

Coushatta

Camellia

Society



September 2006 Newsletter

P.O. Box 1655, Conroe, TX 77305

The weather is getting cooler, but our friendships stay warm! Members of Coushatta Camellia Society gathered on September 5 to meet new friends and to get reacquainted with old ones. Before our formal meeting, the members of CCS enjoyed a delicious Kick-off dinner planned and coordinated by Jack and Diane Dyer at our new meeting location, First Christian Church. Baked potatoes, stuffed with a lot of everything - including barbecue - took a starring role, and our members filled in any empty spots with yummy sides, salads and desserts.

The September meeting of the Coushatta Camellia Society was called to order by President Edie Tong. Opening prayer was led by Oscar Schank. There were 28 people in attendance including two visitors, Mary Shulte and Kathy Shumerski, who are Diane Dyer's sisters. Special thanks were extended to Diane and Jack Dyer for the excellent job of organizing of the Kick-off dinner.

Happy September birthday wishes were extended to Doris and Buffalo Allwright, Lois Boudreaux, Bill McCranor, Meg Mendeck, Debra Stallings, and Emmalee Striebeck.

The new 2006-2007 yearbooks were made available by Jo Ann Treat. Thank you JoAnn and Victor for a job well done! In spite of JoAnn's surgery this summer (pacemaker implant), she managed to make the deadline.



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Upcoming Events

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
Outside of Kroger
1217 N Loop 336 West
Place your special orders early!
Plant Sale Chairmen - Dick Eidem
Troy McCrary
W. B. Knox

November 7 November meeting
6:30 p.m. - social; 7:00 p.m. - program
Program: "Native Flowering Plants"
Speaker: John Ross
Forestry Consultant-Burdit Company
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October

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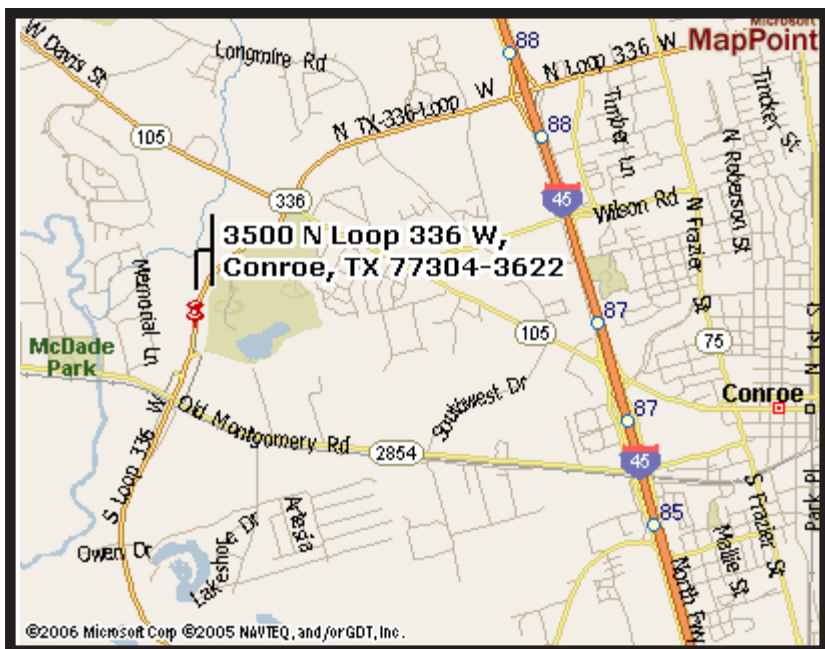
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Coushatta Camellia Society has a NEW meeting place!

We'll be meeting at the Conroe First Christian Church at 3500 North Loop 336 West, in the church parlor. The church is not far from the intersection of the West Loop 336 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.

This location will be familiar - we hold our annual January Show in the gymnasium of the First Christian Church.



September Meeting

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The treasurer's report was read by Ruby McConnell and was filed.

Dick Eidem, plant sale chairman, announced that the CCS plant sale will be held on October 21, 2006, at Kroger's. Dick will be assisted by Troy McCrary. Jackie Wells will handle the publicity for the sale.

The ESCAP school project committee will meet in the near future to organize this year's activities. One change likely to occur is that there will only be one volunteer per classroom since teachers are familiar with our procedures.

Dennis Bilyeu, garden tour chairman, requested volunteers to open their gardens to the public for our annual garden tour in February. He passed out a list requesting names and addresses. Dennis is also the American Camellia Society Texas Representative this year. He informed members to address concerns relating

to ACS to him in order to properly represent CCS on the national level. One concern brought up was the lack of coverage by ACS of our plant show and how to resolve this problem.

Diane Dyer requested the members to bring cookies to the meetings. She passed out a list so members could choose which month they would volunteer refreshments. You may also call her at (936) 321-6685 to volunteer, or send her an email at djdyer712@yahoo.com.

Ruby McConnell requested that members provide emergency contact information.

Congratulations to the lucky winners of Door Prizes: Renee Bilyeu and Troy McCrary.

See you on October 3rd!

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

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GARDEN TOUR 2007

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: Keep Tour a two day event to take place Feb 17 and 18; Offer mini-workshops at some homes; 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 October 21!

Saturday, October 21, is the date to attend the fall plant sale! Plant Sale Chairman Dick Eidem, Troy McCraray and W. B. Knox are hard at work making arrangements. The site of the sale will remain the Kroger on the North Loop 336. Dick will have a sign-up sheet at the October meeting, for volunteers to offer to help.



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