

Coushatta Camellia Society

August 2019 - Newsletter



50th Anniversary

Fellow CCS members:

Greetings, fellow camellia lovers! I hope that you all have survived the summer (so far, at least). The CCS is gearing up for another year, and our first meeting will be September 8th, at the usual time and place.

We will have a lot to talk about - the schedule for the coming year, upcoming speakers, jobs that need doing, Dudley Boudreaux's novice judge class, arrangements for special orders of camellias for January's sale, and more.

If you have not renewed your membership, we hope that you will and be with us another year

Jo Ann is bringing a light lunch (club's expense – see notice below), so I hope to see all of you there.

Frank Ohrt
President, CCS

Current Activity

September 8, 2019

Kickoff – Light Lunch Social
Meeting And Program
First Christian Church Parlor
3500 N Loop 336 W, Conroe

October 13, 2019

Regular Meeting
Program - All About Snakes

November 10, 2019

Regular Meeting
Program: - Dr. Dennis Hart, President,
Gulf Coast Camellia Society

December 8, 2019

Christmas Party
Arrangements to be determined

CCS Website:

<http://coushattacamelliasociety.com/>

You will find the membership form at the end of the Newsletter and you can mail it or bring it to the September meeting.

SOCIAL AT SEPTEMBER CCS MEETING

Beginning at 2:30p.m. on September 8, the Society will host a light lunch. Sliders with chicken salad or ham and cheese, along with a fruit platter will be provided . Drinks will also be furnished.

The meeting will follow..

Dr. Dennis Hart, *President of the Gulf Coast Camellia Society* invites all of our members to the the **GCCS Annual Conference** which will be held in Brookhaven, Mississippi on Monday, October 7th and Tuesday, October 8th. It should be an interesting and enjoyable meeting.

More information will be available in the next CCS Newsletter.

Keeping Up With Our Fellow Camellia Friends

If you know of someone who is having troublesome times –an illness, a death in the family, or some other problem, let us know. Our Corresponding Secretary, Glynda Malleske, will send a note letting them know we are thinking of them. gmalleske@me.com, or 512-922-1154

Officers and Directors:2019-2020

President	Frank Ohrt
1 st Vice President, Programs	Edward Estrada
2 nd Vice President, Show Chair	Randy McDaniel
Recording Secretary	Kelli Hornsby
Corresponding Secretary	Glynda Malleske
Treasurer	Jo Ann Treat
Immediate Past President	Jo Ann Treat
At-large-Director	Bill McCranor
At-large-Director	Don Marcotte
At-large-Director	Dudley Boudreaux

Brief Calendar for 2019-2020

September 8, 2019

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

October 13, 2019

Regular Meeting

November 10, 2019

Regular Meeting

December 8, 2019

Christmas Party

January 12, 2020

Regular Meeting
First Christian Church Gym

January 24, 2020

Show Setup

January 25-26, 2020

45th Annual Coughatta Camellia Show
First Christian Church

February 9, 2020

Regular Meeting

March 8, 2020

Regular Meeting

April TBD

End of Year Party

Found the following article in an earlier edition of the Gulf Coast Camellia Society quarterly magazine *The Camellian*. It is being used with the permission of the Gulf Coast Camellia Society

Diseases Affecting Camellia Growth

In addition to the Camellia Flower Blight which is under investigation by Dr. Bill Bennett of Pensacola, Florida, (See p. 16.), Camellia Dieback and Root Rot are serious camellia fungus diseases especially in the Gulf South.

Camellia Dieback: The fungus that causes this disease grows well where the weather is hot and humid. The symptoms are sudden dieback of twigs or branches and gray splotches which appear on the stems of the plant which turn into cankers or sunken areas eventually encircling the stem. That part of the stem or branch above the canker turns yellow and dies. If cankers form on the main trunk of the plant, this may cause the death of the entire plant.

The fungus must enter the plant tissue through wounds such as leaf-scar when leaves fall in the spring, pruning cuts, lawn mower/string trimmer injury, graft unions, etc.

Treatment involves cutting off the diseased stems several inches below the canker. Treat cuts with *TreeKote* or a fungicide. It is important to disinfect the pruning tools after each and every cut. Make up a solution of one part household bleach to nine parts of water and religiously dip the pruning shears in this mixture over and over again.

