

Coushatta

Camellia



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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!

TEXAS CAMELLIA SHOW

by *Dennis Bilyeu*

The Coushatta Camellia Society in partnership with the East Texas Camellia Society and the Houston Camellia Society are sponsoring the first Texas Camellia Show in Huntsville, TX. on February 23, 2008. This Texas Camellia Show will be very similar to the Conroe Show and it will need a similar amount of volunteers to make this a successful event.

We kick off activities with our Show set up on Friday, the 22th at 2 PM at the West Hill Mall, Community Center room, in Huntsville. Directions: From I-45 exit to Hwy 190E and Hwy 30, go West about one block and turn left (South) into the Mall parking area. As you travel South along the East side of the Mall, the main entrance is near the center of the Mall. Enter here and take a left at the circle inside the Mall. The Community Center Room will be on your right about a hundred feet after the left turn.

Note for Morris and Oscar: We will need to get CCS permission to use all the hardware (table cloths, signs, etc.) that we use at our Conroe Show and we need someone to bring all this stuff to Huntsville. We will also need to get a key to the back door of the Community Center Room so we can open it early Saturday morning.

On Saturday morning, the back door to the Community Room will be opened for bloom exhibitors at 7 AM. Bloom preparation and set out will be from 7-10:30 AM. We will place a sign at the back entrance on the West side of the Mall for exhibitors to bring their blooms into the Community Center Room easily. Members will be available to assist exhibitors get their blooms placed in the Show. A lunch will be provided in the Mall next to the Community Room for our volunteers from 10:30-11:30 am for judges, clerks, and members of the three sponsoring Societies.



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Upcoming Events

- February 5** February meeting
6:30 p.m. - social
7:00 p.m. - program
Speaker: Greg Davis
President, International Camellia Society
"New Zealand International Camellia Trip"
- February 23** Texas Camellia Show
Set-up: Feb. 22, 2pm - West Hill Mall,
Community Center Room, Huntsville
Show: Feb. 23 - Open 7 am,
Brunch 10:30 am; Judging 11:30 am
- March 1-2** Garden Tour
Saturday - Conroe gardens (5)
Sunday - Old Waverly gardens (3), and
After-tour dinner for volunteers & hosts:
Margarita's & Peppers Restaurant
5 pm - 2259 N. Loop 336W
RSVP Maxine Schank (936) 445-1765
- March 4** March meeting
6:30 p.m. - social
7:00 p.m. - program
Speakers: Tommy Weeks, W.B. Knox
"Grafting demonstration and trial"



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Eleventh Annual Open Garden Tour

by Mike Mendeck

Our Coughatta Camellia Society Garden Tour has some changes this year so please note the schedule below. This year the tour dates have been grouped based on garden locations. Saturday's Gardens (5) are in and near Conroe; Sunday's Gardens (3) are all on Browder's Loop in New (Old) Waverly. Tour Directors Mike Mendeck & Bill McCranor report that we have added Todd & Michelle Anslinger's to Sunday's tour program. This new location was described in our last Newsletter.

In February's meeting we will pass around a signup sheet for volunteers to work the different locations as we have in the past. Please support the tour with your assistance as a volunteer. One of the benefits for being a volunteer is the post-tour dinner. See you there!

Tour Schedule

Saturday, March 1: 10 am-4 pm (Around and in Conroe)

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.

Dennis & Renee Bilyeu - 5275 Longmire Court, Conroe *Planting demonstration*: Give your camellias their best start with a proper location and planting techniques. Time: 11:00 am.

W.B & Ruby Knox - 215 Sunset Blvd., Conroe *Grafting demonstration*: Learn the technique for grafting a cutting onto a mature plant. Time: 12:30 PM.

Dick & Sarah Eidem - 11363 Newton Circle, Conroe *Air Rooting demonstration*: Learn how to stimulate root growth on a branch of the camellia, which can then be cut and potted as a new plant. Time: 2:00 PM

Tena Koch - 10584 Champion Forest Loop, Conroe

Sunday, March 2: 11 am - 3 pm

(Along Browder Loop in Old Waverly)

Bill & Laurie McCranor - 1100 Browder Loop

John Browder - 1201 Browder Loop

Todd & Michelle Anslinger - 1850 Browder Loop (Formerly owned by F.W. Hoot)



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Judges and Clerks briefing will be at the end of the brunch with Judging taking place from 11:30 to 1:00 p.m. Saturday afternoon, take down will start at 5 PM.

