

# Coushatta

# Camellia



# Society

## January 2005 Newsletter

P.O. Box 1655, Conroe, TX 77305

### GREETINGS, CAMELLIA LOVERS!

Thirty-three members were present at the January 4<sup>th</sup> meeting. W. B. Knox opened the meeting with prayer. President Linda McCraray thanked Beverly Roche for arranging the wonderful Christmas Party at the Bluebonnet and Rose.

Two questions came up during the Q&A session at the beginning of the meeting. Q: When is the best time to dig up and move a camellia? A: Between Feb. 1 and Mar. 1. Q: What can you do to get rid of scale during the winter? A: Treat leaves individually by cleaning with soap and water. Also, "Sunspray" oil can be used at any temperature and is available at most nursery supply houses.

CCS member and esteemed Camellia grower, Hyman Norsworthy, from Beaumont, Texas, talked about preparing your camellia blossoms for a show. He pointed out some of the characteristics of a blossom that judges particularly notice, and demonstrated the tools and processes used to correct minor flaws. He also discussed methods to help display blooms to their best advantage and explained the various ways to prepare your blooms so they will "keep" until show time. Hyman generously shared his own formula for the solution he uses to store his blooms: 1½ tsp. Crysel powder, 1¼ tsp. Floral Life powder, and 2 tsp. sugar dissolved in a quart of distilled water. 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 Gambrell reported that preparations for the January show were on schedule. Charlie passed around a volunteer sheet for people



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### Upcoming Events

**January 29-30 ... Tyler Camellia Show**

**February 1 .....**February meeting  
6:30 p.m. - social; 7:00 p.m. - program  
Rivershire Community Bldg.  
206 Scarborough, Conroe

Speaker: ..... Tommy Weeks  
Coushatta Camellia Society

Topic: ..... "Camellias--  
General Knowledge, Placement & Care"

**February 13 .....** 8th Annual Open  
Camellia Garden Tour  
Headed by: Perry Liston & Dennis Bilyeu  
12 noon - 5 p.m.  
At homes of CCS members

**March 1 .....** March meeting  
6:30 p.m. - social  
7:00 p.m. - program  
Rivershire Community Bldg.  
206 Scarborough, Conroe

Speaker: ..... Dudley Boudreaux  
Coushatta Camellia Society

Topic: ..... Landscaping with Camellias

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## Eighth Annual Open Garden Tour

For the seventh year, Perry Liston has taken the organization of the annual Camellia Garden Tour into his capable hands. This year Dennis Bilyeu is working closely with him, learning "all the ropes." The event will take place February 13; 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, Tommy and Sandra Weeks, and Renee and Dennis Bilyeu. Flyers describing the tour, with maps, will be available during the week before the tour at the Kroger's signature store on the North Loop 336.

A sign-up sheet will be circulated at the February meeting for people to volunteer to help as guides during the tour. Don't miss this chance to get a "close-up" look at one of our special gardens!

There will be a party for all CSS volunteers and hosts immediately following the Garden Tour event at the home of Tommy and Sandra Weeks - 11281 Jake Pearson Road on the north side of Conroe.



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**January meeting .....** *Continued from front page*

to help with setting up and breaking down the CCS show. Members were reminded that instead of lunch, we will be serving "brunch" at about 10:30-11:00. Carolyn Tynan asked for members to sign up to bring cookies for ESCAP. Maxine Schank reported on the school presentations for ESCAP and asked for a volunteer to help with the Thursday presentations. Maxine was pleased to announce that Sam & Monica McQueen from the SchoolHouse Store helped provide gift certificates for CCS to give to each teacher during the presentation.

JoAnn Treat spoke about the field trip scheduled for Saturday, April 9, to the gardens at Stephen F. Austin University. The drive will be a long one, and hard freezes this winter have caused some damage in the gardens. JoAnn will be checking to see about the conditions at the gardens, and may be presenting an alternative to members at the February meeting.

Renee Bilyeu will be looking into a facility for the April End-of-Year Banquet. It was suggested that the Panorama County Club be considered, as it is under new management and may be available.

Not only the end-of-the-year is coming up, but also the end of our current term of office. Linda McCraray announced that Edie Tong, Tom Roche, and W.B. Knox will be serving with her on the nominating committee. We have a lot of talented members in CCS, so they'll be sure to come up with a great slate of officers. When the telephone rings, think of what you can do to help.

Congratulations to the lucky winners! Jack Dyer won a camellia plant as a door prize, and Bob Tynan had the lucky raffle ticket that won another camellia plant.

Next month's meeting will take place on February 1, and the speaker will be Tommy Weeks. Tommy's topic will be "Camellias - General Knowledge, Placement and Care." This meeting would be the perfect opportunity to bring a prospective member!

**Diane Dyer thanks all the members who brought cookies to the CCS Show. Diane will bring the "extras" to the February meeting, so anyone who volunteered to bring cookies in February is off the hook!**

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## TIME AGAIN FOR DUES!

Yes, it's that time of year again, and Treasurer Jan Waller will be happy to accept your payment at the February or March meeting. You won't find a better value than \$10 for a single or \$15 for a joint membership! Won't you please consider adding \$25 to your check and becoming a Friend of Coushatta Camellia Society?

Welcome to our new members who have joined within the last month - your payment will not come due until next year.

