

Coushatta

Camellia



Society

November 2006 Newsletter

P.O. Box 1655, Conroe, TX 77305

GREETINGS CAMELLIA LOVERS!

It's the season to give thanks for all the blessings in our lives, not the least of which is the lovely camellia!

November meeting

Before our formal meeting, an informative presentation was given by forester John Ross on using Texas native flowers in our fall landscapes. John also showed slides of trees common to our area and commented on the value of the trees.

The November meeting of the Coushatta Camellia Society was called to order by President Edie Tong. The opening prayer was led by Oscar Schank. There were 24 members in attendance. We have four new members: Rex and Ann Stodgill and Brandon and Kim To. Rex was in attendance at the meeting. During the 5-Minute Q & A session, acidifying soil with vinegar was discussed.

Treasurer Ruby McConnell updated us about transferring some of the CCS funds into an interest bearing account. Before funds can be transferred, it appears that the process for obtaining a tax exempt number should be complete. After discussion among the members, Judy Weidner moved that we obtain a TAX ID number, then proceed with the transfer of funds. Linda McCrary seconded the motion.

OLD BUSINESS: The plant sale was a success. The camellia plants along with other items such as mulch, gib, cookbooks and assorted plants grossed \$1794.50 with a net of \$749.15. Special thanks were extended to Dick Eidem for all his efforts in making the plant sale so successful.

NEW BUSINESS: Christmas Social Chairperson Renee Bilyeu announced that the event would be held at Villa Italia (Coronelli's) in downtown Conroe. She passed around a sign up sheet and collected for dinners from members who were interested in attending. Dennis

Bilyeu proposed to the members inviting Tommy and Sandra Weeks to the dinner since they had graciously hosted and paid for last year's post tour dinner. The members approved with a round of applause.

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Upcoming Events

Dec 2 Ozone Camellia Club Show
Slidell, Louisiana

December 5 December meeting

CHRISTMAS DINNER MEETING
Villa Italia Italian Restaurant
203 Simonton, Conroe
RSVP Renee Bilyeu (936) 760-6744

January 2, 2007 January meeting

First Christian Church
3500 N. Loop 336 W., Conroe
Speaker: Hyman Norsworthy
Topic: "Bloom Preparation"

January 13 New Orleans
Camellia Club Show - Metairie, LA

January 19 Pre-Show Social
Carmelita's Restaurant - 5 p.m.
RSVP Diane Dyer (936) 321-6685

January 20-21 37th Annual
Coushatta Camellia Show

First Christian Church
3500 N. Loop 336 W., Conroe
including the Sixth Annual Elementary
School Camellia Appreciation Project
ceremony at 2 p.m. January 20





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HOUSTON CAMELLIA SHOW

by Greg Davis

The Houston Camellia Society again 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.

CCS Winners: Show A

Japonica (In Open) Dudley Boudreaux: Large (Mary Fischer), Greg Davis: Very Large (Lauren Tudor) Miniature *Runner Up* (Little Slam, Var.), Hyman Norsworthy: Small *Runner Up* (Ava Maria) **Protected** Greg Davis: Medium *Runner Up* (Mary Alice Cox) **Hybrid** Dudley Boudreaux: L-VL *Runner Up* (Charlean), Tommy Weeks: Min-M (Joe Nuccio) & *Runner up* (Twinkle Star)
 Gold Certificate-Tommy Weeks and Silver-Hal Vanis

CCS Winners: Show B

Japonica (In Open) Ed Holland: Large (Marie Bracy) & Medium (Debutante) & Small (Little Babe Var) **Protected** Ed Holland M-L (Tom Knudson) **Hybrid** Ed Holland (Cile Mitchell) **Sasanqua (and related species)** Ed Holland (Hana Jiman)
 Gold Certificate-Ed Holland & Silver-Mead Wheless



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Happy Birthday!



November
 Sarah Eidem
 Ruby Knox
 Ron Liston
 Beverly Roche

December
 Linda McCrary
 Maxine Schank
 Anne Stodghill
 Renee Bilyeu
 Milton Surles

Jack Dyer
 Kim To

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CCS PREPARES FOR SHOW

January 20-21, 2007

The 37th Annual Coushatta Camellia Show is just around the corner! Come kick off the fun with a Pre-Show social at Carmelita's Restaurant - 109 W. Davis, Conroe - on Friday, Jan 19, from 5-8 pm, following set-up at the church. Please RSVP to Diane Dyer (936-321-6685) by Jan. 10.

