

Coushatta Camellia Society

Winter 2018 Newsletter

GREETINGS, CAMELLIA LOVERS!



*We trust that this finds you well. warm
and recovered from the freeze*

It certainly has been a colder than normal winter this year and many of us lost blooms and plants as a result. It was a shame we had to postpone our January show because of this. We did have, however, our regular meeting, but a very low turnout – thank you to those who came.

We hope you will join us for this coming Sunday meeting.

First Christian Church was severely damaged as a result of the freeze with frozen pipes, etc. As a result they are having their Sunday services in the Gym where we usually have our shows. We should keep them in our prayers that the repairs all go along well for them.

Because of this we will have our February 11 meeting in the Gym, most likely in the room where we normally have meals at our shows. And because they are having services there on Sundays, we will have only a one day show in February, which will be on Saturday the 24th.

We did discuss, at the January meeting, several of our forthcoming events. You will see in the Board minutes that Saturday, March 17, was set for the day we will make a trip to Peckerwood Gardens. This is strictly a volunteer trip where we will meet at the church and then travel in private cars. More about this at the February meeting.

Upcoming Events

February 11, 2018

First Christian Church Gym
3500 N Loop 336 W, Conroe
2:30p.m. social,
3:00p.m. Regular Meeting

February 24, 2018

CCS Camellia Show
(one day only)
First Christian Church Gym

March 11, 2018

Regular Meeting

March 17, 2018

Trip to Peckerwood Gardens

April 8, 2018

End of Year Party

We also discussed the April end of the year get together. Since we usually have a meal at this time, there will be a choice for the membership to make. We can do as we did last year and have the club bring in the meat and then the membership bring side dishes or a dessert – or, we can choose to do as we did for Christmas and go to a restaurant and each member pays a fixed fee. Think about this and we will try to make a decision at this meeting.

OUR PROGRAM FOR THIS MEETING

Randy McDaniel will be leading us through a mini camellia show to help us all be better prepared to bring our blooms on the 24th. **So, bring one or several of you own blooms** to work through presenting them. Randy offers the following program:

A review with Jeremy on how to fill out entry cards,

What's an entry card Mr, Bill?)

...its a card with information so your flower can be judged so that you might be able to win a prize,

Which entry cards to use

There is more than one Mr.Bill?

Yes different colors mean different things. We use white, green and buff....

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OH BOY!!! Mr. Bill I'll use the green card cause its SOOOOO Pretty,....

Jeremy, you can only use the green card if you have crossed a river and grown protected flowers.

Mr. Bill you mean I have to build a wall to guard them from ...EVIL!!!!

Yes Jeremy you have to protect them from... Mother Nature...so in this case A GREENHOUSE

Oh, Mr. Bill, green card green house...green card... green house...green card... green house, GOT It!!

'K Mr. Bill, I'll use the buff card 'cause I'm a Buff dude...

Jeremy, Jeremy, you can ONLY use a Buff card if you are a novice...

THATS ME, Mr Bill I have no-vices so that is surly me.....

Jeremy THAT IS NOT YOU. I know for a fact you have won more than three awards from a ACS sponsored show and you have more that twenty five cultivars.

So which card Jeremy?

WHITE Mr, Bill

Correct ,Jeremy.

Mr. Bill, what do I put on the card???

to be continued...

*come to the Feb meeting Feb 11 to see if Jeremy fills his WHITE card successfully
And the same for you, filling out your card.*

Minutes from CCS Board Meeting, Jan. 14, 2018

The CCS board met Sunday, January 14th, before the general meeting. Present were Henry Wei, Ed Estrada, Randy McDaniel, Don Marcotte, and Frank Ohrt. Jo Ann Treat was running late, and asked that we start without her.

