

Coushatta

Camellia



*Camellia
"Lois Boudreaux"
Registered by Hyman Norsworthy
featured on the 2007 Garden Tour brochure*

December 2006 Newsletter

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Society

GREETINGS, CAMELLIA LOVERS!

Hyman Randolph Norsworthy

Coushatta Camellia Society has lost a friend. Hyman Randolph Norsworthy, of Beaumont, died Tuesday, Dec. 5, at his home. He was 87 years, 3 months, 27 days old. His body was found by his son, who had talked to him earlier in the day. Hyman was to have taken delivery, later that afternoon, on a new pickup truck for which he had paid cash the previous day.

Born August 8, 1919 in Crete, TX and raised in Groveton, Hyman received his Bachelors Degree from Sam Houston State University. Following his service in World War II, he earned his Masters Degree from the University of Texas in Austin. He was retired from Texas U.S. Chemical/Synpol in Port Neches.

Hyman was active in the American Camellia Society, and, as most of you know, was the most dedicated, hard working, biggest prize winning Camellia grower in the Texas-Louisiana area. All area camellia shows greatly appreciated his 60 to 100 blooms which he religiously entered for many years. The Camellia World will have much difficulty in replacing Hyman's prize winning camellia blooms.

Hyman Norsworthy is survived by sons, Joel Brian Norsworthy and wife Joyce Ann of Beaumont; Joseph Guillian Thibodeaux and wife Nina and sons Nathan and Christopher of LaFayette, LA; sisters, Helen Haunschild of Orange; Mildred Norsworthy of Orange; brother, Hiram Norsworthy of Orange; sister-in-law, Wanda Grayson



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Upcoming Events

January 2, 2007 January meeting
First Christian Church
3500 N. Loop 336 W., Conroe
Topic: "CCS Remembers Hyman Norsworthy"

January 13..... New Orleans
Camellia Club Show - Metairie, LA

January 19..... Pre-Show Social
Carmelita's Restaurant - 5 p.m.
RSVP Diane Dyer (936) 321-6685

January 20-21 37th Annual
Coushatta Camellia Show
First Christian Church
3500 N. Loop 336 W., Conroe
Sixth Annual Elementary School Camellia
Appreciation Project ceremony at 2 pm Jan. 20

February 6 February meeting
First Christian Church
3500 N. Loop 336 W., Conroe
Speaker: Odean Head
former President, National and
International Bromeliad Societies
Topic: "Bromeliad Slide Show"

February 17-18 Garden Tour

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of Tyler and many nieces, nephews, and Camellia friends all along the Gulf Coast.

In a dignified, short, Protestant ceremony, he was laid to rest beside his wife in her family burial plot in Trout Creek Cemetery near Kirbyville, Texas on Friday, December 8, 2006. The Funeral Services were attended by Hyman's relatives and neighbors, plus a few camellia friends. After the ceremony, all joined with the Norsworthy family for a traditional Kirbyville fried chicken and catfish dinner, to celebrate the life of this wonderful camellia grower.

Coushatta Camellia Society will very much miss Hyman Norsworthy. His knowledge was admired and respected by all, and his beautiful blooms were the envy of many. Hyman was generous with his time and talent, and was willing to trade scions with fellow growers and to take a moment from his busy show schedule to instruct a novice on a pertinent point.

Hyman was to be the speaker for our Coushatta Camellia Society's January meeting. As he had before, he had planned to share with us his expertise in preparing blooms for a show. We'll be remembering Hyman at our January meeting, and encourage members to share their memories, and all the special tips, tricks, and knowledge he gave to us over the years.

Tenth Annual Open Garden Tour

Our Coushatta Camellia Society Garden Tour continues to add new and interesting features! Last year Garden Tour Chairman Dennis Bilyeu expanded the tour to two days and brought in some gardens that were new and some gardens that had not been featured on the tour for several years. This year, with the help of enthusiastic new members Mike & Meg Mendeck, he has continued the two day tour (with 2 new gardens) plus added demonstrations at several of the homes.

