

Coushatta

Camellia



Society

January 2013 Newsletter

P.O. Box 1655, Conroe, TX 77305

GREETINGS, CAMELLIA LOVERS!

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

SHOW RESULTS

Thank you to all who participated in our annual show, and made it such a wonderful success. We had 525 blooms at our show.

CERTIFICATES

Gold Certificate (unprotected): **Tommy Weeks**

51 blue ribbons

Gold Certificate (protected): **Hal Vanis**

34 blue ribbons

OUTSTANDING BLOOM CERTIFICATES

C. japonica unprotected:

VLg: *Paul Haskee*, Tommy Weeks; RU: *Edna Bass Var*, Dudley Boudreaux

Lg: *Guillio Nuccio*, Tommy Weeks; RU: *Royal Velvet*, T. Weeks

M/L: *Grand Marshall*, T Weeks; RU: *Betty Sheffield Blush*, T Weeks

Md: *Anita*, Dick Eidem; RU: *Herme*, Tommy Weeks

Sm: *Maroon & Gold*, Bill McCranor; RU: *Little Babe*, Ed Holland

Mn: *Fircone*, Bill McCranor

C. japonica protected:

VLg: *Tommorrow Var*, Hal Vanis; RU: *Paul Haskee Var*, Hal Vanis

Lg: *Lady Laura*, Hal Vanis; RU: *Junior Prom*, Hal Vanis

M/L: *Grand Marshall Var*, Hal Vanis

Md: *Glen 40*, Hal Vanis; RU: *Cherries Jubilee*, Hal Vanis

Sm: *Tudor Baby Var*, Hal Vanis

Mn: *Fircone Var*, Hal Vanis; RU: *Emil's Jane*, Hal Vanis

C. reticulata (Inc.hybrids w/retic parent) unprotected:

L-VL: *Frank Houser Var*, T. Weeks; RU: *George Firth*, T. Weeks

Mn-M/L: *Betty Ridley*, Dick Eidem

C. reticulata (Inc.hybrids w/retic parent) protected:

L-VL: *Frank Houser*, Hal Vanis; RU: *Frank Houser Var*, H Vanis

Mn-M/L: *Black Lace Peony Var*, Hal Vanis; RU: *Bev Piet Var*,

Hal Vanis

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Upcoming Events

February 2-3 Brookhaven Camellia Show, Brookhaven, MS

February 6 February meeting
6:00 p.m. - social
6:30 p.m. - program

February 16 Texas Camellia Show
Walker Education Center, Huntsville, TX
Set-up: Feb. 15 at 2pm
Show: Feb. 16- Open 7 am,
Judging 10:30 am
Lunch @ noon
Open to Public - 1 to 4 pm

Contacts: **Don Marcotte** (936-661-1101)
or **Randy McDaniel** (936-321-1955)

March 5 March social
6:00 p.m.-meet at Margaritas & Peppers
Dutch treat meal

April 2 ... End of Year Meeting & Picnic
First Christian Church
Elections and wrap-up

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TEXAS CAMELLIA SHOW

Coushatta Camellia Society is again participating with the Texas Camellia Show sponsors. The show will be held in Huntsville, Texas, on Saturday, February 16, 2013. Activities for set up will be kicked off on Friday, the 15th at 2:00 pm at Gills Hall, on the lower floor of the Walker Education Center. It is located on 19th street at the western edge of the Sam Houston Museum property.

Directions: From I-45 North, take exit # 115 and proceed on the feeder road to the intersection of 19th street and then turn right. Proceed on 19th street about ½ mile to the Walker Education Center brick building on the left. Enter the building through the main entrance for the show.

From I-45 South, take exit # 115 and proceed on the feeder road to the next overpass, turn left after a horse shoe turn and go over the overpass, and then turn left on the feeder road and proceed to 19th street. Again, turn right and proceed about ½ mile to the Walker Education Center building located on 19th street. From the Courthouse, proceed on Sam Houston Avenue, to 19th street, turn right (only direction possible) and proceed several blocks to the Center.

