

Coushatta

Camellia



November 2010 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!

Houston Camellia Society Show Results

The Houston Camellia Society show took place November 13 - 14, 2010, at the Houston Garden Center, in Houston's Hermann Park. Show chairman was Ed Holland, and there were 142 Blooms Exhibited, 87 Attendees and 13 Exhibitors.

OUTSTANDING BLOOM AWARDS

C. japonica unprotected: Lg/VLg - VLg: 'Mathotiana', *Dudley Boudreaux*; RU: 'Henry Huntington Var.', *Tommy Weeks*; Lg: 'Junior Prom', *Dudley Boudreaux*; RU: 'Frankie Winn', *E. B. Smith*; Md/Lg: 'Evelyn Poe Pink', *Tommy Weeks*; Md: 'Wildfire', *Tommy Weeks*; Sm: 'Ava Marie', *Tommy Weeks*; RU: 'Little Babe', *Greg Davis*; Mn: 'Baby Sargent', *Tommy Weeks*; RU: 'Little Sam', *Greg Davis*

C. japonica protected: Lg/VLg - VLg: 'Lauren Tudor Pink', *Hal Vanis*; RU: 'Lauren Tudor', *Hal Vanis*; Md: 'Midnight Var.', *Hal Vanis*; RU: 'Midnight', *Hal Vanis*; Sm: 'Sandra Williams', *Hal Vanis*; Mn: 'Little Slam Var.', *Hal Vanis*

C. reticulata (Inc. hybrids w/retic parent) unprotected: BB: 'Betty Ridley Var.', *Tommy Weeks*

C. hybrid (w/no retic parent) unprotected: Lg/VLg: 'Cile Mitchell', *Dudley Boudreaux*; Sm/Md-Lg: 'Softly', *Tommy Weeks*; RU: 'Leah Gay', *Tommy Weeks*

C. hybrid (w/no retic parent) protected: Lg/VLg: 'Delores Edwards', *Hal Vanis*; Sm/Md-Lg: 'Marjory Ramsey', *Hal Vanis*

Other Species: BB: 'Star Above Star', *Dudley Boudreaux*

Tray of Three-same variety: BB: 'Marie Bracey', *Ed Holland*
RU: 'Woodville Red', *Tommy Weeks*

Seedlings & Mutants:

Best Untreated Seedling: *John Browder*

Novice Blooms

Md - Md/Lg: 'White by the Gate', *Britton Holland*



Society

Upcoming Events

December 4 Ozone Camellia Show
Slidell, Louisiana

December 9 Christmas social
NOTE DATE CHANGE - Thursday!!!
Walden Yacht Club, 6 p.m.
Choice of 3 entrees, \$25.50 per person
+ donation for waiter fee (\$1.50 each)
reservations available for 40 only
contact Diane Dyer at 936-321-6685 or
Maxine Schank at 936-445-1765

December 18 Northshore Camellia
Show, Covington, Louisiana

January 4, 2011 January meeting
Mini Camellia Show
presented by: Claudette Shelfer, Tommy
Weeks, and Dennis Bilyeu
First Christian Church
3500 N Loop 336 W, Conroe

January 14-16 Conroe, TX
40th Coushatta Camellia Society Show
January 14-Set-up & Pre-Show pizza party
January 15 - 7 am bloom preparation;
10:30 brunch; 11:30 judging; 1:00 open
to the public 'til 4; continues Jan 16 12-3.
First Christian Church Gymnasium
3500 N Loop 336 W, Conroe



16159 Rabon Chapel Road
 Montgomery, Texas 77316
 936-588-3779

Plant Sale:

Many thanks to Chairman Randy McDaniels and all the members who supported our annual plant sale again this year, both those who volunteered at the sale and those who bought plants. We had a beautiful day for our sale at the North Loop Kroger, on Saturday, November 6.

We bought 300 plants from Glen Reed, some of which were sold at the Mercer fall plant sale, leaving 230 for this sale plus 30 left over from last year. Following our very successful sale at Kroger, we now have a total of 76 plants left. Thanks again to Tommy Weeks for his exceptional work in caring for our plants, and in selling many between the Mercer fall sale and our Kroger sale.

We will need to get more plants from Forest Hill for our January show and for the February Garden Tour. We will also be getting another 300 plants from Glen Reed for the 2011 Mercer March Mart.

- Dick Eidem



Happy Birthday!

November

Nancy Dupré
 Sarah Eidem
 Ronnie Gibson
 Ruby Knox
 Ron Liston
 Beverly Roche

December

Reneé Bilyeu
 Mabel Bryant
 Cherokee Caddell
 Jack Dyer
 Ginny Glesener
 Betsy Hunter
 Margaret Lewis
 Linda McCrary
 Maxine Schank
 Phyllis Shackelford
 Anne Stodghill
 Joan Stringer
 Milton Surles



Welcome new members!

