

Camellia Times

Camellia Society of Sacramento

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MEETING DATE: MONDAY, FEBRUARY 28, 2011

Lutheran Church of the Master

1900 Potrero Way

Sacramento, CA 95822

7:00 p.m.



PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE



*Whoever loves and understands a garden
will find contentment within.*

Chinese Proverb

This month we celebrate Valentine's Day, President's Day, Camellia Day at the Capital (2/24), Chinese New Year and our first camellia show of the season. What a wonderful time of the year! The camellias are a bloomin'. The colors are amazin'. This seems to be an especially plentiful year for camellia blooms and a bit early. Some of the blooms Gary has brought in this week would definitely be prize winners.

It is "Show Time"! The first show in Northern California is February 5 in Napa. It will be a great time to reconnect with our camellia friends. The blooms should be beautiful. To me the really "big show" is just driving around Sacramento and surrounding areas, enjoying the camellias in the neighborhood that are just happy to be blooming in someone's yard.

Our meeting this month, February 28, is our Mini Show. Bring your flowers and get good information on how to best present your blooms at our show on March 5 & 6. If you are not sure about the name of a flower, bring it to the mini show. Our flower experts have more time to identify the flowers than during our show. Now is the time to start spreading the word about our upcoming show. Bring a friend to the meeting and share a fun evening learning more about camellias.

Are you interested in helping with our camellia show in March? Contact Don Lesmeister, Gary Schanz or Bob Logan to find out where help is needed. There are many jobs behind the scenes that we still need help with. It is also fun getting to know our members by working side by side to prepare for the biggest Camellia Show in the United States.

Don't forget we are also having a photo contest at the show in March. Jackie Randall has the judges ready and there are new categories. There is more about the contest in this bulletin. Those of you who like to write poetry, sharpen those pencils. Poetry entries must be submitted no later than April 1. The winner will be announced at our luncheon in April.

Last but not least, check out our website, camelliasocietyofsacramento.org. A big thanks to Shellie-Rae for her hard work on the website.

Carol Schanz

President

FEBRUARY MEETING

Bring those blooms to the meeting and enter them! If you don't know what the name of your camellia is, bring it anyway...our experts will help you identify it! We turn into judges for a meeting, too! We ALL get to decide what camellias are the best! You will learn what to look for in a good show flower...what to do and not to do when it comes to showing your camellias. This is the time to invest in a container to transport your camellias. Target has lots of containers...just find some that are easy to take the top off of. You don't want to be having to tug at the top and your camellias flying around in the container. Smart and Final has cups you can purchase to place the camellia in before you put it in your container. You might want to purchase some cotton balls to put around the cups. This will help so the blooms don't slip around in the box. Try not to drive through pot holes on the way to the meeting and don't go 50 mph around the curves. It's best if the blooms get to the meeting in one piece!!

You can win a trophy for the Best of Show, 1st Runner-Up and 2nd Runner-Up!! So bring those blooms to the meeting!

Winners from the bloom competition in January were:

Japonica Large to Very Large: 1st: Wildfire, exhibitor Zac Warren; 2nd: Grand Prix, exhibitor Helmuth Wildemann; 3rd: Henry Huntington, exhibitor Helmuth Wildemann

Japonica Medium: 1st: Sawada's Dream, exhibitor Helmuth Wildemann; 2nd: Fashionata, exhibitor Helmuth Wildemann; 3rd: Magnoliaflora, exhibitor Helmuth Wildemann

Japonica Small/Mini: 1st: Pink Perfection, exhibitor Irene Moore; 2nd: Freedom Bell, exhibitor Zac Warren; 3rd: Tama Peacock, exhibitor Helmuth Wildemann

Retic & Retic Hybrids: 1st: Frank Houser, exhibitor Helmuth Wildemann, 2nd: Valley Knudsen, exhibitor Julie Vierra

Non Retic Hybrids: 1st: Waltz Time, exhibitor Zac Warren; 2nd: Orchard Princess, exhibitor Helmuth Wildemann

Judges: Bob Steele and Mike Warren

Congratulations to all the winners!

Napa Show Results

We had many of our members do very well at the Napa Show.

