

# Camellia Times

Camellia Society of Sacramento

[www.camelliasocietyofsacramento.org](http://www.camelliasocietyofsacramento.org)

**MEETING DATE: MONDAY, MARCH 28, 2011**

**Lutheran Church of the Master**

**1900 Potrero Way**

**Sacramento, CA 95822**

**7:00 p.m.**

Happy   
St. Patrick's Day

## **PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE**



*Happiness is like a butterfly which, when pursued,  
is always beyond our grasp, but, if you will sit  
down quietly, may alight upon you. ~*

*Nathaniel Hawthorne*

WOW!!!! What a show! A huge **Thank You** to all our members and friends who worked tirelessly to make this year's show such a success. We had the biggest crowd in years. Despite the fact that the weather wasn't very cooperative prior to the show, the blooms were beautiful. Our three co chairpersons, Don Lesmeister, Bob Logan and Gary Schanz really out did themselves this year. You may not realize this, but these gentlemen work for months to make this show happen. Thank you!

- It was so nice to have Mayor Kevin Johnson open our show. The camellia is the City flower and Mayor Johnson's support of our show, being a Sacramento Tradition, is very important.
- The trophy table was beautiful and the variety of trophies added to its presentation. Great job Joan and the "trophy table ladies".
- A big thank you to LuAnn for the trophy table cards and printouts of the results of all the winners. It can be a royal pain working behind the scenes on the computer. Pat Warner and Cindy Cook from Modesto watched LuAnn as she entered everything (with their help) in preparation of their Modesto Show.
- The plant sale was a big success. We made \$2200 and only had 15 plants left. "Thank you", to Bob, Jim, Patrick, Ron, Rebecca, Gary and Terry. The plant sale is a very hard job and your hard work and effort is very much appreciated.
- Another big thank you to our members who provided the refreshments and coffee, Friday and Saturday, Leone, Helmuth, Bob Christopher, Julie, LuAnn and Susanne. I know this is a thankless job but all who attended appreciate the refreshments and beverages.

- The boutique did well; people still love those old buttons. We made \$51.00 toward the scholarship. Thank you Shellie-Rae, Rick, Guy, Lana, Patty and Irene. Mary, your beautiful cards were such a hit.
- This year's publicity was very good. Coverage by the Sacramento Bee, The Carmichael Valley News, great article by Lance Armstrong, KCRA's website, "ulocal", had a wonderful video of camellias and the show. Ron and Arlene Morrison, and Gary Schanz your efforts made a difference. There were additional members who contributed to the increased attendance because of their outreach efforts. Thank you to all of you. (too many to name).
- Lana, your clerks and runners did a great job. (punch, punch, punch) and the Judges did a good job as well.
- Jackie Randall really knows how to run a photo contest. Many more entries than last year and the judges, Lance Armstrong, Elaine Thomas, Jim Toland, and Jay Spooner did an outstanding job. The critiques on the back of the cards were very helpful.
- Susanne, you and your crew of "greeters" provided a warm welcome to all who entered. Thank you.
- Thank you to Julie Vierra and LuAnn for organizing the delicious luncheon. Julie, LuAnn and Arlene, the decorations were perfect.
- Julie, the Information Table with the ACS and Camellia Society of Sacramento display provided a wealth of information. I know you put in a lot of time preparing the program and "How to Care for Camellias" handout. They were a wonderful addition to the show.
- The students of Will C. Wood Middle School and their teachers, once again, were such a big help setting up. Congratulations to the three students who won junior awards. A special "high five" to the teachers who provide opportunities for these students to experience more than just what is in the books.
- George and Rose Marie, great job with the tabulations.
- Thank you to Capital Nursery for their display and use of plants. So many great comments about how pretty the plants were as people entered the Auditorium.
- I also want to thank the City of Sacramento, specifically Brian Chatterton and the City crew who did such a great job setting everything up. The new lights are wonderful. We, the members of the Camellia Society of Sacramento, appreciate all your support and cooperation to make this such a special event and allow us to continue this tradition.
- Last, but not least, thank you Governor Brown for stopping by with Sutter to enjoy some of our beautiful flowers at the end of the show. Definitely, an unexpected surprise.

I apologize if I have neglected to mention one of the hardworking groups of dedicated members and friends that made this year's show a success. This is an event that cannot happen without the combined efforts of our membership.

BEST OF SHOW winners this year, Don and Joan Lesmeister with the most beautiful Elaine's Betty I have ever seen. Don and Mary Bergamini won the Sweepstakes. Congratulations to all the winners!

I look forward to welcoming our new members at our next meeting, March 28, at 7PM. Bring a friend and share the fun.

Carol Schanz  
President

# WELCOME

to our New Members!

