

Coushatta

Camellia

Society



October 2006 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 11th and 12th 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. Houston Camellia Society again needs Clerks and Vote Tabulators on Saturday, November 11th. HCS provides on the job training, plus a great Italian Lunch catered by Compleat Cuisine of Houston. Lunch will feature Lasagna, Italian Salad, Garlic Bread, Iced Tea and a dessert.

Please arrive at the Houston Garden Center before 10:00 A.M. for check in, followed by a short 2-hours work session before lunch at 12:30. The Garden Center is in Hermann Park--just east of the Houston Museum of Natural Science. Free parking and excellent camellia viewing. Please call Jackie Wells (756-2780) to sign up. The Houston Show has also agreed to use additional Novice Judges who wish to get credit for helping in the judging.



Upcoming Events

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
First Christian Church Parlor
3500 N Loop 336 W, Conroe
The ESCAP Committee will be meeting at 5 p.m., prior to the regular meeting. All those interested are invited to attend.

November 11 .. Houston Camellia Show
Houston Garden Center

December 5 December Social
Villa Italia Italian Restaurant
203 Simonton, Conroe
organized by Renee Bilyeu

Place your order at the November meeting:

1. Beef Lasagna or
2. Chicken Breast sautéed in artichoke hearts or
3. Snapper sautéed in wine sauce with a touch of onions and black olives

Cost of \$20 includes salad, dessert and soft drink. Cash bar available.

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October Meeting

Breaking with the traditional sequence of our meeting, the program was presented at the beginning before the official business. Vice President Leo Hays introduced Carol Ann Short, a gifted master gardener who specializes in growing many types of gourds. Carol Ann gave an enthusiastic talk on the history, growing, and crafting of gourds. Her energetic approach enhanced an entertaining and informative program.

The October meeting of the Coushatta Camellia society was called to order by President Edie Tong. Opening prayer was led by Oscar Shank. There were 27 members in attendance.

Happy October Birthday to Margaret Lewis, W.B. Knox, Tena Koch, Ruby McConnell, Claire Surles, and our guest speaker, Carol Ann Short.

Edie Tong noted that those who missed the Kick-Off Dinner missed a wonderful spread. She really appreciated the way many members stepped in to assist with the dinner in the absence of Maxine Schank who has been hospitalized. Many of our members have experienced illness and the

president expressed gratitude to all who made extra efforts to fill in the gaps and hopes this will continue in the future.

During the 5-Minute question and answer session, how to germinate camellias from seed and problems with dieback were discussed.

The September 2006 Treasurer's report presented by Ruby McConnell was approved.

The minutes of the September 2006 meeting circulated by Renee Bilyeu were approved.

OLD BUSINESS:

The President mentioned that yearbooks were still available for pick-up. She also noted that we had received a card from ACS recognizing our contributions made to the organization in memory of Jean Kaiser.

NEW BUSINESS:

Plant Sale Chairman Dick Eidem reminded us that the annual plant sale will be held at Kroger's, 8 am to 3 pm on October 21. Most of the plants were purchased from Container Grown; however, Dick and Dennis Bilyeu are in the process of obtaining rare and unusual varieties from the Stone Collection in Baton Rouge made available through LSU. Dennis and Dick are hoping to obtain these plants at the same price (\$10) and will transport them to Conroe in time for the sale. Victor Treat moved that \$2000 be spent on the plant sale. The motioned was seconded by Morris Waller. Dick passed around a sign-up sheet to volunteer to work the plant sale.

ESCAP School Liaison Linda McCrary reported that the same 5 schools involving 31 classes will be involved in the project. Linda met with the new school coordinator to discuss the details. One new change mentioned is that the start will now be earlier (8:15 am). Linda will meet with the volunteers in the fall to organize their function. She passed around a sign up sheet for all interested in participating.



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Happy Birthday! 

October
 W. B. Knox
 Tena Koch
 Ruby McConnell
 Claire Surles

November
 Sarah Eidem
 Ruby Knox
 Ron Liston
 Beverly Roche

**Welcome
New Members!**

We are pleased to welcome new members who joined at the Fall Plant Sale. Please add their names and contact information to your yearbooks.

Rex and Anne Stodghill
 10 Jadecrest, Conroe, TX 77304
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CCS Show Chairman Charlie Gambrell reported that plans are well under way for the January 20-21, 2007, show. The committees are scheduled similar to last year's. There will be no judges' class scheduled in the near future. He will attempt to get the dates of the show to ACS in order to get in their events calendar in the ACS Camellia Journal. Hopefully, we will get more publicity this way.

Diane Dyer Chairperson of the pre-show social informed the members that the social will be held at Carmelitta's in downtown Conroe. The chef is very enthusiastic about taking on the event and will prepare a variety of splendid food.

Garden Tour Chairman Dennis Bilyeu said he will need eight homes for the two-day garden tour February 17-18. He especially encouraged members who had never been on the tour to open their gardens. He also encouraged members to attend ACS meetings in various parts of the nation to get fresh ideas and new information.

Christmas Social Chairperson Renee Bilyeu announced the dinner December 5 at Villa Italia. There will be a choice of 3 entrees: Snapper sautéed in wine sauce with a touch of onions and black olives, Chicken Breast sautéed in artichoke hearts, or Beef Lasagna. The cost is \$20 which includes salad and a choice of desserts and soft drinks. Tip and tax also included. Alcoholic beverages are available at additional cost.

Door prizes were won by Dick Eidem, Bob Tynan, Edie Tong, and Dennis Bilyeu.

Thomas David Roche

September 24, 1920-March 31, 2006

by Elizabeth Williams

During World War II, Tom was with the 13th Air Force. He was a navigator of B24s until after WWII when he went back to school to be a fighter pilot. Tom left the military when General McArthur said he couldn't take his family with him overseas.

Tom and Kay were married for 52 years and had seven children. She passed away in 1998.

Bud and Beverly Welter had been camping club friends of Kay and Tom's for a lot of years. After Bud passed away in 1999, Beverly and Tom became more than friends and married in 2001.

Tom and Beverly enjoyed traveling together, and Tom continued to work part-time as an airplane insurance adjustor until he passed away.

Tom belonged to: Organization of Flying Adjustors, Knights of Columbus (a Catholic men's organization) and Coushatta Camellia Society. Also, he joined a small group from Panorama of season ticket holders for the Crighton Theater. Before the shows the group would go out to dinner together, which he loved to do.

Tom will be missed greatly at his job as well as by family and friends.



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