

Coushatta

Camellia



January 2007 Newsletter

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Society

GREETINGS, CAMELLIA LOVERS!

The weather outside has been chilly and wet, yet the beauty of the camellia warms our hearts!

The January 2007 meeting of the Coushatta Camellia Society was called to order by President Edie Tong and opened with a prayer led by Oscar Schank. There were 31 people in attendance including guest Rosalie Bolene, Judy Weidner's mother. Happy January birthday to Dennis Bilyeu, Myra Liston, Troy McCrary, June Sadoti, Rex Stodghill, Victor Treat, Bob Tynan, and Jan Waller. A special birthday greeting went out to Margaret Lewis who celebrated her 90th in December.

Garden Tour Chairman Dennis Bilyeu presented the members with copies of the tour flyer and brochure, and passed around a sign up sheet for volunteering at the homes. Meg Mendeck reported that the post-tour dinner for volunteers at her home will be Mexican catered by Carmelita's. She will also need a headcount of those attending. Homes will be visited prior to the tour to check for safety hazards.

The Annual Field Trip will be to Hope Farms on April 25, 2007. The President will give more information as the date approaches.

The Nominating Committee consisting of Dick Eidem, Margaret Lewis, and Jackie Wells will be working on selecting new officers for the 2007-2008 year.

Hyman Norsworthy was scheduled to be our speaker this evening. He sadly passed away in December. To honor his memory, the members decided to make donations to ACS in his honor. Several members who had fond memories of this special camellia grower shared their remembrances with the group, including Judy Weidner, Dennis Bilyeu, Milton Surles, Jan Waller, Morris Waller, and Charlie Gambrill.



Door prizes were won by Renee Bilyeu and Jan Waller.

Upcoming Events

February 6 February meeting
First Christian Church
3500 N. Loop 336 W., Conroe
Speaker: Odean Head
former President, National and
International Bromeliad Societies
Topic: "Bromeliad Slide Show"

February 17-18 Garden Tour
5 gardens on Saturday (17th)
4 gardens on Sunday (18th)
10 - 3 each day; demonstrations at
selected gardens (see brochure at
www.coushattacamelliasociety.com)
Feb 18: following tour, wrap-up and
dinner for volunteers at home of Mike &
Meg Mendeck - 13257 Brookfield

March 6 February meeting
First Christian Church
3500 N. Loop 336 W., Conroe
6:30 p.m. - social
7:00 p.m. - meeting
Speaker: Montgomery County
Extension Service
Topic: .. "Landscaping with Red Plants"



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Tenth Annual Open Garden Tour

Our Coushatta Camellia Society Garden Tour continues to add new and interesting features! Last year Garden Tour Chairman Dennis Bilyeu expanded the tour to two days and brought in some gardens that were new and some gardens that had not been featured on the tour for several years. This year, with the help of enthusiastic new members Mike & Meg Mendeck, he has continued the two day tour (with 2 new gardens) plus added demonstrations at several of the homes.

Tour Schedule

Saturday, February 17

Jeff & Becky Odum - 14242 Austin McComb Road, Montgomery; *Rooting demonstration:* Learn how to transform cuttings into new plants. Time: 10:30 am.

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. Camellias available for sale.

Dennis & Renee Bilyeu - 5275 Longmire Court, Conroe; *Planting demonstration:* Give your camellias the best start with proper location and planting techniques. Time: 1:30 pm. Camellias available for sale.

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 a camellia, which can then be cut and potted as a new plant. Time: 3:00 p.m. Camellias available for sale.

Sunday, February 18

W.B & Ruby Knox - 215 Sunset Blvd., Conroe; *Grafting demonstration:* Learn the technique for grafting a cutting onto a mature plant. Time: 11:00 am. Camellias available for sale.

Bill & Laurie McCranor - 1100 Browder Loop, Old Waverly
John Browder - 1201 Browder Loop, Old Waverly
Morris & Jan Waller - 1623 River Oaks, Huntsville; *Diseases & Pests demonstration:* Find out how to avoid and treat problems with your camellias. Time: 2:00 pm. Camellias available for sale.

