

Coushatta

Camellia



Society

January 2004 Newsletter

P.O. Box 1655, Conroe, TX 77305

GREETINGS, CAMELLIA LOVERS!

Thirty-four members were present at the January 6th meeting. W. B. Knox opened the meeting with prayer. Linda thanked Diane and Jack Dyer for providing the coffee and all those who brought cookies and reminded members to use their Randall's donation cards to allow a percentage of their purchases to go to CCS. Of course, we express our appreciation for our sponsors at every meeting.

CCS member and esteemed Camellia grower, Hyman Norsworthy, from Beaumont, Texas, talked about the history of the family tree of the Camellia plant and gave detailed instructions for moving large plants from one location to another location; plus, detailed instructions for transferring plants from one size pot to a larger pot.

Additionally, Hyman donated, as door prizes, three vials of a powdered formula he has developed to preserve blooms. The powder is changed into a liquid for use in preparing cut flowers for show competition.

A question and answer session followed. At Hyman's request, Greg Davis and Milton Surles shared their expertise in preparing flowers for show.

Members expressed a lively interest in the program, especially those who planned to enter some of their own flowers in the upcoming CCS Camellia Show.

Charlie Gambrill reported that preparations for the January show were on schedule. There will not be a banner, since that project was not feasible, but Charlie and Victor Treat



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Upcoming Events

January 29 ESCAP critique
9:30 a.m. - home of Linda McCrary
#4 Briarwood, Conroe

February 3 February meeting
5:00 p.m. - January show critique
6:30 p.m. - social; 7:00 p.m. - program
Rivershire Community Bldg.
206 Scarborough, Conroe

Speaker: Hal Vanis
Topic: "3rd Annual
Camellia Grafting Contest"

February 15 7th Annual Open
Camellia Garden Tour
Headed by: Perry Liston
12 noon - 5 p.m.
At homes of CCS members

March 2 March meeting
6:30 p.m. - social
7:00 p.m. - program
Rivershire Community Bldg.
206 Scarborough, Conroe

Speaker: John Ross
Forestry Service

Topic: Seedlings Program

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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. This year's event will take place February 15; many thanks to members whose gardens will be on the tour - Jack and Diane Dyer, Charlie and Linda Gambrill, W.B. and Ruby Knox, Troy and Linda McCraray, and Tom and Beverly Roche.

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-21 Shalimar Lane in Conroe. A Monday tour is planned, limited to those volunteers who were unable to visit the gardens. The tour will begin at 9:30 a.m. at Linda and Troy McCraray's home-#4 Briarwood in Conroe.

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will post signs advertising the event at locations around Conroe. Charlie passed around a volunteer sheet for people to help with setting up and breaking down the CCS show. June Sadoti requested members to bring dishes for the luncheon, and asked for volunteers to help serve. Jackie Wells reported that materials needed for judges and clerks have been checked and replenished. Results of CCS Camellia Show will be sent to ACS Journal in time for publication in the next issue. Dick and Sarah Eidem reported that approximately 25-30 plants were purchased. These plants will be offered for sale at the Show and priced at \$20.00 each. Maxine Schank & Diane Dyer decorated a table with an assortment of gifts to be sold during the Camellia Show. Additional donations are requested for this project, as well as non-show flowers to decorate the tables.

Perry Liston reported on the Garden Tour. It will take place on Sunday, February 15, 2004, from 12 to 5 in the afternoon. The following members will be opening their gardens: W. B. and Ruby Knox, Tom and Beverly Roche, Charlie and Linda Gambrill, Troy and Linda McCraray, and Jack and Diane Dyer. The Tynans will host the party for volunteers. Jan Waller will be passing around a sheet at the February meeting for members to help with hospitality at the gardens on the tour.

JoAnn Treat suggested having a field trip on Saturday, March 13, or Saturday, March 20. A majority of those present expressed interest, so JoAnn will present options at the February meeting.

Doris Allwright and Milton Surles were judges at the Slidell Camellia Show, where Milton also won an award.

The excitement heightened when the door prize drawings began. Perry Liston won an attractive candle. Marvin Williams won a handsome wooden circular basket crafted by Jack Dyer. Dennis Bilyeu, Tom Roche, and Victor Treat each won a coveted vial of Hyman's special formula. (The other drawing winners were disappointed when they were not able to persuade Dennis, Tom or Victor to trade prizes.)



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Welcome New Members!

Five new members joined during the Coushatta Camellia Show. Their contact information is listed below to be added to your yearbooks.

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February Meeting

Come early (5 p.m.) to help evaluate the CCS show, as Charlie Gambrill and members make notes for future improvements.



At the regular meeting, you won't want to miss the opportunity to learn how to graft a camellia scion onto a sasanqua base! CCS will provide the sasanqua base for any member who wishes to try the procedure, and Jim Sadoti will provide the scions. Hal Vanis will lead the demonstrations of grafting, and will demonstrate his original and highly successful technique. A prize will be offered for the best surviving specimen of last year's grafting.