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## Coushatta Camellia Show

The weather was cool, but the sun finally came out for the 35<sup>th</sup> annual Coushatta Camellia Show, held at the First Christian Church on January 15-16. Thirty exhibitors (including 20 exhibiting in the CCS show) displayed 580 blooms to an attendance of over 350 people.

Nineteen judges were present, including Thomas Shelfer, Hal Vanis, Charles & Elizabeth Malone, and CCS members Doris\* & Buffalo\* Allwright, Dudley & Lois Boudreaux, Greg Davis, Charlie Gambrell, Ed Holland, W.B. Knox, Pat McMurrey, Hyman Norsworthy, Oscar Schank\*, Milton & Claire Surles, Morris Waller\*, Jackie Wells. (Novice judges marked with asterisk.)

Thanks to Marie Turner, we had new black tablecloths for the show this year. CCS member put together a delicious brunch on Saturday morning, after which the judging began. 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, Reaves, 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, and 3 lucky children received a camellia plant. We were disappointed that there were not as many children attending this year, but we were very fortunate to have Dr. David Norton from the CISD participate in the program.

### ACS OUTSTANDING BLOOM CERTIFICATES

**C. japonica: (In Open)**, Very Large: *Guido Nuccio*, Var. (Dudley Boudreaux); Large: *Lady Laura* (Dudley Boudreaux); Medium-Large: *Seafoam*. (Tom Shelfer); Medium: *Magic City* (H. R. Norsworthy); Small: *Pink Perfection* (Greg Davis); Miniature: *Fircone* Var. (H. R. Norsworthy)

**C. japonica: (Protected)**, Very Large: *Show Time* (Hal Vanis); Large: *Royal Velvet* (Hal Vanis); Medium-Large: *Deep Secret* (Hal Vanis); Medium: *Magic City* (Hal Vanis); Small: *Little Babe* (Hal

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Vanis); Miniature: *Fircone* (Hal Vanis)

**C. reticulata:** (Includes hybrids w/*reticulata* parentage.) **In Open:** Large-Very Large: *Hall's Pride* (H. R. Norsworthy); Miniature-Medium: *Betty Ridley* (H. R. Norsworthy)

**Protected:** Large-Very Large: *Hall's Pride* (H. R. Norsworthy); Miniature-Medium: *No Entry*

**C. hybrid:** (w/other than *reticulata* parentage) **In Open:** Large-Very Large: *No Entry*; Miniature-Medium: *Buttons & Bows* (Greg Davis)

**Protected:** Large-Very Large: *Tom Perkins* (H. R. Norsworthy); Miniature-Medium: *Buttons & Bows* (Milton Surles)

**Best Tray of Three: In Open:** *Seafoam* (Sandra & Tommy Weeks); **Protected:** *Tudor Baby* (Hal Vanis)

**Court of Honor - In Open:** *C. Jap - Sawad's Dream* (Sandra & Tommy Weeks); *C. Jap - Joy Kenrick* (Sandra & Tommy Weeks); *Tray of Three - Professor Charles S. Sargent* (Oscar Schank); *Non-Retic. - Sweet Janet* (Edward J. Holland); *C. Jap. - Men's Mini* (H. R. Norsworthy)

**Court of Honor - Protected:** *C. Jap. - Buddy, Var.* (H. R. Norsworthy); *C. Jap. - Black Magic* (Hal Vanis); *Tray of Three - Ville de Nantes* (Hal Vanis); *Non-Retic. - Buttermint* (Milton Surles); *C. Jap. - Ville De Nantes* (Hal Vanis)

**Other Species (incl. C. sasanqua):** *Bonanza* (Edward J. Holland)

**Best Novice Bloom:** *No entries*

**Mutant:** *No entries*

**Seedling: #1 (Name to be provided)** (Peggy LeVrier)

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

**Protected:** Hal Vanis;

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

**Protected:** Hal Vanis

## CCS OUTSTANDING BLOOM CERTIFICATES

**C. japonica:** Very Large: *Mathotiana* (Beverly Roche); Large: *Christmas Beauty* (W. B. and Ruby Knox); Medium-Large: *Mary Alice Cox* (W. B. and Ruby Knox); Medium: *Black Magic* (Dick Eidem); Small: *Little Babe Var.* (W. B. & Ruby Knox); Miniature: *Little Slam, Var.* (Dennis Bilyeu)

**Other Species:** *No entry*

**Best Tray of Three:** *Mathotiana* (Helen Burdeaux)

**Novice:** *no entry*

**Court of Honor:** *Kramer's Supreme* (Dennis Bilyeu); *Something Beautiful* (W. B. & Ruby Knox); *Grace Albritton* (Beverly Roche); *Sadie Mancill* (Jackie Wells); *Tama-Naura* (Jim & Susie Pokorski); *Pope Pius* (Jim & Susie Pokorski); *Debutante* (Dennis Bilyeu); *Herme* (W. B. & Ruby Knox); *White by the Gate* (W. B. & Ruby Knox)

## Special CCS Memorial Awards

**Earle & Iola Gentry Award** - Best Large Bloom grown by CCS member: *Royal Velvet* (W. B. & Ruby Knox);

**A. B. "Bud" Welter Award** - Best Medium Bloom grown by CCS member: *Anita* (Jackie Wells);

**Dr. Emil Carroll Award** - Best Tray of Three grown by CCS member: *Professor Charles S. Sargent* (Oscar Schank)

**"Special" Award** - Best Professor Charles S. Sargent grown by CCS member: *Professor Sargent* (W. B. & Ruby Knox)