Saturday morning, the door will be opened at 7:00 am for exhibitors to begin arranging blooms. Judging will begin about 10:30 am, and lunch will be about 12:00 noon for judges and exhibitors. Public viewing will be from 1:00 to 4:00 pm. Camellia plants will be available for sale to the general public. The show is free to the public, and anyone with camellias is welcome to exhibit their blooms for judging.

A successful show depends on volunteers and participants. Without both, the Show just would not be possible. To volunteer, make suggestions if you wish, or if you have questions, contact Don Marcotte (936-661-1101) or Randy McDaniel (936-321-1955).

See you there for an excellent show in a great facility!



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TRAYS

Tray of three-same variety unprotected

C. japonica: *Nuccio's Gem*, Virginia Martinez

Tray of three-same variety protected

C. reticulata: *Black Lace Peony Var*, Hal Vanis

Best Species: BB: *Amplexicaulis Terada*, Victor Treat

Best Seedling: BB: Tommy Weeks

Best Sport: BB: *Grant Campbell*, Tommy Weeks

Best Novice Bloom:

Md & M/L: *Leucantha*, George Martinez;

RU: *Magnolaflora*, Mary Gasor

Mn & Small: *Kanjiro*, Tim & Kelli Hornsby

SPECIAL AWARDS

For blooms grown by Coushatta Camellia Society members

Earle & Iola Gentry Memorial Award—Presented by
Susie Moore Pokorski—Best Large Bloom
Guillio Nuccio, Tommy Weeks

A. B. "Bud" Welter Memorial Award—Presented by
Bev Welter—Best *Dr. Tinsley*: Jim Sodoti

Dr. Emil Carroll Memorial Award—Presented by
Morris I. & Jan Waller—Best Tray of Three:
Nuccio's Gem, Virginia Martinez

Hyman R. Norsworthy Memorial Award—Best Large to
Very Large Reticulata: *Frank Houser Var*, Tommy Weeks

Treasurer's Show Report:

Monies collected for Raffle: \$34

Monies collected for Plant Sales: \$1100.

Happy Birthday!

January

Dennis Bilyeu

Myra Liston

Troy McCrary

June Sadoti

Rex Stodghill

Victor Treat

Lewis Walker

Jan Waller

Monte West



February

Dudley Boudreaux

Mary Feece

Marlene Hamm

Susan McDaniel

Claudette Shelfer

Edie Tong

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TIME AGAIN FOR DUES!

But it's only the first of the year! Yes, your dues are not really "due" until September, but we have only two more business meetings before our break for the summer. If you would like your information included in our yearbook, we need to have your dues paid before June.

Treasurer Claudette Shelfer 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?

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



FEBRUARY 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 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 cottonseed meal, at these recommended concentrations: (note: check ingredients to make sure your cottonseed 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. 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 Captan 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 for spider mites and Malathion for scale. Kelthane has been difficult to purchase lately and I have found a Bayer product that specifically treats mites. It is labeled 'Insect, Disease and Mite control' and can be found at Lowes and Home Depot. If you have lots of plants to spray, get the more economical 'mix your own' at Home Depot rather than the premixed spray at Lowes.

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). Rooting cuttings can be done in February, but April is the best month for this propagation technique. Air layering Camellias is also best done in April or later.

PETAL BLIGHT

I received a note from Tom Leroy; 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. Our speaker Bart Brechter (River Bend Gardens), said he has been using corn meal for years as an effective treatment for petal blight. Since he has personal experience in this area, I believe the corn meal is at least partially effective against petal blight. Bart also picks up his blooms, so how much effect the corn meal has is difficult to determine. Also, all Henderson has available is corn gluten and it does not work the same as corn meal.

Enjoy your gardening, Dennis

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