

Coushatta

Camellia



Society

November 2003 Newsletter

P.O. Box 1655, Conroe, TX 77305

GREETINGS, CAMELLIA LOVERS!

Happy Holidays!

As we enter the holiday season, I know we all have a lot for which to be thankful. Let's all stop a moment to give thanks for the beautiful plant that enriches our gardens with grace and color at a time when many other flowers are but a lovely memory.

November Meeting

There were 40 attending in November with two guests: Michael Williams, grandson of Marvin and Elizabeth Williams, sneaked in one last visit before he was off to basic training at Camp Pendleton. We were also glad to welcome Ed Holland from the Houston Camellia Society.



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Upcoming Events

December 2 December meeting

CHRISTMAS DINNER MEETING

6:30 p.m. - Seven Coves Resort
Hosts: Beverly & Tom Roche

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January 6 January meeting

6:30 p.m. - social
7:00 p.m. - program
Rivershire Community Bldg.
206 Scarborough, Conroe

Speaker: Hyman Norsworthy
Past Texas Director of ACS

Topic: Handling Large Plants

January 17-18 34th Annual
Coushatta Camellia Show

First Christian Church
3500 N. Loop 336 W., Conroe

including (on January 17) the
Third Annual Elementary School
Camellia Appreciation Project

HOUSTON CAMELLIA SHOW

A beautiful day dawned on November 15, and a lovely feast for the eyes awaited those who traveled to the Houston Garden Center for the Houston Camellia Show. Show Chairman Greg Davis had a warm welcome for all the camellia lovers, and Houston Camellia Society members made sure there were plenty of treats on hand plus a wonderful lunch following the judging.

The Coushatta Camellia Society was there in force, with Buffalo and Doris Allwright, Dudley & Lois Boudreaux, Charlie Gambrell, Ruby & W. B. Knox, , Troy McCraray, Pat McMurrey, Hyman Norsworthy, Oscar Schank, Morris Waller and Jackie Wells serving as judges; Ruby McConnell, Linda McCraray and Judy Weidner served as Clerks. Jeff Odum also brought some blooms and some plants.

The following major awards were won by Coushatta Camellia Society members:

- Hyman Norsworthy:** Large Runner Up
 Small Winner
 Medium-Large Runner Up
 Non-Retic M-L Winner
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 Non-Retic Min-Small Winner
- Greg Davis:** Miniature Runner Up
 Non-Retic Min-S Runner Up
 Tray of Three Winner
- Dudley Boudreaux:** Large Winner
 Medium Runner Up
 Best Sasanqua
- Jackie Wells:** Tray of Three Runner Up
- Judy Weidner:** Novice Winner



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CALLING ALL COOKS!

You know everyone loved that special dish you brought to the September meeting. And wouldn't you love to have the recipe for those wonderful cookies that disappeared before you could have seconds? Diane Dyer is collecting recipes from CCS members to put together a cookbook. Bring your recipes to the meeting or e-mail her at d.s.dyer@att.net.

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CCS PREPARES FOR SHOW

January 17-18, 2004

The 34th Annual Coushatta Camellia Show is just around the corner!

Maxine Schank is coordinating the Elementary School Appreciation Project (ESCAP), and called for volunteers to help her committee chairman. School presentations will begin on Tuesday, Jan. 6, the same day as our meeting, so call Maxine early if you would like to help, or if you will have flowers for presenters to use. Those who are assembling ribbons are reminded to return them at the December dinner.

Some volunteer sheets will be passed around at the January meeting. Diane Dyer needs volunteers to help hang the children's pictures before the show. Charlie Gambrill has a host of jobs that will need filling, including setting up and breaking down after the show. June Sadoti will be coordinating the food for the judges and CCS members, and Shirley Roan will be asking for cookies for ESCAP children and guests.

Charlie reported at the November meeting that he will have 16 local judges for the show, and that his committees are going well. There was discussion about the possibility of hanging a banner across one of the local highways to advertise the show. Charlie will be looking into the feasibility of this project and the permits that would be required.

Another new facet of the show that was discussed was a Gift Shop. Several members have hand-crafted items they would like to donate to be sold. It was decided to keep that project small this year, rather than order a large number of items for resale. Those who would like to make a donation of an item for the gift shop, please contact Linda McCrary (441-3143). No White Elephants, please!

Two new awards will be offered at the 2004 Show. They are:

"Dr. Emil Carroll Award," Best Tray of Three gown in Conroe Area (Pass along for one year)
Presented by Morris I. & Jan Waller

"Special Award," Best Professor Charles S. Sargent grown by a member of Coushatta Camellia Society (Cannot be consecutive winner)
Presented by Jackie Wells



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December Christmas Dinner

Beverly Roche has made all the arrangements to ensure our enjoyment of this festive occasion. We will be dining at the Seven Coves Resort, gathering at our normal meeting time of 6:30 p.m. Beverly reminds those who would like a shorter walk, without stairs, to use the parking lot on the left, near to and almost behind the facility. A door there opens directly into the dining area.

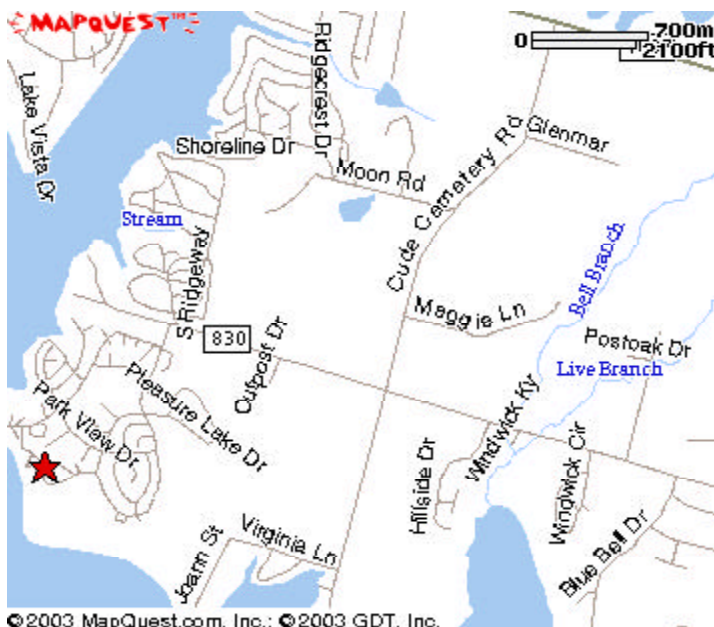
An open bar will be available for those who care to purchase a drink or glass of wine. Pecan Chicken Breast, or Turkey, or Ham. Dinner of Pecan Chicken Breast will include salad, iced tea and coffee, and dessert.

Driving directions to Seven Coves Resort:

Take exit 92 on I-45 and proceed west on Hwy 830 for about 5 miles, to the Seven Coves subdivision.

Turn left at Kingston Cove Lane; a lighthouse is located on the corner.

Kingston Cove Lanes twists and turns. Go past the marina and turn left in the first driveway past The Landing.



THE PERFECT GIFT

This year, each new CCS membership will include a free 6 month American Camellia Society membership, along with the ACS Journal. This lovely magazine is a quality production chock-full of wonderful pictures, interesting articles, and exciting news about the camellia world.

Tell your friends this is the perfect time to join CCS, or, consider purchasing a Coushatta Camellia Society membership for that special person!

Linda McCrary has all the forms needed.
Give her a call!