

Coushatta

Camellia



March 2006 Newsletter

P.O. Box 1655, Conroe, TX 77305

The March meeting of Coushatta Camellia Society was opened by President Edie Tong, and a prayer was offered by Oscar Schank. Edie thanked Margaret Lewis and Renee Bilyeu for providing our refreshments, and gave a special thank-you to Jack and Diane Dyer for faithfully setting up and closing up for each of our meetings.

Members Rosamay Davis, Ilka Swires and Elizabeth Williams were wished happy March birthdays! Sarah Eidem introduced speaker Hal Vanis who gave a very informative talk about the care of camellias. Thanks, Hal, for sharing your expertise!

Edie reported that Milton Surles will soon be having shoulder surgery, and sadly, Tom Roche has also been hospitalized. Please keep our members in your hearts and prayers.

Phyllis Hartman reported on two field trips she has arranged for our members. One will be on March 29 to Martha's Bloomers in Navasota and the Rose Emporium in Independence. The other will be on May 5 to Hope Farms in Groceville, just outside Cut 'n Shoot. Beverly Roche brought news about the April End-of-the-Year dinner, which will be held this year at Hyden's Restaurant. More information about all these activities can be found on page 3 of this newsletter.

Charley Gambriell and Dennis Bilyeu gave final wrap-ups of the Show and Garden Tour. New members Mike and Meg Mendeck, who joined during the Garden Tour, were welcomed to their first meeting.

New business: Our current meeting place at Rivershire is becoming a little cramped for our needs. CCS has received a lovely invitation from the First Christian Church (the location where we hold our January Show) to use their parlor for our monthly meetings. Diane Dyer joined Edie for a look at the new location, and both were delighted by the lovely atmosphere and the spacious kitchen. We are fortunate that the church will be

available for the same price we are now paying to Rivershire, plus we will not need to change our day or time of meeting. Members may park in the same location as we have used for the Show, then enter the building through the door at the covered entrance with a drive-through. Members voted unanimously to accept the church's kind invitation to change our meeting place. We look forward to holding our first meeting there in September.



Upcoming Events

March 29 (Wed) Field Trip #1
Martha's Bloomers - Navasota
lunch at the tearoom
Rose Emporium - Independence

April 4 End-of-Year Social
Tuesday, 6:30 p.m.
Hyden's Restaurant - 5104 W. Davis

May 5 (Friday) Field Trip #2
9:30 a.m. - Hope Farms - Groceville
(near Cut 'n Shoot) - bring sack lunch
18750 FM 1484 (.7 mi N of Hwy 105 E)

*Have a wonderful summer -
we'll see you in September!*

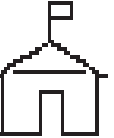
September 5 September meeting
CCS will be meeting in a new
but familiar place!

6:30 p.m. - social
7:00 p.m. - Sponsor Appreciation
Pot Luck Supper
First Christian Church
3500 N Loop 336 W, Conroe
(the same church where we have our
January show, but in the parlor)

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NOW IS THE TIME FOR ALL GOOD MEMBERS 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 April meeting and save postage. Thanks to all you members (54%) 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 year at this time.

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

Just a reminder from Ruby - if there are items for which you need reimbursement, please turn in your receipts by the end of March. Ruby needs to have all transactions completed to close out our books for this year.

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

Was your contact information listed correctly in last year's yearbook? Have you had a change of address, phone or e-mail since then? Please be sure we have your correct information. You may turn it in to Ruby McConnell with your dues payment. Thanks!

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COUSHATTA CAMELLIA SOCIETY FIELD TRIPS

MARTHA'S BLOOMERS ROSE EMPORIUM

Thanks to our Trip Chairperson, Phyllis Hartman, we have two interesting field trips to look forward to. On Wednesday, March 29th, we have reservations for an 11 A.M. luncheon at Martha's Bloomers Tearoom in Navasota prior to visiting the Rose Emporium in Independence. We are planning to carpool, meeting at The First Christian Church on Loop 336 W at 9:30 a.m., so if you are interested in driving or riding, please advise Phyllis or Edie Tong by phone (936) 856-8242 or (936) 756-6921.

Lunch will be a Chicken Salad Croissant Sandwich with a Cup of Baked Potato Soup and your choice of Home-baked Cobbler or Chocolate Raspberry Cake plus Tea/Coffee Cost - \$12 (includes Tax & Tip)

Deadline to make your reservation is March 19th. Mail your check for \$12 made out to CCS to Ruby McConnell at 21 Snowbird Place, The Woodlands, TX 77381-4153.

Driving directions:

On I-45, take exit 87 in Conroe (TX-105); Turn onto TX-105 and proceed west about 40 miles to the intersection with TX HWY 6 at the outskirts of Navasota. Turn right onto highway 6 - look for the large Martha's Bloomers sign. When you see the McDonald's you are almost there.



HOPE FARMS

Phyllis has also planned for a second trip on Friday, May 5th, to Hope Farms near Conroe (Groceville). The address is 18750 FM 1484. Take TX Hwy 105 E to the junction of FM 1484, just east of Cut 'n Shoot (about 4.5 miles east of the intersection of TX Hwy 105 with Loop 336 E). Go .7 mi N on FM 1484 to the lovely entrance to Hope Farms.

Members are asked to meet at 9:30 a.m. and to bring a sack lunch.

Our February speaker - Barbara Lopez - is the owner of Hope Farms and opens her gardens only two weeks in May each year. Weekends are open to the public, but this will be a private showing for CCS members, and will include an informational program.

Hope Farms is known for its 600 registered varieties of daylilies. If you spot one of her unusual daylilies that you'd like to purchase, she will just dig it up for you. Besides daylilies, you'll find all sorts of interesting plants, including perennials and gingers, plus a gift shop.

Please RSVP to Phyllis at (936) 756-6921 so we will know how many people to expect.



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

Don't be an April Fool! On Tuesday, **April 4th**, come celebrate a great camellia year with dinner at **Hyden's Restaurant, 5104 W. Davis St, Conroe.** We'll be meeting at **6:30 p.m.**

Hyden's has given us a quartet of choices, and the price of your meal depends upon your choice. All choices include a salad and a vegetable medley, plus bread and a dessert. Beverages other than water can be ordered for another couple of dollars, plus there will be a cash bar.

Choice 1 - \$12.00 - "Catch of the Day"

This seafood selection is from the senior menu, so expect a smaller portion.

Choice 2 - \$14.50 - "Grilled Chicken Breast"

Choice 3 - \$19.75 - "Top Sirloin"

Choice 4 - \$19.75 - "Grilled Salmon"

Send your check made out to **CCS** to Beverly Roche, 11 Hanover Lane, Panorama Village, 77304-1119 by March 30. Be sure to indicate your choice on or with your check.

Tax and gratuity are included in the price of the meal.

Driving directions:

Take the Loop 336 N exit (Exit 88) from I-45 and proceed west to TX Hwy 105 (Davis Street), then turn west (right).

Drive about 1 and a quarter miles west on TX Hwy 105. The restaurant will be on your right.

