

# *Coushatta Camellia Society*



## *January 2016 Newsletter*

P.O. Box 1655, Conroe, TX 77305

### **GREETINGS, CAMELLIA LOVERS!**

**The 2016 Annual Conroe Camellia Show was a wonderful success and we are very pleased with the 490 Blooms Exhibited, 150 Attendees, and 35 Exhibitors**  
**Show Chairmen - Randy McDaniel & Don Marcotte**

### **SHOW RESULTS**

#### **SWEEPSTAKES**

Gold Certificate (unprotected): Tommy Weeks

Silver Certificate (unprotected): Dick Eidem

Gold Certificate (protected): Hal Vanis

#### **OUTSTANDING BLOOM CERTIFICATES**

C. japonica unprotected:

Lg-VLg/VLg: 'Edna Bass Var.', Dudley Boudreaux

RU: 'Paul Haskee Var.', Dudley Boudreaux

Lg: 'Terry Gilley Var.', Tommy Weeks

RU: 'Royal Velvet Var.', Tommy Weeks

Md/Lg: 'Grand Marshal Var.', Tommy Weeks

RU: 'Lady Kay', Tommy Weeks

Md: 'Susan Stone', Tommy Weeks

RU: 'Magic City', Tommy Weeks

Sm: 'Maroon and Gold', Bill McCrannor

RU: 'Brooke Var.', Don Marcotte

Mn: 'Night Rider', Lisa Miller

RU: 'Baby Sargent', Don Marcotte

C. japonica protected:

Lg-VLg/VLg: 'Mrs. D. W. Davis', Hal Vanis

RU: 'Melissa Anne', Hal Vanis

Lg: 'Royal Velvet Var.', Hal Vanis

RU: 'Happy Birthday', Hal Vanis

Md/Lg: 'Miss Charleston Var.', Hal Vanis

RU: 'Ville de Nantes', Hal Vanis

Md.: 'Midnight var.', Hal Vanis

RU: 'Nuccio's Jewel', Hal Vanis

Sm 'Buddy Var.', Hal Vanis

RU: 'Ave Maria', Hal Vanis

### *Upcoming Events*

**February 5** -Huntsville Show setup

Set up 2 – 4 pm.

Katy & E. Don Walker, Sr Education  
Center 1400 19th St

**February 6** -Huntsville Show

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**February 14** ... February meeting

Program by Frank Ohrt

***Pre-1900 Camellias***

*Bring your favorite Valentine*

2:30 p.m. social; 3:00 p.m.Mtg.

First Christian Church Parlor  
3500 N Loop 336W, Conroe

**February 21** - Home Tour

**March 13** - Regular Meeting

Election of Officers

2:30 p.m. social; 3:00 p.m.Mtg.

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3500 N Loop 336W, Conroe

**April 10** - End of year Meeting

Lg/VLg: 'Frank Houser Var.', Tommy Weeks  
 RU: 'Woodford Harrison', Tommy Weeks  
 C. reticulata (Inc. hybrids w/retic parent) protected:  
 Lg/VLg: 'Ray Gentry Var.', Hal Vanis  
 Mn/Md-Lg 'Black Lace Peony', Hal Vanis  
 C. hybrid (w/no retic parent) unprotected:  
 Lg/VLg: 'Delores Edwards', Tim & Kelly Hornsby  
 Mn/Md-Lg 'Betty Ridley Var.', Tommy Weeks  
 RU: 'Julie', Dudley Boudreaux  
 Sasanqua (and related species):  
 BB: 'Kanjiro', Tim & Kelly Hornsby  
 RU: 'Star Above Star', Don Marcotte  
 Best Seedling: 'Seedling', Tommy Weeks  
**TRAYS**  
 Tray of Three-same variety, any species, unprotected:  
 BB: 'Henry E. Huntington', Tommy Weeks  
 RU: 'Kramer's Supreme', Tommy Weeks

### **CCS Buys Camellia Plants**

#### **For Sale to Members & the Public**

Most of our plants are purchased from Glenn Read Camellias in Agricola, Miss. They ship them by truck to us. They are mostly kept at the Eidem property because they have a well and it doesn't cost so much to water them. Another source is Larry Bates Camellias. Mrs. Williams at Forest Hills, LA is the source for special orders for members and for awards at our shows {plants}. The plants there are lovely and their location is closer to us. We sell plants at our shows and at other events - prices depend upon the size of the plants. *The price for smaller size plants is \$20.00 for members and \$25.00 for the public*

## **HUNTSVILLE CAMELLIA SHOW**

The Huntsville Camellia Show will be On February 6, with Set Up from 2 – 4 p.m. on February 5.