Welcome to our newest member and welcome back to the Plews! Please add this information to your yearbooks:

Bill Caldwell

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Tomi and husband Tony Plew

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CCS PLANS 40th CAMELLIA SHOW

Freezing weather forced the cancellation of last year's camellia show. Plans are underway for this year's show, which will take place January 15-16 at the First Christian Church. Chairman Randy McDaniel will talk about opportunities to volunteer and participate at the December meeting. He will be showing a Powerpoint presentation of pictures from past shows. If you have pictures to share, or would like to volunteer to work, e-mail Randy at mcpuli@consolidated.net. Set-up for the show will be Friday, January 14, followed by food for the volunteers. Suggestions (pizza, barbecue, etc.) are welcome.

JANUARY MEETING - MINI-CAMELLIA SHOW

Bring a camellia (or more than one) to the January meeting and learn how to enter a show. Claudette Shelfer, Tommy Weeks, and Dennis Bilyeu will walk each of us through the process of filling out cards and grooming blossoms. By the end of the evening, you'll know just what to do. If you have a nomenclature book, be sure to bring it to the meeting.

FEBRUARY GARDEN TOUR

Chairman Bill McCranor needs your help with our February Garden Tour. Bill will be talking about the Garden Tour at the December and January meetings. He will also have volunteer sheets. Right now he would like to have another home on the tour. Volunteers are needed to distribute flyers and brochures. People are also needed to work the tables at the homes during the tours. Bill's phone listed in the year-book is no longer accurate - please contact him on his cell phone, which is 936-537-6938.



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.

COUSHATTA CAMELLIA SOCIETY CHRISTMAS DINNER

Thursday, December 9, 6 pm

Our Christmas dinner this year will be at the Walden Yacht Club on Thursday, December 9th at 6:00 pm. Please note the change of our usual day to Thursday. Our dinner will be upstairs in a special area with a view of the lake and all of the Christmas Decorations. Walden has graciously provided us with 40 reservations. A menu will be on the table for each guest. There will be a choice of beef, chicken or seafood; with the chef's choice of side dish and dessert. A house salad is included along with tea or coffee. The cost is \$25.50 per person. This includes tax and gratuity. A \$60.00 waiter fee is separate and will need to be shared by each guest, for 40 guests the fee should be about \$1.50 each. We will pass a hat for this expense. There will, of course, be a cash bar available.

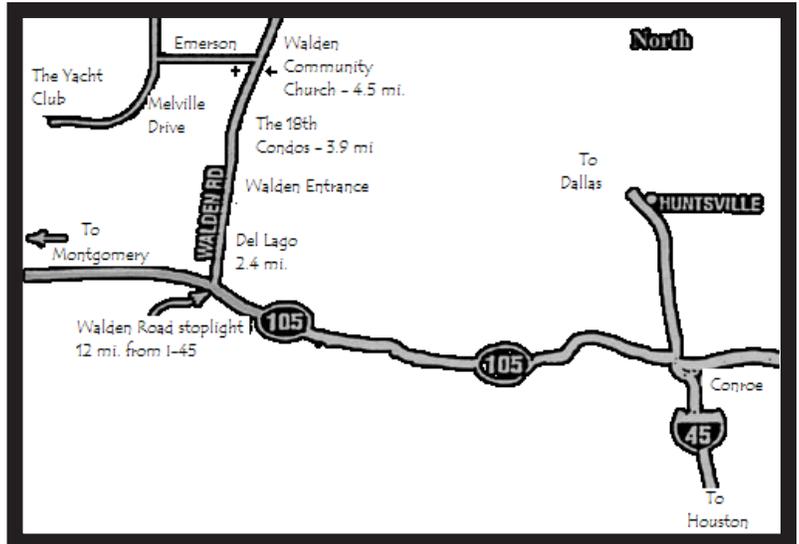
There are only 4 reservations spots left. If someone cancels, the first person on the standby sheet will be called to see if they want the reservation. If they still want to come, they personally need to reimburse the person who cancelled. Reservations called after December 7th cannot be refunded. Please call Diane Dyer at 936-321-6685 or Maxine Schank at 936-445-1765 if you have any questions or need to cancel a reservation.

DIRECTIONS FROM INTERSTATE 45

Travel West on Hwy 105 about twelve (12) miles. Look for the Coldwell Banker office on your right, and then turn right on Walden Road (there's an Exxon station with a flag at the stoplight). Drive four

(4) miles (you'll go past the golf course), pass the church on your left and take a left at Emerson. Go to the stop sign and take a left on Melville. Go the end of Melville (13101 Melville).

If you have any questions about directions to Walden Yacht Club, please call (936) 582-4222.



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