

# *Coushatta Camellia Society*

## *March 2021 Newsletter*



### **Greetings, Fellow Camellia Lovers!**

Dear Members,

Hopefully, the severe freeze of this past February did not destroy any members camellia plants. As would be expected those flowers that were in bloom or buds beginning to open were lost in the cold weather and many unopened buds died as well. In my garden I actually have a few flowers that have started to open, some are damaged, some are smaller and others will take time to determine their fate. All my plants came out of the freeze with only a few having damaged leaves. Now would be a good time to prune our camellias as was noted by Randolph Maphis in our December Zoom meeting. Based on the damage that my property sustained in other plants, especially the azaleas that were starting to bloom we will be busy for some time pruning, removing and replanting.

But March is here and that does bring a lot of other plants out to show their flowers and color. This month's CCS Zoom meeting will be Sunday the 14th at 2:00pm. Please join us to listen to Forrest Latta from ACS who will be giving a presentation on "American Camellia Classics". Forrest Latta, who lives in Mobile, Alabama, is a corporate trial attorney in a regional law firm of 400 lawyers. As a hobby, he has grown and collected camellias for over 25 years. He has held various offices in the American and International Camellia Societies and is the author of the book "Camellia Garden Field Guide" (Amazon Press), as well as numerous articles. His favorite camellia job is serving as Historian for the American Camellia Society, which he has done for the last 15 years.

Again, I hope to see you at our monthly Zoom meeting on March 14th at 2:00 to hear the presentation from Forrest. After his presentation and Q & A, I would be interested in hearing from those who want to stay on and hear about how the Polar Vortex had impacted you. Hopefully, the main major problem with the freeze and the of loss of electricity, broken pipes, no water or house damage did not impact you too much.

Sincerely,  
Edward Estrada  
President Coushatta Camellia Society

### *Current Activity*

**March 14, 2021**

**Regular Meeting**

**Forrest Latta, Speaker**

**American Camellia Classics**

#### **NOTE:**

**Please be aware that meetings will be held on Zoom -explanation follows -**

**CCS Website:**

**<http://coushattacamelliasociety.com/>**

#### **March Speaker -Forrest Latta**

*American Camellia Classics*

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## ZOOM

Due to the COVID-19 precautions our general meetings for this year will be done through Zoom. It provides for participants to sign in through an e-mail invitation to participate in a meeting. Each participant will be able to see others involved in the meeting – sometimes individually as someone is presenting (for instance the President making comments) or as cameos of those participating. Maximum time for a Zoom meeting is 40 minutes.

If you have e-mail service then you can be contacted to participate. You may choose not to; however, if you do you will not be provided the opportunity to see and hear the participants' comments and respond to those. All of our meetings this year will be done through Zoom.

For those unable to participate hopefully there will be a written report of that meeting as with the Board *minutes*

### Officers – 2020-2021

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### Brief Calendar for 2020-2021

**August 25, 2020**  
Board Meeting

**September 6, 2020**  
Board Meeting

**September 13, 2020**  
Opening year meeting

**October 11, 2020**  
Regular Meeting

**November 8, 2020**  
Regular Meeting

**December 13, 2020**  
TBA

**January 10, 2021**  
Regular Meeting

**January 24, 2021**  
Show Setup

**January 25-26, 2021**  
~~Annual Coushatta Camellia~~  
~~Show~~  
~~First Christian Church~~

**February 14, 2021**  
Regular Meeting

**March 14, 2021**  
Regular Meeting

**April TBD**  
End of Year Party

**June/July 2021**  
Board Meeting



## **Why Do My Camellia Buds Drop Without Opening? By Dick Hooton, PCC Member**

There are a number of reasons why Camellia buds drop off without opening. Here are some possibilities: I

- Root system won't support the large number of buds which formed. I
- Extreme changes in temperature, especially freezes, will cause some of the buds to turn tan and drop off. I
- Over-watering or under-watering. I
- Poor nutrients or soil conditions. I
- Infestation of mites prevent nutrients from getting to buds. To this Skip Vogelsang adds - "Some varieties are just prone to "bull nose" or never fully open. 'Masterpiece' is a prime example. And some varieties do not tend to open until the plant is larger and more mature. 'Black Magic' often needs a 4 to 5 year old plant for blooms to fully open.

## **Camellia Websites (sometimes it is fun to see other club's activities)**

American Camellia Society [www.americancamellias.org](http://www.americancamellias.org)

Atlantic Coast Camellia Society [www.atlanticcoastcamelliasociety.org](http://www.atlanticcoastcamelliasociety.org)

Baton Rouge Camellia Society [www.facebook.com/brcamellias](https://www.facebook.com/brcamellias)

Birmingham Camellia Society [www.birminghamcamellias.com](http://www.birminghamcamellias.com)

Brookhaven Camellia Society [www.homerrichardson.com/camellia](http://www.homerrichardson.com/camellia)

Camellia Society of North Florida

[www.atlanticcoastcamelliasociety.com/Camellia Society North Fla.html](http://www.atlanticcoastcamelliasociety.com/Camellia_Society_North_Fla.html)

Fort Walton Beach Camellia Society [www.facebook.com/FWB](https://www.facebook.com/FWB)

Gainesville (Florida) Camellia Society [www.atlanticcoastcamelliasociety.org/Gainesville%20CS.html](http://www.atlanticcoastcamelliasociety.org/Gainesville%20CS.html)

Gulf Coast Camellia Society [www.gulfcoastcamelliasociety.com](http://www.gulfcoastcamelliasociety.com)

[www.facebook.com/gulfcoastcamelliasociety](https://www.facebook.com/gulfcoastcamelliasociety)

Mississippi Gulf Coast Camellia Society

[www.facebook.com/Mississippi Gulf Coast Camellia Society](https://www.facebook.com/Mississippi_Gulf_Coast_Camellia_Society)

Mobile Camellia Society [www.mobilecamellia.org](http://www.mobilecamellia.org)

Northshore Camellia Society [www.northshorecamelliasociety.org](http://www.northshorecamelliasociety.org)