

Coushatta

Camellia



November 2009 Newsletter

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Society

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!

Houston Camellia Show

The Houston Camellia Society, with the help of many Conroe helpers, had a successful Camellia Show on November 21 & 22. This was an exciting opportunity for novice judges to "try out their stuff" - their first show to judge since the school last March.

Hal Vanis won Gold Sweepstakes and Dudley Boudreaux won Silver Sweepstakes.

In the A show (for those who have over 100 camellia plants) Hal Vanis won Very Large Japonica with *Edna Bass*, Medium Japonica with *Midnight V*, and Best Non Retic Hybrid Awards with *Julia* and *Delores Edwards*. He was Runner-Up for Medium to Large Japonica with *Blue Ridge Sunset* and also for Retic and Retic Hybrids with *Frank Hauser*. Dudley Boudreaux won Large Japonica with *Junior Prom*, Medium-Large Japonica with *Grand Marshal V*, Small Japonica with *Ave Maria*. He was Runner-Up Very Large Japonica with *Show Time*, Runner-Up Large Japonica with *Mary Agnes Paten V*, Runner-Up Medium Japonica with *Ellen Daniel*, and Runner-Up Small Japonica with *Pink Perfection*. Dennis Bilyeu won Miniature Japonica with *Little Slam V*, Tray of Three with three *Debutantes*, and took both Sasanqua certificates, winning with *Kanjiro* and Runner-Up with *Yuletide*. Greg Davis took Runner-Up Miniature Japonica with his *Little Slam*.

In the B Show (smaller growers), the Wheless family took all the prizes except L-VL Japonica which was won by Ames Smith with *Mathotiana*. The honored flowers submitted by W & Laura Wheless were *Kramer's Supreme*, *Marie Bracy*, *Mary Alice Patin* and *Brilliant*. A wonderful lasagna catered lunch featuring scrumptious desserts brought by HCS members topped off the festive event.



Upcoming Events

December 1 December Social
Chocolate Passion Restaurant
6:30 pm - 1520 N. Frazier, Conroe

December 5 Slidell, LA
Ozone Camellia Club Show

December 19 Covington, LA
Northshore Camellia Club Show

January 5, 2010 January meeting
6:30 p.m. - social; 7:00 p.m. - program
"Flower Arrangements with Camellias"
Speaker: James L. Johnson
Distinguished Lecturer, TAMU
First Christian Church Parlor
3500 N Loop 336 W, Conroe

January 9 Metairie, LA
Camellia Club of New Orleans Show

January 15-17 Conroe, TX
40th Coushatta Camellia Society Show
January 15 - Set-up & Pre-Show party
January 16 - 7 am bloom preparation;
10:30 brunch; 11:30 judging; 1:00 open to
the public 'til 4; continues Jan 17 12-3.
First Christian Church Gymnasium
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 Linda McCrary
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 Anne Stodghill
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 Milton Surles



Member Mentions:

Correction: The list of Officers and Chairmen, reported in last month's newsletter and printed in our yearbook, lists Judy Weidner as chairman for Show Certificates. That is incorrect - Elizabeth Williams will continue her fine job in that position.

Congratulations to Elizabeth Williams and Leon Clark, who attended last month's meeting with Elizabeth wearing a beautiful engagement ring and Leon wearing a big grin. You're a lucky fellow to have caught her, Leon!

Member update: Charles & Elizabeth Malone are living in an assisted living center: address is 5715 Mesa Drive, Austin, Tx. 78731, for those who'd like to send a note. Elizabeth says "we have such fond memories of our annual visits to Conroe to participate in the show. This all began many years ago, in the 60's, when we started growing camellias, and Conroe was one of the shows we attended. Dr. Carroll and his wife, Justine would always notify us about the show. In spite of ice storms, snow storms, in January, Charles would always

manage to get to Conroe. The shows were always beautiful and the members were always so nice to be with. We still have our home in Arlington, but are in Austin due to failing health and for the convenience of our son, who lives here."

E-mail address changes: Please note in your yearbook Oscar Schank - oschank@consolidated.net
 Linda McCrary - linda_mccrary@yahoo.com
 Troy McCrary - troy_mccrary@yahoo.com

Oscar did not give a date when his "old" e-mail will no longer work, but Linda & Troy no longer retrieve mail from their "old" addresses.

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**INTRODUCING OUR
JANUARY SPEAKER:
JAMES L. JOHNSON**

*Lecturer of Horticultural
Sciences, TX A&M Univ*

Mr. Johnson received his B.S. in Floriculture from Michigan State University in 1959. He received his M.Agr. in Floriculture from Texas A&M University in 1978. Mr. Johnson was named the Benz

Chair of Floral Design in October of 1983. He is a Member of the Graduate Faculty of Texas A&M University, and can serve as a Chair, Co-Chair, or Member of Graduate Student Advising Committees.

