

Coushatta

Camellia



January 2009 Newsletter

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Society

GREETINGS, CAMELLIA LOVERS!

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

TEXAS CAMELLIA SHOW

CCS in partnership with East Texas and Houston Camellia Societies are again sponsoring the Texas Camellia Show in Huntsville, TX. on February 28, 2009. We kick off activities with our Show set up on Friday, the 27th 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.

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. A sign at the back entrance on the West side of the Mall will help exhibitors bring their blooms into the Community Center Room easily; members will be available to assist. 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. 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 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).

Upcoming Events

February 3 February meeting
6:30 p.m. - social; 7:00 p.m. - program
Speaker: Jim Campbell
Riverside Camellias, Covington, LA
First Christian Church Parlor

February 14-15 Garden Tour
Saturday - Conroe gardens (6)
Sunday - Old Waverly gardens (2)
After-tour dinner for volunteers & hosts:
Margarita's & Peppers Restaurant
5 pm - 2259 N. Loop 336W
RSVP Maxine Schank (936) 445-1765

February 28 Texas Camellia Show
Set-up: Feb. 27, 2pm - West Hill Mall,
Community Center Room, Huntsville
Show: Feb. 28 - Open 7 am,
Brunch 10:30 am; Judging 11:30 am

March 3 March meeting
6:30 p.m. - social
7:00 p.m. - program

March 21 Judging School
8 am - 4 pm (with break for lunch)
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Twelfth Annual Open Garden Tour

by Bill McCranor

Our Coushatta Camellia Society Garden Tour has again grouped its tour dates based on garden locations. Saturday's Gardens (6) are in and near Conroe; Sunday's Gardens (2) are on Browder's Loop in New (Old) Waverly. New on the tour this year are the gardens of EB & Lois Smith, and Randy & Susan McDaniel - both in Conroe. Read about them below.

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 your attendance, along with the tour location sponsors, to our annual post-tour dinner. This year's dinner will be held at 'Margarita & Peppers Mexican Grill & Bar' in Conroe, a camellia society sponsor, and a very skilled preparer of really good and quite unique Mexican food. Hope to see you there!

Tour Schedule: Saturday, February 14: 10 am-4 pm

Tommy & Sandra Weeks - 11281 Jake Pearson Rd., Conroe

Five acres of azaleas, magnolias and hundreds of camellias nestle under pines and hardwoods. This beautiful garden has been featured on our tour before, but not in the last few years.

W.B. & Ruby Knox - 215 Sunset Blvd., Conroe

E. B. & Lois Smith - 600 Brook Hollow Dr., Conroe

Originally a densely wooded lot adjacent to the Smith homestead, this garden has, with much of their own hard work, been beautifully transformed into a wonderful floral area. Landscaped with brick borders, stepping stones and garden seats, their garden is now home to numerous camellias, azaleas, and many other flowering plants.

Randy & Susan McDaniel - 13999 Kidd Rd. Conroe

A young, but expansive garden, nestled under many big and tall southern pines. In 2001, Randy started planting various 'wife pleasing plants' like roses, azaleas, and camellias. Now this lovely garden has 50+ camellias, including the award winning "Rose Dawn."

Dick & Sarah Eidem - 11363 Newton Circle, Conroe

Tena Koch - 10584 Champion Forest Loop, Conroe

Sunday, February 15: 11 am-3 pm (Old Waverly)

Bill & Laurie McCranor - 1100 Browder Loop, New Waverly



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JUDGING SCHOOL COMING SOON

by Oscar Schank

Coushatta Camellia Society has reserved First Christian Church on March 21, 2009, for a judging school, which will run from 8:00 AM to 4:30 PM with a break for lunch. Sign up for the school will be available at our Feb. 3 meeting.

Attending a judging school is one of the requirements for a Novice Certificate. There will be some cost and each person will need a Nomenclature Book. It has been quite some time since a judging school has been offered in this area, and we hope to find many interested persons signing up for the school.

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. A copy of the show report is included below, and may also be viewed on the ACS website: <http://www.americancamellias.org/display.aspx?catid=1,281>. Later it will also be posted on the CCS website (www.coushattacamelliasociety.com).

Thanks to our sponsors and to all members who gave of their time and talents to make this show a success!

