

Coushatta

Camellia

Society



September 2005 Newsletter

P.O. Box 1655, Conroe, TX 77305

GREETINGS, CAMELLIA LOVERS!

The hurricane may have tried to blow us away, but our friendships keep us close! Members of Coushatta Camellia Society gathered on September 6 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! Many of the dishes were made with recipes from our beautiful Coushatta Camellia Society cookbook. 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! Thanks to everyone for donating their recipes, and to Diane Dyer for bringing it all together.

President Edie Tong called the meeting to order and the opening prayer was led by W. B. Knox. There were 40 people in attendance including new members Bill and Laurie McCranor and Debbie Vaughn. We also had 4 guests: Donovan and Kim Williams and Katherine and Mark Stanley.

There were several notable announcements. Doris and Buffalo Allwright are now new accredited judges. Lois Boudreaux sent the society a note of thanks for the honor



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Upcoming Events

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

Speakers: Milton & Clair Surles
Coushatta Camellia Society

Topic: ... "ACS Headquarters Gardens"

November 1 November meeting
6:30 p.m. - social; 7:00 p.m. - program
Rivershire Community Bldg.
206 Scarborough, Conroe

Speaker: Tommy Weeks
Coushatta Camellia Society

Topic: "Latest Air Layering Techniques"

December 6 Christmas dinner party
Hosted by Tommy & Sandra Weeks
11281 Jake Pearson Road

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we gave her for her photographic work. Jo-Ann Treat once again did a superb job on the yearbook with much support from Victor. Be sure to pick one up from Treasurer Ruby McConnell, along with your membership card.

Dick Eidem gave an update on the plant sale scheduled for September 24, 2005, at Kroger's on I-45. Approximately 150 plants from Container Grown will be for sale for \$20 each. Donated plants are welcomed and prices on these will vary. Dick passed out a sign-up sheet for volunteers to work a shift at the sale. Morris Waller moved that \$2000 be allowed for the sale. The motion, seconded by Buffalo Allwright, was carried. Troy McCrary asked that members put up brochures in public places to publicize the event.

Charlie Gambrill suggested that part of the proceeds of the plant sale be given to the hurricane relief fund at First Christian. After discussing various methods and amounts to give, Buffalo Allwright moved to give \$1000 now. Troy McCrary seconded and the motion carried. Charlie, who will get with the pastor at First Christian to set up the donation, mentioned that this generous gesture will help pay back the church which has allowed us to use its facilities in the past.

Maxine Schank circulated a sign-up sheet for the Camellia Appreciation School Project. We have only 3 days for the project this year, and with five schools to cover we will need plenty of volunteers.

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Welcome New Members!

September Meeting

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Members of the ESCAP committee met in August to make plans for the coming year. Second grade students in BB Rice Elementary, Armstrong Elementary, Cryar Elementary, Sam Houston Elementary, and Giesinger Elementary will again be participating in the project.

Dennis Bilyeu briefly mentioned his plans for changes for the Garden Tour which include getting more homes and expanding the tour to two days. He passed out plans for the tour which outlined the changes.

One camellia plant and two gifts were offered as door prizes. Congratulations to the lucky winners: Edie Tong, Emmalee Streibeck, and Ruby McConnell.

President Edie Tong expressed appreciation for all the good food the members enjoyed, most of which was prepared from recipes in the new CCS cookbook. She also congratulated Doris and Buffalo Allwright on 58 years of marriage.

Treasurer Ruby McConnell asked all members to check off their birthdays on a list she has prepared.

Our next meeting will be held on October 4, at Rivershire Community Building, 206 Scarborough, Conroe, at 6:30 p.m., with business beginning at 7:00 p.m. Our speakers will be Milton and Claire Surles, who will take us on an armchair tour with a slide show of the "ACS Headquarters Gardens."

See you on October 4th!

Ruby McConnell is collecting birthdays. Does she have yours yet? Call her at (281) 292-5472 or send her an e-mail: rgmcc@earthlink.net

Please add the contact information for our newest members to your yearbook:

Bill & Laurie McCranor - 1100 Browder Loop, New Waverly, TX 77358-5341; phone: 936-344-9190; e-mail: mccranor@earthlink.net

Please also change the e-mail address in your yearbook for **Dennis Bilyeu** to: bikernerd@libertybrew.com

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GARDEN TOUR 2006

by Dennis Bilyeu

Fellow CCS members - I am looking for your support and your ideas to make this our BEST Garden Tour Ever.

Some of my ideas include: Expand Tour to a two day event to take place Feb 11 and 12; Identify at least 5 homes that are willing to be on the tour one of the two days; i.e., need a minimum of 10 homes to commit to the Tour; Make commitment to being on the Tour by CCS October meeting.

Tour Homeowners will be able to select which day they prefer being on the tour, and Tour Homes will be grouped to minimize travel for visitors on each day (11 am - 4 pm). I would like to develop the brochure for the Tour so it is available for distribution at the Camellia Appreciation Project and the CCS Camellia Show.

I need your ideas and comments, plus: Help developing and printing brochures; Help with marketing, advertising and publicity of the Tour; Help with developing a CCS web site; Help with table at CCS Camellia Show to distribute brochures.

I look forward to further discussion and your participation at the October meeting.

Fall Plant Sale Postponed!

Saturday, September 24, was the date to attend the fall plant sale -- but that was before Hurricane Rita decided to visit! Plant Sale Chairman Dick Eidem and W. B. Knox are hard at work making arrangements for a new plant sale date. At this point, Saturday, October 15, looks like the most likely candidate, and more information will be available at the October 4 meeting. The site of the sale will remain the Kroger on the North Loop 336.

Dick will also have another sign-up sheet at the next meeting for volunteers to take a shift at the plant sale. Please help us notify the public of the change in our sale date.

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