

Camellia Times

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Our 1st meeting of the year is right around the corner! We are looking forward to an amazing camellia year and can't wait to catch up with everyone.



Please remember we are at a new meeting location this year - Land Park Eskaton.

Address and meeting dates are located on page 3.

Can't wait to see everyone on Sunday, October 27th!

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Hello everyone!

Happy October and the beginning of our camellia season! I am ready for some fall weather, that is for sure! Way too many 100+ days. Ready for cooler weather, sweaters, pumpkins, raking leaves...my favorite time of year.

Are you noticing that the sasanquas are starting to bloom? It makes me smile to see them popping up around me. My Old Glory, Bonanza and Hugh Evans are adding color to my yard.

I am excited for this coming year! We have some great ideas that we can't wait to share during our monthly meetings to help more of our members enter their blooms this year. We want to see more of you up at that trophy table!!

We have the oh so wonderful Tom Nuccio speaking this month. What a wealth of information he and Jim are. I took my daughters down to Altadena to meet these guys and were they ever impressed! The girls asked so many questions about camellias that I am sure Tom and Jim were glad when we left! We ended up with a whole bunch of camellias in the back of my Telluride! I have my girls hooked, which is what we hope to do with all of our members.

As you know, we have a new location for our general meetings and I think you will enjoy this new venue. If you can rideshare with someone, please do. There is parking, but some of you may have to park on Freeport Boulevard, especially at this first meeting as we always have great attendance when Tom is our guest speaker.

See you at the first meeting on October 27th! *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 (location TBD)



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

Adolphe Audusson - Japonica. Dark Red. Medium.

Baby Pearl - Japonica. White, shaded orchid pink. Small formal double.

Debutante - Japonica. Light pink. Medium, full peony form.

SPECIAL RAFFLE - October Magic



MEMBERSHIP DUES for 2024/25



- \$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.

Please send your check to: LuAnn Lantsberger, 2960 Brenda Way, West Sacramento, CA 95691

Thank you for supporting our society!



Tom Nuccio will be out 1st Guest Presenter of the Season!!

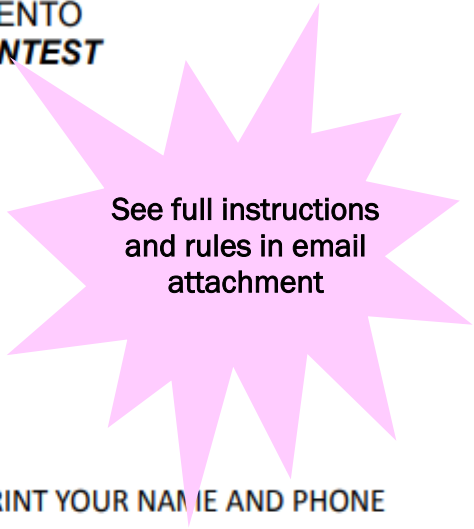
Please mark your calendars for Sunday, October 27th for our first regular meeting of the 24/25 Camellia season where we will welcome Tom Nuccio!! Tom's presentations are always informative as he shares his wealth of knowledge on everything camellias (and azaleas too)!! Please plan to attend as in addition to our regular monthly plant sale Tom will be bring some wonderful varieties of camellias and azaleas that will also be available in the raffle.



DATE	PROGRAM	SPEAKER
October 27, 2024	All About Camellias!	Tom Nuccio
November 17, 2024	Gardening A to Z and Q&A	Debbie Arrington
December 15, 2024	Gift Exchange and Desserts!	Start show prep with raffle of special camellia prep box
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 and Don Lesmeister
February 23, 2025	Ecological Gardening	Greg Gayton, Green Acres
March 23, 2025	End of year ice cream social and fancy desserts	Review of show
April 27, 2025	Luncheon, Installation of Officers, Silent Auction, Plant Raffle, Great Friends, Laughs	Fun for all!



**CAMELLIA SOCIETY OF SACRAMENTO
2024-2025 CAMELLIA BUTTON CONTEST
RULES AND INFORMATION**



See full instructions
and rules in email
attachment

THE BUTTON MUST INCLUDE:

- **CAMELLIA SOCIETY OF SACRAMENTO**
- **2025**
- **Theme: I ♥ Camellias!**

YOU MAY ENTER NO MORE THAN THREE (3) DRAWINGS. PLEASE PRINT YOUR NAME AND PHONE NUMBER IN PENCIL ON THE BACK OF THE DRAWING.

