

Coushatta

Camellia

Society



September 2004 Newsletter

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GREETINGS, CAMELLIA LOVERS!

The weather is getting cooler, but our friendships stay warm! Members of Coushatta Camellia Society gathered on September 7 to meet old friends and to get reacquainted with new ones. Diane & Jack Dyer and Oscar & Maxine Schank 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 upcoming meetings. Give her a call if you can help.

In the absence of Chaplain W. B. Knox and President Linda McCraray, Troy McCraray opened the meeting with prayer. Vice President Edie Tong welcomed everyone to the start of a new year, including Ann Duncan, who had come as the guest of her mother, Norma Ray. (Ann enjoyed her visit so much that she joined CCS immediately following the meeting!)

Edie then introduced the officers and committee chairmen. She reported that Carolyn Tynan will no longer be able to serve as Recording Secretary. Edie thanked Carolyn for all her hard work, and announced that Reneé Bilyeu will now be serving as Recording Secretary. Dennis Bilyeu will serve as Assistant Chairman for the February tour, helping Perry Liston with finding homes. If you would like to volunteer your home, or if you have a suggestion for a home for the tour, please notify Perry or Dennis by November.

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Upcoming Events

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

Speaker: Linda Crum
Master Gardner
Woodlands Comm. Environmental Group

Topic: "Organic Gardening"

November 2 November meeting
6:30 p.m. - social
7:00 p.m. - program
Rivershire Community Bldg.
206 Scarborough, Conroe

Speaker: Charlie Gambrill
Coushatta Camellia Society
CCS Camellia Show Chairman

Topic: "Garden Fountains"

December 7 Christmas dinner party
Hosted by Beverly Roche
location to be announced

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Fall Plant Sale

Saturday, September 25, 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:

Bob's P&M Feeds
Conroe Greenhouses
Container Grower Nursery
Garden World
Growers' Outlet
Hummingbird Nursery
Texan Agricultures
Wakefield Nursery & Landscaping

JOANN TREAT RESEARCH EXCELLENCE AWARD ESTABLISHED

The Texas A&M Board of Trustees has established an award for excellence in research. This award is to be given annually to a faculty researcher of any academic rank, discipline and stage of career whose research is administered through the Texas A&M Research Foundation. It is open to all tenured or tenure track faculty at any of the Texas A&M University System components and is to be in recognition of an exceptional contribution to the faculty member's area of research in the past five years. Candidates should be leaders in their field and their discoveries/research should have had a dramatic impact on their discipline(s). Award recipients will receive a \$10,000 cash award, a commemorative plaque, and will also have their name recorded on the JoAnn Treat commemorative glass vase displayed in the Research Foundation lobby. JoAnn Treat was made the first recipient of the award, upon her retirement in 2004.

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September Meeting

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Vice President Edie Tong also went over the program line-up she has prepared for us. We can look forward to another fun and interesting year!

Dick Eidem gave a report on the Fall Plant Sale that will take place on Saturday, September 25, 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.

Maxine Schank will be chairing the Elementary School Camellia Appreciation Project (ESCAP) this year, with a new school added to our schedule. Second grade students from the same four schools (B. B. Rice, Sam Houston, Armstrong, and Giesinger) will again be participating, plus Reaves Elementary. The number of children will remain about the same. Volunteers to help with the project would be welcome -- contact Maxine Schank at (936) 445-1765..

JoAnn and Victor Treat were present to pass out copies of our annual yearbook. They did a great job, as usual! Edie was proud to announce that JoAnn was honored to be the first recipient of an award established in her honor by the Texas A&M Research Foundation.

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.

The next meeting will be at Rivershire Community Building, 206 Scarborough, Conroe, at 6:30 p.m., with business beginning at 7:00 p.m. Our speaker will be Master Gardener Linda Crum, of The Woodlands Community Environmental Group, who will tell us everything we need to know about "Organic Gardening."

See you on October 5th!

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Fourth 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

- Meet with participating teachers & principals to plan project

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!

