

# *Coushatta Camellia Society*

## *August 2021 Newsletter*



**Greetings, Fellow Camellia Lovers!**

**Dear CCS Members,**

Welcome to the 2021/2022 season of the Coushatta Camellia Society.

I am glad to announce that we will be having our first meeting this September 12 at 2:00pm at our original location in Conroe (First Christian Church 3500 SH 336 Loop). This will be our first in person meeting since before the pandemic. Due to the increase in COVID cases we request the wearing of masks and we will have enough room to keep everyone properly distanced.

As this will be our first meeting together in a long time it will be great to see everyone together again and discuss the upcoming year. We plan to have our annual flower show in late January and will be announcing upcoming speakers and topics. Also I am sure that some of you will have questions regarding your personal camellias since we have had a year of extreme weather.

Thank you for your support in our society and hopefully we can make this a better year than the previous one. I look forward to seeing and greeting everyone this month and discussing our common love of camellias.

Sincerely,  
Edward Estrada  
President CCS

### *Current Activity*

**September 12, 2021  
2:00 p.m.**

Opening year meeting at  
First Christian Church  
3500 SH 336 Loop  
Conroe, Teas

**October 10, 2021**  
Regular Meeting  
First Christian Church

***CCS Website:***  
**<http://coushattacamelliasociety.com/>**

## De-budding Camellias

By Frank Ohrt

It's late summer (or, mid-summer, if you count the first half of October). It may seem too early to do anything but water your camellias, but they should be starting to show swollen flower buds. As soon as they are about a half inch long, you can start de-budding.

De-budding is the practice of removing excess camellia buds from your plants. This will let the plant put more energy into fewer and bigger flowers. It also lets the remaining buds develop into full-sized blooms without being squashed by 2, 3, or more other buds trying to open in the same space.

It's pretty easy. If there are more than one bud on the tip of a twig, choose one that is pointed up/out from the leaves, and gently twist off the others. You can also remove any that are coming off the side of a twig, and any that are crowded down in the middle of your bush. If your plant has a lot of buds, you may want to remove as many as half of them.

However, if you plan to "gibb" your blooms, leave two on each twig tip, so you can remove one later and apply the gibberellic acid to the remaining bud cup.

Meanwhile, keep your camellias watered and mulched. Fall is coming, but it's not here yet.

### TIME TO RENEW YOUR MEMBERSHIP (OR JOIN IF YOU ARE NOT ALREADY A MEMBER)

As part of this Newsletter you will find a membership form. Please complete it, add your check payable to Coushatta Camellia Society and mail it to:

Jo Ann Treat, Treasurer CCS  
P. O. Box 143  
Colege Station, TX 77841

Thank you

### Brief Calendar for 2021-2022

#### **September 12, 2021**

Opening year meeting

#### **October 10, 2021**

Regular Meeting

#### **November 14, 2021**

Regular Meeting

#### **December 12, 2021**

TBA

#### **January 9, 2022**

Regular Meeting

#### **January 27, 2022**

Show Setup

#### **January 28-29, 2022**

Annual Coushatta Camellia  
Show

First Christian Church

#### **February 13, 2022**

Regular Meeting

#### **March 13, 2022**

Regular Meeting

#### **April TBD**

End of Year Party

#### **June/July 2022**

Board Meeting



## Summer Board Meeting: Coushatta Camellia Society of Conroe

June 13, 2021, Sunday 2 p.m.

The Board Meeting was called to order by Edward Estrada, President of Coushatta Camellia Society.

Members in attendance were as follows: President Edward Estrada, Vice President Frank Ohrt, DeeDee Martinson, Member of Coushatta Camellia Society of Conroe and our assistant for our zoom meetings, Member at Large Tommy Weeks, Member at Large, Novice judge Instructor, Dudley Boudreaux, Coushatta Camellia Society of Conroe Show Chairman, Randy McDaniel, and Recording Secretary Kelli Hornsby.

Printed Agenda provided to Board Members by President Edward Estrada:

First on the Agenda: A discussion in regard to meeting with Woodforest Bank for procedure updates for contact person in regard to finance and membership dues and funds, identification required and treasurer reports. A meeting will be set for Edward Estrada, current President and Frank Ohrt Past President to meet with Woodforest in regard to above.

Second on Agenda: Format of meetings was as below:

Coushatta Camellia Society of Conroe to continue to meet on the 2<sup>nd</sup> Sundays of the month at First Christian Church in Conroe at 2 p.m. Board members discussed in person meetings and a continued discussion for zoom to be added for members at times that they are unable to attend in person. The first meeting to start on 2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday at First Christian Church, 2 p.m. in the month of September, 2021. This will be an in-person meeting at the First Christian Church on Highway 336 just past new HEB Store.

Third on Agenda: A list of plants to be compiled and plan for a final of 100 plants with Larry Bates having 7-15 gallon and Hal Vanis with different varieties as well. Plan is 25 plants for prizes in different varieties. Container grown plants have 3 gallon plants for 2 dollars and 50 cents.

Final decision for plants will be August.

Next on Agenda: We need an updated list for members who are active with dues and an email will be sent for these members and will plan for next year's dues to pay this summer as to get them into the membership roster booklet. A discussion for need for help with Joann Treat as she has graciously been providing a lot of assistance with membership booklet, newsletter and corresponding secretary as well as treasurer reports.

A discussion in regard to flower show for 2021-2022 and dates of January 28, 29, 30 of 2022 was agreed upon. There is also a show in Baton Rouge that members may be interested in as well as one in New Orleans.

## Banking report

A few weeks ago Edward Estrada, Frank Ohrt and Jo Ann Treat made a trip to Montgomery, Tx. to the Woodforest Bank where CCS has its funds. We had a good visit while signatures were updated. We also have been notified that our Franchise Tax report is due. Frank Ohrt is taking care of getting this filed.

### 2021-2022 Officers

President	Edward Estrada
Vice President, Programs	Frank Ohrt
Vice President, Show Chair	Randy McDaniel
Recording Secretary	Kelli Hornsby
Corresponding Secretary	Glynda Malleske
Treasurer	Jo Ann Treat
Immediate Past President	Frank Ohrt
At-large-Director	Bill McCranor
At-large-Director	Dudley Boudreaux
At-large-Director	Tommy Weeks
At-large-Director	TBD

Also, attached is an article "In the Summer Garden"

By Art Landry, Baton Rouge, La.

COUSCHATTA CAMELLIA SOCIETY

Membership Information

Year 2021+2022

(The Society meets monthly at 200 on the 2<sup>nd</sup> 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!**

**PLEASE RETURN TO: JO ANN TREAT, P. O. BOX 143, COLLEGE STATION, TX 77841**