

NORTHERN CALIFORNIA CAMELLIA COUNCIL
WINTER MEETING Minutes

Napa Senior Center
1500 Jefferson Street, Napa, Ca

FEBRUARY 7, 2009

1. CALL TO ORDER

*The meeting was called to order by President Bob Ehrhart.
Minutes accepted.*

2. ROLL CALL

*All Camellia Clubs represented!
President Bob Ehrhart, Nancy & Larry Pitts, Fran Zurilgen (Northern); VP Bob Logan, &
Treasurer, Joanne Logan, Joan & Don Lesmeister, Carol & Gary Shanz, and Jackie
Randall, (Sacramento); Jack Tognetti, Don Fretz, Fran Kane, and
Secretary, Nancy McGowan-Russell (Napa); Bill Allman, (Santa Clara);
Pete Warner, (Modesto); Tony Miranda, (Atwater); Mike Ekberg, (S.F.
Peninsula).*

3. HONOR DEPARTED MEMBERS

*Rosalie Yee is fondly remembered as an active, cheerful member of the Sacramento Camellia
Society. Sacramento's show is being dedicated to her this year.*

4. TREASURER'S REPORT

*Joanne Logan's report was distributed. Account balance after picnic income/expenses is
\$2,820.84. CD with interest is \$4,343.36 for a total of \$7,164.20.*

5. INSURANCE REPORT

*As stated in the minutes of last meeting, Bill Lockwood has offered assistance to our new
Treasurer with council insurance responsibilities. The president will ask Bill Lockwood to transfer
the insurance paper work to Treasurer Logan.*

*Mike Ekberg had questions on the liability coverage specifics. Discussion included that members
are not covered, but guests are covered. Joanne will send Mike a copy of the policy.*

6. SHOW UPDATES

*Mike Ekberg reports that the S.F. Peninsula Society will be holding some of their shows at the S.F.
Botanical Garden location. When the Peninsula Society has their show at that location, the board
would like to have the date coincide with the Lunar New Year. By holding the show on the Lunar
New Year, the club could capitalize on attendance at the Lunar New Year activities in the hall
adjacent to the hall used for the camellia show. It was noted that it is very difficult to change show
dates. Mike will get details on the dates and would like to visit the discussion again.*

7. SHOW MATERIALS- CARDS & STICKERS

*Question: "Can we use the white entry card with seedling information somehow written in instead
of using the expensive pink seedling cards." A lively discussion ensued. Mike Ekberg motioned
that Societies begin using the white entry cards marked clearly with the word "Seedling". The*

current stock of pink cards may be used until stock is exhausted. Nancy McGowan seconded the motion and all were in favor.

8. NORTHERN CALIFORNIA JUDGES LIST

Judges Symposium was held in Sacramento on January 24th. Those in attendance will be certified for the next five years, as long as ACS dues are current. Our Northern California Judges list may need to be updated.

9. CHRISTMAS IN JULY

The Bergamini's have volunteered to host the celebration again this year on July 18th.

10. FALL NCCC MEETING – DATE /LOCATION

Location and date has not been determined yet. Stay tuned!

11. CAMELLIA PERSON OF YEAR SELECTION COMMITTEE

Don Lesmeister usually chairs this committee and he chooses others for the decision as to who the award will go to. It was noted that it is not mandatory to have a Camellia Person of the Year every year.

12. NEW BUSINESS

***ACS Annual 2009 Spring Convention** to be held March 19^h thru 21st in Foster City. (Details are on the ACS website.)*

The convention has been a group effort:

- *Peninsula Society will greet guests on Wednesday and Thursday at the hotel lobby. Guests will be directed to Ann Walton's suite which will be used as a hospitality room.*
- *Napa Valley Camellia Society is donating ditty bags for the convention.*
- *The president asked for a motion for the council to contribute \$300 to towards the ACS, S. F. 2009 Convention. The motion was made, seconded and passed by a voice vote.*
- *The president will ask his Society (NCCS) to contribute \$ 300.00.*
- *Sacramento Camellia Society will ask their board for a donation.*
- *Modesto Camellia Society is hosting the Convention Camellia Show. Tony advised members that the time table for the show is very tight! The doors open at 6:30 and close at 9:30! Judging will begin promptly at 10 and must be completed in 2 hours. Lunch will be at 12. Gallo is hosting a wine tasting at 2pm for the Judges. 18 East Coast Judges have volunteered. Judging teams will consist of 1 east coast member and 2 west coast members.*
- *Some of our east coast friends may want to enter blooms. Mike Ekberg has volunteered to be at the hotel on Saturday to help with flowers. He cautions that the bus must arrive at Modesto no later than 9am so that exhibitors can place their blooms.*

Price for Convention Saturday Night Dinner only will be determined soon. It is not known if the convention room rate at the hotel is available if you are attending the dinner only.

13. ANNOUNCEMENTS

President encourages members to think of something new that the council can do!! Something fun!!

14. ADJOURNMENT

Meeting adjourned at 2:20.

Respectfully submitted by Nancy McGowan