

# NORTHERN CALIFORNIA CAMELLIA SOCIETY

## PETAL PUSHERS NEWSLETTER

November 2023

Inspirational Thought: "A kind gesture can reach a wound that only compassion can heal." ~Steve Maraboli

### CALENDAR FOR YEAR 2023-24

October 1, 2023 2PM  
November 5-NCCS Meeting 2PM  
December 3 Holiday Luncheon  
January 7-NCCS Meeting 2PM  
February 4- NCCS Meeting 2PM  
February 17 – Judges Symposium/ Mini Show  
February 24 - Peninsula Show  
March 2 - Sacramento Show  
March 3 - NCCS Meeting 2PM  
March 9/10 - Nor Cal Show  
March 16 - Modesto Show  
March 23 – Justin's Mini Show  
April 7 - NCCS Meeting 2PM  
May 5 - DeVino's 2PM  
July 13(Tentative) – Christmas in July



### NCCS AND ACS DUES FOR 2024

NCCS + ACS - \$10 + \$30 = \$40 1 Year  
NCCS + ACS - \$20 + \$58 = \$78 2 Years  
NCCS + ACS - \$30 + \$80 = \$110 3 Years  
NCCS ONLY - \$10

Send to NCCS  
c/o Jay Humiston  
754 Palm Ave  
Martinez, CA 94553

**\*\*\*\*PLEASE MAKE SURE TO PAY YOUR DUES!\*\*\*\***

**MEETING FOR THIS MONTH:** Justin will be demonstrating how to gib your flowers. We will give a vile of gib to all participants. Meeting is on Sunday, November 5, 2023 at 2 p.m.

## **WHAT TO DO THIS MONTH:**

1. Pick seed pods
2. Plant seeds
3. Keep plants hydrated
4. Start disbudding for large blooms
5. Fertilize 0-10-10

## **MEETING MINUTES FROM OCTOBER 2, 2023:**

In attendance: Joellen Bergamini, Jay Humiston, Julie Vierra, Sarah Lytle, Don and Joan Lesmeister.  
Thank you Joan, Julie and Justin and Melissa for bringing the yummy treats and water.

1. Presentation - recap of winners from 2023 season.
2. Discussion of upcoming event on calendar
3. Board voted for funds to be spent on show signage and marketing.
4. Brief discussion on swag for the society

## **GARDEN EVENTS IN THE AREA:**

1. [Garden of D'Lights](https://www.ruthbancroftgarden.org/) – Ruth Bancroft Garden & Nursery is presenting Garden D'Lights where you can walk through the garden experiencing a winter wonderland. This event is running from November 24 through January 6th. \$24 per person for members/\$28 Nonmembers - 5:30 p.m. – 8:30 p.m. on selected days. For more information <https://www.ruthbancroftgarden.org/>

## **SHARING PHOTOS AND NEWS:**

Want to share news or photos with the camellia society?

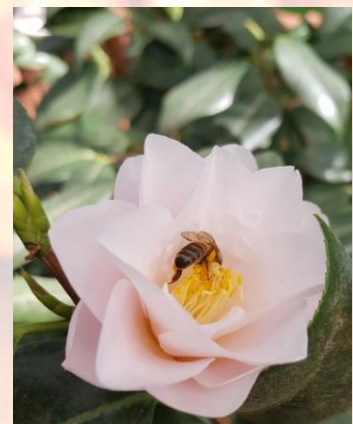
Feel free to send us a picture or share news with us and we will put it in the newsletter. Send your information or photo to Joellen Bergamini at [peanut\\_71@yahoo.com](mailto:peanut_71@yahoo.com)



Black Opal



Tom Thumb



Magnoliaflora

## RECIPE FOR THE MONTH:

### Apple Crisp



#### Ingredients:

- **5** Honeycrisp, Granny Smith, and/or Cripp's Pink apples, peeled, cored, sliced 1/4" to 1/2" thick
- **2 tbsp.** cornstarch
- **2 tbsp.** fresh lemon juice
- **2 tbsp.** granulated sugar
- **1/4 tsp.** ground nutmeg
- **2 tsp.** ground cinnamon, divided
- **1 1/2 c.** (135 g.) rolled oats
- **3/4 c.** (160 g.) packed light brown sugar
- **2/3 c.** (80 g.) all-purpose flour
- **1/4 tsp.** kosher salt
- **3/4 c.** (1 1/2 sticks) unsalted butter, melted
- Vanilla ice cream, for serving (optional)

#### Directions:

- Preheat oven to 350°. In a medium bowl, toss apples, cornstarch, lemon juice, granulated sugar, nutmeg, and 1 teaspoon cinnamon.
- In a small bowl, toss oats, brown sugar, flour, salt, and remaining 1 teaspoon cinnamon. Add butter and stir until a crumbly mixture form resembling wet sand.
- Arrange apple mixture in a 2-quart ceramic baking dish. Top with oat mixture.
- Bake until apples are soft, topping is crisp and golden brown, and juices are bubbling around edges of dish, 55 to 70 minutes. Serve warm with ice cream (if using).

#### **FUN FACTS:**

- A turkey miscalculation birthed the first TV dinner.
- Benjamin Franklin wanted the turkey to be the national bird instead of the bald eagle.
- The first Thanksgiving was celebrated in 1621 and turkey was not on the menu.

## CHECK OUT THESE WEBSITES:

[www.nucciosnurseries.com](http://www.nucciosnurseries.com)

[www.americancamellias.org](http://www.americancamellias.org)

[www.ruthbancroftgarden.org](http://www.ruthbancroftgarden.org)

OUR WEBSITE: [www.northerncaliforniacamelliasociety.com](http://www.northerncaliforniacamelliasociety.com)

Don't forget to check out our website and encourage the curious to do the same.

### Camellia Nomenclature



2024

### New Nomenclature is here!

You can Purchase the hard copy or the digital with photos at Amazon by clicking on one of the links below:

[2024 SCCS Camellia Nomenclature](#)

[2024 SCCS E-Nomenclature](#)



### Your Board of Directors:

President: Justin Bergamini

Vice President: Beverly Heathorn

Secretary: Joellen Bergamini

Treasurer: Jay Humiston

**The Board:** Mary Bergamini, Nancy Samelson, Don Lesmeister, Joan Lesmeister, Julie Vierra, Barbara Gilmartin and Sarah Lytle