

Coushatta Camellia Society



February 2017 Newsletter

P.O. Box 1655, Conroe, TX 77305

GREETINGS, CAMELLIA LOVERS!

We had a wonderful Show in January despite the freeze damaging so many flowers. It was great to see the turnout of both members, flowers, and visitors.

Thank you so very much to all of you who pitched in both Friday and Saturday to get the job done. What a wonderful group of folks!

We also were blessed with 5 new memberships.

The Program for February 12 meeting:

Our program chairman, Randy McDaniel has line up a very interesting program for us.

Adam Black is the Horticulturist for Peckerwood Garden and will be here to tell us all about that outstanding garden.

Black, 41, is a native Floridian who grew up in the Everglades. While friends were playing video games, he was wading in the swamp. "I'm a complete nature nerd," Black says. "At 8, I was reading field guides and identifying plants. I can't imagine living without them."

After a short pass at college, Black worked for reptile breeders in the pet trade, then managed the forest pathology and forest entomology laboratories at the University of Florida in Gainesville. All the while, he was collecting rare plants and cementing relationships with horticulturists around the globe

When the position at Peckerwood opened an old friend and mentor from Stephen F. Austin University, Dave Creech, urged Black to apply. For John Fairey, the founder, he was a perfect fit.

Upcoming Events

February 12, 2017

Regular Meeting

2:30 social, 3:00 meeting

Adam Black, Horticulturist at Peckerwood Garden

February 19, 2017

Camellia Garden Tour

February 25, 2017

Texas Camellia Show (Huntsville)

March 12, 2017

Regular Meeting

2:30 social, 3:00 meeting

April Meeting/Dinner

??? not yet scheduled

**REMEMBER OUR NEED FOR ADDITIONAL VOLUNTEERS
FEBRUARY ACTIVITIES
PLAN TO PARTICIPATE**

The **Huntsville Camellia Show** is another big Show project for us. You don't have to take on a big job as there are many ways in which you can help. Let Chair Frank Ohrt know – either at the January or February meeting or through contacting him - fgohrt@gmail.com.

It is fun to both help and/or to participate with a blossom or two.

Bill McCranor, who is our **Garden Tour** Chair, is also in need of volunteers. Foremost right now would be to consider **offering your garden for the tour**. Many of you have gardens with camellias that would be of interest. This is a very worthwhile endeavor to help acquaint others about camellias as well as giving all of us the pleasure of enjoying your garden. In addition, Bill needs **volunteers to help the day of the tour** with being a host at one of the gardens. It is fun to meet folks who come and volunteers make the tour possible. You can contact Bill at wmccranor@gmail.com

*IF YOU HAVE NOT PAID YOUR DUES
FOR THIS YEAR 2016-2017 PLEASE DO SO
\$10.00 INDIVIDUAL - \$15.00 COUPLE Payable to CCS.
Mail to
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THANK YOU

**TAKE CARE OF YOUR CAMELLIAS SO YOU WILL HAVE
FLOWERS TO ENTER IN ONE OR BOTH OF OUR SHOWS**