



NORTHERN CALIFORNIA CAMELLIA SOCIETY

PETAL PUSHERS NEWSLETTER

March 2024

Inspirational Thought: *"The only sure thing about luck is that it will change."*
—Wilson Mizner

CALENDAR FOR YEAR 2023-24

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 6– 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

MEETING FOR THIS MONTH:

This month we will discuss the final plans for our show March 9-11th.

WHAT TO DO THIS MONTH:

Keep those plants happy and blooming. Water as necessary if no rain, water once a week.



MEETING MINUTES FROM February 2024:

Meeting was cancelled due to storms.

A BIG HUGE THANK YOU TO JUSTIN BERGAMINI FOR THE EXCELLENT JOB HE DID HOSTING THE JUDGES SYMPOSIUM! AWESOME JOB JUSTIN!

We have 3 new Novice Judges! Congratulations to Jay Humiston, Joellen Humiston and Barbara Smith!!

FUN FACTS:

- The real St. Patrick was born in Britain.
- The shamrock was considered a sacred plant. Also known as the seamroy, Celts considered this sacred because it symbolized the arrival of spring.
- Corned beef and cabbage was an american innovation. The Irish at ham and cabbage and corned beef was substituted for a cheaper version to impoverished immigrants.
- People used the color blue to celebrate St. Patrick's Day until 1798.
- Wearing green will keep the leprechauns away.



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. You're your information or photo to Joellen Bergamini at peanut_71@yahoo.com.

CONGRATULATIONS to Justin and Melissa Bergamini for winning Best in Show with Angel Wings at the Mini Show on February 17th.



Judges Symposium/Mini Show 2024



Day

RECIPES FOR THE MONTH:



Coffee Cake

Ingredients

FOR THE CAKE:

1 1/2 stick butter, softened

2 c. (scant) sugar

3 c. flour, sifted

4 tsp. baking powder

1 tsp. salt

1 1/4 c. whole milk

3 whole egg whites, beaten until stiff

FOR THE TOPPING:

1 1/2 stick butter, softened

3/4 c. flour

1 1/2 c. brown sugar

2 tbsp. cinnamon

1 1/2 c. pecans, chopped

Directions

Preheat oven to 350 degrees. Sift together flour, baking powder, and salt. Beat egg whites and set aside.

Cream butter and sugar. Add flour mixture and milk alternately until combined. Don't overbeat. Fold in beaten egg whites with a rubber spatula. Spread in a well-greased 9 x 13 (or LARGER!) baking pan. A cake pan with higher sides would be best.

In a separate bowl, combine topping ingredients with a pastry cutter until crumbly. Sprinkle all over the top.

Bake for 40 to 45 minutes, or until no longer jiggly. Serve warm—delicious!

CHECK OUT THESE WEBSITES:

www.nucciosnurseries.com

www.americancamellias.org

www.ruthbancroftgarden.org

OUR WEBSITE: www.northerncaliforniacamelliasociety.com

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

Camellia Nomenclature



2024

2024 Nomenclature Book is Available

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](#)



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