On Saturday, participant set-up will open at 7 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 as usual at 2:00 p.m.

School presentations for ESCAP will go from Thursday, Jan. 4, to Wednesday, Jan. 10. Presenters will need flowers and seeds for each classroom. Please sign up to provide blooms - the children will enjoy those flowers!

Some volunteer sheets will be passed around at the December and January meetings. Charlie Gambrell has a host of jobs that will need filling, including setting up and breaking down after the show. We'll also need our good cooks to bring food for the judges and CCS members, and cookies for ESCAP children and guests.

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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ESCAP School Liaison Linda McCraray again requested volunteers to help with this project, and also asked if members could share some of their blooms to be used in the classroom.

Due to the illness of Plant Show Chairman Charlie Gambrell, there was no report on the progress of the CCS annual plan show.

Garden Tour Chairman Dennis Bilyeu stated that he, along with Meg and Mike Mendeck, had begun garden visits. He would like to get one more home in the Huntsville area. Meg announced that she would have menus for the post tour party to present to the Tour Committee. She estimated that for approximately 50 people, the cost would be around \$400.

Dick Eidem received a \$25 gift certificate from Growers Outlet at the plant sale. He proposed that the certificate be offered as a door prize. Ironically, he was the winner of the prize. Meg Mendeck won the camellia plant raffle. Door prizes were won by Nancy Meyer, Milton Surles, Bob Koehl, and Peggy LeVrier.

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December Christmas Dinner

Christmas celebration will begin for Coughatta Camellia Society on Tuesday, December 5. Bring your appetite to Coronelli's at 203 Simonton, Conroe, at our regular time of 6:30 p.m. for socializing and 7:00 p.m. for the meeting. This elegant but cozy restaurant was formerly Villa Italia and is located south of the Courthouse in downtown Conroe.

The cost of the dinner will be \$20.00 per person; 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 Renee Bilyeu to RSVP, ASAP, hopefully by Thursday, Dec. 1.

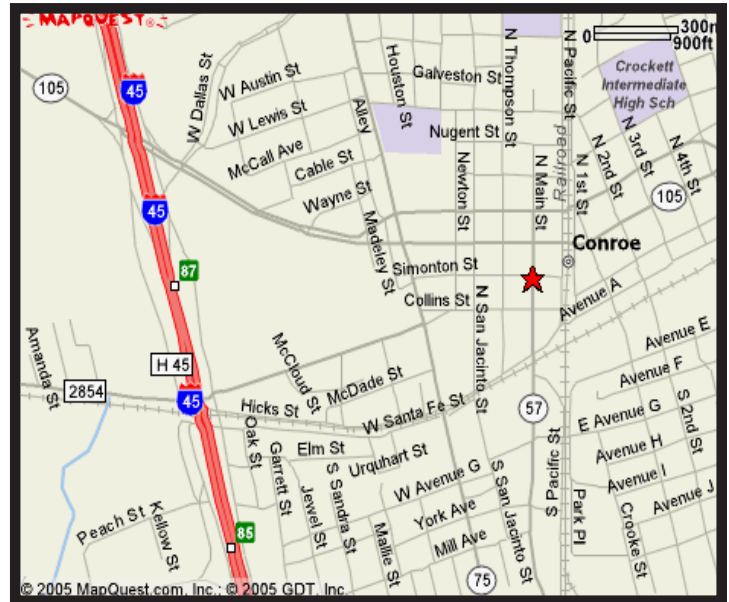
Will your taste buds be ready for a scrumptious meal? Dinner will include your choice of entree (see below), plus salad and dessert, as well as tea or soft drink, and coffee, plus a cash bar for those who want wine or a mixed drink.

When paying, choose your entree of Beef Lasagna or Chicken Breast sautéed in artichoke hearts or Snapper sautéed in wine sauce with a touch of onions and black olives. Checks without a choice marked will be designated as lasagna. We'll all have great fun - that's for certain!

Driving directions to Coronelli's (Villa Italia):

Take the TX Highway 105 exit (Exit 87) from I-45 and proceed east on 105 (Davis Street) towards downtown for about 3/4 mile.

Turn right on Main Street and drive one block to Simonton Street. The restaurant will be near the SW corner of Simonton and Main.



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