

Coushatta

Camellia



Society

November 2007 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!

HOSPITALITY

The last half of our CCS meetings have the following people signed up to help me with snacks:

January: Renee Bilyeu, Sarah Eidem, and Claire Surles

February: Meg Mendeck, Jan Waller, and Marlene Hamm

March: Doris Allwright, Elizabeth Williams, and Bev Roche

Thank-you all for volunteering to help me with this social portion of our meeting. Just make 2 dozen of your favorite snack to share! Many thanks, Meg Mendeck

Meeting date change - January 8: Due to a conflict with New Year's Day, our January meeting will be held on the second Tuesday - January 8.

CCS Show - dates January 19 & 20, 2008.

Set up will be Friday the 18th from 2-5, with a reception or social to follow, organized by Maxine Schank, at the Italian Grill.

On Saturday, the gym at First Christian Church will be open at 7 a.m. for bloom preparation; brunch will be served from 10:30 - 11:30 a.m.; judging will take place from 11:30 to 1:00 pm, when the doors will open to the public. Due to illness in the committee members, ESCAP will NOT take place this year, but an activity with youngsters is planned at 2 p.m. Doors will close at 5 p.m.. Sunday, doors open from 1 to 3 p.m. and take down is from 3 to 4 p.m..



If you (or a friend or neighbor) have never entered a bloom in our show, please register in the Novice category, which has its own award.

Upcoming Events

Dec 1 Ozone Camellia Club Show
Slidell, Louisiana

December 3 (MONDAY)

..... December Social/Christmas dinner
Panorama Golf Village Club
Place your order with Maxine Schank
(936-445-1765) for 1. Tomato Basil
Chicken (\$20.50) or 2. Pork Loin (\$20.00)
and send your check to Ruby McConnell
Deadline for mailing - November 21

January 8 (SECOND Tuesday) 2008

..... January meeting
6:30 p.m. - social; 7:00 p.m. - program
Speaker: Tommy Weeks
Topic: "Bloom Preparation"

January 12 New Orleans
Camellia Club of New Orleans Show

January 18 Pre-Show Social
Italian Grill - 2129 C, W Davis - 5 p.m.
RSVP Maxine Schank (936) 445-1765

January 19-20 38th Annual
Coushatta Camellia Show
First Christian Church
3500 N. Loop 336 W., Conroe

January 26 Baton Rouge, LA
Baton Rouge Camellia Society Show



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HOUSTON CAMELLIA SHOW

by Greg Davis

Congratulations to the Houston Camellia Society, on their 50th Show! There were approximately 400 beautiful blooms and attendance of 321 for the event.

The Houston Camellia Society again had two shows in one. 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.

Thanks to Greg Davis for sending me the results of Show A (for long time exhibitors).

C. japonica (in open): Very Large: *Lauren Tudor* (Hal Vanis), Runner-up: *Tomorrow* (Hal Vanis); Large: *Lady Laura* (Hal Vanis), Runner-up: *Leila Gibson* (Tommy Weeks); Medium-Large: *Grand Marshall Var.* (Tommy Weeks), Runner-up: *Mary Alice Cox* (W. B. Knox); Medium: *Black Magic* (Gordon Rabalais), Runner-up: *Elaine's Betty* (Gordon Rabalais); Small: *Kiki Tsubaki* (Gordon Rabalais), Runner-up: *Little Babe Var.* (Gordon Rabalais); Miniature: *Baby Sargent* (Tommy Weeks), Runner-up: *Emil's Jane* (Hal Vanis).



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C. reticulata (includes hybrids with reticulata parentage): In Open: *Dr. Clifford Parks* (Hal Vanis), Runner-up: *Frank Houser* (Gordon Rabalais)

C. hybrid (with other than reticulata parentage): In Open: *Lavender Prince* (Tommy Weeks), Runner-up: *Wynne Rayner* (Tommy Weeks)

Gold Sweepstakes - Hal Vanis

Silver Sweepstakes - Tommy Weeks

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MARIE TURNER

Sadly, CCS has lost a valued member. Marie will be remembered as a long-time member who added so much to our lives and helped Coushatta Camellia Society in many ways, not the least of which was serving as treasurer for many years. She also made most of the black tablecloths for our January show.

Her obituary, as it appeared in The Conroe Courier, is included below.

Marie Turner, cherished wife and mother, passed away Oct. 29, 2007 in her home in Conroe, TX. Marie was born to Thomas and Lona Carr on July 31, 1926 in Montgomery County, TX. She is preceded in death by her loving husband, Jimmie Blain Turner, her parents, two sisters and a brother. She is survived by her son, Edward Turner and his wife, Lonna; daughters, Dixie Turner and Linda Turner Cato; sister, LaVerne Lawson; brother and sisters-in-law, Frank Lee Turner and his wife, Clara, Elisca Turner, and Marlene Carr; grandchildren, Deborah Mark, Donna Reedy, Dr. Douglas Reedy, Scott Turner, Chad Turner, Anthony Cato, and eight great grandchildren. She is also survived by her niece, Barbara Poole, and other nieces and nephews. Marie has always been involved in organizations whose main cause was to help others. Her time and talents were given graciously. She was an active Eastern Star member of two chapters, Miramonte and Conroe, for 25+ years. She was in the Daughters of the Nile, the Camellia Society, and the VFW Auxillary. She was the Scholarship Chairman for the Lena Murrell Scholarship Fund and served on the Election Boards for Montgomery County and C.I.S.D. She was a member of the First United Methodist Church of Conroe. Funeral services were Nov. 2, 2007 with Rev. Bill Taylor officiating. Interment is at the Garden Park Cemetery next to her beloved husband.

The family requests that in lieu of flowers, contributions be made to the Texas Scottish Rite Hospital for Crippled Children, 2222 Welborn St., Dallas, TX 75219, (214) 559-7650.



Happy Birthday!

November

Sarah Eidem
Ruby Knox
Ron Liston
Beverly Roche



December

Renee Bilyeu
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December Christmas Dinner

The day for our meeting has changed this month, but our holiday spirit will be as strong as always! Christmas celebration will begin for Coughatta Camellia Society on **Monday**, December 3. Bring your appetite to Panorama Village Golf Club (formerly Panorama Country Club) at our regular time of 6:30 p.m. for socializing and 7:00 p.m. for the meeting.

You will have a delicious choice to make! Please choose one entrée for each attendee:

Tomato Basil Chicken (\$20.50) or

Pork Loin with Chef's Sauce (\$20.00).

Each entrée will be served with: Tossed Salad, Wild Rice Blend, Chef's Vegetables, Dinner Rolls & Butter, Crème Bruleé Cheesecake, Tea & Coffee (a cash bar will be available).

Mail your check, made out to CCS, to Ruby McConnell, at 21 Snowbird Place, The Woodlands, TX 77381-4153. Please indicate your choice of entrée, and mail your payment by **November 21**.

Please join us to help celebrate the start of this festive time of year. We'll all have great fun - that's for certain!

Driving directions:

To reach the Village Golf Club, take the League Line Road exit (#91 on I-45), go west on League Line, then turn right on Panorama Dr., bear left onto Greenbriar Drive at the Y, then drive until you see the clubhouse on your left.



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