

# Coushatta

# Camellia



# Society

## November 2005 Newsletter

P.O. Box 1655, Conroe, TX 77305

GREETINGS CAMELLIA LOVERS!

### November Meeting

Thirty-six people were in attendance at the November meeting of Coushatta Camellia Society. President Edie Tong called the meeting to order and W. B. Knox offered a prayer. Membership chairpersons Tom and Marcia will be back with us in January and request help from the entire membership until then.

Happy November birthdays to Sarah Eidem, Beverly Roche, Ruby Knox, and Ron Liston!

Dick Eidem reported that our plant sale was a success with a profit of over \$730. We also have 85 camellias left to sell for net profit. Special thanks to W.B. Knox who took excellent care of the 185 plants from September until the sale. In addition, we also took in \$72 from cookbook sales. Diane Dyer announced that thus far we have made \$327 from selling the cookbooks and we have an additional 150 to sell for pure profit.

Charlie Gambril, CCS show chairman, explained the complex process of judging and tallying of points to determine award winning blooms. Charlie is looking into ways of making the process more time efficient. He passed out a sheet asking for volunteers to clerk and tally scores.

Dennis Bilyeu, garden tour chairman, announced that 11 members have committed to being on the tour, and passed out his volunteer list for members to check and finalize. He asked that members on the tour write a brief description of their gardens, and requested help in putting together the brochure. Charlie Gambril and Judy Weidner offered to help.

Introduced by Sarah Eidem, Tommy Weeks demonstrated an air layering method, described by Dr. Cheng Lee in the ACS yearbook, to help successfully propagate camellias.

Door prizes were won by Diane Dyer, Beverly Roche, Don LeVrier, Peggy LeVrier, and Don Sumberlin.

### Upcoming Events

**Dec 2-3 ... Ozone Camellia Club Show**  
Slidell, Louisiana

**December 6 .....** December meeting  
CHRISTMAS DINNER MEETING  
Hosts: Sandra & Tommy Weeks  
11281 Jake Pearson Road

**January 3, 2006 .....** January meeting  
6:30 p.m. - social; 7:00 p.m. - program  
Rivershire Community Bldg.  
206 Scarborough, Conroe

Speaker: ..... Greg Davis  
Pres., International Camellia Society

Topic: . "Yellow Camellia Development"

**January 14.....** New Orleans  
Camellia Club Show - Metairie, LA

**January 14-15 .....** 36th Annual  
Coushatta Camellia Show

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

including (on January 14) the  
Fifth Annual Elementary School  
Camellia Appreciation Project

# HOUSTON CAMELLIA SHOW

by Ed Holland

The Houston Camellia Society had two shows this year. Show A was open to all exhibitors and Show B was open only to those exhibitors with fewer than 100 plants. Each of the shows was conducted under ACS rules and recommendations. The Society thought this would encourage people with only a few plants to enter the competition and hope to win a ribbon.

The two hurricanes that devastated growers in east Texas and western Louisiana and the New Orleans and Gulf Coast areas along with the drought in the spared areas reduced the number of show entries this year.

(As reported in the last newsletter, both Hyman Norsworthy and Dudley Boudreaux were severely impacted by Hurricane Rita. Hyman only had 6 blooms to bring to the HCS show and Dudley very few, but both Hyman and Dudley restricted themselves to competing in Show A).

## CCS Winners: Show A

### Japonica (In Open)

Miniature: Runner Up (Emil's Jane) Hyman Norsworthy (In Show A, Gold Certificate was won by Gordon Rabalais and Silver Certificate by Hal Vanis)

## CCS Winners: Show B

### Japonica (In Open)

Medium To Large: Best (Tom Knudsen) Ed Holland

Medium: Best (Debutante) Morris Waller

Miniature: Best (Man Size) Ed Holland

### Sasanqua (and related species)

Best (Bonanza) Oscar Shank

### Tray Of Three

Best (Debutante) Morris Waller

(In Show B, Gold Certificate was won by Mead

Wheless and Silver Certificate was won by

Ed Holland)



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## MARVIN WILLIAMS



On Tuesday, November 8, Coushatta Camellia Society lost a valued member in Marvin Williams. A Memorial Service was delayed until his sons in the military were able to return to the US, and took place on Nov. 19 at 2 p.m. at the Addison Smith funeral home on Highway 1097 in Willis. Our deepest sympathies are extended to Marvin's loving wife Elizabeth. He will be missed by all of us.