THE BUTTON MUST HAVE A MINIMUM OF ONE CAMELLIA BLOOM PICTURED. CAMELLIAS COME IN WHITE, PINK AND RED, LIGHT PINK TO DARK RED, INCLUDING COMBINATIONS OF ANY TWO OF THE COLORS, PINK, RED OR WHITE. THERE ARE A FEW THAT ARE A PALE YELLOW. THE CAMELLIA(S) SHOULD HAVE LEAF/LEAVES ATTACHED. (See website for some pictures)

THE FINAL BUTTON SIZE WILL BE 1-3/4 INCHES IN DIAMETER.

YOU MAY USE AS MANY COLORS AS YOU LIKE, BUT THE SIMPLER THE BETTER, AS THE BUTTON IS VERY SMALL. THE CLEANER THE BUTTON, THE BETTER. BE CREATIVE!

FINAL DRAWINGS TO BE DONE ON **8-1/2 X 11 INCH** BOND PAPER OR ART PAPER. WE NEED THE ORIGINAL COLORED DRAWING. (See attachment)

DEADLINE – OCTOBER 31st!!

A \$100 PRIZE WILL BE AWARDED TO THE FIRST PLACE WINNER (ALONG WITH A FEW BUTTONS FOR YOURSELF). THE WINNER WILL GET PROGRAM RECOGNITION WITH THE BUTTON DESIGN BEING DISPLAYED ON THE CAMELLIA PROGRAM AND THE BUTTON BEING SOLD TO THE PUBLIC.

*THIS BUTTON WILL BE USED IN CONJUNCTION WITH OUR ANNUAL CAMELLIA SHOW TO BE HELD AT THE SCOTTISH RITE CENTER, 6151 H STREET, SACRAMENTO. **THE SACRAMENTO CAMELLIA SOCIETY WILL HAVE PROPRIETARY RIGHTS TO THE ARTWORK OF THE WINNER.***

THANK YOU AND GOOD LUCK!

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QUESTIONS, PLEASE CALL **JULIE VIERRA AT 916-371-2174** or email: j4sfgiants@sbcglobal.net

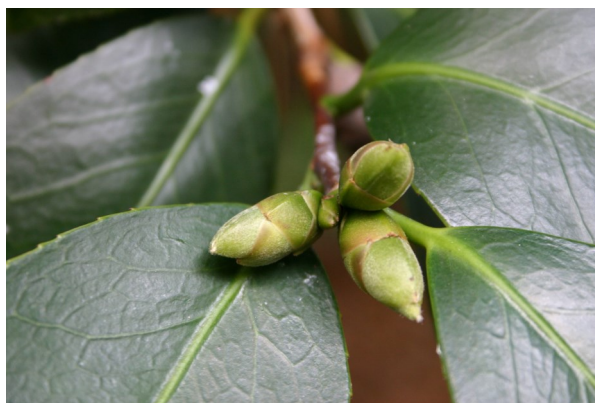
CHECK OUT OUR WEBSITE AT: camelliasocietyofsacramento.org

**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 Location Modesto Junior College Contact: Cindy Cook
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



**Remember to continue to
water and debud your
camellias.**



CAMELLIA PHOTO CONTEST

Please see the email attachment that was included with this newsletter for information on this year's Sacramento Camellia Society Photo Contest. Jackie Randall is looking forward to as many entries as we had last March!!!



Camellia Family Updates

We are sad to announce the passing of Alan Logan's wife, Sharon, who passed away in late September. If anyone would like to send a card to Alan's sister, Brenda or Alan & Sharon's children, here are the addresses:

Brenda Logan and partner Tami Lyon: 1301 Manchester Road, Chico, CA 95926
Justin & Della Logan and Andrew Logan: 8404 Matisse Court, Sacramento, Ca 95828

Jackie Randall was in an auto accident in Michigan in September. She was in the hospital for a while, but is now home! If you would like to send her a get well card, her address is:

Jackie Randall, 1156 Rose Tree Way, Sacramento, CA 95831

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 upcoming Camellia Society meeting!

Don Lesmeister



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