CONDENSED REPORT FOR CAMELLIA SHOWS HELD IN COOPERATION WITH THE AMERICAN CAMELLIA SOCIETY

Place: *First Christian Church, Conroe, Texas* **Date:** *17 – 19 January 2009* **No. of Years:** *39*
Sponsoring Organization: *Coushatta Camellia Society* **Exhibitors:** Total *27* Local *23*
Number of Blooms Displayed: *353* **Attendance:** *220* **Memberships Sold:** ACS *1* Local *5*

ACS OUTSTANDING BLOOM CERTIFICATES FOR THE FOLLOWING

UNPROTECTED (GROWN IN OPEN)

C. japonica:

Very Large *Tomorrow* Exhibitor *Tommy Weeks*; Large *Charleston Variegated* Exhibitor *Dudley Boudreaux*;
Medium-Large *Fran Mathis Var.* Exhibitor *Tommy Weeks*; Medium *Black Magic* Exhibitor *Tommy Weeks*;
Small *Ave Maria* Exhibitor *Dennis Bilyeu*; Miniature *Fircone Var.* Exhibitor *Gregory Davis*

C. reticulata: (Includes hybrids w/ reticulata parentage.)

Large - Very Large *No Entry* Miniature - Medium *No Entry*

C. hybrid: (With other than reticulata parentage.)

Large - Very Large *Lavender Prince II* Exhibitor *Tommy Weeks*
Miniature – Medium *Raspberry Flambe* Exhibitor *Tommy Weeks*

Best Tray of Three

Variety *Professor Sargent* Exhibitor *Dennis Bilyeu*

Court of Honor

Martha Norwood Exhibitor *Tommy Weeks*; *Mark Allen Supreme* Exhibitor *Tommy Weeks*; *Magic City*
Exhibitor *Tommy Weeks*; *Nuccio Gem* Exhibitor *Ed Holland*; *Black Gold* Exhibitor *Dudley Boudreaux*

Sweepstakes Gold Certificate: Tommy Weeks

Sweepstakes Silver Certificate: Dennis Bilyeu

PROTECTED

C. japonica:

Very Large *Mellissa Ann* Exhibitor *Hal Vanis*; Large *Marie MacKall* Exhibitor *Hal Vanis*; Medium-Large
Candy Apple Exhibitor *Hal Vanis*; Medium *Elaine's Betty* Exhibitor *Hal Vanis*; Small *Black Gold* Exhibitor *Hal Vanis*;
Miniature *Little Red Riding Hood* Exhibitor *Hal Vanis*

C. reticulata: (Includes hybrids w/ reticulata parentage.)

Large - Very Large *Frank Houser* Exhibitor *Hal Vanis*; Miniature - Medium *No Entry*

C. hybrid: (With other than reticulata parentage.)

Large - Very Large *No Entry*; Miniature - Medium *Adorable* Exhibitor *Hal Vanis*

Best Tray of Three

Variety *No Entry*

Court of Honor

Variety Little Po Peep Exhibitor Hal Vanis; Variety Ave Marie Exhibitor Hal Vanis; Variety Magic City Exhibitor Hal Vanis; Variety Lady Kay Exhibitor Hal Vanis; Variety Laura Tudor Pink Var. Exhibitor Hal Vanis

Sweepstakes Gold Certificate: Hal Vanis

Sweepstakes Silver Certificate: Milton Surles

OTHERS (Best bloom)

Other Species (incl. C. Sasanqua) Chamsonette Exhibitor W & J Draw

Best Novice Bloom Kramer Supreme Exhibitor Danielle Whitacre

Mutant No Entry Seedling No Entry

NOTE: CCS Show does not distinguish between chemically treated and not chemically treated blooms.

PROVISIONAL COMMENDED SEEDLING CERTIFICATES ---- None

CCS OUTSTANDING BLOOM CERTIFICATES FOR THE FOLLOWING

C. japonica:

Very Large No Entry; Large Mathotiana Var. Exhibitor Edith Tong; Medium - Large Betty Sheffield Exhibitor Morris Waller; Medium Anita Exhibitor Richard Eidem; Small Tama -No-Ura Exhibitor Victor Treat; Miniature Fircone Exhibitor Laurie McCranor

Other Species No Entry

Tray of Three

Best Specimen Professor Sargent Exhibitor Oscar Schank

Novice

Best Specimen Maroon & Gold Exhibitor Laurie McCranor

Court of Honor

Governor Mouton Exhibitor Jim & June Sadoti; Pride of California Exhibitor Geo. & Phyllis Shackelford; Little Slam Pink Exhibitor Jim Pokorski; Mrs. Charles Cobb Exhibitor Pamela Lewis; Nuccio's Pearl Exhibitor Jim Pokorski; Nuccio Bella Rosa Exhibitor Victor Treat; Magnolia Flora Exhibitor Charles Gambrill; Buddy Exhibitor Jim Pokorski; Professor Sargent Exhibitor Jim Pokorski; Willard Scott Exhibitor Jim & June Sadoti