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## CCS PREPARES FOR SHOW

January 14-15, 2006

The 36<sup>th</sup> 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 McCrary on Friday, Jan 13, from 5 - 8, following set-up at the church.

The changes last year will be continued. A new category of M-L was added to japonica blooms, for both protected & unprotected.

We'll be starting a little earlier again 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. 3, the same day as our meeting, and Maxine Schank 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!**

Some volunteer sheets will be passed around at the December and January meetings. 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 got a little unwieldy, so it was decided to devote our space to other needs. Several members have hand-crafted items that they will continue to donate. If you have an item of special relevance to nature or camellias, please contact Maxine Schank or Diane Dyer to see if there will be space available.

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

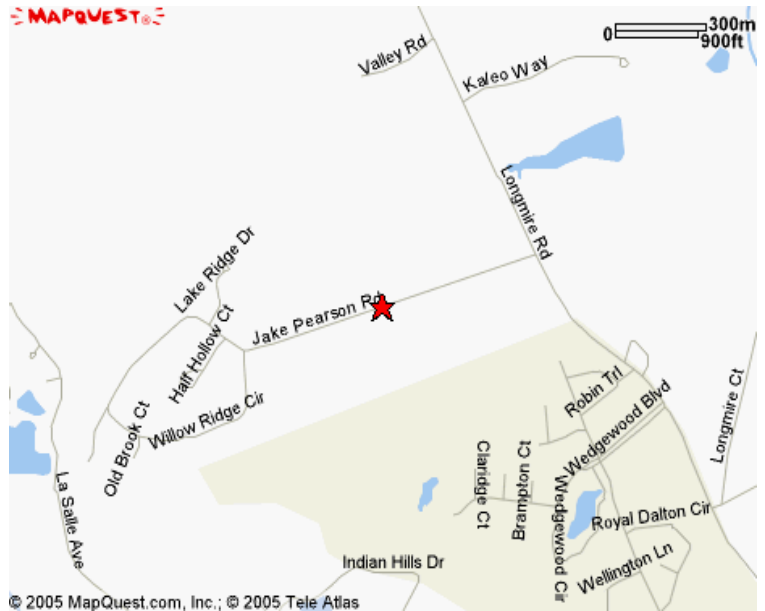
Christmas celebration will begin for Coughatta Camellia Society on Tuesday, December 6. Bring your appetite to the home of Tommy and Sandra Weeks - 11281 Jake Pearson Road, Conroe, at our regular time of 6:30 p.m. for socializing and 7:00 p.m. for the meeting.

The cost of the dinner will be \$12.00 per person, and you may bring your payment to the meeting. A sign-up sheet for attendance was passed around at the November meeting. Those of you who could not attend the meeting are welcome to call Tommy at (936) 441-3968 to RSVP or for directions. Please let him know as soon as possible if you will attend so we can have the proper amount of food.

Palotta's Italian Grill will be catering our dinner, and you will have a choice of entrees: Chicken Alfredo over Bowtie Pasta, or Lasagna. Dinner will include drinks and salad, with some sweets for dessert provided by some sweet CCS cooks.

Who knows what other surprises they will have in store for us? Jack Dyer has promised a couple of cute door prizes. We'll all have great fun - that's for certain!

Driving directions: Take I-45 to either League Line Road or Loop 336 N (north side of Conroe) and proceed west to Longmire Road. From League Line, turn left on Longmire and go about 1 1/2 mi. south to Jake Pearson. From the Loop, turn right on Longmire and go about 3 mi. north to Jake Pearson. Proceed west on Jake Pearson about 3/10 mi. to 11281.



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