

Coushatta Camellia Society



August 2017 Newsletter

GREETINGS, CAMELLIA LOVERS!

Our 2017-2018 CCS year begins in September with a covered dish meal and we hope you will all join us for the fellowship and the discussions for the year.

Membership Sign Up:

As part of this newsletter you will find a membership form and a return envelope. We would be pleased to have each of you renew your membership for this year. We have an excellent year planned.

You will note that in addition to completing the form with your current information and attaching a check to cover your dues, we would very much appreciate it if you would indicate those club activities in which you would be willing to participate. While we need members to step up and lead some of these activities, there are many jobs that require minimum effort.

If you have questions about these activities so you can determine what you might be of interest to you, please do not hesitate to send me an e-mail or call me on my cell phone at 979-218-2837

Peckerwood Gardens Trip:

After the very interesting and intriguing presentation about the gardens as one of last year's programs, there has been an interest in making a trip there as a CCS group. The gardens are close to Hempstead. We would travel in private cars since arranging for a bus and the cost therefor is usually a problem. There would be a garden fee for each individual and we would plan a meal of some nature depending upon the decision of the group. This would not substitute for our monthly meeting.

Upcoming Events

September 10, 2017

Kickoff - Social
First Christian Church Parlor
3500 N Loop 336 W, Conroe

The Kickoff Social will be a covered dish meal which will begin at 2:00 for this particular event.

At this meeting/social we will discuss the plans for the year.

We have in mind as one of our fall activities to make a trip to Peckerwood Gardens. Perhaps in November.

**If you wish to be removed from future mailings, please either e-mail or text me
Thank you.**

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Board Meeting Minutes

A part of this newsletter is the attached minutes of our late June Board meeting so you will be aware of the Board's discussions.

Garden Tour

Your Board would greatly like to be able to have a garden tour this year; however, we need three gardens to make it a reality. We have two available to us if we could get a third one. If you have any inclination to have your garden on the tour Would you please contact Bill McCranor who is the chair.
936-537-6938 wmccranor@gmail.com

Camellia Shows

There will be two shows this year, both in Conroe. The first one in December will focus on fall blooms and gibbing them. This will be discussed at our September meeting; however, you should be working diligently on your plants and buds to assure the best blooms. The second show will be the standard one in January. There will not be a show in Huntsville this year.

Officers and Directors:2017-2018

President	Jo Ann Treat
1 st Vice President, Programs	Randy McDaniel
2 nd Vice President, Show Person	Frank Ohrt
Recording Secretary	Frank Ohrt
Treasurer	Henry Wei
Immediate Past President	Don Marcotte
At-large-Director	Bill McCranor
At-large-Director	Edward Estrada
At-large-Director	Dudley Boudreaux

Brief Calendar for the Year

September 10, 2017

Kickoff - Social
First Christian Church Parlor
3500 N Loop 336 W, Conroe

October 8, 2017

Regular Meeting

November 12, 2017

Regular Meeting

December 2, 2017

Camellia Show –
First Christian Church Gym

December 10, 2017

Christmas Dinner Party

January 14, 2018

Regular Meeting

January 12, 2018

Set Up and Pre-Show Pizza Party
First Christian Church

January 13, 2018

44th Annual Coushatta Camellia
Show
First Christian Church

February 11, 2018

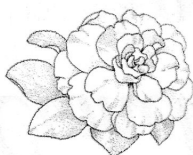
Regular Meeting

March 11, 2018

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April 8, 2018

End of Year Party



Coushatta Camellia Society Board Meeting, June 25, 2017

Present were Jo Ann Treat, Randy McDaniel, Edward Estrada, Frank Ohrt, Bill McCranor, Don Marcotte, Dick Eidem, and Henry Wei.

Jo Ann called the meeting to order, and reported on Dudley Boudreaux's recovery from his fall. She thanked everyone for helping out while she was in poor health, and asked for continued member involvement in the Society.

Frank passed out the meeting agenda and proposed calendar for the next year's activities, and Jo Ann asked for everyone's observations about what went well last year, and what could be improved.

Henry Wei provided a financial statement of last year's income and expenses. Concern was expressed that expenses were greater than income. Henry said we were seriously in the red for last year's budget. Ideas for cutting costs and increasing income were requested.

- Dick and Don suggested we make the Society dinners "pay your own way". All agreed.
- It was decided to raise the prices of sales plants by five dollars. Don raised the issue of whether to have Larry Bates take over the plant sales, to simplify the whole issue. Dick objected that he made significant sales from his home, outside of the official plant sales. He then suggested we have two-day shows, to get more plant sales. We agreed.
- The possibility of getting sponsors for the shows was raised. We decided to try to find a member to work on that
- Discussion followed that included identifying several expenses that should not be repeated – the Christmas dinner which was paid for by the club already agreed upon, the advertisement for the CCS Camellia Show, and the coasters used for runner up awards for the show.

Randy said we need to increase membership. Dick offered to call all the new members from last year before Society meetings. Don recalled that CCS previously had a telephone committee for such things.

Jo Ann apologized for not preparing a yearbook last year, and we discussed whether to put one out this year as a booklet. Randy offered to get it done, once we had a good list of members for the year.

Bill said that the Garden Tour went as well as expected, with the severe weather last year. Edward said he thought the meetings went pretty well.

Randy discussed how to advertise the camellia shows, and whether to have paid advertising. It was confirmed that we will have two shows next year, both in Conroe. Don reminded all that the first show would require "gibbing" of blooms in the fall. We discussed of how to get and distribute gibberelic acid to the members.

Frank asked for some procedural changes to make the shows go more smoothly. Jo Ann asked for help in teaching members how to enter blooms in the shows. Frank suggested we go over the process at the fall meetings.

Randy discussed programs for the next year's meetings. We discussed the feasibility of arranging a group trip to Peckerwood Gardens. Possible speakers were discussed.

Bill discussed the pros and cons of having a Garden Tour next year. Suggestions were made about new gardens we could include.

Jo Ann confirmed that the Christmas dinner would be "pay your own way", and that the September meeting would be a pot-luck dinner. She suggested that we appoint a hospitality chair and we decided to "ask" George Shackleford to serve as official photographer.

Jo Ann advised that she would be preparing and mailing membership renewal forms with a request for what committees member would be willing to help. She will have the responses and checks come to her and then send Henry the checks for deposit on a regular basis.

Jo Ann adjourned the meeting.

Submitted by Frank Ohrt