



THE PENSACOLA CAMELLIA

DECEMBER 2012

Newsletter Editor

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ANNOUNCEMENTS

Dues

If you haven't paid your dues you have just a few more days to pay them. Do you enjoy getting the Camellia Club newsletter and all the information about meetings and programs? If you haven't paid your dues for the coming year, you will no longer receive this information after December that is when the new directories are printed. Please pay them by December 10th. **Dues are only \$10.00 a year.** Contact Judy Kerr; phone 434-0326 or email; judy.kerr@cox.net for more information.

Banquet will be Tuesday Feb 19, 2013. It will be held at Seville Quarter on Government Street downtown, in the Heritage hall. Cost is \$20 per person and members are encouraged to bring significant other and guest (2 or 3 if they would like, the charge is the same \$20 for guest or member) to further promote the club. We will have music, a cash bar, tables will be decorated with Camellias, so we need members to bring blooms for tables. We will have a mini show and all members are encouraged to bring blooms for Mini show. Mini show and Cocktails start at 6 pm, meal around 7 pm installation of officers around 7:45 pm. Please send money to PCC (Pensacola Camellia Club) To T. Morris, 579 Man O'War Circle, Cantonment, Fl. 32533 or they can send to Paul Bruno ... P.O. Box 228 , Pensacola Florida 32591. Please respond by 2-8-13

If you have a short article on Camellias that is interesting please send it to me with the information on when, where and who published it (so we can give them credit). I try to get it in the newsletter.

See the article this month on Spider Mites and how to control them.

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MEETINGS AND PROGRAMS

DECEMBER MEETING

The December meeting will be held on the first Tuesday of the month, DECEMBER 4, 2012. Social is 6:30 pm. and meeting is at 7:00 pm. Program is finalizing plans for the Camellia show on Dec. 8th. Meeting place is the Pensacola Garden Club 1850 N 9th Ave.

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
Leanna Brennan
Dick Hooton
Bill Bennett

PENSACOLA CAMELLIA
CLUB
MINUTES
MEMBERSHIP MEETING
Tuesday November 20, 2012

Social Time began at 6:30 p. m.
President John Davy called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

Skip Vogelsang and Dick Hooton presented a program on how best to prepare your blooms for a camellia show. Pointers were given about gibbing blooms, assuring that the bloom is not injured by adjacent camellia leaves and proper storage in refrigerator, as necessary. There were also examples about best bloom placement for exhibiting, including selection of best sized container to show the bloom. Following that portion of the presentation, volunteers were called upon to demonstrate how the new system would work at our camellia show. Our club will do the placement of blooms for the exhibitors. This will require more volunteers than previously, so each club member should come prepared to assist.

In the period for audience questions and comments, Canny **O'Donnell** made a request for all to bring camellia blooms (those not to be exhibited), preferably with longer stems, to be used by the members of the Pensacola Federation of Garden Clubs for their exhibits. After a brief break, the meeting resumed.

Treasurer's report: T. Morris reported bank balance of \$6,619.04.

Membership: Judy Kerr reported current membership at 136 and reminded that dues

were due in August. Membership directory will be published in early 2013. Absolute deadline for membership ends Dec. 31.

Plant sales: Hooton reported that variety list has been circulated by e-mail. Will need help with plant sales at our 74th annual camellia show on Saturday December 8.

Annual Installation Banquet: Paul Bruno informed members that banquet would be February 19 (our regular 3rd Tuesday) at Heritage Room at Seville Quarter. Banquet cost is \$20/person. Payment should go to Bruno or T. Morris.

Reservations required. There will be a cash bar.

Nominating committee: President Davy named Roger Vinson as chair of the committee. They will report at the December meeting. Election will be at the January meeting.

Camellia Show Refreshments: Jerri Smith requests some members to bring finger-food snacks for exhibitors and workers at the show.

Camellia Raffle was held and there were happy plant winners. Everybody is a winner because proceeds help the club.

Meeting adjourned at 8:45 p.m. Submitted by Norman Vickers, Secretary

Skip Vogelsang,
Show Chairman

SHOWS SCHEDULE
FOR 2012-2013

Slidell (Ozone) La.	12/01/12
Pensacola, Fl.	12/08/12
Covington, La.	12/15/12

CONGRATULATIONS!!
Congratulations go out to John Stratton and Sandra Sherman for their first win and going to the head table at the Ft. Walton Beach show.



