

THIS MONTH'S PLANT RAFFLE - Bill Kitagawa

Mansize - Japonica. Miniature. Creamy white, anemone form.

Prima Ballerina - Japonica. Medium to large, white washed and shaded orchid pink with yellow anthers. Semi-double.

Show Time - Japonica. Very large, clear light pink semidouble with fluted petals.



****This month we will also have a special camellia plant raffle and two silent auction items.****

Just a reminder that membership dues for 2024/25 are now past due. If you have not yet paid your 24/25 dues, please send your check to: LuAnn Lantsberger, 2960 Brenda Way, West Sacramento, CA 95691 or see her at the January meeting.

- \$25 - Regular Membership
- \$30 - Sustaining Membership
- An additional \$5 will be required if you request the newsletter be sent via U.S. mail to cover the cost of printing and postage.

Thank you for supporting our society!



Join us on Sunday, January 26th at 2 p.m.

Please join us on Sunday, January 26th for a fun-filled meeting with delicious treats, plant raffle, and information on how to prep your camellias for the show.

Julie, Don and LuAnn will facilitate the presentation with handouts, visuals, and helpful tips shared by our members,



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	End of year ice cream social and fancy desserts	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! 

Sacramento Camellia Society History - Joan Lesmeister

Way, way back in 1956, M. L. Stacy had a short article in the 32nd Camellia Show program. "Camellias are recognized as outstanding not alone for their great beauty of blossom and foliage, but for their hardiness and simplicity of culture...worthy of a special place in any garden.....learn all there is to know about camellias with a membership in the Camellia Society of Sacramento." Here we are in 2025, feeling the same way!



Camellia Culture

Have you ever noticed that good growers all have a special technique they use to grow/show their camellias? If so, you are in for a special treat. We will have several documents available at our January meeting with their ideas for you as well as several of our members sharing their favorite tips and ideas.

A few additional things to remember:

- Since it hasn't rained in a bit, remember to water.
- It is prime time to transplant camellias in the ground or from one location/container to another.
- Your fertilizing and gib programs can be discontinued.
- The American Camellia Society (ACS) #6 fact sheet explains grafting techniques which can commence near the end of January.

Northern California Camellia Shows begin in mid-February, so make sure you have adequate items ready to bring your blooms to the show. We will discuss everything you need at our January meeting.

Your Camellia Friend,

Don Lesmeister



**UPCOMING SHOW DATES—
2025 NORTHERN CALIFORNIA SHOW SCHEDULE**

February 15th	Mini-Show Desco Plaza III 3675 Mt. Diablo Blvd, Lafayette Contact: Justin Bergamini, 707-637-7051
February 22nd & 23rd	San Francisco Peninsula Camellia Society Show CAB Community Activities Building, 1400 Roosevelt Avenue, Redwood City Contact: Meg Melani, camelliasfpcs2021@gmail.com
March 1st & 2nd	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	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	Mini-Show Desco Plaza III 3675 Mt. Diablo Blvd, Lafayette Contact: Justin Bergamini, 707-637-7051
March 22nd & 23rd	Northern California Camellia Society Show St. Andrews Celebration Center, 1601 Mary Drive, Pleasant Hill Contact: Justin Bergamini, 707-637-7051



As camellias are beginning to bloom, don't forget to start taking pictures for the photo contest!! Categories are:

- Red Camellia
- Camellia(s) with Children
- Camellia(s) with Pets
- Camellia(s) in landscape
- Humorous photo with Camellia(s)

FLOWERS IN BLOOM

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