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# Camellia



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## December 2007 Newsletter

P.O. Box 1655, Conroe, TX 77305

# Society

GREETINGS, CAMELLIA LOVERS!

### Coushatta Camellia Society Remembers:

Lalage Marie Birmingham Williams  
Born in Cisco, TX on Apr. 23, 1919  
Departed on Dec. 25, 2007

Long time member of CCS, residing in Austin, TX  
at the time of her death.

Lalage B. Williams, 88, of Austin, Texas passed away on Christmas Day after an extended illness. Born in Cisco, Texas to Mrs. Cecil Daniels Birmingham and Mr. Louis Birmingham, she later moved with her family to Tulsa, Oklahoma.

Lalage attended the University of Tulsa where she was a member of Chi Omega Sorority. In 1940 she married Harold L. Williams, and enjoyed 66 years of marriage until Harold's death in 2006.

Lalage is also predeceased by her parents, one sister and one brother. She is survived by her only child, Karen W. Henley of Spicewood, Texas and two brothers, Louis Birmingham of Bella Vista, Arkansas, and Dan Birmingham of Tulsa, Oklahoma.

At her request, her remains will be cremated with interment at Remembrance Gardens at Riverbend through the services of Weed-Corley-Fish Funeral Home in Austin, Texas. Obituary and guestbook online at [wcfish.com](http://wcfish.com)



Condolences, also, to our member Dennis Bilyeu and his family upon the recent loss of Dennis' father. Keep them in your thoughts and prayers.

## Upcoming Events

**January 8 (SECOND Tuesday) 2008**  
..... January meeting  
6:30 p.m. - social  
7:00 p.m. - program  
Speaker: ..... Tommy Weeks  
Topic: ..... "Bloom Preparation"

**January 12** ..... New Orleans  
Camellia Club of New Orleans Show

**January 18** ..... Pre-Show Social  
Italian Grill - 2129 C, W Davis - 5 p.m.  
RSVP Maxine Schank (936) 445-1765

**January 19-20** ..... 38th Annual  
Coushatta Camellia Show  
First Christian Church  
3500 N. Loop 336 W., Conroe

**January 26** ..... Baton Rouge, LA  
Baton Rouge Camellia Society Show

**February 5** ..... February meeting  
6:30 p.m. - social  
7:00 p.m. - program  
Speaker: ..... Greg Davis

**February 23** ..... Huntsville Show

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## ELEVENTH ANNUAL OPEN GARDEN TOUR

by Mike Mendeck

Our Coushatta Camellia Society Garden Tour has some changes this year so please note the schedule below. This year the tour dates have been grouped based on garden locations. Saturday's Gardens (5) are in and near Conroe; Sunday's Gardens (3) are all on Browder's Loop in New (Old) Waverly. Tour Directors, Mike Mendeck and Bill McCranor, report that we have added Todd & Michelle Anslinger's to Sunday's tour program.

Todd and Michelle recently purchased this acreage on Browder's Loop, as a place to get away from the city. While looking it over, they noticed that, along the drive, the earlier owners had planted 10 or more large camellias which are now 8'-14' tall. They are in the planning stages for adding and changing their place in the years to come, and are interested in learning more about the plants that are there. Because they are new to camellias, we will keep a notebook of comments and ideas from visitors on the tour for them to consider while planning their next steps. Come on over to offer your ideas while you look around the place. See you there!

On Sunday, following the tour, all volunteers are invited to come to the post-tour dinner. You won't want to miss this get-together, so be sure to volunteer your services at the February meeting.

## Tour Schedule

### Saturday, March 1: 10 AM – 4 PM

(Around and in Conroe)

Charlie & Linda Gambrill - 14023 Fountainview Drive, Walden  
*Water Features demonstration:* Learn to build a disappearing fountain and install it yourself in your landscape. Time: ongoing, with handout.

Dennis & Renee Bilyeu - 5275 Longmire Court, Conroe  
*Planting demonstration:* Give your camellias their best start with a proper location and planting techniques. Time: 11:00 AM.

W.B & Ruby Knox - 215 Sunset Blvd., Conroe  
*Grafting demonstration:* Learn the technique for grafting a cutting onto a mature plant. Time: 12:30 PM.

Tena Koch - 10584 Champion Forest Loop, Conroe

Dick & Sarah Eidem - 11363 Newton Circle, Conroe  
*Air Rooting demonstration:* Learn how to stimulate root growth on a branch of the camellia, which can then be cut and potted as a new plant. Time: 2:00 PM

### Sunday, March 2: 11 AM – 3 PM

(Along the Browder Loop in Old Waverly)

Bill & Laurie McCranor - 1100 Browder Loop, New Waverly

John Browder - 1201 Browder Loop, New Waverly

Todd & Michelle Anslinger - 1850 Browder Loop, New Waverly (Formerly owned by F.W. Hoot)



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## Pre-Show Social

Come join the fun! CCS members will be meeting at the Italian Grill at 5 p.m. (following set-up at the church) for the pre-show social. **RSVP Maxine Schank (936) 445-1765** if you will be able to attend.

## ADDITIONS & CORRECTIONS



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

**Deborah Vaughn** - new address & phone:

946 Greg's Way  
Huffman, TX 77336-4489  
936-828-1888

**The Schoolhouse Store** - new Conroe address

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**December**

Renee Bilyeu  
Jack Dyer  
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Maxine Schank  
Anne Stodghill  
Milton Surles  
Kim To



**January**

Dennis Bilyeu  
Shirley Fontenot  
Myra Liston  
Troy McCraray  
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## CCS PREPARES FOR SHOW

January 19-20, 2008

by Charlie Gambrill

As you enjoy this newsletter our CCS Camellia Show is just two short weeks away. As a viable and growing member of the American Camellia Society, this is the most important event of the year for CCS. All CCS members and area non-members should be sure to enter blooms and to encourage friends and neighbors to come out and enjoy the great atmosphere and beautiful flowers.

We kick off with our Show set up on Friday, the 18<sup>th</sup> at 2 PM at the First Christian Church and then on to a fun Pre-Show dinner at the Italian Grill located by the First National Bank of Branch at Montgomery Crossing Shopping Center - Please RSVP to Maxine Schank (936) 445-1765 or email [oschank@peoplepc.com](mailto:oschank@peoplepc.com) by 8 January.

The doors open for bloom exhibitors at 7 AM on Saturday with bloom preparation and set out from 7–10:30 AM. This year we are requesting all participants to take special care to be sure that entry forms are completed correctly with properly classified and named blooms and placed in the correct area for judging. This year we are hoping to have a “classification” table set up to assist with this.

A fine brunch put together by June Sadoti and a great group of volunteers is from 10:30-11:30 am for judges, clerks, and CCS members. Judges and Clerks briefing will be at the end of the brunch with Judging taking place from 11:30 to 1:00 p.m.

As with most programs there is always a job to be done. We look forward to the support and assistance from all our members beginning with set up at 2:00 PM on Friday through take down at 3 PM on Sunday. Charlie Gambrill will update us on show details and make final calls for member assistance at the 8 January meeting.

CCS members can exhibit blooms in the Open show or the CCS show for members only. Don't be shy, there are awards for Novice entries and in some years we have had categories that are not awarded because of no entries. We will have the Show Program available at the 8 January meeting. Check it carefully for entry categories and the CCS “Special Memorial Awards”.

One thing for sure, a successful show makes us all winners! Your participation is needed and appreciated by all. To volunteer, make suggestions or if you have a question, contact: [cgambrill@consolidated.net](mailto:cgambrill@consolidated.net).



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