

Coushatta

Camellia



Society

January 2006 Newsletter

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GREETINGS, CAMELLIA LOVERS!

Forty people were in attendance for the regular meeting of the Coushatta Camellia Society on Tuesday, January 3, 2006, at the Rivershire Community Center. President Edie Tong called the meeting to order and W. B. Knox delivered the opening prayer. Three guests were in attendance: Leo Hays, Janet Jones, and Master Gardener Debra Stallings.

Ruby McConnell congratulated those members with birthdays in January, and circulated a copy of the November and December treasurer's report. A copy of the November and December minutes, from Renee Bilyeu, were also circulated. There were no questions about camellias in the regular Q & A session. Edie called for discussion about the minutes and treasurer's reports, and both were approved.

Old Business: Diane Dyer reported that enough cookbooks had been sold to cover the costs of printing, plus 20 more had been sold over Christmas.

Tommy Weeks reported about the Christmas Dinner at his home. Everything went well, and everyone enjoyed the occasion. Edie Tong reported a few payments are still outstanding. She requested that those who have not yet paid please reimburse Treasurer Ruby McConnell with \$12 per person. It was decided that in the future, all payments for dinners will be made in advance to avoid the confusion of paying at the event.

Dennis Bilyeu, with the help of his son-in-law, has brought the website up to date but will not have time to maintain. He asked for a volunteer to take over maintenance of the site.

New Business: Maxine Schank gave an update about the ESCAP and showed a copy of the book that will be given to each participating school.

A Pre-Show social will be held at the home of Troy and Linda McCraray after the set-up for the Show on Friday, January 13, starting around 5:30 p.m. Edie asked members to help with donations of food or service if called. Charlie Gambrell talked about the Show to be held on Jan 14-15.

He briefly described the order of planned events and distributed flyers for people to take to publicize the show. Charlie sent around a sign-up sheet for Clerks, and talked about the software that will be used at the show. He encouraged everyone to meet at the church at 2 p.m. on Friday the 13th to set up. Charlie also explained how to fill out

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Upcoming Events

February 4-5 Tyler Camellia Show

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

Speaker: Mrs. Barbara Lopez
Owner, Hope Farms

Topic: "Introduction to Daylilies"

February 11-12 9th Annual Open
Camellia Garden Tour

Headed by: Dennis Bilyeu
Time: 11:30 a.m. - 4 p.m., Sat. & Sun
Wrap up for participants to follow Sunday at home
of Tommy Weeks - 11281 Jake Pearson Rd.

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

Speaker: Hal Vanis
President, East Texas Camellia Society

Topic: .. "Care & Feeding of Camellias"

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Ninth Annual Open Garden Tour

Dennis Bilyeu has increased the number of gardens on our annual tour to eleven! The event will take place February 11-12, from 11:30-4 each day. Many thanks to those whose gardens will be on the tour: W. B. & Ruby Knox, Jack & Diane Dyer, Deborah & Malcom Vaughn, Tena Koch, Bill & Laurie McCranor, John Browder, Renee & Dennis Bilyeu, Tommy & Sandra Weeks, Charlie & Linda Gambrill, Jeff & Becky Odum, and Phyllis Hartman. Thanks also to the many volunteers who will help at each garden. 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, as well as several other venues.

On Sunday, 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.

This year's Garden Tour promises to be a fabulous event - so don't miss it!



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the entry cards for blooms. Buff colored cards will be used exclusively for CCS entries, green for protected entries and white for unprotected entries.

Dennis Bilyeu talked about the Garden Tour that will take place Saturday and Sunday, Feb. 11 & 12. He had a few copies of the brochure for the Garden Tour and said more would be available at the show. He passed around the sign up sheet for people to volunteer to help. The Tour of the Tour, for those who worked, will take place the weekend after the regular tour.

Door Prizes, Raffle: A drawing for door prizes was conducted by Tena Koch. The lucky winners were Greg Davis, Jan Waller, and Maxine Schank. Donald Sumberlin won the Ave Maria camellia that was raffled and generously donated it to the speaker.

Speaker: Sarah Eidem introduced Greg Davis, member of Houston Camellia Society and Coushatta Camellia Society and President of the International Camellia Society. Greg gave a very interesting program about the development of the new yellow camellia. He showed slides from his recent visit to China, which included a conference dedicated to the yellow camellia. It was fascinating to hear the many stories he had to tell about the camellia lovers in China, and the cultivation of the new varieties of camellias. Greg brought a large bag of yellow camellia seeds with him from China. Some of the seeds were donated to the ESCAP school children. He divided the remaining seeds among those members present and advised the best way to plant them.

Announcements: Master Gardener Debra Stallings announced that Saturday, Jan. 28, a fruit and nut tree sale would take place at the Montgomery County Extension center on Airport Road from 9-12. Prior to the sale, there will be a talk about the varieties to be offered.

Welcome New Members!