New to the tour are the gardens of Dick & Sarah Eidem, and Morris & Jan Waller. "Welcome to the Garden of Eidem" says the sign at the entrance to Dick & Sarah Eidem's property, and they are obviously working very hard to create their own Eden here on Earth. Their garden consists of more than 120 Camellias, 350 azaleas, and is laid out along pathways which lead you to vine covered arches, a goldfish pond and a green house where you are likely to find frost tender plants and tropicals blooming year round.

Interested in innovative ideas on landscaping hillsides, normal size yards and patios? Come see what the Wallers have done using terraces of planted and potted Camellias. After 'collecting' Camellias for about ten years, they now have over 50 different Camellias, with signs for each Camellia, including name and color picture of flower, to enhance enjoyment of plants that may not have blooms at their peak of beauty during the Tour.

Returning favorites will include the gardens of Renee & Dennis Bilyeu, John Browder, Charlie & Linda Gambrill, W.B. & Ruby Knox, Tena Koch, Bill & Laurie McCranor, and Jeff &

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Pre-Show Social

Come join the fun! CCS members will be meeting at Carmelita's Restaurant at 5 p.m. (following set-up at the church) for the pre-show social. **RSVP Diane Dyer (936) 321-6685** if you will be able to attend.

ADDITIONS & CORRECTIONS



Please make the following corrections to your Couthatta Camellia Society yearbook:

Jim & Susie Pokorski - new e-mail:

Jim: jim@pokorski.us

Susie: susie@pokorski.us

Debra Stallings - new e-mail:

debra.stallings@suddenlink.net

Since Suddenlink has bought out Cox Cable, all e-mail addresses that are @cox.net or @cox-internet.com will no longer be supported after the first of the year. The new addresses will have @suddenlink.net.



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CCS 37th Annual Camellia Show January 20-21, 2007

Coushatta Camellia Society is looking forward to its 37th Annual Show on January 20-21.

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.

Don't forget to enter your blooms for special memorial awards that can only be won by a CCS member: "**Earle & Iola Gentry Award**," Best large bloom grown by CCS member, presented by Susie Moore Pokorski; "**A.B. 'Bud' Welter Award**," Best medium bloom grown by CCS member, presented by Beverly Welter Roche; "**Dr. Emil Carroll Award**," Best Tray of Three grown in Conroe Area (Pass along for one year) presented by Morris I. & Jan Waller; and the "**Special Award**," Best Professor Charles S. Sargent grown by a member of CCS (Cannot be consecutive winner) presented by Jackie Wells.



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Becky Odum. Each of these gardens has something special to see, so if you were not able to visit them last year, be sure to stop by this year. Hours of the tour will be 10 am to 3 pm each day.

Schedule: Saturday, February 17

Jeff & Becky Odum - 14242 Austin McComb Rd., Conroe
Demonstration for rooting of cuttings-10:30 am
Charlie & Linda Gambrill-14023 Fountainview Dr., Montgomery
Ongoing exhibit with handout - building a disappearing fountain
Dennis & Renee Bilyeu - 5275 Longmire Court, Conroe
Demonstration of planting & site selection - 1:30 pm
Tena Koch - 10584 Champion Forest Loop, Conroe
Dick & Sarah Eidem - 11363 Newton Circle
Demonstration of air-layering techniques - 3:00 pm

Schedule: Sunday, February 18

W.B. & Ruby Knox - 215 Sunset Blvd., Conroe
Demonstration of grafting techniques - 11:00 am
Bill & Laurie McCranor - 1100 Browder Loop, Old Waverly
John Browder - 1201 Browder Loop, Old Waverly
Morris & Jan Waller - 1623 River Oaks, Huntsville
Disease & pest prevention demonstration - 2:00 pm

We hope to have maps and brochures available at the January meeting, and at Kroger a couple of weeks prior to the tour. Camellia plants will be available for sale at the gardens of Dennis Bilyeu, Dick Eidem, Charlie Gambrill, W. B. Knox, and Morris Waller. The traditional party for all CCS volunteers and hosts immediately following the Sunday Garden Tour will be held at the home of Mike & Meg Mendeck. Volunteers to help at the tour are still needed, so look for a sign-up sheet at the January meeting.

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