



# NORTHERN CALIFORNIA CAMELLIA SOCIETY

## PETAL PUSHERS NEWSLETTER

SEPTEMBER 2023

### CALENDAR FOR YEAR 2023

October 1-NCCS Meeting 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

**MEETING FOR THIS MONTH:** Our first meeting for the 2023/24 season will be a photo presentation of the 22/23 Show Circuit Winners. Also talk about our new logo and merchandise to display/sell at our show.

**WHAT TO DO THIS MONTH:** Now is the time fertilize. Best months to fertilize our camellias is April, July and **September**.

### Solemn but Positive News

We were given notice that Our dear friend Cindy Cook has been diagnosed with cancer. Thankfully her prognosis looks bright but will take a long road to get there. So, with that we will be missing her at this years events. Let us All keep her in our Thoughts and Prayers as she maneuvers her way through this difficult time. Cindy, we will miss you! Take care.



## **NCCS AND ACS DUES FOR 2024**

NCCS + ACS - \$30 + \$80 = \$110 1 Year

NCCS + ACS - \$10 + \$30 = \$40 2 Years

NCCS + ACS - \$20 + \$58 = \$78 3 Years

NCCS ONLY - \$10

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

## **CHECK OUT THESE WEBSITES:**

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

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

**Fun Fact:  
A shrimp's heart is in its head**



## **LOGO CONTEST WINNER**

There were several good looking entries for the contest. By weighted ballot at our Christmas in July party, **Justin Bergamini** won the new logo contest. Congratulations Justin! Many thanks to all the participants who entered the contest.



## RECIPE FOR THE MONTH:



### **Pumpkin Bread**

#### **Ingredients**

Cooking spray  
2 c. (240 g.) all-purpose flour  
1 tsp. baking soda  
1 tsp. ground cinnamon  
1/2 tsp. baking powder  
1/2 tsp. kosher salt  
1/4 tsp. ground ginger  
1/4 tsp. ground nutmeg  
2 large eggs  
1 1/4 c. (250 g.) granulated sugar  
1 c. pumpkin puree  
1/2 c. (1 stick) unsalted butter, melted  
1/4 c. sour cream  
1 tsp. pure vanilla extract  
Cinnamon sugar, for sprinkling (optional)

#### **Directions**

1. Step 1 Preheat oven to 350°. Line an 8"x4" loaf pan with parchment, then grease with cooking spray.
2. Step 2 In a medium bowl, whisk flour, baking soda, cinnamon, baking powder, salt, ginger, and nutmeg.
3. Step 3 In a large bowl, using a handheld mixer on medium-high speed, beat eggs, granulated sugar, pumpkin puree, butter, sour cream, and vanilla until light and fluffy.
4. Step 4 Gradually add dry ingredients to egg mixture and beat on low speed until just combined. Transfer batter to prepared pan. Sprinkle with cinnamon-sugar (if using).
5. Step 5 Bake bread until a tester inserted into the center comes out clean, 50 minutes to 1 hour. Transfer to a wire rack and let cool slightly.

## **NEW MEMBERS:**

Let's welcome our newest members Tia Welty, Ann Hustead, and Cindy Sui

## **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)

Camellia photo: "Don Bergamini"





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