Best Large Japonica: *Junior Prom*, won by Don Lesmeister

Runner-Up Large Japonica: *Carter's Sunburst*, won by Julie Vierra

Best Medium Japonica: *Rachel Tarpy*, won by Bob Ehrhart

Runner-Up Miniature/Small Japonica: *Something Beautiful*, won by Don Lesmeister

Best Small: *Senritsu Ko*, won by Bob Ehrhart

Runner-Up Small: *Pink Perfection*, won by Julie Vierra

Best Large Retic: *Frank Houser, Var*, won by Bob Ehrhart, also, **BEST OF SHOW!**

Runner-Up Large Retic: *Emma Gaeta, Var.*, won by Don Bergamini

Best Retic: *Edith Mazzei*, won by Don Bergamini

Runner Up Retic: *Valentine Day*, won by Don Lesmeister

Best Medium Retic: *Shelter Cove*, won by Don Bergamini

Best Hybrid Medium: *Autumn Jewel*, won by Gary Schanz

Runner-Up Hybrid, *First Blush*, won by Don Lesmeister

Best Small Hybrid, *Paper Dolls*, won by Gary Schanz

Runner-Up Small Hybrid: *Sweet Jane*, won by Bob Logan

Congratulations to all our members who won at the first Show of the year!



You are invited to join the Modesto Camellia Society "Name that Camellia" on Saturday, March 12th, 10 a.m. at the Gallo Gardens, 600 Yosemite, Modesto*

Afterward enjoy wine tasting in the Gallo Wine Cellars and the opportunity to purchase wines from Gallo at their employee's discount price. A box lunch will be provided by the Camellia Society of Modesto.

**Over the years name tags have been switched, changed or lost from some of the 900 camellias in the Gallo Garden. The plants need to be relabeled and we need your help identifying the camellias. The Gardens have never been more beautiful and the camellias will be in full bloom in March. We are looking forward to spending an enjoyable day with you.*

Please RSVP to Peter Warner, 209-576-0831 or ppwarner@sbcglobal.net

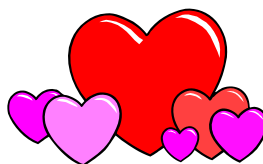
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February Plant Raffle
 Door Prize: Ki Ho (yellow)
 Special: Royal Velvet Var.
 Regulars: Cabernet, Nuccio's Carousel, Prima Ballerina,
 Sweet Jane, Swan Lake



Regular tickets: \$1.00 or 6 tickets for \$5.00
Special plant tickets are \$2.00 each

We will also have our plant sale list available that includes \$2 discount for current paid members. See Ron.

Jackie Randall's "Through the Garden Gate" will be presented this month. The yard being showcased will be Bob Steele's! Come see how his garden grows!

Don't forget to go to Smart & Final and get some new cups for transporting your flowers. Get your boxes down and make sure they are ready to go. Fill out in pencil some of your entry cards! It's almost show time! Keep disbudding!

We are extending a hearty welcome to all our members and friends at our Camellia Show Luncheon. If you are interested in attending, please let us know at our next meeting. It has always been the Judges Luncheon, but this year ALL are welcome! Tickets for the luncheon are \$25 per person. It is being catered by the same caterer from last year, Burke Family Catering. On the menu is chicken, beef tips, garlic mashed potatoes, salad, rolls, and two kinds of desserts, along with sodas and waters. This makes it easier for the people who work the show and don't have to time to run and get something before the show opens to the public. We will eat immediately after final judging is finished. Some of us have duties that entail us finishing the trophy table, but we will eat when we can! As long as we don't spill on the winning camellias and trophies! Come and visit with our camellia friends and family!



MARK YOUR CALENDARS – CAMELLIA SOCIETY OF SACRAMENTO
MEETING DATES FOR 2010-2011

<i>Date</i>	<i>Speaker</i>	<i>Program Topic</i>
Monday, February 28th, 2011	Don Lesmeister & his team of judges heading up the mini-show. Trophies to Flower of the Show, 1 st Runner-Up, 2 nd Runner-Up Jackie Randall	Mini-Show – Everyone bring their blooms and compete! “Through the Garden Gate”
Monday, March 28th, 2011	LuAnn Watkins & Julie Vierra Jackie Randall	Review of the 2010-2011 Camellia Season “Through the Garden Gate”
Saturday, April 16 th , 2010	Camellia Luncheon at the Club Pheasant	Silent Auction, Plant Raffle, Installation of new officers for the 2011-2012 Camellia Season



THE TIME HAS COME
By Don Bergamini

Well, here it is already February and the show season has started. This is the month that you must stay up all day and night and baby those little darlings that you have pampered all through the year. February and March are the D-day Months to see the fruits of your labors...or not!

Things to do this month:

- 1.) Be sure that your plants have enough water to produce those big blooms. A dry plant means small blooms or drop of buds.
- 2.) Keep the petals off the ground and the spent blooms off the plants. This will help reduce or prevent petal blight.
- 3.) Pin back the leaves away from the blooms so they will not damage them. Also pin the limbs downward so that rain and morning moisture will not harm the blooms.
- 4.) Pick early in the morning or very late at night. This is the best time to pick because the blooms have not yet wilted from the warmth of the day.
- 5.) Refrigerate your blooms. The optimum temperature is 40 degrees.
- 6.) Use some kind of preservative in your water to keep your blooms fresh.
- 7.) If you graft, then the best time to do this is starting in mid February to mid March. Ask some of the people you know how to do it if you don't graft. It is a fun way to get some of those varieties that you want. Try it... you will like it!

