

# Coushatta

# Camellia

# Society



## October 2003 Newsletter

P.O. Box 1655, Conroe, TX 77305

GREETINGS, CAMELLIA LOVERS!

### Fall is finally here!

Cooler temperatures are finally starting to come our way, and the season is fast approaching when the lovely camellia will take the spotlight! A few early camellia blossoms have already started to share their beauty, but most of us will have to wait just a little longer for those buds to fulfill their promise. In the meantime we'll enjoy the lovely splash of color provided by the sasanquas.

### Houston Camellia Society Show

The Houston Camellia Society Show is scheduled for November 15<sup>th</sup> and 16<sup>th</sup> this year, and will take place again at the Houston Garden Center. We do hope that many of you plan to participate in this show, either as a spectator, or as an exhibitor or volunteer. If you would like to volunteer, please contact Jackie Wells for more information.

### November meeting

The next meeting will take place at the Rivershire Community Building, 206 Scarborough, Conroe, at 6:30 p.m. for the social hour and 7:00 p.m. for the business meeting. Our speaker will be our own Morris Waller, who also serves as Secretary for the International Camellia Society. His topic will be "Gardens of China," and he will share his experiences of the ICS tour to China.



## Upcoming Events

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

Speaker: ..... Morris Waller  
Secretary International Camellia Society

Topic: ..... "Gardens of China"  
Camellia Society Trip


**Nov 15-16** .... Houston Camellia Show  
Houston Garden Center

**December 2** ..... December meeting  
CHRISTMAS DINNER MEETING

6:30 p.m. - Seven Coves Resort  
Hosts: Beverly & Tom Roche

*see details on back*

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### Annual Plant Sale a success

Many thanks to Dick Eidem for all the hard work he put in as Plant Sale Chairman to make our annual Plant Sale a success! Dick reported that our sale grossed more than \$3600 and netted \$1728. Of the 150 dealer-grown plants, only 24 were not sold. A big THANKS to Jim Middleton, Store Manager at the Kroger's on the North Loop 336 for providing space for our sale, and THANKS to the following for their donations:

- Jim and Bonnie Simonelli, Bonnieland Nursery
- Mr. Keith Worley, Conroe Greenhouse
- Mr. Jeff Odum, Container Grown Nursery
- Mrs. Kay Mathis, Garden World
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- Mr. Peter Wakefield, Wakefield Landscape Services Inc.
- Willis Farm Market

### October meeting

Coushatta Camellia Society met Oct. 7 at the Rivershire Community Building in Conroe. Members began gathering at 6:30 p.m. and enjoyed the fabulous cookies provided by Sarah Eidem, Shirley Roan, Emmalee Striebeck, and Elizabeth Williams. Many thanks to these ladies for their much-enjoyed contributions, and to Diane and Jack Dyer for organizing our refreshments. Twenty-seven members were in attendance, plus Troy & Linda McCrary's daughter Cathy and granddaughter Caitlin.

CCS membership cards were distributed, as well as "Good Neighbor" cards from Randall's supermarkets. Members who present the cards for scanning when they buy groceries at Randall's will have a percentage of their total bill donated to CCS. Members may register their cards at the Randall's courtesy booth, or bring them to the November meeting, where Linda will have the forms.. JoAnn Treat announced that yearbooks for 2003-2004 will be distributed at the November meeting.

Two committees will have new chairmen. After 8 years of outstanding service, Jackie Wells has decided to retire from the chairmanship of publicity; Hazel Broyles will serve as the new Publicity Chairman.

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Thanks to all who are participating in the e-mail newsletters. The number of households receiving e-mail newsletters instead of printed newsletters is now up to 20!



*October meeting - continued*

Sunshine Chairman Jean Semands has also requested a retirement from her position, and Edie Tong volunteered to take her place.

Transportation Chairman Tom Roche reminded members that he needs volunteers to share rides to meetings, and requests from members who would like to share a ride.

President Linda McCraray announced that ACS continues to offer new members of CCS a complimentary 6 month membership in the American Camellia Society. The membership includes 2 complimentary issues of the ACS Journal.

Linda also announced that W. B. Knox has gib available, and members may purchase syringes of gib for \$2 each. Knox also has some free sasanqua camellia seeds. Seeds should be planted 1/4 inch deep.

Master Gardner Carolyn Townsley presented a program entitled, "Good Bugs, Bad Bugs," which was received with much interest. Vice-President and Program Chairman Edie Tong thanked Carolyn and presented her with a CCS check donation to the Master Gardeners Association affiliated with the Montgomery County Extension Service.

Congratulations to the lucky raffle winners: Jean Kaiser, Buffalo Allwright and Jim Sadoti won the suprise drawings; JoAnn Treat and Oscar Schank won the Camellia plants.

## JANUARY SHOW

It's not too early to begin thinking about the Coushatta Camellia Society Show coming up in January! Volunteers are still needed to help make presentations at schools for ESCAP, and to provide flowers for the presenters to share with teachers and children. 75 more students will be participating this year than there were last year. Judy Weidner will need help putting together ribbons for students, and Diane Dyer would like 2 more volunteers to help post the pictures at the show.

Charlie Gambrill is following up with ACS regarding the online show reporting which CCS initiated last year. He is also seeking an update on the California Camellia Society initiative for automating show statistics. For those who missed it, the 2003 CCS Show report appeared in the March-May 2003 ACS Journal.

Charlie is also updating our one page Show Notice, which he printed last year. He and Dennis Bilyeu are working on updating the tabulation forms and procedures. The announcement for our 2004 Show will appear in the December-February ACS Journal.



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## December Christmas Dinner

Don't forget, at the November meeting, to make reservations for the December Christmas Dinner. The cost of the dinner will be \$20.00 per person, and Beverly Roche will be glad to collect your payment. Those of you who cannot attend the meeting are welcome to mail your reservation to Beverly at 11 Hanover Lane, Panorama Village, TX 77304-1119. This year we will be dining at the Seven Coves Resort. Those of you who attended our April social will remember the wonderful time we had there, and that spectacular view!

Beverly has made all the arrangements to ensure our enjoyment of this festive occasion. We'll gather at our normal meeting time of 6:30 p.m., and Beverly reminds those who would like a shorter walk, without stairs, to use the parking lot on the left, near to and almost behind the facility. A door there opens directly into the dining area.

An open bar will be available for those who care to purchase a drink or glass of wine. You'll be able to choose your main dish for dinner when you make your reservation. Selections will be Pecan Chicken Breast, or Turkey, or Ham. Dinner will include a salad, iced tea and coffee, and dessert.

MMmmmm, I can hardly wait!

Driving directions to Seven Coves Resort:

Take exit 92 on I-45 and proceed west on Hwy 830 for about 5 miles, to the Seven Coves subdivision.

Turn left at Kingston Cove Lane; a lighthouse is located on the corner.

Kingston Cove Lanes twists and turns. Go past the marina and turn left in the first driveway past The Landing.

