# Coushatta

## **Camellia**

## February 2008 Newsletter

P.O. Box 1655, Conroe, TX 77305

### GREETINGS, CAMELLIA LOVERS!

At last month's meeting, the membership of CCS voted to go forward with the process of incorporation, submitting a Certificate of Formation (formerly articles of incorporation). After the state has approved and granted the incorporation as a nonprofit corporation, the next step is to apply with the federal government for 501(C)3 status so those who donate to CCS can easily take deductions for their donations on their taxes.

Copies of the proposed Bylaws were not brought to the meeting (due to the amount of paper) but a synopsis was read to the membership. Several people were interested in seeing the documents, and copies were e-mailed. A written copy will be available for view at the March meeting. At a later date, standing rules will be added to the bylaws, and will be voted on by the membership, and can be easily modified as needed. It is standard procedure for the "basics" to be stated in the bylaws, and then procedures and things that are likely to change (such as the amount of dues, etc.) are listed in standing rules. Usually the bylaws are those things that are not expected to change, but if there is anything in the bylaws themselves that the membership finds intolerable, the bylaws include a method to make amendments.

### **CCS FIELD TRIP**

#### NACOGDOCHES

Coushatta Camellia Society will be joining St. James Garden Club and Panorama Garden Club on a trip to Nacogdoches on Friday, April 18th. We shall be leaving around 8:30AM from the Montgomery County Library's parking lot just north of the Gladsell exit on I-45 feeder road and should be returning between 6:15-6:30 PM.

Our first stop will be an hour at Piney Woods Native Plant Center. We shall probably have 1 1/2 hours for a Dutch treat lunch and looking around the town of Nacogdoches before boarding our bus to continue on to Stephen F. Austin University for our garden tours.

After lunch, we will tour Mast Arboretum for an hour, and finally, spend another hour touring the Ruby M. Mize Azalea Gardens which should be lovely being in full bloom.



## **Upcoming Events**

6:30 p.m. - social
7:00 p.m. - program
Speakers: .... Tommy Weeks, W.B. Knox
"Grafting demonstration and trial"
First Christian Church
3500 N. Loop 336 W., Conroe

April 1 ..... End-of-Year Social Burkeshire Plantation-915 N. Frazier 5:30 pm - museum browsing 6:30 pm social, followed by dinner

April 18 (Friday)...... Field Trip
Nacogdoches - Stephen F. Austin Univ.
Piney Woods Native Plant Center
SFA Mast Arboretum
Ruby M. Mize Azalea Gardens
meet bus at Conroe Library
8:30 am - 6:15 pm

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### **March Garden Tour**

by Mike Mendeck

Our Coushatta 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 land-scape. Time: ongoing, with handout.

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

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

<u>Dick & Sarah Eidem</u> - 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)
<a href="mailto:Bill & Laurie McCranor">Bill & Laurie McCranor</a> - 1100 Browder Loop

John Browder -1201 Browder Loop

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

### **VOLUNTEER OF THE YEAR!**

Is there a member of CCS whom you believe has gone "above and beyond" in giving of themselves this year? The March meeting will be your chance to "vote" for your candidate. Simply write that person's name on a ballot (slip of paper) and drop it into the collection box or envelope. The results of the "election" will be announced at the April End-of-Year dinner.

We have so many great volunteers that the hard part will be narrowing it down to only one name!

## Happy Birthday!



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### NOW IS THE TIME FOR ALL GOOD MEM-**BERS TO PAY THEIR DUES!**

Treasurer Ruby McConnell is ready to collect your dues for 2006-2007. Make your payment (\$10 single, \$15 joint) at the March meeting and save postage. Thanks to all you members who have already paid your dues - we appreciate you.

Just joined in January or February? We're glad to have you! You need not pay dues until next vear at this time.

Consider becoming a "Friend of CCS" this year. Your donation of \$25 will be recognized in the yearbook.

Is there a program you'd like to see or give? Dick Eidem would like to have your ideas! Thanks to all our members who have provided such wonderful programs this year!

Please help our Treasurer close out the books for this year! Ruby asks that everyone who has receipts for reimbursement turn them in at the March meeting or by the end of month.



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### COUSHATTA CAMELLIA SOCIETY APRIL END-OF-THE-YEAR FEAST

No - we are not foolin'!! April 1 is the day that CCS members will gather to celebrate the end of another wonderful year. This year we'll be dining at the Burkeshire Plantation home at 915 N. Frazier in Conroe. Come at 5:30 to browse the museum upstairs. There is an elevator to the second floor.

Our social begins at 6:30 P.M, followed by dinner. Menu: Chicken Cordon Bleu, Vegetable, Salad, Roll, Tea/Coffee & Dessert. Price: \$22.50 per person.

Please make your check payable to CCS and bring it to the March 4 meeting. If you are not able to attend the March meeting, but want to come to the April dinner, please mail your check as soon as possible to:

Ruby McConnell, 21 Snowbird Pl. The Woodlands TX 77381-4153



**Driving directions:** Going North on I 45, take exit #87, (Hwy 105, also Lake Conroe Parkway). At the light on the access road, take a right on 105, then go to the first light, Frazier (Hwy 75), and take a left. Go through the next light at Lewis, go one more block and turn left on W. Austin St. It is on the corner of W. Austin and Frazier, directly across the street from Subway, but you cannot see it from Frazier, as the property is surrounded by large trees.