Terri Burns  
David & Bonnie Burnes  
Thomas & Daniel Ericksen  
Lisa Morris  
Karen Newlin



**MARCH MEETING**



*We will be having a presentation on this year's meetings and Shows. How time has flown this year, so it will be fun to watch and remember what we did! We will celebrate a great job by everyone who helped put up and take down our magnificent Show this year! Cheers to all!*

*Please check out the American Camellia Society website. It's amazing! Our members have been doing great! Despite the crazy weather we've had, our group has done well at all of the Shows. Check out the American Camellia Society website and see for yourself!*

[www.americancamelliasociety.com](http://www.americancamelliasociety.com)

**Winners from the Mini-Show Bloom Competition in February were:**

*Flower of the Show*

**Pink Perfection**

**Irene Moore**

*1<sup>st</sup> Runner-Up*

**Kramer's Supreme**

**Guy Gilbert**

*2<sup>nd</sup> Runner-Up*

**C.M. Wilson**

**Guy Gilbert**

*Congratulations to the winners!*



**Speaking of winners, here are some BIG Winners!**

## Flowers of the Show for 2011 (so far...)

Show	Location	Date	Best of Show Flower	Exhibitor
Judge's Symposium	Santa Clara	1-22-11	Frank Houser	Don & Joan Lesmeister
Napa Camellia Society	Napa	2-5-11	Frank Houser Var.	Bob & Linda Ehrhart
Peninsula/SF	Redwood City	2-12-11	Frank Houser Var.	Don & Joan Lesmeister
Northern CA Camellia Societyl	Walnut Creek	2-19-11	Sir Robert Muldoon	Don & Joan Lesmeister
Santa Clara County	Santa Clara	2-20-11	Junior Prom	Don & Joan Lesmeister
Camellia Society of Sacramento	Sacramento	3-5-11	Elaine's Betty	Don & Joan Lesmeister
Modesto Camellia Society	Modesto	3-19-11	?	?
Mini-Show	Walnut Creek	3-26-11	?	?

### Southern California

We had a few of our members who did very well down in Southern California! That's a long way to go to show flowers! It was the same weekend as Peninsula, Feb. 12<sup>th</sup>.

*Best Mini*

**Sue Kendall**

**Gary & Carol Schanz**

*Best Small*

**Little Babe Var.**

**Gary & Carol Schanz**

*Runner-Up Small*

**Tada Meibi**

**Gary & Carol Schanz**

*Best Medium*

**Firedance Var.**

**Gary & Carol Schanz**

*Runner-Up Treated Retic/Hybrid*

**Frank Houser**

**Gary & Carol Schanz**

*Best Old Timer*

**Magnoliaflora**

**Jackie Randall**

*Best Very Large Japonica*

**Moonlight Bay**

**Ron & Arlene Morrison**

*Best Hybrid*

**Island Sunset**

**Ron & Arlene Morrison**



**CAMELLIA SOCIETY OF SACRAMENTO 2010-2011 EXECUTIVE BOARD**

Position	Name	Phone Number
President	Carol Schanz	447-1969
1 <sup>st</sup> Vice President	LuAnn Watkins	372-1152
2 <sup>nd</sup> Vice President	Ron Morrison	383-7005
Recording Secretary	Joan Lesmeister	967-8420
Treasurer	Joanne Logan	434-8618
Corresponding Secretary	Julie Vierra	371-2174
Historian	Helmuth Wildemann	422-4128

### CAMELLIA SOCIETY OF SACRAMENTO 2010-11 ADVISORY BOARD

Show Chairmen	Don Lesmeister Bob Logan Gary Schanz
ACS/ICS Representative	Bob Logan
Education, Research & Science	
E-Team Representative	Shellie-Rae Leverett
Greeter	Ann Crowder
Hospitality	Susanne Dell
Meeting Bloom Competition	Gary Schanz
Membership	Arlene Morrison
Outreach/Community Projects	TBA
Past President	Joan Lesmeister
Sunshine	Eleanore Biggs



#### March Plant Raffle

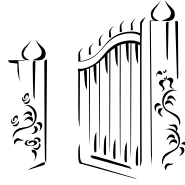
Door Prize: Nuccio's Ruby

Special: Amplixalus (a specie of camellia with long rectangular leaves)

Regulars: Kitty, Little Slam Var., Night Rider, Rudy's Magnoliaflora, and Queen Bee



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



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

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

<b>Date</b>	<b>Speaker</b>	<b>Program Topic</b>
Monday, March 28th, 2011	LuAnn Watkins & Julie Vierra Jackie Randall	Review of the 2010-2011 Camellia Season "Through the Garden Gate"
Saturday, April 16 <sup>th</sup> , 2010	Camellia Luncheon at the Club Pheasant	Silent Auction, Plant Raffle, Installation of new officers for the 2011-2012 Camellia Season  Good Eats, Good Friends and Good-Bye for the Camellia Season

