

Coushatta Camellia Society



October 2016 Newsletter

P.O. Box 1655, Conroe, TX 77305

GREETINGS, CAMELLIA LOVERS!

This is barely an October Newsletter - Happy Halloween, but since we will have one for November after our meeting, It IS October as this is prepared.

The turnout for members at our October meeting was very pleasing – thank all of you who came. We had some fun socializing – lots of refreshments – and good discussions about our plans for our events this CCS year as well as answering some questions from our expert members.

Randy McDaniel has planned our program for the November meeting which should be very interesting. You can see from our speaker's background that she has significant experience:

Darla Harris will speak to us about ferns so we can better understand them and how they can be good to use along with our camellia plans in the garden.

Darla is currently the President of the Texas Gulf Coast Fern Society where she was one of the founding members in 1998. She has held several positions in the society over the last 16 years including 12 years as President. She is also a member of the American Fern Society, Los Angeles International Fern Society and the Tropical Fern and Exotic Plant Society. Ms. Harris also serves as a judge for fern shows and has presented fern related lectures and workshops to Garden Clubs and Societies on various topics including: Growing Ferns from Spores, Cultivation of Garden Landscape Ferns, Bog and Water Ferns, and Epiphytic Ferns. Darla has collected more than 450 different varieties. She enjoys the challenge of growing both tropical and hardy ferns in the Houston area climate but her passion is learning how the ferns grow in nature and then attempting to duplicate this environment.

Upcoming Events

November 13, 2016

Regular Meeting

2;30 social 3:00 meeting

First Christian Church, 3500 N. Loop 336 W., Conroe (we may be meeting in the Gymnasium instead of the church parlor)

December 4, 2016

Dinner Christmas Party

Location to be determined

Please mark your calendar

January 8, 2017

Regular Meeting

2;30 social 3:00 meeting

January 13, 2017

Set Up and Pre-Show Pizza Party

First Christian Church

January 14, 2017

44th Annual Coushatta Camellia Show

First Christian Church

**REMEMBER OUR NEED FOR ADDITIONAL VOLUNTEERS
FOR JANUARY & FEBRUARY ACTIVITIES**

Our Show Chair, Frank Ohrt, and his assistants need help with the **Conroe Camellia Show** and the **Huntsville Camellia Show**. You don't have to take on a big job as there are many ways in which you can help. Let Frank know – either at the November meeting or through contacting him at fgohrt@gmail.com

Bill McCranor, who is our **Garden Tour** Chair, is also in need of volunteers. Foremost right now would be to consider **offering your garden for the tour**. Many of you have gardens with camellias that would be of interest. This is a very worthwhile endeavor to help acquaint others about camellias as well as giving all of us the pleasure of enjoying your garden. In addition, Bill needs **volunteers to help the day of the tour** with helping host at one of the gardens. It is fun to meet folks who come and volunteers make the tour possible. You can contact Bill at wmccranor@gmail.com

Beverly W. Welter Roche - 1927-2016 A long time member who many of us remember as a charming lady. Her last years were in a nursing home in Spring. She funded the A.B. "Bud" Welter Award at the Conroe show, last given in 2009

*IF YOU HAVE NOT PAID YOUR DUES FOR THIS YEAR, PLEASE DO;
\$10.00 INDIVIDUAL - \$15.00 COUPLE Payable to CCS.
Mail to
Dick Eidem, 11363 Newton Circle, Conroe TX 77303-3249*

THANK YOU

**Take care of those camellias and be ready to have fun as we learn,
share, and enjoy good fellowship!**