

Coushatta

Camellia



Society

November 2004 Newsletter

P.O. Box 1655, Conroe, TX 77305

IT'S A SURPRISE!

Don't tell Linda McCraray, but the framed picture her mother painted will be on display at the Christmas meeting. Please give donations for this project to Diane Dyer or Maxine Schank. Suggested contribution is \$5.00, but all donations will be gratefully accepted.

November Meeting

The November meeting was a busy one, with two new members in attendance. Welcome to Joyce and Joe Smith! Thanks to Ruby Knox and Judy Weidner for bringing the goodies.

After a question and answer session, members were promoted to the second grade, and were treated to a presentation similar to that given to school children as part of the Elementary School Camellia Appreciation Project. Judy Weidner served as the presenter and Maxine Schank was her helper. Linda McCraray, Diane Dyer, and Ruby McConnell gave a great representation of second grade participants, and also helped pass out recognition ribbons and pictures to the audience. The skit helped show how fun and easy it is to visit the schools for ESCAP.

Perry Liston, with the help of Dennis Bilyeu, is organizing the February Garden Tour. He will announce the Garden Tour participants in December. JoAnn Treat announced that the April 9th Field Trip will be to Stephen F. Austin. Mark your calendars now so you won't miss this great opportunity! Norma Ray's arthritis is preventing her from being as active as she would like to be. Please remember her with a card or a call. Diane Dyer brought samples of styles of cookbooks from a company who will put together our CCS recipes into an edition that can be used as a fundraiser. Members are asked to send their recipes to Diane.

Charlie Gambrill's program on building garden fountains was a tremendous hit. Thanks, Charlie, we learned a lot! Charlie donated his sample fountain as a door prize.

The Roches "cornered the market" as winners for the evening, with Tom holding the winning ticket for the camellia raffle, and Beverly taking home the door prize.



Upcoming Events

Dec 4 Ozone Camellia Club Show
Slidell, Louisiana

December 7 December meeting
CHRISTMAS DINNER MEETING
6:00 p.m. - Bluebonnet & Rose
Hosts: Beverly & Tom Roche

January 4, 2005 January meeting
6:30 p.m. - social; 7:00 p.m. - program
Rivershire Community Bldg.
206 Scarborough, Conroe

Speaker: Hyman Norsworthy
Past ACS Texas Director

Topic: .. Flower Preparation for a Show

January 8 New Orleans
Camellia Club Show

January 15-16 35th Annual
Coushatta Camellia Show

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

including (on January 15) the
Fourth Annual Elementary School
Camellia Appreciation Project

HOUSTON CAMELLIA SHOW

The weather was cool and drizzly on November 13, but a lovely feast for the eyes awaited those who traveled to the Houston Garden Center for the Houston Camellia Show. Houston Camellia Society members had a warm welcome for all those attending, and 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, Greg Davis, Ruby & W. B. Knox, Troy McCraray, Hyman Norsworthy, Oscar Schank, and Morris Waller serving as judges; Ruby McConnell, Linda McCraray, Jeff Odum and Judy Weidner served as Clerks.

The following Coushatta Camellia Society members won awards at the show:

	Blue Ribbons	Major Awards	Blooms Entered
Tommy Weeks:	30	8	58
Hyman Norsworthy:	19	4	72
Dudley Boudreaux:	8	3	12
Greg Davis:	7	1	31
Milton Surles:	6		14
Ed Holland:	2		12
Oscar Schank:	1		1
Morris Waller:	2		4



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YEARBOOK ADDITIONS

Please correct the e-mail of Doris Allwright to:
dlmallw@livingston.net

New members: **Joe & Joyce Smith**
11794 Midway Road
Cleveland, TX 77328
281-592-5111



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 15-16, 2005

The 35th Annual Coushatta Camellia Show is just around the corner! Come kick off the fun with a Pre-Show social at the home of Troy & Linda McCraray on Friday, Jan 14, from 5 - 8, following set-up at the church.

There have been a few other changes to our schedule. A new category of M-L will be added to japonica blooms, for both protected & unprotected. We'll be starting a little earlier this year to facilitate judging. Set-up will be from 7-10:30 a.m.; with a brunch from 10:30-11:30 a.m for judges, clerks, and CCS members. Judging will take place from 11:30 to 1:00 p.m., and the ESCAP program will begin at the usual time of 2:00 p.m.

School presentations for ESCAP will begin on Tuesday, Jan. 4, the same day as our meeting, and Maxine needs presenters, so please call her (445-1765) if you would like to help, or if you will have flowers or seeds for presenters to use. **PLEASE BRING SEEDS TO THE DECEMBER DINNER!** Those who are assembling ribbons are also reminded to return them at the December dinner.

Some volunteer sheets will be passed around at the January meeting. 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 Carolyn Tynan will be asking for cookies for ESCAP children and guests.

Last year's Gift Shop did very well, earning about \$300 for CCS. Several members have hand-crafted items they would like to donate to be sold. We will again 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 McCraray (441-3143). Items for children were very popular last year. No White Elephants, please!

Don't forget to enter your blooms for special memorial awards that can only be won by a CCS member:

"Earle & Iola Gentry Award," Best large bloom grown by CCS member; Presented by Susie Moore Pokorski

"A.B. 'Bud' Welter Award," Best medium bloom grown by CCS member; Presented by Beverly Welter Roche

"Dr. Emil Carroll Award," Best Tray of Three grown 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 CCS (Cannot be consecutive winner); Presented by Jackie Wells



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December Christmas Dinner

It's not too late to call Beverly Roche, and join us on December 7 at the The Bluebonnet & Rose Eatery & Tearoom, 550 Club Drive, just east of Montgomery. This facility has a fascinating history - the office complex was built back in the 80's to withstand terrorist attacks and even includes a bomb shelter for all the employees and their families in case of nuclear attack.

The cost of the dinner will vary with your selection, and Beverly Roche will be glad to collect your payment. All the prices listed below include tax & gratuity. Those of you who could not attend the meeting are welcome to mail your reservation to Beverly at 11 Hanover Lane, Panorama Village, TX 77304-1119. Please ensure she receives your reservation by Dec. 3.

Your choice of entrees (all come with garden salad, warm bread, angel food cake with fruit cup, coffee, iced tea):

1. Crab-stuffed baked salmon, steamed vegetables, mashed potatoes: \$23.55
2. Chicken Oscar (baked chicken breast topped with crabmeat, asparagus & hollandaise sauce), garlic mashed potatoes: \$26.00
3. Shepherd's pie (sirloin stew, mushrooms, carrots, onions, topped with mashed potatoes & cheese): \$16.45

Beverly has made all the arrangements to ensure our enjoyment of this festive occasion. We'll gather at 6 - 6:15 p.m. for a social with cash bar, with dinner at 7 pm.

Driving directions to The Bluebonnet & Rose:

From the I-45 junction with TX Highway 105, proceed west until you are almost to Montgomery.

Turn left at the Hot Dawg Restaurant, which is right before a campground on the left side of 105.

Follow the road up the hill to a big office building and park in the lot on your left. After entering the building, go straight through the lobby and down the hall; the restaurant is at the back of the building.