Johnson directs and teaches the Benz School of Floral Design and also works with the Benz Floral Art Collection and Gallery. He serves as Vice President, Texas Floral Endowment; Member, Education Committee, TX State Florists Ass'n; Member, Education Committee; Am. Institute of Floral Designers; Member, Texas A&M Univ. Press Advisory Committee; and Member, Editorial Council of FLOWERS & magazine. He has written course books used for the Professional Florist Certification program, a flower shop operations manual used in the Benz School of Floral Design, and books about design techniques, including wedding techniques, and care and handling of cut flowers and foliages.

"Since I came from industry into teaching, I will stress the importance of practical experience which would be helpful to future teachers and researchers as well as those who plan to go into industry. I especially enjoy people and will always welcome the opportunity to work with students."

Mr. Johnson will be speaking to our group about flower arrangements with camellias.

**TIPS FOR THE CAMELLIA
GARDENER**

By Dennis Bilyeu

- 1 This is a very good time to spray dormant oil if anyone has scale problems on their camellias. When you spray, add the Nickel fertilizer-if you have it-and it will jump start the growth of your camellia next spring. If you didn't get any from Mark Crawford, use any kind of soluble fertilizer that has nitrogen in it.
- 2 Also a great time to start gibbing blooms for our January camellia show. Start with 30 to 40 buds this week, then come back with more each week. Gibbing will not only control the time your flowers mature, but will also result in larger, showier blooms.
- 3 If you bought camellias at our plant show, there are two options you need to consider. Take the plant out of the pot and take a look at the root system. If there are lots of roots and the plant looks almost root bound, it is ready to put in the ground. This time of year is a great time to be planting camellias. The other option is, if you don't see a lot of roots at the edge of the dirt, you should replot the plant. Leaving the plant in pine bark will require frequent fertilizing and daily watering, plus the root system will not develop in a way that sustains the plant in the ground. Carefully remove the pine bark and use a good potting mix, perhaps a camellia-azalea mix, to nurture the camellia and encourage good root growth. Don't plan on planting in the ground for about a year.

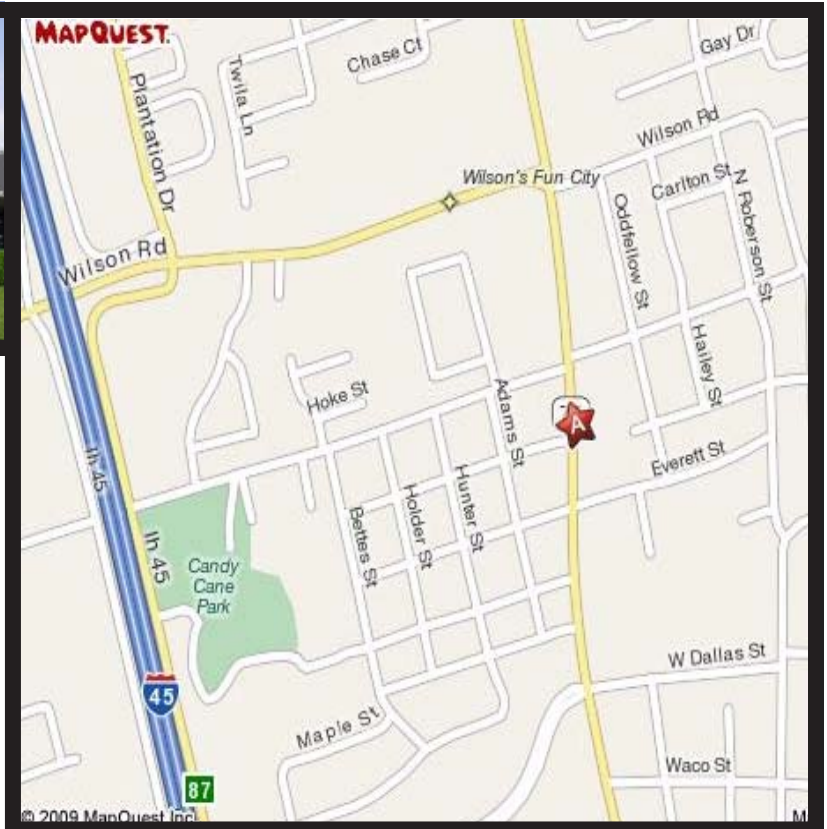


CCS Christmas Social - A visit to Chocolate Passion!

CCS members will gather to begin the holiday season on Tuesday, December 1, at 6:30 p.m. Members placed orders at the November meeting for either Baked Peruvian Chicken or Baked Salmon, both with vegetables. The cost of \$26.00 per person includes salad or soup, dessert & soft drink. Gourmet coffee will be available for an extra charge.

Directions to Chocolate Passion: Exit I-45 at highway 105 (exit 87) and head east. At the first stoplight past the feeder road, turn left onto Dallas Street.

Drive NE on Dallas to the next stoplight and turn left onto N. Frazier. Drive about .3 miles N to 1520 N Frazier, on the corner of W Semands. You may park in front, on the side along Semands, or in the church parking lot just south of Chocolate Passion and across the street from McKenzie's BBQ. Enjoy!



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