

# Coushatta

# Camellia



## August 2006 Newsletter

P.O. Box 1655, Conroe, TX 77305

# Society

GREETINGS, CAMELLIA LOVERS!

### Welcome back!

It's been a busy summer, but hopefully the record heat will slowly start to subside as buds begin 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 new meeting place! See the map on the back page if you need directions.

Our first meeting will take place on Tuesday, September 5<sup>th</sup>, in the Church Parlor at First Christian Church on Loop 336 W in Conroe. Jack & Diane Dyer, with help from the Schanks, will be coordinating our dinner, which will feature Barbecue Stuffed Potatoes with buns for those who like their barbecue “on the side”. Bring your favorite side, salad or dessert to share. Diane will not be getting “extra” potatoes or BBQ, so give her a call at 321-6685 or send her an e-mail at [djdyer712@yahoo.com](mailto:djdyer712@yahoo.com) to make sure she has your RSVP. Let Diane know if you can come early (4 or 4:30) to help set up.

This is the meeting where we welcome our sponsors, so be sure to take a moment to give our thanks to:

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## Upcoming Events

**September 5** ..... Kickoff Dinner  
6:30 p.m. - social

7:00 p.m. - Barbecue Stuffed Potatoes  
Hosted by Jack and Diane Dyer  
and Maxine and Oscar Schank  
First Christian Church Parlor  
3500 N Loop 336 W, Conroe

*Come meet our sponsors!  
Bring a salad, side or dessert.*

**Please RSVP** (# of potatoes) by August 27  
(936) 321-6685; [djdyer712@yahoo.com](mailto:djdyer712@yahoo.com)


**October 3** ..... October meeting  
6:30 p.m. - social; 7:00 p.m. - program  
Speaker: “The Gourd Lady”

Carol Ann Short from The Lazy Turtle  
First Christian Church Parlor  
3500 N Loop 336 W, Conroe

**October 21** ..... Annual Plant Sale  
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### September meeting - continued from front page

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

**Fall Plant Sale:** Last year's sale was delayed until October, and the timing worked so well that we decided to hold this year's sale on **October 21**, at Kroger on North Loop 336. As you know, this is one of our main fundraisers, so we need assistance from everyone, and there will be a sign up sheet at our meeting. If you have a special request for a certain plant, please let us know at the meeting.

Tena Koch will again help our 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 yearbooks ready, and if you haven't yet had a chance to pay your dues, Ruby will be glad to take your money! Your chapter officers and chairmen have already been busy organizing the coming year, beginning with a planning meeting at president Edie Tong's house earlier this summer.

We are going to have a wonderful year, with new programs, new sponsors, and a new place to meet. You won't want to miss a single meeting.

**See you in September!**

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### A Message from the Treasurer:

Ruby McConnell would like to thank all of you who have already paid your dues, and to remind those who have not yet sent in their money - NOW is the time to PAY THOSE DUES! It's \$10 for a single membership and \$15 for a joint membership, a price which can't be beat.

Ruby is also collecting a record of your birth month so we can wish our members Happy Birthday. Something new this year - please give us an emergency contact name and number so we can get you help if you have a problem at one of our activities.

### A Message from the President:

If you shop at Randall's for your groceries, don't forget to have your "Randall's Good Neighbor" card scanned at check out. Coushatta Camellia Society will receive a percentage of your purchase as a donation. Don't have a card? Check with Ruby or Edie.

We have a number of members with changes in address, phone or e-mail, so don't forget to get your yearbook when you pay your dues.

The Coushatta Camellia Society has lost too many friends this year. We will miss:

**Harold Williams** (CCS 1987-88 President),  
**Jean Kaiser, Tom Roche** and **Marvin Williams**.  
If you have a memory to share, please send it to Judy Weidner - judy@cwew.net; 936-494-1104.



## A Tribute

In Memory of  
Marvin James Williams  
Nov. 22, 1922-Nov. 8, 2005  
by Beverly Roche

Marvin was a career officer in the US Air Force and retired as a Lt. Colonel after 22 years of service. While there he flew a fighter plane during WWII, and later flew jet fighter planes and a bomber.

After the service he lived in Apple Valley, California, where he met and married the love of his life, Elizabeth, and adopted her four sons Donovan, Dennis, David and Daniel. While in the service he was a distinguished marksman and a member of the United States Shooting Team. While in California he joined The Elks and also became a member of the Apple Valley Gun Club.

On April 15, 1987, Marvin and Elizabeth moved to Texas and bought a house in Panorama Village. There he joined the American Legion Post #618, the Disabled American Veterans, the Panorama Country Club, the Panorama Lions Club, the Senior Friends, and the Coughatta Camellia Society. He and Elizabeth loved to dance and were often seen at the Friendship Center Senior Dances and the Senior Prom held at the Convention Center.

Marvin Williams was a good friend to all and will be missed by those who knew him.

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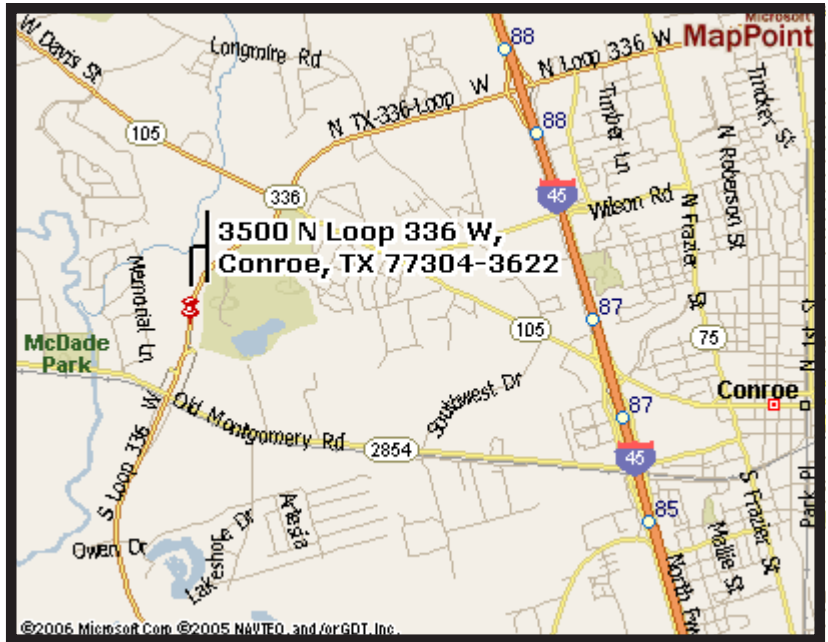
## Coushatta Camellia Society has a NEW meeting place!

CCS has outgrown its previous meeting room at the Rivershire Community Building. Starting in September, we'll be meeting at the First Christian Church at 3500 North Loop 336 West, in Conroe. The church is not far from the intersection with highway 2854, and can be reached from Interstate Highway 45 most easily by taking either exit 84 (Loop 336 S ) or exit 88 (Loop 336 N) and proceeding west around the loop to the church, which lies on the west side of the road.

Hmmm - does this location look familiar?

It SHOULD! The First Christian Church gymnasium is where CCS holds its annual Camellia Show each January. We won't be meeting in the gym, however, but the church Parlor, which can be reached through the door opening onto the covered drop-off area.

Our meeting day will remain the first Tuesday evening of each month, from September through April.



Meeting time will still be 6:30 p.m. for fellowship and 7:00 p.m. for the meeting.

This move should work well for our membership, since not only will we have a more comfortable meeting room, but we will also have more parking area.

Many thanks to the First Christian Church for this wonderful opportunity!



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