

Coushatta

Camellia



November 2012 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!

Society

Coushatta Camellia Society Treasurer's report November 2012

Beginning Balance 6/2/2012		\$13,900.61
Income:		
	Dues	130.00
	Donation	5.00
	Friends of CCS	50.00
	Awards	60.00
	Raffle	15.00
	Sponsors	1,450.00
	Plant sales	477.50
	Master Gardeners Plant Sale	<u>1,400.00</u>
	Total Income	\$ 3,576.50
Expenses:		
	ACS dues	30.00
	Storage	720.00
	Website	300.00
	New website	132.35
	Dues overpayment	10.00
	Newsletter printing	17.60
	September meeting food	162.26
	October meeting food	44.98
	Door prizes	11.82
	Aprons	297.69
	Wiesner memorial	25.00
	Davis memorial	25.00
	Wells memorial	100.00
	Sign expense	<u>115.83</u>
	Total Expenses	\$ 1,992.53
Ending Balance 11/18/2012		\$14,495.58

Upcoming Events

December 4 Christmas social, 6 pm
 Ham & Potluck- Church parlor, Bring a side, salad or dessert to share; call Jenny, Maxine or Diane to coordinate. Fifteen folding chairs needed to share. Holiday music provided by Bob Rodreick. Donations collected for Food Bank

December 15 Northshore Camellia Show, Covington, LA

January 1 ?, 2013 January meeting
 Our regular meeting date falls upon New Year's Day. Stay tuned for a possible change to the following Tuesday.
 First Christian Church
 3500 N Loop 336 W, Conroe

January 12 Camellia Club of New Orleans Show, Metairie, Louisiana

January 26 Conroe, TX 41st Coushatta Camellia Society Show
 January 26-Set-up & Pre-Show pizza party
 January 26 - 7 am bloom preparation;
 10:30 brunch; 11:30 judging; 1:00 open to the public 'til 4
 First Christian Church Gymnasium
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GIBBERELIC ACID (aka gib):

Part of the fun of growing camellias

Claudette Shelfer has brought gib back from the ACS meeting in Gulfport. If you would like some, she will have it at our December meeting or call Oscar Schank if you want it earlier. Instructions are included, and it is easier than it used to be. Using gib now on your camellias will result in larger, showier blooms for our show.

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DECEMBER TIPS FOR THE CAMELLIA GARDNER

By Dennis Bilyeu

- 1 This is a very good time to spray dormant oil for scale problems on your camellias. 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. Also, add a little (1 tbs/gal) insecticide such as Malathion to help kill the scale insects. If you have a mite problem use a mitescide instead of the insecticide. I found a good mitescide at Henderson Feed Store that worked well for me.
- 2 Also this is a great time to start gibbing blooms for our January camellia show. Start with 30 to 40 buds this week, then come back and gib more buds each week up to about three weeks before Show time. Gibbing will not only control the time your flowers mature, but will also result in larger, showier blooms.
- 3 If you bought camellia plants recently, 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-check our website for a recommended procedure. If you don't see a lot of roots, repot the plant. Leaving the plant in the pine bark soil will require frequent fertilizing and daily watering, plus the root system will not develop in a way that sustains the plant once in the ground. To remedy this common problem from nursery grown Camellias, carefully remove the pine bark from around the roots (a gentle water spray works well) and repot using a good potting mix, perhaps a camellia-azalea mix, to encourage good root growth. Don't plan on planting in the ground for about a year.

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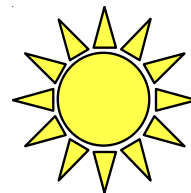
Welcome to our newest members, Kelli & Tim Hornsby. Kellis will be serving as our new Secretary. Please add their information to your yearbook.

Kelli Hornsby (husband Tim)

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Please make the following corrections:

Dolores Rodriguez (we apologize for the typo in spelling her name)



SUNSHINE

Condolences to Rosamay Davis, upon the loss of her husband Greg. We will miss his jokes, his charm, and his abundant knowledge of camellias.

Condolences to Elizabeth Williams, upon the loss of her dear friend Leon Clark.

Please keep Bev Roche in your thoughts and prayers. She has had a bad fall and will be a time in recovering. She would love to have a phone call, but visits must be scheduled ahead to time to fit in with therapy.

Carolyn Tynan continues to recover from her fall about 2 years ago, but cannot get out as much as she did. Her spirits are good and she misses her camellia friends.

