



THE PENSACOLA CAMELLIA

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Newsletter Editor

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A Camellia Calendar of Love

John Edwards (1915-2007), a Pensacola native and member of the Pensacola Camellia Club since 1937, left the growers of camellias a Camellia Calendar that represents ‘tender and loving care’ attitude. John loved camellias and expressed that love through his comment, “You can be down, you can be ill, but just go out there (his greenhouse) and see what God has created. It’s marvelous! I’d say this is the best therapy that ever was.”

January – Water well before freeze if extremely dry. Plant new varieties; transplant older plants and complete potting program. Continue ‘gibbing’ if you have suitable buds. Compete in, and visit, Camellia Shows.

February – Time to begin your grafting program. Prune dead wood. Pickup and destroy fallen blooms. Compete in, and visit, Camellia Shows. **(Fallen blooms create spores that cause petal blight.)*

March – Complete grafting program. Fertilize. *Pickup and destroy of fallen blooms. Complete your pruning program and cut back large plants. Compete in, and visit, Camellia Shows

April – Complete fertilization. Time to propagate by air layering plants. Spray (after danger of frost). *Pickup and destroy fallen blooms.

May – Complete spraying of plants.

June – Water if too dry.

July – Water if too dry. Begin propagation from cuttings Light application of fertilizer (low in nitrogen content). Summer grafting.

August – Water if too dry. Complete light application of fertilizer. Complete your cutting propagation. **September** – Plant camellia seeds. Air layer plants should be ready to pot. Spray if needed. Begin disbudding and ‘gibbing’ programs.

October – Complete disbudding of plants, and continue to pot air layer plants. Mulch for winter months. Continue ‘gibbing’ program.

November – Water if too dry. Plant new varieties. Transplant or repot plants. Continue ‘gibbing’ program.

December – Water if too dry, especially before a freeze. Continue planting program. Continue ‘gibbing’ program. *Pickup and destroy fallen blooms. Compete in, and visit, Camellia Show. **The attention given to your plants expresses your love for them--**

Adapted from John Edwards’ camellia calendar by Gordon E. Eade.

PICNIC

May 5, 2012 will be our annual picnic. This year it is being held at Paul Burno’s house. The address is 619 North Baylen St. Call or email Sandra Sherman if you plan to attend. Everyone is asked to bring a covered dish as this is a pot luck picnic. If you want something stronger than tea or water please bring your own bottle.

PENSACOLA CAMELLIA CLUB (PCC) STATEMENT OF PURPOSE

- TO FOSTER AND MAINTAIN AN INTEREST IN CAMELLIAS AND THEIR CULTURE
- TO PROMOTE THE STUDY OF CAMELLIAS
- TO PROVIDE AN OPPORTUNITY FOR THEIR EXHIBITION AND APPRECIATION, NOMENCLATURE AND TO RECOGNIZE THOSE INDIVIDUALS WHO HAVE ENCHANCED THE CAMELLIA IN OUR SOCIETY

2012 OFFICERS

President- John Davy
1st VP & Show Chair- Skip Vogelsang
2ndVP & Program Chair- Bill Lyford
3rd VP, Membership-Judy Kerr
Secretary-Norman Vickers
Treasurer- Thekla Morris
Past-President- Charles Fosha

2012 BOARD MEMBERS

Paul Bruno
Christi Hankins
Pierre Kaufke
Kean Engie
Dick Hooton
Bill Bennett

Pensacola Camellia Club

Board Meeting

TUESDAY APRIL 3, 2011, 6:30 P.M.

TRYON BRANCH LIBRARY

Present: Davy, Vogelsang, Lyford, Kerr, Vickers, T. Morris, Bennett, Bruno, Hankins, Hooton, Kaufke, R. Vinson, and Fosha

Absent: Engie (out of town)

Called to order at 6:30 p.m. by

President John Davy

OLD BUSINESS

Air-Layering project: update. Judy Kerr reported that her sister Joan Blanchard had recent knee surgery so was unable to complete her assignment as air-layering chair. No replacement was forthcoming.

Discussion about much-needed effort for air-layering ensued. We will encourage all members to air layer—Hooton will supply a “most-wanted variety” list.

