



# NORTHERN CALIFORNIA CAMELLIA SOCIETY

## PETAL PUSHERS NEWSLETTER

January 2024

Inspirational Thought: *"There is nothing magical about the flip of a calendar, but it represents a clean break, a new hope, and a blank canvas."* ~Jason Soroski

### CALENDAR FOR YEAR 2023-24

October 1, 2023 2PM  
November 5-NCCS Meeting 2PM  
December 2 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  
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Martinez, CA 94553

### MEETING FOR THIS MONTH:

Happy New Year everyone! This month's meeting, we will begin to discuss our upcoming show, confirm trophy donations, and Judges Symposium details.



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

1. Keep plants hydrated for blooming season.
2. Start preparing plants for bloom season. Pull back leaves from bud with a clip or clothes pin.

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

The gang was all together for the holiday party. Lots of laughs and good times had by all.

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

**Guide to Rose Pruning:** Annie's Annuals & Perennials is hosting a how to properly prune your roses. They will discuss techniques, tools, timing and more. This event will be held on January 20, 2024 from 11 AM – 12PM. Annie's is located at 740 Market Ave., Richmond. If you have never roamed through this nursery, it is well worth the time to check it out.

### **FUN FACTS:**

- Julius Caesar was the first to declare January 1 a national holiday.
- Americans drink close to 360 million glasses of sparkling wine during this holiday.
- Confetti dropped in Time Square holds secret messages for good wishes.
- Brazilian's welcome the New Year on the beach-it is considered good luck to make seven wishes while jumping seven waves.
- January comes from the Latin word "ianua" , which means door, was chosen to symbolize the opening of a new door that happens when the new year begins.

## **Judges Symposium:**

We will be hosting the 2024 Judges Symposium for those interested in becoming a judge. It will be held on Saturday, February 17<sup>th</sup> along with our annual kick-off mini show.



## **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](mailto:peanut_71@yahoo.com).







## RECIPES FOR THE MONTH:

### Spinach Dip



#### Ingredients:

- 1 (16 ounce) container sour cream
- 1 cup mayonnaise
- ½ (10 ounce) package frozen chopped spinach, thawed and drained
- 1 (4 ounce) can water chestnuts, drained and chopped
- 1 (1.8 ounce) package dry leek soup mix
- 1 (1 pound) loaf round sourdough bread

#### Directions:

1. Mix sour cream, mayonnaise, spinach, water chestnuts, and dry soup mix together in a medium bowl. Chill in the refrigerator 6 hours, or overnight.
2. Slice off the top of the sourdough round and pull out the soft interior, leaving a sturdy bread bowl. Fill with spinach mixture. Tear removed bread chunks into pieces for dipping.



## Cheesy Ham and Hash Brown Casserole



### Ingredients:

- cooking spray
- 1 (32 ounce) package frozen hash brown potatoes
- 2 (10.5 ounce) cans condensed cream of potato soup
- 1 (16 ounce) container sour cream
- 2 cups shredded sharp Cheddar cheese
- 8 ounces cooked, diced ham
- 1 ½ cups grated Parmesan cheese

### Directions:

1. Preheat the oven to 375 degrees F (190 degrees C). Lightly grease a 9x13-inch baking dish with cooking spray.
2. Mix together hash browns, condensed soup, sour cream, Cheddar cheese, and ham in a bowl until well combined. Spread evenly into the prepared dish. Sprinkle with Parmesan cheese.
3. Bake in the preheated oven until bubbly and lightly brown, about 1 hour.

## 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



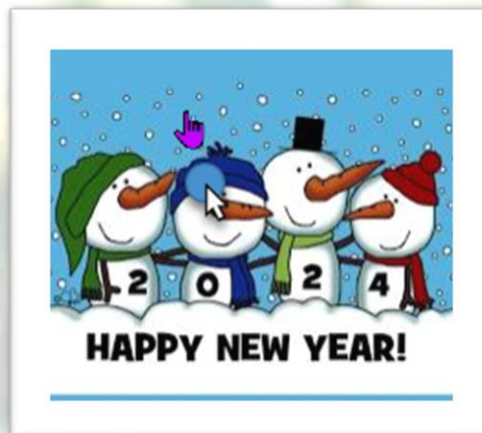
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## 2024 Nomenclature Book is Available

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](#)

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