SPECIAL MEMORIAL AWARDS:

EARLE & IOLA GENTRY AWARD – Best Large Bloom Grown by CCS Member

Best Specimen Christmas Beauty Exhibitor Randy McDaniel

A.B. "Bud" WELTER AWARD: Best Grace Albritton Grown by CCS Member

Best Specimen Grace Albritton Exhibitor Tommy Weeks

DR. EMIL CARROLL AWARD – Best Tray of Three Grown by CCS Member

Best Specimen Tama-No-Ura Exhibitor Richard Eidem

"SPECIAL AWARD" (Jackie Wells) – Best Professor Sargent Grown by CCS Member (Not consecutive winner) Best Specimen Professor Chas. S. Sargent Exhibitor Oscar Schank

HYMAN R. NORSWORTHY AWARD – Best Large - Very Large Bloom Grown by CCS Member

Best Specimen Tama-No-Ura Exhibitor Richard Eidem

JUDGES: Gregory Davis, Lois Boudreaux, Buffalo Allwright, Milton Surles, Oscar Schank, Claire Surles, Dudley Boudreaux, Charles Gambrill, Tommy Weeks, Hal Vanis, Morris Waller, Claudette Shelfer, Doris Allwright, Ruby Knox, W.B. Knox, Ed Holland

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Welcome New Members!

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

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TIME AGAIN FOR DUES!



Yes, it's that time of year again, and Treasurer Diane Dyer 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 at our show or plant sale - your payment will not come due until next year.

Diane asks that everyone who has receipts for reimbursement turn them in by the end of **March**.

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January

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



Happy Birthday!

February

Dudley Boudreaux
Peggy Crozier
Marlene Hamm
Susan McDaniel
Edie Tong

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TIPS FOR THE CAMELLIA GARDENER

By Dennis Bilyeu

PLANTING

Continue planting potted plants that have root development to the outer edge of the pot. Do not plant or re-pot plants that have had their roots disturbed in the last three months as when re-potting plants. February is also a good month to transplant large plants from one location to another. For more details on recommended techniques for transplanting large plants contact the author.

FERTILIZE

Now is a good time to apply a little fertilizer to your Camellias. This is the best time to use cottenseed meal at these recommended concentrations: (note: check ingredients to make sure your cottenseed meal does not contain salt!)

-For small to large container plants use 1 to 2 tablespoons

-For small to large in-ground plants use 2 to 4 tablespoons

-For all planted/transplanted plants where you used filler soil with a high organic content, use 4 to 5 tablespoons

PRUNING

After your Camellia has finished blooming and before it starts putting on new growth is an excellent time to prune your plants. Generally pruning is done to create a desired shape or to remove internal branching that blocks light from the center of the plant. For more information on pruning contact our acknowledged club expert in this area, Dick Eidem.

SPRAYING

After heavy pruning, spray or apply a paste fungicide to cut ends to prevent die back. An excellent fungicide is one tablespoon each of Captain and Cleary 3336 in a gallon of water or mix just enough water to make a paste a brush this mixture

on the cut wounds. Also, check for spider mites and scale and spray for these if necessary. Use oil emulsion to treat both of these problems and add the insecticide Kelthane to the mix. Kelthane has been difficult to purchase lately and I am currently trying to find a good replacement treatment for spider mites. Milton Surles says Neem oil works on spider mites but other members doubt it is very effective. Also, I am trying develop a source for Cleary 3336 at our local Henderson Feed store, still need the active ingredient to make this happen. So, if anyone has some Cleary 3336 please let me know what the active ingredient and concentration is on the label.

PROPAGATION

February is the ideal month to do grafting. I have posted a grafting procedure on our web site and am available for advice. This is the best technique for generating a new large plant of a special variety you would like to have. A well cared for graft can grow from a 4 inch scion to 3 feet tall or more in one year. My procedure lists all the materials needed to do grafting but you need to start with a desired scion and good root stock (Sasanqua is generally preferred). I have lots of plants in my yard that would be good sources for scions and a limited supply of good root stock if anyone wants some.

PETAL BLIGHT

I received a note from Tom Leroy on the use of corn meal to treat petal blight and he says corn meal has not been very effective in our area in the past and that the best method of preventing petal blight is still to pick up your blooms. Also, all Henderson has available is corn gluten and Tom does not know if that is the same as corn meal or if it is effective against petal blight.

Hope you are doing well,
Dennis

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