The best way to learn more about our hobby is to ask questions. There is always someone who is willing to tell you what you want to know or they will refer you to someone who can. Looking forward to seeing all of you on the camellia trail. Dress warmly because you know how cold it is on those early Saturday mornings and you don't want to heat up those flowers in your car. BLOOM ON! Don

Just a reminder that again this year we will be holding a photo contest. Get your cameras ready and watch your camellias and see if you can get some good shots in for the contest. Below are the new and improved categories. They have changed a little, as we've added a black and white category and split the category with a "person" in the photo as the kids usually win!



Dust off those cameras!
We're going to have another photo contest!

** Changes from last year

The Four Categories

- Best Camellia
- Camellia(s) in Black and White**
- Best Camellia in a landscape
- Best Camellia with a child in the photo**
- Best Camellia with an adult in the photo**

ALSO, DON'T FORGET TO SHARPEN YOUR PENCILS AND PEN A POEM ABOUT CAMELLIAS! The winner will be announced at our April luncheon and a prize awarded. No rules except that the poem be about camellias. You may enter as many poems as you like.

Upcoming Show Dates – MARK YOUR CALENDARS!

- February 5, 2011 ***Napa Camellia Society Show***
Napa Senior Center
1500 Jefferson Street, Napa, CA
Open to public 1 p.m.
Contact Nancy McGowan-Russell at 707-545-7546
- February 12 & 13, 2011 ***San Francisco Peninsula Camellia Society Show***
Community Activities Building (CAB)
12500 Roosevelt Avenue, Redwood City, CA
Contact Caroline Beverstock at beverstock@sbcglobal.net or Cam Ainsworth at ainsworth94061@comcast.net
- February 19, 2011 ***Northern California Camellia Society Show***
First Baptist Church
2336 Buena Vista Avenue, Walnut Creek, CA
Contact Don Bergamini at 925-229-0775 or camelliadon@comcast.net or Bob Ehrhart at 925-937-0188 or REhrh72822@aol.com
- February 26 & 27, 2011 ***Camellia Society of Santa Clara County Show***
Community Recreation Center
969 Kiely Blvd., Santa Clara, CA
Contact John Mendoza at 408-249-5696 or jmendoza@ci.santa-clara.ca.us
Contact Kathleen Hall for show results at kshall@aol.com

- March 5 & 6, 2011 ***Camellia Society of Sacramento Show***
 Memorial Auditorium
 1515 J Street, Sacramento, CA
 Contact Don Lesmeister at 916-967-8420 or
jonanddoan@comcast.net
 Contact LuAnn Watkins for show results at 372-1152 or
luannwatkins@yahoo.com

- March 12, 2011 Lunch & Wine, Modesto
- March 19 & 20, 2011 ***Camellia Society of Modesto Show***
 Ernest & Julio Gallo Administration Bldg.
 Modesto, CA
 Contact Harlan Smith at 209-537-6625 or gpasmith@netzero.net

- March 26, 2011 ***Mini Show***
 Broadway Plaza, Walnut Creek, CA
 Contact Don Bergamini at 925-229-0775 or camelliadon@comcast.net
 or Bob Ehrhart at 925-937-0188 or REhrh72822@aol.com

Susanne Dell always needs members to bring treats to the meetings.
 Contact her at 519-0287 if you can help!



Camellia Society of Sacramento Board meeting Schedule for 2010-2011. Meetings are held on the first Tuesday of each month at 7 p.m. sharp. All members are welcome to attend!

<i>Date</i>	<i>Board Member</i>	<i>Address</i>	<i>Phone Number</i>
<i>3-1-11</i>	<i>Ernie & Julie Vierra</i>	<i>1048 Longcroft Street West Sacramento</i>	<i>371-2174</i>
<i>4-5-11</i>	<i>Bob & Joanne Logan</i>	<i>500 Stillwater Street Lincoln</i>	<i>434-8618</i>

MEETING DATES FOR 2010-2011 ~ Not too many left ☹

Monday, February 28th

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SATURDAY, APRIL 16th AT THE CLUB PHEASANT IN WEST SACRAMENTO



NEWSLETTER INFORMATION

It was so exciting to see so many attending our January meeting! We hope you had a good time and we hope to see you at this month's meeting. Don't forget to bring some blooms. Paper bags not allowed!! New members come and sign up for duties for Friday and the weekend of the Show. We are going to need help!

Articles for the Camellia Times are due at the board meeting date, the first Tuesday of every month. Feel free to e-mail me at j4sfgiants@sbcglobal.net or work is jvierra@wusd.k12.ca.us.

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