UWF Garden: Vogelsang reported: 31 persons—25 non-board members donated total of 1,435. So, we need about \$1,000 more to reach financial goal. Long discussion ensued about paper and mulch. Vogelsang will continue research vigorously and expeditiously. Need to complete this project soon!

May Picnic Saturday May 4, 4-6 PM. Paul Bruno’s home 619 Baylen St.—Sherman and Bruno reported. Only eight persons have signed up to attend/bring food. Need vigorous campaign to get our members/guests to attend.

Clarification: location of Dec 2013 Camellia show. If 2013 show is held at 1st Baptist, has cancellation been made with Sanders Beach? As of now, we still have reservation for Dec 2013 at Sanders Beach. Vogelsang was authorized to inquire re time for cancellation, loss of deposit etc.

Clarification: Did we get billing for last Dec. judges luncheon settled? T. Morris reported that all bills at 1st United Methodist Church have been paid.,

Foundation: R. Vinson, Chair of Trustees clarified some details for us.

Motion, seconded, passed to appoint

Hooton and Fosha as replacements for Turek and Eade.

REPORTS

Treasurer’s report—T. Morris reported current balance of \$9,807.92. Vogelsang gave detailed explanation of income/expenditures. Projection is that we will likely end fiscal year July 31 with surplus of just under \$2,000.

Membership: Judy Kerr reported current membership at 221. Decision was made that directories would be given out at the meeting, thereby saving postage and mailing costs. Vinson and others encouraged membership campaign for ACS. We came in second last year for ACS membership campaign (no prize was awarded 2nd place; this year, there is a 2nd prize.) We have chance to win if a few more members join. There was good response at March meeting for membership—Roger helped with a \$5/supplement for new members. Davy will bring in some plants as supplement/prize for new ACS membership at next meeting.

Program: Lyford reported that John Davy will chair panel to discuss summer care for camellias—pests, diseases, fertilizer, water. Panelists will be Bennett, Hooton and Vogelsang.

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Website: Lyford reported on utilization of website. Article written by Vinson about naming of Johnny Edwards’ Don-Mac camellia will be put up on the web.

Newsletter: Sherman solicited articles for newsletter. Has only about 40 which are required to be mailed. She makes no charge for printing on own computer. Photos printed in B&W; they are color on website and when sent by e-mail.

Shade House & Plant Sales: Hooton reported that shade house inventory was low, as hoped and projected. Recent workday was helpful in weeding, repotting and arranging plants. **Need a volunteer to come out and help one day a week**—Hooton

will adjust his schedule to fit. Al Jeppesen was helping but current physical condition precludes his continuing. **Any volunteers?**

NEW BUSINESS

Summer Board workshop—proposed Saturday June 2, from 9-noon. Vinson will check with First Baptist re availability. They charge \$75 as security guard is required. If available on that date, Vinson was directed to reserve that space and time.

Appoint committees to report at workshop:

---**By-laws**—annual review and possible revision: Vogelsang, Vinson and Fosha

---**Procedure manual**—Kerr and Eade

Camellia Club –logo search.

Vickers reported that, at request of Hankins and others, he had researched design and cost for custom logo for clothing at Wings and Things on Navy Blvd. Christi Hankins was appointed to pursue this further with other estimates and report back. Consensus was that embroidering on clothing was preferable to use of a patch.

Audit: Camellia Club and Camellia Club Foundation. As required by the by-laws, Fosha reported that his committee consisting of himself as chair, Bill Lyford and Dennis Kohli found no major discrepancies. Full report is appended.

Business concluded and meeting adjourned at 7:25 p.m.

F. Norman Vickers, Secretary

Remember when air-layering your Camellias, do another one or two for the club. This will help increase the number we have to sale next year.

MINUTES PCC MEMBERSHIP MEETING

TUESDAY APRIL 17, 2012- GARDEN CENTER

Social time began at 6:30 p.m.

Barbara Moon, chair of refreshments committee, recruited volunteers who brought a wide array of cakes, cookies, individual pecan pies to go with the coffee.

