

Camellia Times

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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

My Wonderful Camellia Friends,

There are no words to express what a fantastic Show we had! Thanks to you the show was a success and went off very smoothly. Thank you for all your hard work Thursday, Friday, Saturday, and Sunday! We could not have done it without everyone's hard work and I am forever grateful.

On Tuesday we got the worse news we could ever hear with Don Bergamini's passing so suddenly. It hit us all very hard and it was tough to get through the week. With Justin Bergamini and Jay Humiston coming up Saturday it showed me the power of friendship and love that we all have for one another. Our heartfelt thoughts and prayers are with Mary and her family right now, and putting the NorCal Show on this weekend, shows me Don is watching over us smiling and saying "carry on". He will forever be in our hearts.

We have our last regular meeting of the year coming up on Sunday, March 26th. We will be critiquing the show with our members and filling our faces with our yearly ice cream social! At the meeting we will also talk about our April luncheon and the button contest. The button contest will start right away so we can decide on ideas to make our 100th a special event. We are planning to use the button winner design for sweatshirts, t-shirts, hats, and ideas from all of you! So bring your ideas and your empty stomachs so we can enjoy an afternoon of fun and celebration after a great show!

Again, a big THANKS TO ALL OF YOU, for your hard work.

See you on the 26th!

Julie



**LUNCHEON DATE:
SUNDAY April 23**

11:30

**Elk's Lodge #6
Emblem Room
6446 Riverside Blvd.
Sacramento, CA
95831**

BLAST FROM THE PAST - 2011: Some words of wisdom from Don Bergamini -

Don't complain if you don't win at the shows if you are not pampering your plants and blooms all year long. You can't be a "hit and miss" grower and expect to win consistently. Remember that the big winners are working with their plants all year long, and not just a few weeks during the show season.

His wit and wisdom will be with us always.

Lana

CAMELLIA SOCIETY OF SACRAMENTO 2022-2023 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

Please send your check to:



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supporting our club!**



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International Camellia Society Congress, Italy 2023

The Congress will take place at Lake Maggiore March 26th to 28th. It'll be preceded by a tour of Tuscany March 21st to 25th, and followed by a lakes tour March 29th to 31st. Although the registration deadline has passed we have one Sacramento member, Barbara Smith, who is attending. We look forward to her sharing information and pictures after the event!



Northern California Camellia Council - Joan Lesmeister

Northern California Camellia Council is looking forward to our Christmas in July party and meeting. We've all been invited to Joellen & Jay's lovely garden in Martinez, date TBA. We're scheduling a Judge's Symposium for 2/17/24 in Sacramento at the Elk's. If you'd like to become a Novice Judge and need a little refresher on Rules & Regulations as a Judge, please join us! Hoping we'll see you all at the last two shows in Pleasant Hill (3/11) and Modesto (3/18)!

Joan Lesmeister, NCCC Rep.

Sacramento Camellia Show 2024

"Sacramento Celebrates 100 Years"

We are in the planning process for next year's camellia show, **"Sacramento Celebrates 100 Years"** of camellias. Please help us in planning for this amazing celebration by:

1. Getting your artistic visions flowing and enter your design in the button contest. More specifics on the button design will be available soon!
2. Thinking of items we can create using the winning button design (t-shirts, phone holder/grip, hats, etc.) for purchase by our members and to sell at the show.



March Meeting - ICE CREAM SOCIAL!!!!

Join us for an end of the season treat and a review of our show.



DATE	PROGRAM	SPEAKER
November 20th	How to evaluate/test a plant	Debbie Arrington
December 18th	All About Camellias! and Christmas goodies Gift Exchange	Tom Nuccio
January 22nd	Tales of a Camellia Princess	Marlene Hensley
February 26th	Flower Arranging	Pat Gaston from the Floral Design group
March 26th	Ice Cream Social!	Review of Camellia Show
Sunday, April 23rd	Luncheon, Installation of Officers, Silent Auction, Plant Raffle, Great Friends, Laughs	Fun for all!

THIS MONTH'S PLANT RAFFLE - Bill Kitagawa

Scentsation - Japonica. Peony form blooms of silver/pink. Sweetly fragrant.

