Coushatta Camellia Society



November 2015 Newsletter

P.O. Box 1655, Conroe, TX 77305

GREETINGS, CAMELLIA LOVERS!

THE FLOWERS OF LATE WINTER AND EARLY SPRING OCCUPY PLACES IN OUR HEARTS WELL OUT OF PROPORTION TO THEIR SIZE. ~Gertrude S. Wister

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This is the season to give thanks for the many blessing in our lives and for the beautiful camellias we will be enjoying in the months ahead.

November's meeting was well attended with a number of new faces. And, as usual, Tommy Weeks gave a excellent presentation of preparations for presenting blooms at our show and any other shows our members may attend. If you were unable to attend you missed much good information by Tommy.

We welcomed the following new members at our meeting:

Bob & Margie Koehl Debra Lee Bickley

A. M. Reeve And enjoyed having Raymond Belnoski visiting from New Waverly. Perhaps he will become a member.

Bring a friend or neighbor to meetings. Also, let's not forget our members who are unable to attend meetings. Call them they are still interested.

Upcoming Events

December 13 December meeting 5:00 p.m. Dinner Burkeshire Plantation 915 North Fraser, Conroe RSVP by Dec. 4 Don Marcotte 936-661-1101 Or <u>funny-farm2@sbcglobal.net</u> Meal paid for by Club

> January 9 – 2016 Camellia Show Covington, LA

January 10 ... January meeting 2:30 p.m. social; 3:00 p.m.Mtg. Our speaker – TBD First Christian Church Parlor 3500 N Loop 336W, Conroe

January 15 ... Conroe Show Set up 2:00 pm Come and help

> January <mark>16</mark> . .. 45th Annual Conroe Show Bring some of your best Camellias to show

February 5 - Huntsville Show setup

February 6 - Huntsville Show

February 21 - Home Tour

At the meeting Don Marcotte talked about interesting websites on camellias. He said that in his opinion the best one is Atlantic coast camellia society. His reasoning for this is that they have pictures of more than 2500 different flowers. The American Camellia Society (ACS) also has pictures but nothing compared to Atlantic Coast. However, the ACS provides considerable information and references that are helpful and interesting. Some others are Gulf Coast Camellia Society, International Camellia Society, and last but not least our own website Our website has many Utube videos on such things as gibbing, air layering, growing seedlings and many others. Take time to visit these websites. Their addresses are:

Atlantic Coast Camellia Society --- atlanticcoastcamelliasociety.org American Camellia Society --- americancamellias.com Gulf Coast Camellia Society -- gulfcoastcamellias.org Coushatta Camellia Society -- coushattacamelliasociety.com.

Our Conroe and Huntsville Camellia Shows

Continue gibbing in preparation for the shows. We would like to see everyone in the club and anyone with camellias to enter their blooms in the show. If you know someone who has camellias encourage them to show. We will be glad to help them and show them what they have to do. If they have any questions have them call Tommy 281-723-9822 or Dick 936-264-2437 or Don at 936-661-1101. You do not have to be a member to enter the show. The more blooms we have the better the show.

There will be more information about the shows in our December Newsletter.

A Message from the Treasurer:

Our treasurer would like to thank all of you who have already paid your dues, and to remind those who have not yet sent in their money - NOW is the time to PAY THOSE DUES! Its \$10 for a single membership and \$15 for a joint membership, a price which can't be beat.

You may call **Dick Eidem**, our Treasurer, if you are not sure whether or not you have paid your dues for 2015-2016.

Officers and Directors:

Don Marcotte TBD

Randy McDaniel Sarah Eidem Dick Eidem Oscar Schank Bill McCranor Hal Vanis Dudley Boudreaux



Brief Calendar for the Year

Oct 4 - Kickoff Meeting Oct 16 - Annual Plant Sale Nov 8 - Regular Meeting Dec 13 - Meeting - Possible Party to be decided Jan 10 - Regular Meeting Nominating Committee Jan 15 - Setup Conroe Show Jan 16 - Conroe Show Feb 5 - Huntsville Show setup Feb 6 - Huntsville Show Feb 21 - Home Tour Mar 13 - Regular Meeting Election of officers Apr10 - End of year Meeting