**COUSHATTA CAMELLIA SOCIETY
CHRISTMAS DINNER
Tuesday, December 4, 6:00 pm**

Rather than spend our money at a restaurant, this year, CCS will spend our time together and use our money to benefit the community. Come join us at the First Christian Church parlor on Tuesday, December 4, 2012, at 6 pm to kick off the holiday season while sharing treats and helping others.

CCS will provide the ham and beverages, and the rest of us will bring sides, salads and desserts to round out the feast. Please call or email Jenny Marcotte, Maxine Schank or Diane Dyer to let them know what you want to bring so we have a nice assortment of goodies. We will need 3 or 4 people to share their “card table” chairs, so tell the girls how many you can bring.

As a special treat, Bob Rodreick and his assistant will join us for dinner, then regale us with an assortment of old time favorite songs to get us in the holiday spirit.

This is the season to be thinking of others, so please bring a donation for the Food Bank. You may give a few dollars, perhaps what you would have spent for dinner, or bring non-perishable food. Our donations will join those of the First Christian Church.

***American Camellia Society Discount
This month your last chance!***

As an incentive to those who have never been ACS members, the American Camellia Society is offering a 50% discount for the one year membership.

Your \$15.00 membership will include: Quarterly issues of *The Camellia Journal*; Annual copy of the *American Camellia Society Yearbook*; Access to additional publications, education content, and forums on the ACS website; 10% discount in the ACS Gift Shop and at the online store; a copy of *Camellia Culture*, a publication on camellia care and propagation; Free admission to Masee Lane Gardens – ACS headquarters in Fort Valley, GA, free admission to reciprocating botanical gardens; National meeting and conventions, educational workshops, an extensive camellia library, fact sheets, and nursery information.

Forms will be available at the meeting so members may take advantage of this great offer.

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Gregory Earl Davis

Remembering the Man Who Loved Camellias

Gregory Earl (Greg) Davis, born in Austin, TX on July 23, 1930, died October 21, 2012 in Houston TX after a brief battle with cancer. He was the only son of Chesley Earl and Evelyn Tigner Davis.

Raised in Huntsville, Greg excelled in various athletics, was captain/quarterback for the Huntsville Hornets; an honor student, he served as Sr Class President and Valedictorian. He became an Eagle Scout.

Greg received his BS in Chemical Engineering from Rice Institute in 1952. After graduation, Greg became a loyal supporter of Rice, serving many years as class recorder for the Owlmanac, enjoyed the Shepard School of Music, Rice Historical Society and ROMEOS.

After college, Greg entered into the petrochemical industry, beginning with Celanese, TX Butadiene, and lastly enjoyed 31 year of service with Exxon Mobile, retiring in 1992. After retirement, Greg was an active member of the West Houston Exxon Retirees Club.

Moving the family to Houston in 1968, Greg was introduced to camellias and became an avid camellia hobbyist. Over the years he served in various capacities for the Houston and American societies as well as 8 years as President of the International Camellia Society.

Joining St Luke's Methodist Church in 1970, Greg was a member of the Hines-Baker Bible class, served with the Ushers & Life Celebration Guild and was a devoted parishioner.

Greg had a lifelong interest in photography, contributing photos to the Rice Owlmanac, Exxon, and various camellia journals. He was never without a camera! An avid reader, he loved all books on TX, humor, mysteries and historical novels.

Greg is survived by his wife of 59 years, Rosamay Lindsey Davis; son Greg Davis and wife Cindy (Tuttle, OK), daughter Ann C Davis (Austin, TX), son M Lindsey Davis and wife Cynthia Rohan (Castle Pines, CO), grandson Kevin Davis and granddaughter Katie Davis; sisters Mrs. Vernon (Carolyn) Miles of Ft. Walton Beach, FL, and Mr. & Mrs. Mohamed (Donna) Mortada from Dallas, TX, beloved nieces & nephew and an irritating assortment of 'grand-dogs'. Witty and charming, Greg was a friend to all and loved by many. He will be truly missed.

A private interment was held Thursday in Lovelady, TX, with a memorial service and reception to celebrate Greg's life at 1pm on Friday, Oct 26, at St. Luke's Methodist Church, 3471 Westheimer, Houston, TX 77027. In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made to the Rice University Annual Fund, Resource Development MS 81, P.O. Box 1892, Houston, TX 77251-1892. Online tributes may be posted at www.bradshawcarter.com. Bradshaw-Carter; family owned and operated. 713-521-0066; 1734 W. Alabama St.

