

Coushatta

Camellia



August 2004 Newsletter

P.O. Box 1655, Conroe, TX 77305

Society

GREETINGS, CAMELLIA LOVERS!

Welcome back!

It's been a busy summer, but slowly the heat is starting to subside and buds are starting to swell on the early-blooming camellias. It's time now to look forward to seeing old friends and meeting new ones at our monthly get-togethers, to preparing for camellia shows and plant sales, and to learning more about gardening and about our favorite in the garden – the lovely camellia.

Our first meeting will take place on Tuesday, September 7th, at Rivershore Community Building. Jack and Diane Dyer, along with Oscar and Maxine Schank, will be bringing the brisket and the ham, so bring your favorite salad, side dish or appetizer, bread or dessert to share.

CCS is blessed with GOOD COOKS, so this is always one of our favorite meetings! Take a moment to jot down the recipe as well. Diane plans to assemble a recipe book to sell at one of our shows; it will make a great fundraiser for us!

We'll have some important business to discuss at the meeting:

Dick Eidem, with the help of Troy McCraray, is organizing our September plant sale again this year. Dick and Troy will be asking for volunteers and donations. As you know, this is one of our main fundraisers, so we need assistance from everyone. Dick and Troy will be traveling to Louisiana or Mobile again this year to pick up a nice variety of



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Upcoming Events

September 7 Kickoff Dinner
6:30 p.m. - social
7:00 p.m. - Covered dish dinner
Hosted by Jack and Diane Dyer
Rivershore Community Bldg.
206 Scarborough, Conroe
Come meet our sponsors!

September 25 Annual Plant Sale
Outside of Kroger
1217 N. Loop 336 West
Place your special orders early!
Plant Sale Chairman - Dick Eidem
Plant Sale Assistant - Troy McCraray

October 5 October meeting
6:30 p.m. - social
7:00 p.m. - program
"Organic Gardening"
Rivershore Community Bldg.
206 Scarborough, Conroe

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quality camellias and sasanquas for our sale. If you have a special request for a certain plant, please let Dick know at the meeting.

Dick will also handle plant raffles at our meetings, and sell camellias at the January show. Jan Waller will handle all other raffles and door prizes. Please give items you wish to donate for a raffle or door prize to Jan Waller.

Jo Ann and Victor Treat will have our year-books ready, and if you haven't yet had a chance to pay your dues, Jan Waller will be glad to take your money! Membership cards will also be available at this meeting. Your chapter officers and chairmen have already been busy organizing the coming year, beginning with a planning meeting at Linda McCrary's house earlier this month. Librarian Jackie Wells invites any member to call her and come check out one of the many camellia books in the CCS library. We have some beautiful new books with a wealth of information.

We're also looking forward to recognizing our sponsors at this meeting. Each one has received a special invitation to attend. Please make them feel welcome and let them know how much we appreciate their support. This year's sponsors are: Container Grown Nursery (Jeff and Becky Odum), FastSigns (James & Gayle Rankin), Henderson Feed and Supply (LaVerna Henderson), and Wiesner Auto (John Wiesner).

Mike Welbes has designed a wonderful website for us. It is still a work in progress - please take a few moments to go take a look at www.coushattacamelliasociety.com and let us know your ideas. Thanks Mike, for a great job!

See you in September!

Directions to Rivershire Community Building:

Coming from the North: Take the Gladstell Street exit off I-45 South and proceed south on the feeder under the overpass. Then turn right off feeder and proceed to the stop sign, turn left on Scarsborough and go past the strip shopping center to the next stop sign. The building is on the right in the next block.

Coming from the South: Take the Gladstell Street exit off I-45 North and proceed on the feeder but do not go under the overpass. Turn right off feeder and proceed to the stop sign, turn left onto Gladstell, and go over the Interstate to the stop sign. Turn left at stop sign onto Scarsborough and go past the strip shopping center to the next stop sign. The building is on the right in the next block.

APRIL MEETING

Members of CCS met for the last meeting of the year, a social, at the River Plantation Country Club, on April 6th. The food was wonderful, the company convivial, and the view over the golf course was lovely. What a nice ending to an interesting and productive year.

President Linda McCrary congratulated members on the successful projects that had been accomplished, and thanked the many officers, chairmen, and members who had helped her during the past year. She briefly discussed some programs that were already being lined up for next year, and wished everyone a happy and relaxing summer.

Jan Waller accepted dues for the new year, and Jo Ann Treat discussed plans for a field trip to take the Azalea Tour.





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Newsletters will be sent in Adobe Acrobat format. Adobe Acrobat Reader can be downloaded for free from the Internet, and instructions will be included in the e-mail.

CALLING ALL COOKS!

You know everyone loves that special dish you plan to bring to the September meeting. And wouldn't you love to have the recipe for those wonderful cookies that disappeared before you could have seconds? Diane Dyer is collecting recipes from CCS members to put together a cookbook. Bring your recipes to the meeting or send them by e-mail to her at d.s.dyer@att.net.

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