

Coushatta

Camellia



August 2005 Newsletter

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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.

This year we have a special treat to kick off the season. Our cookbooks are in, and they look wonderful! The Dyers are hosting an Open House on Sunday, August 21, at their home in Mosswood from 3 to 5. Plan to pick one (or more than one!) up from Jack and Diane on August 21, or get one at any CCS meeting.

Our first meeting will take place on Tuesday, September 6th, at Rivershore Community Building. Take a look through the Coushatta Camellia Society Cookbook and find a dish you would like to make to share. You know everything will be wonderful, so don't be surprised if you have a hard time making a decision!

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

Dick Eidem, with the help of Troy McCraray and W. B. Knox, 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



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Upcoming Events

August 21 Cookbook Celebration
Jack & Diane Dyer's home
623 Mosswood Drive
3:00 'til 5:00 p.m.

September 6 Kickoff Dinner
6:30 p.m. - social
7:00 p.m. - Pot Luck dinner
Hosted by Jack and Diane Dyer
Rivershore Community Bldg.
206 Scarborough, Conroe
Come meet our sponsors!
Bring a dish made from a cookbook recipe!

September 24 Annual Plant Sale
Outside of Kroger
1217 N. Loop 336 West
Place your special orders early!
Plant Sale Chairman - Dick Eidem
Plant Sale Assistants - Troy McCraray
W. B. Knox

October 4 October meeting
6:30 p.m. - social; 7:00 p.m. - program
Speakers: Milton & Claire Surles
"ACS Headquarters Gardens"
Rivershore Community Bldg.
206 Scarborough, Conroe

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need assistance from everyone. Dick and Troy will be traveling to Louisiana or Mobile again this year to pick up a nice variety of 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. Tena Koch will help our new treasurer, Ruby McConnell, handle all other raffles and door prizes. Please give items you wish to donate for a raffle or door prize to Tena Koch.

Jo Ann and Victor Treat will have our year-books ready, and if you haven't yet had a chance to pay your dues, Ruby 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 new president Edie Tong's house last month.

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)

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(Chris and Lisa Farr)

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(LaVerna Henderson)

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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 Scarborough 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 Scarborough and go past the strip shopping center to the next stop sign. The building is on the right in the next block.

APRIL MEETING and FIELD TRIP

Members of CCS met for the last meeting of the year, a social, at Coronelli's Restaurant in downtown Conroe on April 5th. Thanks to Renee Bilyeu for making the arrangements - the food was scrumptious and the company convivial. 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 reminded everyone about the field trip to Nacogdoches, wished everyone a happy and relaxing summer, and turned her gavel over to new President Edie Tong.

Speaking of the Field Trip - we had a great time exploring Nacogdoches and it was amazing some of the places that bus could go! Everyone agreed it was a wonderful experience. Thanks, JoAnn, for making it all possible!





A Tribute to Margo Truran

The Coushatta Camellia Society has lost an enthusiastic Camellia-Lover. Margo Truran, a long-time member, died April 19, 2005.

Margo generously opened her garden for the Spring Open Camellia Garden Tour on several occasions, and opened her home for the "After-the-Tour Supper." She served on the CCS Board and was always available when calls for volunteers were requested.

Margo was a lovely, gracious person who will be greatly missed by all who knew her.

by Margaret Lewis

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Camellia Show: Chairman - Charlie Gambrill; Assistant - Oscar Schank; Judges - W. B. Knox, Ruby Knox; Classification - Pat McMurrey, W. B. Knox, Jackie Wells; Clerks - Victor Treat; Tabulation & Statistics - Dennis Bilyeu; Properties - Jackie Wells, Sarah Eidem; Publicity - Jackie Wells; Awards - Bob Koehl, Ruby McConnell, Sarah Eidem; Certificates - Elizabeth Williams, Judy Weidner; Plant & Gift Sale - Dick Eidem & Maxine Schank; Judges Brunch-June Sadoti, Emmalee Striebeck; Pre-show Social - Linda McCraray; Welcome & Membership - Marcia & Tom Tillman, Ilka Swires

Camellia Appreciation Project: Chairman - Maxine Schank; School Contact - Linda McCraray; Awards - Judy Weidner; Packets - Ruby McConnell; Recognition - Helen Burdeaux; Decorations - Diane Dyer; Photography - Sarah Eidem; Refreshments - Carolyn Tynan, Margaret Lewis

Open Camellia Garden Tour: Chairman - Dennis Bilyeu; Home Selection - Jackie Wells; After Tour Dinner - Tommy and Sandra Weeks

Plant Sales: Chairman - Dick Eidem; Assistants - Troy McCraray, W. B. Knox; Plant Raffles - Dick Eidem

Coushatta Camellia Society Cookbooks
ARE HERE! GET YOURS on August 21!

The time: 3:00 - 5:00 p.m., Sunday, August 21

The hosts: Jack & Diane Dyer

The place: 623 Mosswood Drive

Come for a nibble and a sip and stay for a chat while we preview the new Coushatta Camellia Society cookbooks. Take one home for \$7.50 or take more than one for \$7 each. You'll love looking up your favorite recipes and learning the secrets of our great CCS cooks. This attractive cookbook would be a perfect hostess gift or stocking stuffer, so be sure to take advantage of the discount for buying more than one!

Socials: December Social - Tommy & Sandra Weeks; Year End Banquet - Beverly Roche; Field Trips - Renee Bilyeu; Kick-Off Social - the Dyers & the Schanks

Additional Chairmen: Door Prize & Raffles Coordinator - Tena Koch; Hospitality - Jack & Diane Dyer; Librarian - Jackie Wells; Membership Chairman - Marcia Tillman; Newsletter - Judy Weidner; Publicity - Jackie Wells, Ruby McConnell; Sound System - Oscar Schank; Sponsorship - Edie Tong; Sunshine - Margaret Lewis; Telephone Committee - Beverly Roche; Webmaster - Linda McCraray; Yearbook Publishers - JoAnn & Victor Treat

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