

Coushatta

Camellia



Society

December 2003 Newsletter

P.O. Box 1655, Conroe, TX 77305

GREETINGS, CAMELLIA LOVERS!

Best Wishes for a Healthy and Productive New Year

The Coushatta Camellia Society's Christmas dinner was a lovely start to the holiday season. Thirty-six members met at the Seven Coves Resort, thanks to arrangements made by Beverly and Tom Roche.

At the question and answer session, members discussed ways to bring blooms to shows. One method involves transporting blooms in Tupperware, with Floral Alive. Blooms may also be sprayed with clear-set preservative and refrigerated at 38-40 degrees for several days. The announcement was made that Troy McCrary has gib available for those who would like to purchase.

Jack Dyer built a beautiful, festive bird feeder and brought it for a door prize. Jim Sadoti was the lucky winner. Congratulations to Tom Roche, who won the poster/calendar door prize donated by the Surles.

A report was made that the suggestion to hang a banner across a roadway to advertise the January Coushatta Camellia Show would be cost prohibitive, not only for the cost of the banner, but for special equipment to hang the banner. Suggestions or ideas for publicity for future shows would be welcomed. Flyers will be distributed at the January meeting.

January will be a busy month for CCS. Maxine Schank and her group of volunteers will begin making presentations at elementary schools on January 6. Later that day, we'll gather for our regular meeting at 6:30 p.m. at the Rivershire Community Bldg. just across from the apartment complex on Scarborough in



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Upcoming Events

January 6 January meeting
6:30 p.m. - social
7:00 p.m. - program
Rivershire Community Bldg.
206 Scarborough, Conroe

Speaker: Hyman Norsworthy
Past Texas Director of ACS
Topic: Handling Large Plants

January 17-18 34th Annual
Coushatta Camellia Show

First Christian Church
3500 N. Loop 336 W., Conroe

including January 17 - 2:00 p.m.
Third Annual Elementary School
Camellia Appreciation Project
Recognition and Presentation Program

February 3 3rd Annual
Camellia Grafting Contest

February 15 7th Annual
Open Camellia Garden Tour

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Camellia Show *Continued from front page*

Conroe. Our own Hyman Norsworthy, past Texas Director of the American Camellia Society, will speak about Handling Large Plants.

The 34th Annual Coushatta Camellia Show will take place at the First Christian Church of Conroe on the weekend of January 17-18. Many thanks to Charlie Gambrill, who is doing an excellent job organizing this exceptional event; to June Sadoti, for chairing the luncheon; to Maxine Schank, for her hard work on the Camellia Appreciation Project; and to all the members who continue to be so generous with their time and talents.

All members are encouraged to participate in our show! Bring camellias for entry or display Saturday between 7:00 and 9:30 a.m. Work tables will be available to prepare your flowers, and water and containers, but you must bring any utensils you might need to use. Judging will take place from 10-12, followed by a luncheon for the judges and CCS members. The show will be open to the public from 1-5 on Saturday and 12-4:30 on Sunday. Awards for the students in the Camellia Appreciation Project will be presented on Saturday at 2:00 p.m.

A new addition to the show this year will be a small Gift Shop. Several members have hand-crafted items they would like to donate to be sold. Those who would like to make a donation of an item for the gift shop, please contact Linda McCraray (441-3143). No White Elephants, please!

Two new awards will be offered at the 2004 Show. They are: 1) "Dr. Emil Carroll Award," Best Tray of Three grown in Conroe Area (Pass along for one year) Presented by Morris I. & Jan Waller; 2) "Special Award," Best Professor Charles S. Sargent grown by a member of Coushatta Camellia Society (Cannot be consecutive winner) Presented by Jackie Wells

We'll need lots of volunteers to make this show a success, so be ready to sign up to help at the January meeting. Some of the jobs that will need doing include: greet attendees; direct them to work and/or display areas; man ACS and CCS tables; provide goodies for the luncheon and/or ESCAP; assist with luncheon and/or ESCAP; help set-up and/or take-down.



Seventh Annual Open Garden Tour



For the sixth year, Perry Liston has taken the organization of the annual Camellia Garden Tour into his capable hands. Many thanks to CCS members who will share their gardens on February 15, 2004.

Tom & Beverly Roche
Troy & Linda McCrary
Jackie Wells
Jack & Diane Dyer
Charlie & Linda Gambrill
W. B. & Ruby Knox.

Thanks also to Jan Waller, who will coordinate hosts and hostesses for the tours; Jackie Wells, who will distribute flyers; and to Perry Liston and Victor Treat, who will place direction signs.

There will be a party for all CSS volunteers and hosts immediately following the Garden Tour event at the home of Bob & Carolyn Tynan. A Monday tour is planned, limited to those volunteers who were unable to visit the gardens.

If you would like to serve as a garden host or hostess, contact Jan Waller or sign up at the meeting.

NEED A RIDE? GIVE A RIDE? CALL TOM ROCHE!

If you are like me, you really don't enjoy driving after dark. Or maybe you just want some company! CCS has the answer for you! Call Transportation Chairman Tom Roche, 856-7744, and offer to share a ride or get a ride. It's fun, it's neighborly, and it's environmentally friendly!!

CALLING ALL COOKS!

You know everyone loved that special dish you brought to the September meeting. And wouldn't you love to have the recipe for those wonderful cookies that disappeared before you could have seconds? Diane Dyer is collecting recipes from CCS members to put together a cookbook. Bring your recipes to the meeting or e-mail her at d.s.dyer@att.net.



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THE PERFECT GIFT

This year, each new CCS membership will include a free 6 month American Camellia Society membership, along with the ACS Journal. This lovely magazine is a quality production chock-full of wonderful pictures, interesting articles, and exciting news about the camellia world.

Tell your friends this is the perfect time to join CCS, or, consider purchasing a Coushatta Camellia Society membership for that special person!

Linda McCrary has all the forms needed.
Give her a call!

Searching for a particular variety of camellia?

Hal Vanis has offered to take special orders, to be delivered and paid for either at the CCS Camellia show on the 17th or at the Tyler show later in January. Most varieties will be around \$20 each.

Call Troy McCrary (926-441-3143) for more information or to place your order.

HELP NEEDED FOR ESCAP!!

Please call Maxine Schank (936-445-1765) ASAP if you will be able to assist with presentations or provide flowers for demonstrations to the students. Assistants will help hand out materials to students, gather completed pictures, and pin recognition ribbons onto students. People (and flowers) are needed from 2 p.m. to 3 p.m. on Tuesday, Jan 6, at Giesinger School; from 10-11 a.m. and from 12:30-1:00 p.m. on Wednesday, Jan 7 at BB Rice; from 11:40 to 12:40 on Thursday, Jan 8 at Armstrong Elementary; and from 8:30 to 10 a.m. at Sam Houston Elementary on Friday, Jan. 9. It's a real thrill to see the children's enthusiasm and excitement as they learn about the camellia - don't miss out on this special experience!

Dr. David Norton, Coordinator of Science and Health in the school system, who has been such a help in making ESCAP possible in CISD, will be observing the Giesinger presentations on Tuesday. We very much appreciate Dr. Norton's help, and hope he will be able to attend the show and be part of our recognition ceremony.