At the February 5 CCS meeting: Morris and Jan Waller will update us on show details and sign up member assistance. We will have copies of the Huntsville Show Flyer available and encourage members to take several and distribute them to their friends.

A successful show depends on volunteers and participants. Without volunteers the Show is not possible; Without participants it is not worthwhile, so please plan on being one or the other if not both. To volunteer, make suggestions or if you have a questions, contact: Morris Waller (936-295-5160), Dick Eidem (936-264-2437), Hal Vanis (903-854-4517), Greg Davis (713-781-1996), or Dennis Bilyeu (936-760-6744).

Welcome New Members!

We are happy to welcome a new member to CCS! Please make the following additions & updates to your yearbooks:

Melanie Frampton - 14975 Crockett Rd, Willis, 77378 (936) 228-0257

Barbara Turnbull Gibson - new street address (all else remains the same) 378 Lakeshore Dr. HP51

Bob Koehl - new phone: (936) 539-5079

Pam Lewis - now a member with her mother, Margaret Lewis, same address & phone

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 end of **March**.

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Dennis Bilyeu
Shirley Fontenot
Myra Liston
Troy McCrary
Mike Mendeck
June Sadoti
Rex Stodghill
Victor Treat
Jan Waller

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February
Dudley Boudreaux
Peggy Crozier
Marlene Hamm
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CAMELLIA SHOW - A WINNER

by Charlie Gambrill

This year's Camellia Show was a winner for the Coushatta Camellia Society and especially for some first time member exhibitors. Presenters this year numbered 32 with 26 of those CCS members. An all time high! There were 456 blooms entered, with 179 in the Open show (ACS) and 227 in the CCS member show.

You may go to the CCS website (www.coushattacamellia.society.com) and view the CCS report, along with the ACS report, and a statistical recap for each presenter.

Highlights of the show include the first time presenters and winners, Victor Treat (Novice winner in the Open Show with Tray of Three - *Kramer Supreme*); Linda Wilson (CCS Other Species Winner - *Kanjiro*); Bob and Cecelia Battle with their Other Species entry *Star Above Star*. Other notables include June Sadoti with her winning entries *Astronaut* and *Alba Plena*; Peggy LaVrier with her *Seedling* and *Debutant* entries; and Carolyn Tynan for Robert's winning entry - *Debutant*. Dennis Bilyeu and Tommy Weeks scored big in the CSS and Open show respectively.

A really big 'hats off' to Dick Eidem and Dennis Bilyeu for the big assist to W.D. and Ruby Knox by braving the elements and the darkness to harvest, prepare and present blooms that ultimately pulled off several wins for W.D. in the Open Show.

CCS's youngest member Danielle Whitacre entered her bloom and while not a winner she was featured in the Houston Chronicle photo 24 January. It is so great to see the young folks take interest. Keep up the good work Danielle.

Put on your calendar 16, 17, & 18 January 2009 for the next CCS show. This year went so well from an operational point of view, it should even better next year. Thanks to our sponsors and to all members who gave of their time and talents to make this show a success!

Our judges this year included Greg Davis, Lois & Dudley Boudreaux, Buffalo & Doris Allwright, Oscar Schank, Milton & Claire Surles, Jackie Wells, Charles Gambrill, Tommy Weeks, Hal Vanis & Morris Waller.

Door prize winners for the main show were Beryl & Jim Richard on Saturday and Lisa Miles on Sunday.

With no ESCAP presentation this year, 3 names were drawn from children present, and camellias grown and donated by Milton Surles were given to Kali Arnold, Danielle Whitacre and Chantell Grimes.

We hope that our members will help us reinstate the ESCAP program for next year. A new idea has been suggested that sounds promising. A planning meeting will take place for all those interested and the date will be announced / decided at the February meeting. Many details will need to be worked out to continue this educational project. We will need all your support. We hope that new members will come see what it is all about, as well as members who have helped before.

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