**It's that time again for our April luncheon! It's right around the corner, so please, if you have time, decide what you want for lunch, fill out your order and send it in to Susanne Dell, or better yet, bring it to the March meeting! It will, as always, be loads of fun with the Silent Auction, plant sale and installation of next year's officers. The food isn't bad, either!! Great fun, great folks and lots of laughs! Please plan on attending our last meeting of the year. Let's send off this camellia season with a bang!! So fill out those luncheon orders, make out your check and get them in to Susanne.**

**Here are your choices:**

CLUB PHEASANT



2525 Jefferson Blvd  
West Sacramento, C A 95691  
Phone: 916.371.9530  
Fax: 916.371.9553  
[www.theclubpheasant.com](http://www.theclubpheasant.com)

**LUNCHEON PARTY MENU WITH ICE CREAM**

PICK WHAT YOU WOULD LIKE TO HAVE AT THE LUNCHEON AND FILL OUT THE ORDER FORM BELOW. *Thanks!*

Garlic Steak Sandwich	\$22.00
Chicken Sandwich	\$19.00

*\*All Full Sandwiches served with choice of French Fries, Ravioli or Salad with House Dressing*

Combination Spaghetti and Ravioli	\$15.50
Chicken Caesar Salad	\$16.25
Shrimp Louie Salad	\$17.50

*\*Pasta Dish and Salads served with Garlic Bread*

ALL ENTREES SERVED WITH CHOICE OF COFFEE, TEA OR MILK  
 ALL ENTREES INCLUDE ICE CREAM FOR DESSERT  
 ALL PRICES INCLUDE SALES TAX AND GRATUITY

MAKE YOUR DINNER SELECTIONS AND RESERVATIONS BY FILLING OUT THE FORM BELOW  
 MAKING CHECKS PAYABLE TO: **CAMELLIA SOCIETY OF SACRAMENTO**

**SEND TO: Susanne Dell**  
**P.O. Box 705**  
**Folsom, CA 95763**

**Questions? Call Susanne at 916-474-0356**

**PLEASE GET YOUR LUNCHEON ORDERS IN AS SOON AS POSSIBLE!**  
**RESERVATIONS DEAD LINE IS APRIL 11th!**

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**PLEASE CUT THIS PORTION OFF AND SEND TO SUSANNE**

LUNCHEON RESERVATION FORM

NAME	SELECTION plus CHOICE OF SIDE DISH	COST

TOTAL: \$



**This and That**  
*By Don Bergamini*

Here we are in March and we are halfway through our camellia showing season. By the end of the month you should start fertilizing and pruning your plants. Remember to fertilize in **April, July and September**. This will give you great blooms for next year. When pruning remember to cut out those cross branches that are in the middle of your plant. Rule of thumb is that a bird should be able to fly through your plant. This will also provide for the the better blooms. Be sure you also have all those petals picked up. You can also start your repotting of your plants if they need to be moved up in size. Enjoy the rest of the show season and get busy in your garden. The more time you put into your hobby the better results you will get next year. BLOOM ON! Don



***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 CALENDAR**

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- 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](mailto:gpasmith@netzero.net)  
**THEIR 50<sup>TH</sup> YEAR! COME HELP THEM CELEBRATE!**
  
- March 26, 2011      ***Mini Show***  
Broadway Plaza, Walnut Creek, CA  
Contact Don Bergamini at 925-229-0775 or [camelliadon@comcast.net](mailto:camelliadon@comcast.net)  
or Bob Ehrhart at 925-937-0188 or [REhrh72822@aol.com](mailto:REhrh72822@aol.com)

Susanne Dell always needs members to bring treats to the meetings.  
Contact her at 916-474-0356 if you can help!

You can always sign up for  
**NEXT** year! 😊



**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!**

Date	Board Member	Address	Phone Number
4-5-11	Bob & Joanne Logan	500 Stillwater Street Lincoln	434-8618

**THE LAST MEETING DATES FOR 2010-2011 ☺**

**Monday, March 28<sup>th</sup> - last meeting at the church**

**SATURDAY, APRIL 16<sup>th</sup> LUNCHEON AT THE CLUB PHEASANT IN WEST SACRAMENTO**

**SIGN-UP FOR THE LUNCHEON! WE HAVE LOADS OF FUN!**



**NEWSLETTER INFORMATION**

*Wow! What a great Show we put on!! Thanks to everyone who worked tirelessly to make our Show the best in the west...or even the United States! Just as we start tearing down the show, who should walk in but the governor of California!! He was a kick! Maybe next year he will bring his wife and come during the show instead of after it!!*

*Our mini show at our February meeting was fun, too! We had some beautiful flowers to judge. Hope you all enjoyed being a judge for the night!*

***At our April luncheon, if you would like to donate something to the Silent Auction, please give me a call at home. We are always looking for "gently used" items or even new things to put on the table to auction off. We have so much fun with this and it brings in a hefty chunk of change!! Thank you ahead of time for your donation!***

*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](mailto:j4sfgiants@sbcglobal.net) or work is [jvierra@wusd.k12.ca.us](mailto:jvierra@wusd.k12.ca.us).*

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