

Coushatta

Camellia

Society



September 2003 Newsletter

P.O. Box 1655, Conroe, TX 77305

GREETINGS, CAMELLIA LOVERS!

The weather is getting cooler, but our friendships stay warm! Members of Coushatta Camellia Society gathered on September 2 to meet old friends and to get reacquainted with new ones. Diane & Jack Dyer made our first meeting attractive and entertaining--many thanks to them, and to all who shared their favorite foods with us - everything was delicious! Coushatta Camellia Society certainly has some good cooks, and Diane would like to collect all those special recipes to share with all. If you didn't bring your recipe along with your covered dish, please send or bring Diane a copy. Diane is also looking for volunteers to bring cookies to the next meeting. Give her a call if you can help.

We had over 35 members in attendance in September and one guest - it was a pleasure to welcome Michael Williams, who is the grandson of Elizabeth and Marvin Williams. Michael had such a good time, he hopes to come for another visit. We hope he isn't expecting a feast every meeting!

New President Linda McCrarey welcomed everyone to the start of a new year, and introduced the officers and committee chairmen. Linda reported that Ruby Knox has resigned as Recording Secretary, and thanked her very much for her years of capable service. Linda then introduced



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Upcoming Events

October 7 October meeting
6:30 p.m. - social
7:00 p.m. - program
Rivershire Community Bldg.
206 Scarborough, Conroe

Speaker: Carolyn Townsley
Master Gardener

Topic: "Good Bugs/Bad Bugs
in the Garden"

November 4 November meeting
6:30 p.m. - social
7:00 p.m. - program
Rivershire Community Bldg.
206 Scarborough, Conroe

Speaker: Morris Waller, CCS
Secretary International Camellia Society

Topic: "Gardens of China"
Camellia Society Trip

December 2 Christmas dinner party
Hosted by Beverly Roche
location to be announced

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Fall Plant Sale

Saturday, September 27, was the date to attend the fall plant sale -- and it was very successful! Plant Sale Chairman Dick Eidem again did a wonderful job coordinating this project. Thanks to all who worked so hard and volunteered their time and services.

Special thanks to the individuals and businesses who made contributions to the Plant Sale:

Container Grower Nursery
Ramrod Enterprises
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Stuart's Supply & Garden Center
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September Meeting

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Carolyn Tynan as the new Coughatta Camellia Society Recording Secretary..

Linda thanked Edie Tong for the great program line-up she has prepared for us. The next meeting will take place at the Rivershire Community Building, 206 Scarborough, Conroe, at 6:30 p.m. for the social hour and 7:00 p.m. for the business meeting. Our speaker will be Master Gardener Carolyn Townsley, who will tell us everything we need to know about "Good Bugs/Bad Bugs in the Garden." In November our own Morris Waller, who serves as Secretary for the International Camellia Society, will share with us the beauty and excitement of "Gardens of China--Camellia Society Trip."

Dick Eidem gave a report on the Fall Plant Sale that will take place on Saturday, September 27, at the Kroger's on the N. Loop 336. Dick has been hard at work to make this event successful, and passed around a sign-up sheet at the meeting for members to volunteer to help at the sale. Dick reported that last year's sale at Kroger was disappointing due to a low volume of shoppers moving through the area. He plans to try the Walmart parking lot next year if this year's sale is not well-attended.

Maxine Schank will be chairing the Elementary School Camellia Appreciation Project (ESCAP) this year, and the second grade students from the same four schools (B. B. Rice, Sam Houston, Armstrong, and Giesinger) will again be participating. Volunteers to help with the project would be welcome -- contact Maxine Schank.

Two sets of yummy home-made peanut brittle were donated for door prizes, one of which

was won by Roy Kveton, the other by Dick Eidem. Congratulations, Roy and Dick!

Some members may not be aware that Troy McCraray was scheduled to have

an additional heart procedure in September. We are happy to report that everything went well, and Troy is not only feeling well, but was out of the hospital in time to enjoy the plant sale. Victor Treat has been very ill, but JoAnn reports that he has now "turned the corner" and both of them are looking forward to attending the October meeting. Get well soon, Victor and Troy!

Every month is Sponsor Appreciation Month, but in September, we want to offer up a hearty THANK YOU!! to our wonderful sponsors:

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Yearbooks will be ready to distribute at the October meeting. There are still just a few members who have not yet had a chance to pay dues. Treasurer Jan Waller will be delighted to take your payment so you may receive your yearbook.

See you in October!



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Third Annual Elementary School Camellia Appreciation Project

Purpose: To promote interest in Camellias and the Coushatta Camellia Show through youth and their families

ESCAP has a chairman for each committee, but your help would still be appreciated. Maxine Schank will need volunteers to make presentations and to provide flowers to show to students and give to the schools.

Packets Committee

- Make copies (one set per child) and prepare packets for each classroom
- Make copies of the presentation and story

Recognition Committee:

- Review art work and determine which should receive special recognition

Awards Committee

- Determine the types and number of Awards to be presented

Publicity & Photography

- Put Notice and follow-up in the Conroe Courier
- Take pictures at Awards Presentation

Refreshments Committee

- Prepare lemonade and cookies
- Serve from 1:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m. on Saturday, during CCS show

Decorations Committee

- Display the art work at the CCS Show

School Contact

THE PERFECT GIFT

This year, each new CCS membership will include a free 6 month American Camellia Society membership, along with the ACS Journal. This lovely magazine is a quality production chock-full of wonderful pictures, interesting articles, and exciting news about the camellia world.

Tell your friends this is the perfect time to join CCS, or, consider purchasing a Coushatta Camellia Society membership for that special person!

Linda McCrary has all the forms needed -- give her a call!

