

Coushatta Camellia Society

October 2019 - Newsletter



50th Anniversary

Fellow CCS Members:

There are several things for the members to note in this month's newsletter. First, we have a great speaker for the November meeting. I'm sure he'll give an interesting talk. Second, we have decided to have our Christmas Dinner at La Marisquera, a Mexican seafood restaurant in Conroe. Jo Ann has the details for the speaker and the dinner below.

The First Christian Church will be needing the parlor for church functions on Sunday afternoons, starting in January. Therefore, we will meet in the far corner side room of the gym. This is the room where we have been preparing blooms for our shows, and having lunch. (Our November meeting will still be in the parlor, and our December meeting will be the Christmas dinner.)

Dudley's Novice Judge class will be November 16. Registration ends November 8, so, if you want to attend, get in touch with him as soon as you can. Students must be ACS members, and have their membership number.

Finally, Tommy, Dudley and I hauled around 140 camellias from Louisiana for our camellia sales this winter. Together with some plants from Hal Vanis, we will have a nice mix of colors and forms, and a number of varieties that we have not had in the past. Anyone who wants some new varieties in their gardens should plan on bringing their checkbooks, and start thinking about where to plant them.

Frank Ohrt
President

Current Activity

November 10, 2019

Regular Meeting

Program: - Dennis Hart, President of
Gulf Coast Camellia Society

November 16, 2019

Dudley's Novice Judging Class

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November 23, 2019

Mercer Botanic Gardens & Arboretum

Plant Sale - our volunteers will
be on hand to discuss camellias

December 8, 2019

Christmas Party 2:00 p.m.

La Marisquera Ostoneria

2050 Interstate 45N

January 12, 2020

Regular Meeting

First Christian Church Gym

January 17, 2020

NOTE DATE CHANGE

Show Setup

January 18-19, 2020

45th Annual Coushatta Camellia Show

First Christian Church

NOVEMBER MEETING SPEAKER

Dennis Hart

"The International Camellia Society Conference in Brittany and Nantes"

Dennis Hart has been the President of the Gulf Coast Camellia Society (GCCS) since October, 2018. One of his goals is to visit each of the 14 Camellia Clubs in the region and talk about GCCS. . It should be very interesting to meet him and to learn about the conference and camellias grown in Brittany and Nantes. Not many of us are able to attend international conferences. Dennis is looking forward to meeting all the Coushatta club members in November."

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It is not often that CCS has an opportunity to meet and hear an officer from another camellia club – don't miss this meeting.

Brief Calendar for 2019-2020

September 8, 2019

Kickoff - Social
First Christian Church Parlor
3500 N Loop 336 W, Conroe

October 13, 2019

Regular Meeting

November 10, 2019

Regular Meeting

December 8, 2019

Christmas Party

January 12, 2020

Regular Meeting
First Christian Church Gym

January ~~24~~, 17, 2020

Show Setup

January ~~25-26~~, 18-19, 2020

45th Annual Coushatta Camellia Show
First Christian Church

February 9, 2020

Regular Meeting

March 8, 2020

Regular Meeting

April TBD

End of Year Party

Coushatta Camellia Society Christmas Party

La Marisquera Ostioneria, a Mexican seafood restaurant.
2050 Interstate 45N (at the corner of 336 and Hwy 45).
2:00 p.m -- Sunday, December, 8.

The cost will be \$20 per person which includes as much as a \$16 meal & drink (alcohol will be extra and paid separately).
The servers' tips will be covered by the CCS.

Members need to sign up either at the November meeting or through the mail. Bring a check to the November meeting, or mail it to Jo Ann Treat, P. O. Box 143, College Station, TX 77841 by November 29th.



MEMBERS NEEDED!

The Mercer Society will have their annual camellia sale on November 23, from 9:00 AM to 2:00 PM, at the Mercer Botanic Gardens (22306 Aldine Westfield Rd, Humble). The CCS will participate, to help out the Mercer folks and promote the Cousehatta Camellia Society.

As you probably know, the CCS has lost some of our most active members in the last year or two. We need to recruit new members, and this is a great opportunity to do that, and to publicize our January show and sale. If you can, step up and pitch in. You can add your name to the volunteers list by contacting me at <fgohrt@gmail.com>. Please don't leave this to the same 4-5 officers who did all the work last year!

Note: CCS Sept Newsletter had an article on Mercer - <https://www.hcp4.net/parks/mercer/about/>

Novice Judges Class with Dudley Boudreaux:

Dudley Boudreaux will hold an ACS-sanctioned novice judges class on November 16, at the First Christian Church, from 8:30 until 5:00 or so. Participants must be current members of the ACS, and there will be a \$10.00 fee for the course.

We need all the judges we can get for our shows, and this is how to start. Please contact Dudley at 409-720-8189, or by email at <dboudreaux@gt.rr.com>.

Following is a repeat of comments from the September Newsletter – because it is important for members to be aware of the value of our website

COUSHATTA CAMMELIA SOCIETY

Website <http://coushattacamelliasociety.com/>

Our CCS Members should be aware of and take advantage of our own website which has significant information useful to all of us.

An example is the book put together some years back by our own members which give you month by month information on growing camellias. ***A Calendar for Camellia Growers***. There is also an article offering *Camellia Planting Demonstration* by former member Dennis Bilyeu.

There is an archive of CCS Newsletter going back to 2003 organized by month. In addition there are links to other camellia organizations, gardening tips, friends, etc.

PURPOSE

Coushatta Camellia Society

To promote interest in and exchange information on growing and exhibiting camellias, and to support education and research related to camellias.



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Happy Halloween!

