

Coushatta Camellia Society



Early November 2017 Newsletter

GREETINGS, CAMELLIA LOVERS!

This is a late newsletter and so close to our November meeting, so this will be kept short and trust that we will be able to have a good discussion and social at the meeting.

We had a good meeting in October. It was great for all of us to see one another after the long and at times tragic summer. Part of this Newsletter incorporates the minutes from that meeting which will remind those present about the meeting and bring those unable to attend up to date.

At the November meeting we will be moving forward with our plans for both shows, but particularly December 2. Also, our Christmas Dinner plans will be discussed and you will have an opportunity to sign up to attend. We always have a great get together so let's all make an effort to be available.

One of the best features of CCS meetings over the years has been the ability to learn from each other. Therefore, please come prepared for any questions, comments, or reports concerning your camellias. We all learn from this and there is no question that is unimportant, stupid, or silly. So ask or comment away.

If you have some camellias that are open now, but are too early to enter in the show, we would all enjoy seeing and hearing about them.

Upcoming Events

November 12, 2017

First Christian Church Parlor
3500 N Loop 336 W, Conroe
2:30p.m. social, 3:00p.m.
Regular Meeting

December 1, 2017

Set up for Camellia Show
More details to be announced

December 2, 2017

Camellia Show –
First Christian Church Gym
7:30am – 10:00 set out camellias
10:30 Judging begins

December 10, 2017

Christmas Dinner Party
Details to be announced

January 12, 2018

Set up for Camellia Show

January 13, 2018

Camellia Show
January 14, 2018
Regular Meeting

Just a bit of educational material for you?

CAMELLIA DISEASES

Camellia japonica

Canker and Dieback (fungus - *Glomerella cingulata*): Sudden wilting of branches is usually the first indication of disease. Gray blotches appear on bark of stem or branches. Underlying wood dies and bark may split to form open wounds or cankers. Pinkish pustules or spore masses may be seen in these cankers during moist periods. Leaves on affected branches turn chlorotic and branch tips die back. Plant in well-drained soil that has the proper pH and fertility level. Avoid excessive nitrogen fertilization. When dieback occurs, prune out and destroy diseased twigs. Prune several inches below visible canker, and use a commercial wound dressing on all cuts. Spraying plants during wet periods and during the period of normal leaf drop with a fungicide will help control the disease.

Petal Blight (fungus - *Sclerotinia camelliae*): Petal blight affects only the flower portion of the plant. The first evidence of infection is the appearance of small, brown, irregular-shaped spots on the petals. Affected petals have a "veined" appearance and the tissue remains firm. Entire flower turns brown in 24-48 hours and usually drops. The disease generally occurs during the spring. Remove and destroy all infected plant tissue. Apply fungicide to the soil just prior to bloom to prevent germination of over wintering spores. Thoroughly cover all areas under the plant and at least a 10 foot radius around each plant. Applications of a foliar fungicide at the first sign of disease and at 7-14 day intervals is effective.

Leaf Gall (fungus - *Exobasidium camelliae*): Young leaves and buds may be infected. Leaves become thickened and succulent and may be larger than normal. The color changes from light green to nearly white. Little damage

occurs but the plant appears abnormal or diseased. Pick young galls and destroy. Spray with fungicide before leaves open.

Leaf Spots (fungus - *Phyllosticta camelliae*, *Pestalotia guepini* and algae -*Cephaleuros virescens*): Various sized spots on the leaves. Small, black pinpoint dots may be in the dead leaf areas..

Brief Calendar for the Year

September 10, 2017

Cancelled

October 8, 2017

First Christian Church Parlor
3500 N Loop 336 W, Conroe
Regular Meeting

November 12, 2017

Regular Meeting

December 2, 2017

Camellia Show –
First Christian Church Gym

December 10, 2017

Christmas Dinner Party

January 12, 2018

Set Up and Pre-Show Pizza Party
First Christian Church

January 13, 2018

48th Annual Coushatta Camellia
Show
First Christian Church

January 14, 2018

Regular Meeting

February 11, 2018

Regular Meeting

March 11, 2018

Regular Meeting

April 8, 2018

End of Year Party

CCS Membership Meeting, Oct. 8, 2017:

President Jo Ann Treat called the meeting to order, and expressed sympathy for all who had problems related to Hurricane Harvey. She noted that the December and January flower shows were extended to two days, with flower viewing and plant sales on Sunday.

She asked for volunteers for a membership table at the shows. Victor Treat and Tena Koch offered to do it.

There was a discussion of where we might advertise the CCS, and our flower shows.

Jo Ann announced that there would be no Garden Tour this year, due to a shortage of gardens. A trip to Peckerwood Gardens was suggested as a substitute activity.

She asked for suggestions for programs, and volunteers for providing refreshments. Tena offered to enlist a member each month to bring refreshments at the next meeting.

She noted the Christmas dinner would be December 10th, and asked for someone to find a restaurant where we could eat. It would be on a pay-your-own-way basis, as CCS could no longer afford to pay for it. She also asked for someone to follow up with new members, and encourage them to be active in the club.

Henry Wei gave a summary of last year's finances. Our expenses were greater than our income, and we now have \$5,300.00 in our account.

Tena raffled off the monthly door prizes, and Tommy Weeks gave a talk about gibbing buds and preparing flowers for a show.

The Meeting was adjourned.

Submitted by Frank Ohrt

Officers and Directors:2017-2018

President	Jo Ann Treat
1 st Vice President, Programs	Randy McDaniel
2 nd Vice President, Show Chair	Frank Ohrt
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