

Camellia Times

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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Hi My Camellia Friends!

Wow! We had a wonderful turnout at our first meeting! Thanks to everyone who attended. November's speaker is Marlene Simon, who will talk on garden myths. Marlene is on Channel 31 most weekends sharing her knowledge about all things plants.

I hope everyone had a nice Halloween as we are now gearing up for Thanksgiving. I will be taking down Halloween decorations and putting up Fall décor. Enjoy the cooler weather, but do not forget to keep watering and debudding your camellias. Twist off buds that are pointing up and keep ones that are pointing down. Any questions, just give me a call or send a message through the contact tab on our website and I will get back to you asap!

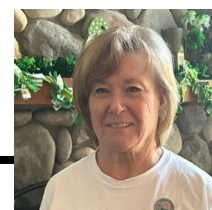
We had a couple of new members ask about camellia care so we will have camellia care handouts at our next meeting. Also, remember to bring any camellias you currently have blooming in your yard (they will probably be sasanquas – early blooming japonicas) for our monthly bloom contest. We will have cups, entry cards and pencils available to help you display your blooms.

As mentioned at last month's meeting, here is Tom Nuccio's address. He would love to hear from us!

Tom Nuccio - Room 223
Astoria Park
925 E Villa Street
Pasadena, CA 91106

I also wanted to share an update on Gary and Carol Schanz as they too could use a card or note to brighten their day. Gary is recuperating from back surgery and Carol is recuperating from a fall and broken ankle. She is scheduled for surgery on November 12th. Cards can be sent to them at 1177 Cavanaugh Way, Sacramento, CA 95822.

Julie



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General Meeting Dates for 2025/26
All meetings are on the following Sundays at 2 p.m.



October 26th, 2025
November 16th, 2025*

December 14th, 2025*

January 25th, 2026

February 22nd, 2026

March 22nd, 2026

*(a week earlier because of holidays)

LUNCHEON: Sunday, April 26th
(location TBD)

MEETING LOCATION: Eskaton Land Park
3225 Freeport Blvd, Sacramento



Find the 7 differences in the above picture

THIS MONTH'S PLANT RAFFLE - Bill Kitagawa

- *Coral Delight Variegated* - Hybrid. Medium semidouble deep coral pink blotched white
- *Minato-no-Akebono* - Hybrid. Miniature single light pink & fragrant
- *Royal Velvet* - Japonica. Large dark velvet red semidouble

SPECIAL RAFFLE (donated by Gary Schanz)

- *Ace of Hearts Variegated* - Japonica. Deep red with variegation





NOVEMBER GUEST SPEAKER

This year we are lucky to have Marlene Simon returning as a guest speaker. She will talk about Garden Myths and save plenty of time for our questions. She is a wealth of information on all things gardening and we are so excited to have her return to speak with our group!



DATE	PROGRAM	SPEAKER
October 26, 2025	Winning Blooms of the 2025 Camellia Season	Justin Bergamini
November 16, 2025	Garden Myths and Q&A	Marlene Simon
December 14, 2025	Gift Exchange and Desserts!	Start show prep & Jackie will review Photo Contest rules
January 25, 2026	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, LuAnn Lantsberger & Don Lesmeister
February 22, 2026	Grafting	Justin Bergamini
March 22, 2026	End of year ice cream social and fancy desserts	Review of show
April 26, 2026	Luncheon, Installation of Officers, Silent Auction, Plant Raffle, Great Friends, Laughs	Fun for all!



This year's Button Contest Winner is . . .



Congratulations to Megan Vierra, this year's button contest winner! Her entry highlighting 3 Nuccio's "Bloomin' Beauties" was selected from 6 entries received. Thank you to everyone who submitted entries - all were wonderful and very creative.

And please don't forget to take pictures of those blooming camellias for this year's photography contest. The categories are:

- 3 Camellias of the same kind
- Camellia(s) with children
- Camellia(s) with pets
- Camellia(s) in a patriotic setting
- Camellia(s) with food



Jackie Randall will have more information about the photo contest at our upcoming meetings.



**UPCOMING SHOW DATES—
2026 NORTHERN CALIFORNIA SHOW SCHEDULE**

February 21st	Mini-Show Desco Plaza III 3675 Mt. Diablo Blvd, Lafayette Contact: Justin Bergamini, 707-637-7051
March 7th & 8th	Camellia Society of Sacramento Show Scottish Rite Temple 6151 H Street, Sacramento Contact: Don Lesmeister, 916-742-3443 or Julie Vierra, 916-371-2174, 916-812-3202
March 14th & 15th	Northern California Camellia Society Show St. Andrews Celebration Center, 1601 Mary Drive, Pleasant Hill Contact: Justin Bergamini, 707-637-7051
March 21st	Camellia Society of Modesto Show Location Modesto Junior College Contact: Cindy Cook, 209-484-1369

**Just a
reminder...**



MEMBERSHIP DUES for 2025/26

- \$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!

CAMELLIA HISTORY - Joan Lesmeister

Thinking of things I'm thankful for.....Thankful for our November 17, 1943 formation of the Camellia Society of Sacramento. What a great idea that was! You can read about it in the History of our Society on our website. I'm also so thankful we get to continue attending meetings for celebrating our beautiful camellias and dear friendships. Did you know there is a "Thanksgiving" camellia that is "turkey red" and "The Pilgrim" camellia that is "cream white"?

Does anyone have either of these in their yards?

Lots to be thankful for this Thanksgiving!



Thanksgiving Variegated



The Pilgrim

CAMELLIA CULTURE - Don Lesmeister



November normally begins the winter in our area. With that, many items need to be accomplished. Seed pods are beginning to open and the seeds need to be harvested. Your plants begin to go dormant as the weather becomes cooler. This is the perfect time to re-containerize them. When rain commences and the weather becomes a little colder, you should also reduce watering, especially for containerized plants.

It is also the time to visit your nurseries as they begin to obtain their camellia plants. It is suggested you commence "gibbing" (if that is something you are interested in doing) your flower buds after Thanksgiving Day. "Gib" powder can be purchased online for approximately \$2 for a gram, which is generally enough for most camellia growers. You can gib a few times each week until around the end of December. The American Camellia Society website has a fact sheet to provide detailed information.



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