Holy Pure (Sheng Jie) - Retic. Rose form double to semi-double. Inner two whorls white lightly tinged pink, outer whorls slightly darker pink with light purple margins. Upright.

Mansize - Japonica. Pure white, elegans form. Upright and compact.

Ferris Wheel - Japonica. White with spokes of red/pink. Large to very large semidouble to loose peony. Upright.



Tickets are \$1.00
or
6 for \$5.00



Please note: plant varieties for raffle may change due to the large number of plant sales at our show.

CAMELLIA CULTURE CORNER~

With the weather forecast of alternating wind, rain and sun, it is EXTREMELY important you pick up your spent camellia blooms. If you do not, many of your camellia blooms will have brown spots on them.....and this petal blight cycle can continue for years to come.

Do not toss your spent blooms in the green waste. Toss them into the garbage can. Why?? Because the City and/or County recycles the green waste and unknowingly perpetuates the petal blight cycle by giving the recycled material to everyone. FREE !

Another thing you can do is to re-containerize your newly purchased plants. Camellia plants are currently dormant, and this is the time to do the re-containerizing. If you are planning to dig plants from the ground and move them, now is also a good time to do so. Once the plants come out of dormancy, it is too late to assure the plant will survive the shock of transplanting,

You can commence fertilizing soon. I suggest you use liquid, rather than a solid fertilizer (fish emulsion (5-1-1-)). Do the fertilizing at 1/2 strength every 15 days beginning April 1st through June. The liquid is more work, but the liquid gets to the plant within hours, where the solid fertilizer can take several days before the plant gets it's breakfast, lunch and dinner. The solid may not be available to the plant until a heat wave comes, and burn the plant.

Also, be sure to start watering on a regular basis once the rain stops.

Don Lesmeister



**UPCOMING SHOW DATES—
2023 NORTHERN CALIFORNIA SHOW SCHEDULE**

February 18th <i>Flower of the Show: Bella Jinhua</i> <i>Winner: Joellen Bergamini & Jay Humiston</i>	Mini-Show Desco Plaza III 3675 Mt. Diablo Blvd Lafayette Contact: Justin Bergamini 1-707-637-7051
February 25th & 26th <i>Flower of the Show: Elegans Splendor</i> <i>Winner: Julie Vierra</i>	San Francisco Peninsula Camellia Society Show CAB Community Activities Building, 1400 Roosevelt Avenue, Redwood City Contact: Meg Melani camelliasfpcs2021@gmail.com
March 4th & 5th <i>Flower of the Show: Frank Houser Var.</i> <i>Winner: Julie Vierra</i>	Camellia Society of Sacramento Show Elk's Lodge No. 6, 6446 Riverside Blvd., Sacramento Contact: Don Lesmeister, 916-967-8420 or Julie Vierra 916-371-2174 
March 11th & 12th	Northern California Camellia Society Show St. Andrews Celebration Center, 1601 Mary Drive, Pleasant Hill Contact: Justin Bergamini, 707-227-6706
March 18th & 19th	Camellia Society of Modesto Show Gallo Administration Building, Modesto Contact: Cindy Cook 209-484-1369

*Spring
is coming*



Camellia Society of Sacramento April Luncheon

Sunday, April 23, 2023

11:30 a.m.

Emblem Room, Elk's Lodge #6

This year our luncheon will be catered by
Nugget Market. The menu will include:

- ♦ Lemon Grilled Chicken Breast
- ♦ Grilled Vegetable Medley
 - ♦ Roasted Potatoes
 - ♦ Fettucine Alfredo
- ♦ Mixed Green Salad
 - ♦ Rolls
 - ♦ Dessert
 - ♦ Coffee/Tea



The cost for lunch will be \$20 per person. Please see LuAnn Lantsberger at our March 26th meeting to sign up and pay or you can mail a check made out to the Camellia Society of Sacramento to 2960 Brenda Way, West Sacramento, CA 95691.

Deadline to sign up for the luncheon is April 10th.



Patrick and Irene Moore's family
would like to thank the members of
our society who made donations to
our Society in their honor.



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