Henry opened with the financial report. We began our year with a balance of \$6059.02 and at the end of December we had a balance of \$6203.35, - expenses were \$1570.67 and income was \$1715.00. There was then, in January, the purchase of 100 one-gallon camellias from Larry Bates Nursery, for \$2100.00, for sale at the next camellia show. It was decided to offer them for \$26.00/plant. There followed some discussion about whether it was better to get three-gallon plants @ \$25.00 and sell them for \$30.00. This will need to be discussed before any further purchases in the following year. In addition to those plants we will also have plants that Dick Eidem is holding for us and Hal Vanis will add some of his plants to the sale.

Don mentioned that Mr. Bates might return for the February show, and, if so, could bring special orders. He also said that Tommy Weeks has a list of the varieties purchased. Ed said that his wife was having a garden club meeting at their house soon, and might sell some plants then.

Frank asked that someone provide the list of varieties and make sure we have pictures of all of them for display at the show. Randy said that he would do that. He then asked the other officers to make a list of nurseries, etc., in the Huntsville and Conroe area where we might post flyers for the show, and send it to him. He said he would include it in his list of places to advertise the Society's shows.

After some discussion Jo Ann declared March 17th as the date for the CCS trip to Peckerwood Gardens. Setting a date precluded drawn out discussions at the general meeting about good times. The 17th seemed to fit good with the timing for our March meeting and our April get together.

She then asked Don to form a committee to nominate officers for 2018/2019.

The February meeting program was announced, a review of how to prepare for the Feb. 24-25 show. There was discussion of whether to have a pot-luck dinner for the final meeting in April, or to meet at a nearby restaurant.

Jo Ann said she would soon have a new CCS yearbook and directory ready. She then adjourned the meeting.

Submitted by Frank Ohrt, Secretary



HELPFUL WEBSITES

Several years ago Don Marcotte talked about interesting websites on camellias. He said that in his opinion the best one is Atlantic coast camellia society. His reasoning for this is that they have pictures of more than 2500 different flowers. The American Camellia Society (ACS) also has pictures but nothing compared to Atlantic Coast. However, the ACS provides considerable information and references that are helpful and interesting. Some others are Gulf Coast Camellia Society, International Camellia Society, and last but not least our own website Our website has many Utube videos on such things as gibbing, air layering, growing seedlings and many others. Take time to visit these websites. Their addresses are:

Atlantic Coast Camellia Society ---

atlanticcoastcamelliasociety.org

American Camellia Society ---

americancamellias.com

Gulf Coast Camellia Society – gulfcoastcamellias.org

Coushatta Camellia Society --

coushattacamelliasociety.com

Officers and Directors:2017-2018

President

1st Vice President, Programs

2nd Vice President, Show Chair

Recording Secretary

Treasurer

Immediate Past President

At-large-Director

At-large-Director

At-large-Director

Director Emeritus

Jo Ann Treat

Randy McDaniel

Frank Ohrt

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Henry Wei

Don Marcotte

Bill McCranor

Edward Estrada

Dudley Boudreaux

Dick Eidem

Don Marcotte and his committee will be working toward putting together a slate of officers and directors for the 2018-2019 year. So, each of you should consider the individuals who would be good to nominate, including offering yourself as a candidate for one of the positions.

Brief Calendar for the Year

September 10, 2017

Cancelled

October 8, 2017

First Christian Church Parlor
3500 N Loop 336 W, Conroe
Regular Meeting

November 12, 2017

Regular Meeting

December 2-3, 2017

Camellia Show –
First Christian Church Gym

December 10, 2017

Christmas Dinner Party

January 12, 2018 Postponed

Set Up and Pre-Show Pizza Party
First Christian Church

January 13-14, 2018 Postponed

48th Annual Coushatta Camellia
Show
First Christian Church

January 14, 2018

Regular Meeting

February 11, 2018

Regular Meeting

February 24, 2018

Reschedule 48th Annual CCS Show
First Christian Church Gym

March 11, 2018

Regular Meeting

April 8, 2018

End of Year Party