On Sunday, following the tour, all volunteers are invited to come to the home of Mike & Meg Mendeck, 13257 Brookfield, for a wrap-up and dinner. You won't want to miss this get-together, so volunteer your services at the February meeting.



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Welcome New Members!

We are happy to welcome six new members to CCS. Please make the following additions to your yearbooks:

Bill & Nancy Dupré - P.O. Box 81, Montgomery, 77356-7081 (936) 588-7621; Bill & Nancy have also signed on as Friends of CCS - Thanks!

Jake & Patsy Durham Hoke - 13601 Northshore Loop, Conroe, 77304-5239 (936) 447-4735; JamesPat@aol.com

Emory & Lois Smith - 600 Brook Hollow Dr, Conroe, 77385-9107 (936) 273-2056

Also, several of our members have new e-mail addresses:

Beverly Roche - bevtom@suddenlink.net

Debra Stallings - debra.stallings@suddenlink.net

Edie Tong - ebtheart95@suddenlink.net

Remember that Cox has been bought out by Suddenlink, so this month all cox-internet.com and cox.net addresses were updated to suddenlink.net addresses.

Additional new information for your yearbooks:

Dick & Sarah Eidem - seake@consolidated.net

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Happy Birthday!

January

Dennis Bilyeu

Myra Liston

Troy McCrary

June Sadoti

Rex Stodghill

Victor Treat

Jan Waller



February

Dudley Boudreaux

John Jonietz

Edie Tong

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 Society Annual Show

Not all the results from the show have been tabulated. A partial accounting follows:

ACS OUTSTANDING BLOOM CERTIFICATES

C. japonica: (In Open), Very Large: *Paul Haskie* (W.B. & Ruby Knox); Large: *Lady Laura* (W.B. & Ruby Knox); Medium-Large: *Grand Marshall Var.* (Sandra & Tommy Weeks); Medium: *Harriett Bisbee* (Sandra & Tommy Weeks); Small: *Little Babe.* (Sandra & Tommy Weeks); Miniature: *Thirty Drops* (Greg Davis)

C. japonica: (Protected), Very Large: *Tomorrow Dawn* (Hal Vanis); Large: *Bobbie Fain Var.* (Hal Vanis); Medium-Large: *Candy Apple* (Hal Vanis); Medium: *Magic City* (Hal Vanis); Small: *Black Gold* (Hal Vanis); Miniature: *Little Red Riding Hood* (Hal Vanis)

C. reticulata: (Includes hybrids w/reticulata parentage.) **In Open:** Large-Very Large: *Frank Hausser* (Sandra & Tommy Weeks); Miniature-Medium: *Lois Boudreaux* (Dudley Boudreaux) **Protected:** Large-Very Large: *Pleasant Memories* (Hal Vanis); Miniature-Medium: *no entry*

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

Protected: Large-Very Large: *no entry*; Miniature - Medium: *Paper Doll* (Milton Surles)

Best Tray of Three: In Open: *Christmas Beauty* (Sandra & Tommy Weeks); **Protected:** *no entry*

Sweepstakes Gold Certificates: In Open: Sandra & Tommy Weeks **Protected:** Hal Vanis;

Sweepstakes Silver Certificates: In Open: Dudley Boudreaux **Protected:** Milton Surles

CCS OUTSTANDING BLOOM CERTIFICATES

C. japonica: Very Large: *Lauren Tudor* (Dick & Sarah Eidem); Large: *Royal Velvet* (Dick & Sarah Eidem); Medium-Large: *Seafoam* (Beverly Roche); Medium: *Debutante* (Morris & Jan Waller); Small: *Tama-No-Ma* (Dick & Sarah Eidem); Miniature: *No entry.*

Other Species: *no entry*

Best Tray of Three: *no entry*

Novice: *Nuccio's Gem* (Edith Tong)

Special CCS Memorial Awards

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

A. B. "Bud" Welter Award - Best Dr. Tinsley grown by CCS member: *Dr. Tinsley* (June Sadoti)

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

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

The ESCAP presentation was very well attended this year, with about 40 children attending, and around 25 second-grade children. Five camellias were presented, 4 to school winners and 1 to a random drawing.

Door prize winners for the main show were Deborah Knighton on Saturday and Jeanette Wilson on Sunday.

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