All help is appreciated for the set up. The show schedule is:

Blooms entered from 7 – 10:30 a.m. on the 6<sup>th</sup>.

Judging 10:30 – 12:00 noon --- Lunch will be available

Show will be Open to the Public from 1:00 – 4:00 p.m.

Check out your plants and bring any pretty blooms you may have to show. All are welcome from both members and non-members.

### **CONGRATULATIONS**

Each exhibitor in the ACS Cooperative Shows earns points based upon each winning bloom. For the 2015-2016 season through January 16, 2016 – 6 GCCS Cooperative Shows and 9 ACCS Cooperative shows two of our members are very highly ranked:

**Gulf Coast Region – Outside Growers**

**Tommy Weeks is currently #1 with 85 points**

**Gulf Coast Region – Greenhouse Growers**

**Hal Vanis is currently #2 with 94 point**

## Garden Tour – February 21, 2016

Dear Coushatta Camellia Society members,

With the coming of the New Year we as camellia “aficionados” find ourselves at the start of our six or seven week long busy season. Most of our camellias have started to bloom, some are in full bloom. Our first show in Conroe takes place in the middle of this month and then our show in Huntsville follows closely behind on the first Saturday in February. This is a busy time; lots to do.

If you are like me, you are now closely watching your plants to see which ones will be blooming at show time. Which of your fabulous flowers will bring you the “Best in Show” prize which, of course, no one can deny, you rightfully deserve. But when all the shows are finished and you have brought home all your trophies; guess what? It aint over! Now it’s time to show the rest of this society and our entire community just how wonderful your camellia plants really are. That’s right. Your garden needs to be on the Annual CCS Garden Tour which will be held on February 21st!

At our last regular meeting on the 10<sup>th</sup> of this month, I was able to confirm the participation of three gardens: mine and the gardens belonging to the Eidem’s and the Marcott’s. Three is a good number but, believe me, there is plenty of room for more. In years gone by we have had as many as seven gardens on the tour at a time. So if you are thinking you might be interested (even just a little bit) in joining the garden tour, please go ahead and commit. It’s a lot of fun. It really is. You won’t regret it.

For more information you can email me at [wmccranor@gmail.com](mailto:wmccranor@gmail.com) or call me at (936) 537-6938 or you can just come and see me at our next meeting in February. -- **Bill McCranor - Garden Tour Chairman**

### Officers and Directors:

President	Don Marcotte
1 <sup>st</sup> Vice President, Programs	TBD
2 <sup>nd</sup> Vice President, Show Person	Randy McDaniel
Recording Secretary	Sarah Eidem
Treasurer	Dick Eidem
Immediate Past President	Oscar Schank
At-large-Director	Bill McCranor
At-large-Director	Hal Vanis
At-large-Director	Dudley Boudreaux



### Brief Calendar for the Year

Oct 4 - Kickoff Meeting  
Oct 16 - Annual Plant Sale  
Nov 8 - Regular Meeting  
Dec 13 - Meeting - Possible Party to be decided  
Jan 10 - Regular Meeting Nominating Committee  
Jan 15 - Setup Conroe Show  
Jan 16 - Conroe Show  
Feb 5 - Huntsville Show setup  
Feb 6 - Huntsville Show  
Feb 14 – Regular Meeting  
Feb 21 - Home Tour  
Mar 13 - Regular Meeting Election of officers  
Apr10 - End of year Meeting

***DON'T MISS THE FEBRUARY 14 MEETING!***  
***Frank Ohrt will be speaking about Pre-1900 Camellias***