Coushatta Camellia Show

The sun was brightly shining for the 34th annual Coushatta Camellia Show, held at the First Christian Church on January 17-18. Twenty-six exhibitors (17 CCS) displayed 544 blooms to an attendance of about 500 people.

Eighteen judges were present, including Thomas Shelfer, Hal Vanis, and CCS members Doris* & Buffalo* Allwright, Dudley & Lois Boudreaux, Greg Davis, Charlie Gambrill, Ruby & W.B. Knox, Troy McCraray*, Pat McMurrey, Hyman

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Norsworthy, Oscar Schank*, Milton & Claire Surles, Morris Waller*, Jackie Wells. (Novice judges marked with asterisk.)

Following the judging on Saturday morning, CCS members treated participants and judges to a delicious luncheon. At 2 p.m., Judy Weidner gave a short presentation recognizing the wonderful participation by students in the Elementary School Camellia Participation Project. Second grade students in Armstrong, Geisinger, Sam Houston, and B.B. Rice Elementary schools submitted their colored camellias for display and competition. Each school winner received a beautiful camellia tile painted by Diane Dyer. Quite a few more children attended this year, and they all enjoyed the lovely flowers, and the bookmarks they received.

ACS OUTSTANDING BLOOM CERTIFICATES

C. japonica: (In Open), Very Large: *Mathotiana Supreme* (H. R. Norsworthy) Runner up *Tomorrow's Leanne* (H. R. Norsworthy); Large: *Helen Bower* (H. R. Norsworthy) Runner up *Cornelia Walden* (H. R. Norsworthy); Medium *Grand Marshall Var.* (Tommy Weeks) Runner up *Ville de Nantes* (H. R. Norsworthy); Small *Maroon & Gold* (H. R. Norsworthy) Runner up *Little Babe* (H. R. Norsworthy); Miniature *Men's Mini* (H. R. Norsworthy) Runner up *Little Slam-Pink* (Greg Davis)

C. japonica: (Protected), Very Large *Kramer's Supreme* (Hal Vanis) Runner up *Show Time* (Hal Vanis); Large *Grand Marshall* (Hal Vanis) Runner up *Miss Charleston Var* (Hal Vanis); Medium *Ville de Nantes* (Hal Vanis) Runner up *Magic City* (Hal Vanis); Small *Ave Maria* (Hal Vanis) Runner up *Tama Electra* (Hal Vanis); Miniature *Men's Mini* (Hal Vanis) Runner up *Tudor Baby* (Milton Surles)

C. reticulata: (Includes hybrids w/reticulata parentage.) **In Open:** *Frank Houser Var.* (H. R. Norsworthy) Runner up *N/A*

Protected *Frank Houser* (Hal Vanis) Runner up *N/A*

C. hybrid: (w/other than ret. parent) **In Open:** *Cile Mitchell* (Dudley Boudreaux) Runner up *N/A*; **Protected:** *Mona Jury Var* (Hal Vanis) Runner up *N/A*

C. sasanqua: (And related species) **In Open:** *no entries*

Best Novice Bloom: *No entries*

Best Tray of Three: In Open *Professor Sargent* (Edward Holland)

Protected: *Ville de Nantes* (Hal Vanis)

Sweepstakes Gold Certificates: In Open: H. R. Norsworthy

Protected: Hal Vanis;

Sweepstakes Silver Certificates: In Open: H. R. Norsworthy

Protected: Greg Davis

CCS OUTSTANDING BLOOM CERTIFICATES

C. japonica: Very Large: *Kramer's Supreme* (Dennis Bilyeu) Runner up *R.L. Wheeler Var* (W. B. & Ruby Knox); Large: *Rebel Yell* (Jim & Sue Pokorski) Runner up *Aunt Jetty* (Jim & June Sadoti); Medium *Ville de Nantes.* (W. B. & Ruby Knox) Runner up *Sea Foam* (Beverly Welter Roche); Small *no entry*; Miniature *Man Size* (Troy McCraray) Runner up *Grace Albritton* (Sarah Odum)

Other Species: *Frank Houser* (Dick Eidem) Runner up *no entry*

Best Tray of Three: Mathotiana (Helen Burdeaux) Runner up *Professor Sargent* (Dennis Bilyeu)

Novice: *no entry*

Special Memorial Awards

Earle & Iola Gentry Award - Best Large Bloom by CCS member *Mathotiana* (Sarah Odum);

Boyd McRee Award - Best Dr. Tinsley by CCS member *Dr. Tinsley* (Oscar Schank);

A. B. Bud Welter Award - Best Medium Bloom by CCS member *Victory* (Jean Semands);

Dr. Emil Carroll Award - Best Tray of Three by CCS member *Debutante* (Morris Waller)

"Special" Award - Best Professor Charles S. Sargent by CCS member *Professor Sargent* (Oscar Schank)