

Coushatta

Camellia



September 2012 Newsletter

P.O. Box 1655, Conroe, TX 77305

Society

GREETINGS, CAMELLIA LOVERS!

Fall is the time for cooler temperatures, but our friendships stay warm, despite the weather.

Welcome back! New time – 6 p.m.

The CCS began with a great Kick Off Sept. 4th. Thirty-eight members were present and enthusiasm was everywhere! Sandwich and fruit trays, chips and dips, desserts and beverages were thoroughly enjoyed. Thanks go out to all who attended, prepared the food and those who stayed extra time to clean up. All is appreciated!

The church parlor and kitchen were very clean and attractive. May we show our appreciation for a lovely meeting place by continuing to leave the area clean and furniture as found. We were surprised and honored to meet the new pastor of First Christian Church, Rev. Kristin Galle. She joined us during our social time. Hopefully, everyone was able to meet her.

A short meeting was held after dinner. Business was limited to 3 proposals: 1) to send \$100.00 to the American Camellia Society, in memory of our beloved Jackie Wells; 2) to cancel the Open Garden Camellia Tour for 2013; 3) to cancel participation in the 2013 Mercer March Mart. When the vote was called, all items were unanimously accepted.

CCS will not have a separate plant sale this fall. We will sell camellias in the Master Gardeners' plant sale at the county extension agriculture center on Airport Road. The sale will take place on October 13, from 9 am to 1 pm.

Discussion and other ideas were tossed around for the remaining 2012-2013 year.

Oscar Schank extends his thanks and appreciation to members for their and enthusiasm and desire to continue the purpose for CCS. At all times we should remember we are a social organization. We must strive to achieve our purpose with friendliness, interaction and respect for each other. Let us enjoy!

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Upcoming Events

October 2 October meeting
6:00 p.m. - social; 6:30 p.m. - program
Speaker: John Ferguson, Nature's Way
First Christian Church Parlor
3500 N Loop 336 W, Conroe

October 13 MG Plant Sale
CCS participation w/ Master Gardeners
8 am – lecture w/Tom Leroy
9 am – 1 p.m. plant sale
9020 Airport Rd – Extension Office

October 15, 16 Gulf Coast
Camellia Society Annual meeting
Natchez, MS,
contact Claudette Shelfer for more information; she will bring back gib from this meeting.

November 6 **Election Day**
*No CCS meeting on this day
A date for this meeting will be determined at the October meeting.*

November 13? November meeting
6:00 p.m. - social; 6:30 p.m. - program
Speaker: Tom Leroy, Past President CCS
First Christian Church Parlor
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September Meeting - continued from front page

Thank you, Edie, for your contacts on our sponsors. The signs have been rearranged. Edie will bring one to our October meeting. Take time to visit our sponsors and extend your appreciation for their sponsorship.

Along with appreciation, many of our members have been ill and are facing physical hardships. Some are unable to attend meetings. If you know of someone, send them a note of cheer or call them.

NOTE: The November 6th meeting date will fall on Election Day. At our October meeting, a decision should be made for an alternate meeting date.



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TREASURER'S REPORT

Beginning Balance June 1, 2012	\$7,640.55
Expenses:	
ACS Dues	\$ 30.00
Storage	420.00
Web Site	300.00
Total Expenses	\$750.00
Deposits:	
Plant Sales	\$190.00
Dues	25.00
Friends of CCS	25.00
Trophy	60.00
Sponsor	250.00
Total Deposits:	\$550.00
Ending Balance August 26, 2012	\$7,440.55



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American Camellia Society Discount Available for a short time:

As an incentive to those who have never been ACS members, the American Camellia Society is offering a 50% discount for the one year membership.

Your \$15.00 membership will include: Quarterly issues of *The Camellia Journal*; Annual copy of the *American Camellia Society Yearbook*; Access to additional publications, education content, and forums on the ACS website; 10% discount in the ACS Gift Shop and at the online store; a copy of *Camellia Culture*, a publication on camellia care and propagation; Free admission to Masee Lane Gardens – ACS headquarters in Fort Valley, GA, free admission to reciprocating botanical gardens; National meeting and conventions, educational workshops, an extensive camellia library, fact sheets, and nursery information.

Forms will be available at the meeting so members may take advantage of this great offer.

**DON'T MISS OUR FALL
CAMELLIA SALE
OCTOBER 13 - 9 am - 1 pm
with the Master Gardener Sale
9020 Airport Rd – Extension Office**

A Message from the Treasurer:

Our treasurer 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.

You may call Claudette Shelfer, our Treasurer, if you are not sure whether or not you have paid your dues for 2012-2013.

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OCTOBER TIPS FOR THE CAMELLIA GARDENER

By Dennis Bilyeu

- 1 This is a very good time to spray dormant oil if anyone has scale problems on their camellias. When you spray, add the Nickel fertilizer-if you have it-and it will jump start the growth of your camellia next spring. If you don't have any Nickel fertilizer, use any kind of soluble balanced fertilizer. October is the last month this year you should fertilize your Camellias. Fertilizing later may expose new growth to freezing weather before it has a chance to harden off. You can mix the fertilizer and dormant oil into one spraying.
- 2 If you are planning on showing flowers at our show or one of the other shows in January you could start gibbing buds on plants that are normally late bloomers. Start with 30 to 40 buds this week, then come back with more each week. Gibbing will not only control the time your flowers mature, but will also result in larger, showier blooms. Claudette Shelfer will be bringing gib back from GCCS - contact her if you will want some from her.
- 3 If you still have camellia plants in pots, there are two options you should consider. Take the plant out of the pot and take a look at the root system. If there are lots of roots and the plant looks almost root bound, it is ready to put in the ground. This time of year is a great time to be planting camellias. If you need help planting your Camellia check out the planting procedure on our website or give me a call. The other option is, if you don't see a lot of roots at the edge of the dirt, you should repot the plant. Leaving the plant in the existing pine bark will require frequent fertilizing and daily watering, plus the root system will not develop in a way that sustains the plant in the ground. Carefully remove the pine bark and use a good potting mix, perhaps a camellia-azalea mix to repot the plant and to encourage good root growth. Don't plan on planting in the ground for about a year or until you see good root development at the edge of the root ball.
- 4 Keep watering your Camellias. I have been watering mine every day through the hot dry weather. I have installed a automated watering system that is simple and easy to install, so I don't have to be home every day to water my plants. A good drip system can be invaluable if you are not able to be around to water your plants; plus it is allowed even when water conservation restrictions are in effect through the city or the county, and it is much easier than hand watering once you have it in place. The county extension office has more information on these systems.

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