

# Coushatta

# Camellia



## October 2010 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.

### Fall Plant Sale November 6!

Please mark your calendars for Saturday, November 6, the date to attend the fall plant sale!

The site of the sale will remain the Kroger on the North Loop 336 -- the signature store at the intersection of North 336 with Interstate 45.

Chairman Randy McDaniel will have a sign-up sheet at the November meeting, for volunteers to offer to help. We always have some wonderful plants at this sale, so invite your friends and neighbors to drop by for a look. This year, we will have some lovely camellias from Glen Reed Nursery, with varieties not easy to find in local nurseries. Cost of the plants will remain \$25 for a 3 gallon plant.

And don't forget, this sale is a major fundraiser for our group. We look forward to seeing you at the Fall Plant Sale, Saturday, November 6!



### Upcoming Events

**November 2** ..... November meeting  
6:30 p.m. - social; 7:00 p.m. - program  
Speaker: Dr. Trent James  
Baton Rouge Camellia Society  
Program: "SWAT team activities"  
First Christian Church Parlor  
3500 N Loop 336 W, Conroe

**November 6** ..... Fall Plant Sale  
Kroger on the North Loop 336

**November 13-14** .... Houston Camellia  
Show at the Houston Garden Center  
*Support the Houston Camellia Show!*

**December 9** ..... Christmas social  
NOTE DATE CHANGE - Thursday!!!  
Walden Yacht Club, 6 p.m.  
Choice of 3 entrees, \$25.50 per person  
+ donation for waiter fee (\$1.50 each)  
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## HOUSTON CAMELLIA SHOW!

The Houston Camellia Society Show is scheduled for November 13-14 this year, and will take place again at the beautiful Houston Garden Center. Now is the time to be "gibbing" your blooms in preparation for this show. Vials of Gib were available at the October meeting, or call Dick Eidem to find out where to get some.

We do hope that many of you plan to participate in this show, either as a spectator, or as an exhibitor or volunteer. You will see many lovely flowers, meet our camellia show friends, and have the opportunity to win recognition for your camellia blooms.

Houston Camellia Society again needs Clerks and Vote Tabulators on Saturday, November 13. HCS provides on the job training. Give it a try! It's always more fun when you get involved with the action!

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 on Saturday (November 13) 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. You'll have free parking and excellent camellia viewing! You will need a parking pass supplied by HCS, that you can get when you check in.



Please call Claudette Shelfer (713 468-6803) to sign up or for more information.

## Membership

*by Chairman Meg Mendeck*

There are many reasons why we join a group like Coushatta Camellia Society. For some of us it might have been a love of camellias, or wanting to just learn more about the camellia plant. Maybe you have an interest in gardening and are wanting to get to know others who have a similar interest, or you may have joined for the discount in the plants when we sell them.

Whatever the reason why we have new members, I hope you will all seriously think of attending a meeting or two to see what CCS is all about. We have interesting speakers, have a great question-and-answer time for camellia problems (which all of us face from time to time).

Added to that, we all enjoy gardening and we help our communities by sharing our time whether it be at our annual Camellia Show or our Home Tour, or other activities.

CCS can also be a fun place to come once a month for about eight months where we meet new people as well enjoy ourselves for a few hours. So come on out and see what your club is about and you might just surprise yourself in finding a place you'd like to come to once a month for a couple of hours. I know that I did!

I hope to see you at our next meeting.  
--- Meg Mendeck

# Support Our Sponsors!

## Happy Birthday!

### October

W. B. Knox  
Tena Koch  
Ruby McConnell  
Lyn Shah  
Claire Surles



### November

Nancy Dupré  
Sarah Eidem  
Ronnie Gibson  
Ruby Knox  
Ron Liston  
Beverly Roche

*Diane Dyer is collecting birthdays. Does she have yours yet? Call her at (936) 321-6685 or send her an e-mail: [djdyer712@yahoo.com](mailto:djdyer712@yahoo.com)*

## MEMBER NEWS

Last month we reported on the Mercer Garden Faire and thanked the many members who joined in to make our participation so successful. Although our camellia sales at this event were a little disappointing, especially compared to the Mercer March Mart, still those who helped had a good time, and it was a good opportunity to ship plants that will be used for our other camellia sales. At this time, a special thanks goes out to **Tommy Weeks**. Tommy has not only housed our plants since the Mercer event, but he has also, through his many contacts, continued to sell the plants, resulting in an additional 50 or so sales. This number, added to the plants sold at Mercer, brings us to about to break-even, so future sales will be profit for us. Thanks Tommy!

Some of you have heard that **Carolyn Tynan** was in a very bad car accident in early October, which resulted in many broken bones including ribs, feet, and a neck vertebra. We are happy to report that Carolyn is now out of the hospital undergoing physical therapy at Regent and recovering well. She would be happy to talk to you (936-647-5431) when she is not in therapy, but asks that friends hold off from visits at present since the therapy tires her so much. Her daughter Kathleen is taking good care of her needs, including books and notepaper, but I am sure a card (mailed to her home 21 Shalimar, Conroe) would be most welcome.

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# COUSHATTA CAMELLIA SOCIETY CHRISTMAS DINNER

**Thursday, December 9, 6 pm**

Our Christmas dinner this year will be at the Walden Yacht Club on Thursday, December 9th at 6:00 pm. Please note the change of our usual day to Thursday. Our dinner will be upstairs in a special area with a view of the lake and all of the Christmas Decorations.

Walden has graciously provided us with 40 reservations. A menu will be on the table for each guest. There will be a choice of beef, chicken or sea-food; with the chef's choice of side dish and dessert. A house salad is included along with tea or coffee. The cost is \$25.50 per person. This includes tax and gratuity. A \$60.00 waiter fee is separate and will need to be shared by each guest, for 40 guests the fee should be about \$1.50 each. We will pass a hat for this expense. There will, of course, be a cash bar available.



At the November meeting we will have a reservation sign-up sheet and you will need to make your reservation and payment at that time. Should we meet our limit of 40 guests we will have a standby sheet available. If someone cancels, the first person on the standby sheet will be called to see if they want the reservation. If they still want to come, they personally need to reimburse the person who cancelled. Reservations called after December 7th cannot be refunded. Please call Diane Dyer at 936-321-6685 or Maxine Schank at 936-445-1765 if you have any questions or need to cancel a reservation.

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