

Coushatta

Camellia



October 2008 Newsletter

P.O. Box 1655, Conroe, TX 77305

Society

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 8th 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 8th. HCS provides on the job training. The Houston Show has also agreed to use additional Novice Judges who wish to get credit for helping in the judging.

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 P.M.

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 (494-3119) to sign up.



Upcoming Events

November 1 Helping Hands
Come join us in Old Waverly at 9 am as we help Bill & Laurie McCranor unearth their camellias from the mess left by Hurricane Ike

November 4 November meeting
6:30 p.m. - social; 7:00 p.m. - program
Program: ICS Meeting in England
Speaker: Greg Davis, ICS President
First Christian Church Parlor
3500 N Loop 336 W, Conroe

November 8 Houston Camellia Show
Houston Garden Center

November 15 Annual Plant Sale
Outside of Kroger
1217 N Loop 336 West
Place your special orders early!
Chairmen - Dennis Bilyeu & Dick Eidem

December 2 December Social
Berkshire Plantation
Place your order at the November meeting:
Chicken stuffed with cranberries,
plus Roast Beef -\$25.00 per person
Cost includes salad, vegetable, bread,
dessert & soft drink. Cash bar available.

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HELPING HANDS

Hurricane Ike made his presence known to each and every one of us last month. Now that many of us are pretty much back to normal, let's lend our helping hands to one of our members who was hit harder than most.

Bill and Laurie McCranor have generously opened their camellia garden to our Garden Tour since they first discovered the beautiful plants hiding amongst the brush and trees on their property. We've all heard the story about how they found the abandoned garden and spent so much time and energy clearing it out so visitors could enjoy it.

Hurricane Ike was an unwelcome guest to the garden, and left devastation in his wake as the trees came crashing down on the camellias.

Come join us 9 am Saturday, Nov. 1, at 1100 Browder Loop for a few hours of working together to clear the mess and help save the camellias. Bring gloves & any tools you might think helpful. Thanks!

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ANNUAL PLANT SALE NOVEMBER 15, 2008

The annual Coushatta Camellia Society plant sale will be November 15 outside the Signature Kroger store on I-45 N and Loop 336 N in Conroe. Please support this important event. The plant sale is the largest single fundraiser for CCS and we need the support of all our members to make this a successful event.

Dennis Bilyeu will have a sign-up sheet at the November meeting for volunteers. It won't be fancy - Dennis is still without his computer until the damage done to his house as a result of Hurricane Ike is repaired. But don't let that stop you from helping out!

We'll need volunteers with pickup trucks to pick up plants from Container Grown Nursery and Dick Eidem's house on Friday, November 14, then keep these plants overnight and bring them to Kroger at 7:30 am on Saturday.

We will also need volunteers to help sell plants on Saturday from 8 am to 3 pm.

Most of the plants at this sale come from Mississippi and Georgia, and are varieties that are hard to find in Texas. So if you can't help sell these plants, come out and purchase them and help out our club.

Prices will range from \$20 for some, on up to \$30 for larger and more unusual plants.

There are still a few special orders that have not yet been picked up, and these plants will be brought to the November meeting.

Support Our Sponsors!

Happy Birthday!



October

W. B. Knox
Tena Koch
Ruby McConnell
Claire Surles

November

Nancy Dupré
Sarah Eidem
Melanie Frampton
Ruby Knox
Ron Liston
Beverly Roche

GOOD NEWS

Did you know that W. B. and Ruby Knox celebrated their 60th Wedding Anniversary this summer? Congratulations to the happy couple!



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COUSHATTA CAMELLIA SOCIETY CHRISTMAS DINNER

Come start the holiday season on December 2, when CCS members will gather to celebrate together. We enjoyed Burkeshire Plantation, at 915 N. Frazier, so much that we are meeting here again. Come early if you wish to browse the museum upstairs. There is an elevator to the second floor.

Our social begins at 6:30 P.M, followed by dinner. Menu : Chicken stuffed with cranberries, plus Roast Beef, Vegetable, Salad, Roll, Tea/Coffee & Dessert. Price : \$25.00 per person.

Please make your check payable to CCS and bring it to the November 4th meeting. If you are not able to attend the November meeting, but want to come to the December dinner, please mail your check as soon as possible to:

Treasurer Diane Dyer
623 Mosswood Dr.
Conroe, TX
77302-1170



Driving directions: Going North on I 45, take exit #87, (Hwy 105, also Lake Conroe Parkway). At the light on the access road, take a right on 105, then go to the first light, Frazier (Hwy 75), and take a left. Go through the next light at Lewis, go one more block and turn left on W. Austin St. It is on the corner of W. Austin and Frazier, directly across the street from Subway, but you cannot see it from Frazier, as the property is surrounded by large trees.



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