

# Coushatta

# Camellia



## March 2007 Newsletter

P.O. Box 1655, Conroe, TX 77305

The last of the camellia blossoms are sporting their colors as the bluebonnets herald the start of the reign of the summer garden. If you aren't out enjoying our beautiful spring weather -- you should be!

President Edie Tong opened the meeting on March 6, 2007. The invocation was given by Oscar Schank, and 38 members were in attendance, including 3 new members: Linda Wilson, Darlene Hamm, and Danielle Whitacre.

Mike Mendeck introduced Master Gardener Susan Coyman from the Montgomery County Extension Service, who spoke to the group about landscaping with red plants and blooms.

Edie welcomed the membership and wished a happy birthday to Rosamay Davis, Bob Koehl, Ilka Swires, Carolyn Tynan & Elizabeth Williams. She then welcomed our new members who joined since or during the Garden Tour. Milton Surles brought some camellias from his home, that he presented to the new members, and they were welcomed by all. Edie reminded members that it is time to pay dues for the 2007-2008 year, and encouraged members to consider becoming a "Friend of CCS" (extra \$25 donation) and a member of the American Camellia Society. Dennis Bilyeu pointed out that membership in ACS afforded members access to informative parts of the ACS website, including a pictorial gallery of camellias.

Old Business: Edie thanked Beverly Roche and Elizabeth Williams for so ably representing CCS, as they gave a slide show about camellias to the Bentwater Garden Club. Edie also thanked Diane & Jack Dyer, and all those who provide cookies, for making sure we have coffee and goodies each month. Your hospitality is surely missed in your absence! Edie particularly thanked all the volunteers involved with making this 2007 Garden Tour the best yet, and especially Meg & Mike Mendeck for opening their home for the After Party: the homemade appetizers by Meg and her volunteers were extra-special! Chairman Dennis Bilyeu seconded those



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## Upcoming Events

**April 3** ..... End-of-Year Social  
Tuesday, 6:30 p.m.  
Village Golf Club  
(formerly Panorama County Club)  
73 Greenbriar Drive, Panorama Village

**April 25 (Wednesday)** ..... Field Trip  
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 4** ..... September meeting  
6:30 p.m. - social  
7:00 p.m. - Sponsor Appreciation  
Pot Luck Supper  
First Christian Church  
3500 N Loop 336 W, Conroe  
(meeting 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 2007-2008. Make your payment (\$10 single, \$15 joint) at the April 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 year 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!

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!

**Please help our Treasurer close out the books for this year!** Ruby asks that everyone who has receipts for reimbursement turn them in as soon as possible.

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remarks, and also thanked all the home owners and their workers, as well as his garden tour committee, for a job well done. He shared comments recorded, such as the demonstrations were very well received, and that our best publicity this year came from the Master Gardeners. Dennis asked those who are considering being on the tour next year contact him or Mike Mendeck soon. Dennis also segued into new business, informing members that ACS is rebuilding their website, and is interested in learning what clubs in Texas want to see. He also said that he had received a call from the Vernon Parish gardening club had called and was looking for someone to come talk to them about camellias.

**New Business:** Members were reminded to cast their ballots for volunteer of the year.

**Nominating Committee** Jackie Wells, Margaret Lewis & Dick Eidem presented the proposed slate of officers for 2007-2008. There were no further nominations from the floor, and Victor Treat moved and Buffalo Allwright seconded that the proposed slate be accepted by acclamation. The motion was passed unanimously, and officers will take office on May 1.

**Announcements:** Next meeting will be the end-of-the year dinner, April 3, at Village Golf Club.

April 25<sup>th</sup> was announced as the date of the April Field Trip to Hope Farms.

Those who wish to purchase camellia plants left over from the garden tour may contact Dick Eidem or Dennis Bilyeu.

A sheet was passed around for members to make suggestions for programs for next year, and also to indicate interests for volunteer projects, and to suggest new sponsors.

Door prize winner was Carolyn Tynan.

Eddie wished everyone a safe and enjoyable summer, looking forward to seeing all back in the fall for another great year.

**Happy Birthday!**



To all our members who will be celebrating before we meet again:

**April**

Dick Eidem  
 Daniel Paul  
 Brandon To

**July**

Greg Davis  
 Diane Dyer  
 Perry Liston  
 Nancy Meyer  
 Marie Oliver  
 Marie Turner  
 Joe Santamaria  
 Nancy Santamaria  
 Emory Smith, Jr.  
 Deborah Vaughn  
 Morris Waller

**May**

Phyllis Hartman  
 Oscar Schank  
 Lois Smith

**August**

Bill Dupre'  
 Slim Fontenot  
 Peggy Jonietz  
 Peggy LeVrier  
 Jorge Ramierz  
 JoAnn Treat  
 Judy Weidner

**June**

Patsy Durham  
 Charlie  
 Gambrill  
 James Hoke  
 Margie Koehl  
 Roy Kveton  
 Laurie  
 McCranor  
 Jim Sadoti  
 Tommy  
 Weeks  
 JR Weidner  
 Jackie Wells



**Congratulations New Officers for 2007-2008**

President: Oscar Schank  
 Treasurer: Ruby McConnell  
 Vice-President: Dick Eidem  
 Recording Secretary: Maxine Schank  
 Corresponding Secretary: Judy Weidner  
 Historian: Beverly Roche  
 Chaplain: W. B. Knox  
 Parliamentarian: Victor Treat

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

April 3 is the day that CCS members will gather to celebrate the end of another wonderful year. This year we'll be dining at the Village Golf Club (formerly Panorama Country Club). The menu will be Monterrey Chicken, and includes a salad, rice pilaf, vegetable and dessert plus beverage of tea or coffee. A cash bar will be available during the social time of 6:30 to 7:00 p.m.

Cost of the dinner will be \$14.50 each. If you were not able to attend the March meeting, but want to come to the April dinner, please contact Treasurer Ruby McConnell as soon as possible to see if there is still availability.

Driving directions:

To reach the Village Golf Club, take the League Line Road exit (#91 on I-45), go west on League Line, then turn right on Panorama Dr., bear left onto Greenbriar Drive at the Y, then drive until you see the clubhouse on your left.



# CCS FIELD TRIP

CCS members had a wonderful time last year at Hope Farms near Conroe (in Groceville). The address is 18750 FM 1484. Take Hwy 105 E to the junction of FM 1484, just E of Cut 'n Shoot. Go .7 mi N on FM 1484 to the lovely entrance to Hope Farms. This year we'll be meeting on April 25 (Wednesday).

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

One of our speakers last year - Barbara Lopez - is the owner of Hope Farms and opens her gardens to the public, only on weekends, in May each year. 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 Barbara's 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 perennials, gingers, plus a gift shop.



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