The use of fungicides may be used during periods of leaf drop or wet periods to help avoid infection.

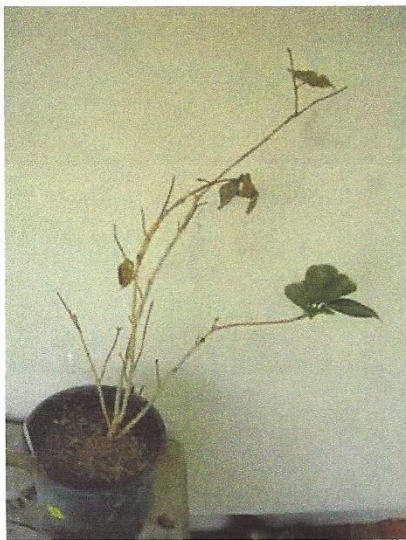
Maintaining healthy camellias in well-drained acidic soil is the best preventive measure taking care to avoid wounding the plant with lawn mowers and/or other gardening tools.



Camellia seedling with dieback symptoms.

Root Rot: This disease is caused by a soil born fungus, *phytophthora cinnamomi*. The leaves of the camellia will begin to turn yellow all over the plant and soon the entire plant will wilt. The plant may die quickly, but in some cases it will linger several years. Occasionally, plants that look healthy will wilt and die in a few days.

A look at the roots will reveal the lack of small feeder roots with infected roots being of a reddish or dark brown color instead of the normal white of healthy roots. The rot starts in young feeder roots and spreads to older roots, killing the entire root system. Container grown plants are very susceptible to this disease. However, *c. sasanqua* and *c. oleifera* are resistant to this fungus and should be used as rootstock for grafting.



Young graft dying from root rot due to poor drainage.

The fungus survives in soil and soil debris and is transferred from one area to another by soil movement or water. In pots, a well aerated and well drained potting mix should be used. Do not plant in oversized containers.

Once the plants are infected, the disease is difficult to control. The fungus thrives in soil that is warm and poorly drained. Raising the beds can improve the drainage, but fungicides can be effective only as a preventive measure. Recommended fungicides containing etridiazole such as Banrot 8G or Truban 5G, and mefenoxam

(Subdue GR) may be used, but because of the cost and the need for accurate application, it would be best to hire a licensed landscaper to use these products in your garden.

Because all common camellia japonicas are susceptible to root rot, and all varieties of camellia sasanqua are resistant to root rot, select camellia japonica cultivars which have been grafted onto a sasanqua rootstock and purchase healthy plants having no signs of wilting or yellowing of the leaves as a way to avoid this problem in your garden.



COUSCHATTA CAMELLIA SOCIETY

Membership Information

Year 2019-2020

(The Society meets monthly at 2:30 on the 2nd Sunday – September to April)

Name (s) _____

Mailing Address _____

Telephone #s Home _____

Cell Phones _____

e-mail address _____

Indicate your preference for receiving information such as the Newsletter, notices, etc.

_____ E-mail _____ U.S. Postal

Membership choice _____ couple \$20; _____ Individual \$15

INTERESTS : Please indicate all activities in which you would be willing to help. Place a ranking number for each, if you would like, and make a note beside one if you wish to expand on your interest. Obviously some of these activities require many people such as the shows, and some of them are more limited in their needs.

— Conroe Camellia Show – Jan 25-26,2020

— March Mart – Mercer Arboretum

— Hospitality

— Membership

— Monthly Meeting Door Prizes and/or Raffles

— Photography

— Publicity

— Social Activities:

— Yearbook and Newsletter

IT IS VERY IMPORTANT THAT EACH OF US WHO PARTICIPATE IN CLUB ACTIVITIES PITCH IN AND HELP. PLEASE KNOW THAT WE NEED EVERYONE TAKING ON SOME OF THE WORK TO MAKE THE YEAR'S ACTIVITIES A SUCCESSFUL AND REWARDING TO ALL.

FOR THOSE OF YOU WHO JOIN BUT DO NOT ACTIVELY PARTICIPATE, WE ARE GRATEFUL FOR YOUR SUPPORT AND WELCOME YOU!

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