We are happy to welcome seven new members to CCS. Please make the following additions to your yearbooks:
Slim & Shirley Fontenot - 256 Maple Lane, Conroe, 77304-2514 (936) 539-3282; rfontenot@consolidated.net
Leo Hays - 304 Woodland Dr., Conroe, 77301-2121 (936) 756-7425
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Debra Stallings - 1102 Gentry St., Conroe, 77301-2429 (936) 788-1122; debra.stallings@cox-internet.com
Also, **Elizabeth Williams** has a new e-mail address: ElizaW45865@ev1.net

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TIME AGAIN FOR DUES!

Yes, it's that time of year again, and Treasurer Ruby McConnell 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.

Ruby asks that everyone who has receipts for reimbursement turn them in by the March meeting.

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Coushatta Camellia Show

The weather was gorgeous for the 36th annual Coushatta Camellia Show, held at the First Christian Church on January 14-15. Thanks to Hurricane Rita, our exhibitors were only 19 (including 10 exhibiting in the CCS show), but they brought 535 blooms, nearly as many as last year. Attendance was estimated to be 265.

Seventeen judges were present, including 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, Morris Waller*, Tommy Weeks, & Jackie Wells. (Novice judges marked with asterisk.)

Thanks to Marie Turner, we had more new black tablecloths 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 the overall winner received a camellia plant. A drawing provided 2 more lucky second graders with camellias. Approximately 30 children, including 15-20 second-graders attended the program this year.

ACS OUTSTANDING BLOOM CERTIFICATES

C. japonica: (In Open), Very Large: *Lauren Tudor* (H. R. Norsworthy); Large: *Helen Bower Var.* (H. R. Norsworthy); Medium-Large: *Deep Secret* (H. R. Norsworthy); Medium: *Rudolph* (W.B. & Ruby Knox); Small: *Buddy Var.* (Sandra & Tommy Weeks); Miniature: *Fircone Var.* (H. R. Norsworthy)

C. japonica: (Protected), Very Large: *Tomorrow Park Hill* (Hal Vanis); Large: *Snowman* (Hal Vanis); Medium-Large: *Grand*

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Marshal (Hal Vanis); Medium: *Magic City* (Charles B. Malone, Jr.); Small: *Ave Maria* (Hal 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* (W.B. & Ruby Knox) **Protected:** Large-Very Large: *Emma Gretta* (Hal Vanis); Miniature-Medium: *no entry*

C. hybrid: (w/other than *retic.* parentage) **In Open:** Large-Very Large: *Charlean Var.* (Sandra & Tommy Weeks); Miniature-Medium: *Pink Debbie* (Sandra & Tommy Weeks)

Protected: Large-Very Large: *no entry*; Miniature - Medium: *Marjory Ramsey* (Hal Vanis)

Best Tray of Three: In Open: *Prof. Charles S. Sargent* (Oscar Schank); **Protected:** *Ville de Nance* (Hal Vanis)

Court of Honor - In Open: *C. Jap - Nita McRae* (Sandra & Tommy Weeks); *C. Jap - Joy Kenkrick* (Sandra & Tommy Weeks); *Paul Haskee Var.* (Edward J. Holland); *Mary Alice Cox* (Edward J. Holland); *Cile Mitchell* (H. R. Norsworthy)

Court of Honor - Protected: *Show Time* (Hal Vanis); *Nuccio's Pink Lace* (Hal Vanis); *Cherries Jubilee* (Hal Vanis); *Black Gold* (Hal Vanis); *Frank Houser, Var.* (Hal Vanis)

Other Species (incl. C. sasanqua): *Sparkling Burgundy* (Oscar Schank)

Best Novice Bloom: *No entries*

Mutant: *No entries*

Seedling: *No entries*

Sweepstakes Gold Certificates: **In Open:** H. R. Norsworthy
Protected: Hal Vanis;

Sweepstakes Silver Certificates: **In Open:** Sandra & Tommy Weeks
Protected: Charles B. Malone, Jr.

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C. japonica: Very Large: *No entry*; Large: *Joy Kendrick* (Jim & Joy Sadoti); Medium-Large: *In the Pink* (Richard Eidem); Medium: *Debutante* (Dennis Bilyeu); Small: *Ave Maria* (Tom Roche); Miniature: *No entry*.

Other Species: *Shishi Gishara* (Dennis Bilyeu)

Best Tray of Three: *Debutante* (Dennis Bilyeu)

Novice: *no entry*

Court of Honor: *White by the Gate* (Dennis Bilyeu); *Alba Plena* (Oscar Schank); *Nuccio's Pearl* (Richard Eidem); *Prof. Charles S. Sargent* (Dennis Bilyeu); *Fire Falls* (Jackie Wells); *Betty Ridley* (Richard Eidem); *Debutante* (Dennis Bilyeu); *Tray of 3 Prof. Chas. S. Sargent* (Morris Waller); *Tray of 3 Prof. Chas. S. Sargent* (Oscar Schank)

Special CCS Memorial Awards

Earle & Iola Gentry Award - Best Large Bloom grown by CCS member: *Joy Kendrick* (Richard Eidem);

A. B. "Bud" Welter Award - Best Grace Albritton grown by CCS member: *No entry*

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

"Special" Award - Best Professor Charles S. Sargent grown by CCS member: *Professor Charles. S. Sargent* (Morris Waller)



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