President John Davy called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. His distinguished panel included Dick Hooton, Skip Vogelsang, Bill Bennett and Roger Vinson. The panel responded to questions from the audience. Some highlights included:

Fertilizer: granular time-release fertilizer is recommended. Liquid fertilizer such as Miracle-Grow is water soluble so it requires frequent application-less desirable. Osmocote was mentioned as an example of granular time-release fertilizer. When to fertilize: February with lesser applications in June and September. Phosphate is present in Florida soil so less of this is needed. Fertilizer numbers-e.g. 12-4-8-stand for nitrogen (1st number)-phosphate (2nd number) and potash (3rd number). Ideally, a soil sample will help determine what is needed. Ideal pH is 5.5-6.5 (slightly acidic.) **Spray:** light oil spray, mixed according to label directions, is recommended for spring and fall application. Original Volk oil is heavier and is recommended as a dormant spray. However lighter oil sprays-many brand names, including All-Season Oil-can be used in warmer weather but not recommended if temperature is over 80 degrees. Roger Vinson says he adds malathion (about \$10 for 16 ounces) to his all season oil spray. So he can kill aphids and spider mites either way-suffocation with oil or by a neurotoxin with malathion. Dick Hooton says that he sometimes uses Cleary's 3336F fungicide, full-strength, when he is trying to save a plant from die-back. (Caution, not cheap at \$69/quart.) **Suggestion:** talk with Dick if/when

you contemplate doing this.

Newer methods of grafting: "soft wood grafting" a newer method is available on ACS website.

At the end of the panel discussion

John Davy asked the question to each of the experts, "If you could have only ten camellias, which varieties would you pick?"

Hooton: Pink Perfection, Alba Plena, Frank Houser (red or variegated) Julia, Night Rider, Betty Ridley. He gave his reasons for each and left remaining slots open.

Vogelsang: Black Lace, Var.; Frank House, Var.; Lady Laura; Linda Carroll, Lundy's Legacy (recently named following PCC member T. E. Lundy's death); Pink Dahlia, Seafoam; Showtime; and Durrell Rieves ???
Bill Bennett: Mansize, Fircone, var., Lady Laura. He mentioned Rose Dawn and Lady Claire as ideal landscape plants.

Roger Vinson: Royal Velvet, Lauren Tudor, Mary Fischer, Melissa Ann, Edna Bass, Moonlight Bay, Paul Haskie, Var.; Tomorrow, Park Hill (Any of the Tomorrow family but Park Hill is a favorite); Pensacola variety Don-Mac and Elaine's Betty. For sunny area-Star Above Star (Vernalis)
Hooton: for fragrant camellia-High Fragrance or Ackscent (lesser fragrance but lovely bloom); Kagarohi (because of its prominent yellow blossom) Favorite Sasanqua or relatives-- Leslie Ann. (two others were mentioned but none of the panelists got back to me on the answers-so query Hooton, Vogelsang, Vinson or Bennett.)
Following a break, the meeting resumed.

Picnic: Saturday May 5, 4-6 p.m. at the home of Paul Bruno, 619 N. Baylen Street. This is a pot-luck picnic. You must make reservations - call Sandra Sherman, 623-6321.

Bring own adult beverage, if desired.

Air Layering Project: John Davy discussed the need for air layers, the main money-maker for our club. Our \$10/year dues is a loss-leader. A

number of people volunteered to do at least 10 from their own yard. Pierre Kaufke kindly volunteered to head a project for air-layering in the community.

UWF Camellia Garden--plan for mulching the entire area. Skip Vogelsang reported that we currently have raised \$2,100 with the Adopt-A-Camellia plan, leaving us only \$400 shy of our goal. Total cost of the mulching project is estimated at \$5,000. See previous minutes about how the other \$2,500 had been raised. ACS membership competition: Roger Vinson indicated that our club is in contention for first or second prize for the most members recruited. He gave a plea for additional new members. John Davy had brought a number of valuable camellia plants as a reward/inducement for new membership.

Shade House: Dick Hooton asked for one volunteer to join him at the Shade House one morning a week for routine care of our valuable camellia plants. Bruce Musselman volunteered to help out.

Membership: Judy Kerr noted that current membership number two hundred twenty-two. Also dues will be due in August. So be sure to renew and assure that you will be listed in the upcoming membership directory. It's OK to pay dues early and OK to pay for several years' membership in advance. Call Judy at 434-0326 for details. She noted that attendance tonight numbered 49.

Raffle was held and there were, as usual, happy winners. Mack Thetford was a happy double-winner.
F. Norman Vickers, PCC Secretary

Your next newsletter will come out in August.

Remember to Air Layer a few plants for the club.