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Greg served as long-time President of the Houston Camellia, and had also been an associate member of Coughatta Camellia Society for many years. We were fortunate that he shared his love of camellias and his great experience with us.

He served as a judge for our almost every one of our camellia shows and presented many interesting programs to our groups. I particularly remember the slide show presentation he made following a trip to Japan, when he was acting as President of the International Camellia Society. He brought back a whole bag of seeds from the yellow camellias they were then developing. Every member took some, and we gave out the remainder to the school children whose classes we visited as part of the ESCAP programs we presented. I am sorry to say that my seeds did not germinate, but Greg had warned us that he was not sure the new strain had seeds that were viable.

Greg was always so helpful and enjoyed sharing his knowledge and expertise. I also got a kick of the stories he could tell - I am sure that anyone who went with him on one of his many trips had a great time, because Greg could always find something interesting to enjoy.

We will miss you, Greg!



PLANT SALE
(and other Ramblings)
by Don Marcotte



On 10/12/12 Oscar Schank and Don Marcotte took 86 plants to the Montgomery County Master Gardeners sale. We marked all the pots \$35.00. On the 13th we sold plants. Those helping were Claudette Shelfer, Jenny Marcotte, Kelli Hornsby, Don Marcotte, Oscar Shank and Bill McCranor. The sale went extremely well and we received a check for \$1400. Not bad for a days work.

The Master Gardeners were very helpful and asked us if we would come back to their next sale. We have agreed to sell plants again at the next sale in April or May.

I would like to pass on to the members that Jenny and I have been traveling with Tommy Weeks and Dudley Boudreaux to shows in Mississippi, Georgia, Florida, and Louisiana with side tours of yards and greenhouses of camellia growers. We have seen alot of beautiful camellias and met some serious camellia growers. If you get a chance to go to some of the camellia shows, we would highly recommend it. You are guaranteed to see some pretty camellias and to get to know some of the most gracious and helpful people you will ever meet.

BOARD MEETING MINUTES FOR COUSHATTA CAMELLIA SOCIETY OF CONROE, TEXAS

Monday, November 19, 2012

submitted by Recording Secretary Kelli Hornsby

Meeting called to order at 6:30 p.m. by Oscar Schank, Acting President.

The first topic of discussion was the January Camellia show and whether we needed more camellias. The plan is to ask for camellias out of Jeff Odum's stock if needed. We have a few camellias left after the fall plant sale, but will need at least 50-75 for show. 100 plants were sold last year, but this year the show will be one day instead of two. Jenny Marcotte will be organizing clerks for the January show.

The second topic discussed was that President Oscar Schank has signed Coughatta Camellia Society to participate again at Conroe's April Master Gardeners' plant sale. 66-68 plants were sold at the Master Gardener plant sale for \$35.00 each. The Master Gardeners were very pleased with our participation at their sale, and CCS members also felt it was a good experience. Oscar stated that we will not be participating in the Mercer March Mart this year. There is a new director at Mercer, who has not honored past agreements that were made with CCS.

December 4th dinner meeting was next on agenda. Plan is for 3 spiral hams and the committee will be calling members for the side dishes they plan to bring. Possible performers are being discussed as well. Edie Tong has a contact that she will pursue.

Treasurer Claudette Shelfer presented the Financial report, showing \$14,480.58 currently in the bank.

Corrections for member listings are being made for members to add to their directory. This information will be published in the newsletter.

Maxine Schank suggested that our Christmas meeting include a donation to the community, in the spirit of Christmas. A toy drive for Christmas was discussed and the plan is to join the First Christian Church's toy drive. Oscar Schank to call church office and see if this would be an option. If so, members may bring unwrapped gifts to the December meeting.

Judy Weidner will bring a plumeria for one of the door prizes. We will need 2 door prizes.

Handouts for Coughatta Camellia Society were discussed, to be handed out to new members and prospective members. The possibility of visiting nursing homes and other places to share knowledge of camellias with the community was also discussed.

Donation of tables to First Christian Church was discussed and President Oscar Schank will contact church regarding progress on this. The Church will purchase the tables, since they can do so without being required to pay sales tax, and CCS will reimburse them.

At 7:45 p.m. meeting was adjourned.