Placing of blooms practice



Skip Vogelsang, gives demo of how to get blooms ready for a show.



Dick Hooton answering questions on bloom placement.

Photos by Norman Vickers

Pensacola Camellia Club Foundation extend a thank you to Don Applegate for his donation. They also wish to thank Roger and Ellen Vinson for their donation in memory of Bob Bothfeld. If you would like to make a donation contact Roger Vinson.

IN MEMORY OF BOB BOTHFELD

A camellia lover – always smiling – and a great guy! He was a former Treasurer, Secretary, 2nd Vice President, 1st Vice President and President of the Pensacola Men’s Camellia Club. He was, in fact, the last President of that organization. As President, in 1989, Bob signed the revision of the Club’s Constitution and Bylaws which opened membership to men and women alike. He was the Pensacola Camellia Club’s “Person of the Year” in 1989. He also has the distinction of lowering the Club’s annual dues from \$7.00 to \$5.00 during his presidency. Perhaps Bob’s greatest gift was to share with others the beautiful blooms that he grew. Nursing homes and shops in Gulf Breeze were among the grateful recipients of his blooms. Bob was also an active participant in camellia shows as he brought many award winning blooms to every show. He was always in attendance at our Pensacola shows to greet visitors and share his knowledge of camellias with them. Indeed his presence and his blooms will be missed at shows. He will also be missed by the many community organizations in which he was an active

member. Most of all Bob will be missed by the many, who knew and loved him. Bob Bothfeld, we thank you for your enrichment of our lives!

Camellia Show News and Preparation

As you know our annual show is scheduled for Saturday Dec 8th. We are moving to a new location at the 1st Baptist Church on Palafox Street and there will be lots of new things to deal with. So please put Dec 7 and 8 on your schedule because we need all of the help we can get to insure we put on the best show in the Southeast. We will set up for the show on Friday afternoon so that we are ready to greet exhibitors first thing Saturday morning. The more volunteers we have setting up the faster and easier it will be. First thing Saturday morning we will need at least 12 volunteers to help us place blooms in the right location quickly and efficiently for judging. Everything will be color coded and numbered which will make it easy for anyone to do. We will also need at least 5 volunteers assisting exhibitors to bring their blooms from their car to the prep area. PLEASE let me know if I can count on you to fill one of these volunteer jobs. Email me at lbviii@cox.net or call 776-7951. Also consider being a clerk to assist the judges as they judge. It is a great opportunity to see the process close up and learn more about how to judge camellia blooms.

I will schedule a quick training for all of these volunteers to help you be ready for the show. Skip Vogelsang, Show Chairman

Pensacola Camellia Show Dec. 8th

Can you believe our annual camellia show is less than two weeks away? And that means ALL HANDS ON DECK !!!!!!! We will be hosting some of the best camellia growers in the USA as they arrive from Texas, Mississippi, Alabama, Georgia and south Florida. So please help us make this a great show. Here is how you can help make sure we have the best show of all.

- 1) Help us with set up of the show on the afternoon of Friday Dec 7th from 12:00 noon until 4pm.
- 2) Be there bright and early to help us place blooms on tables, organize refreshments, assist exhibitors with getting their blooms from their car. It will get busy at 7AM Saturday.
- 3) Make sure exhibitors have all the supplies they need ---- cups, water etc.
- 4) Bring some blooms from home and enter them in the show. We have 12 awards for novices this year.
- 5) Assist as a clerk for the judges at 10AM
- 6) Help us close down the show and put things away at 4:30 PM on Saturday afternoon.

AND DON'T FORGET THE NEW LOCATION AT THE 1st BAPTIST CHURCH 500 N. PALAFOX

Controlling Spider Mite

Damage

By Gene Phillips

October 3, 2012



Spider Mite Damage on Camellia Foliage

Usually, we are looking out for Spider Mite damage in the summer months when the temperatures are high and conditions are dry. However, spring and fall conditions can create a favorable environment for Spider Mites to cause considerable damage as well. If you don't stop them when you first see the symptoms, you will regret it for the rest of the year. The image above shows typical foliage damage caused by Spider Mites. The top of the leaves look like they have a bronze cast to them usually, but sometimes the look may be a silvery cast or even just a dull gray look. It reminds you of what you would expect if held out a camellia leaf and lightly sprayed it with bronze or silver colored spray paint. When you see this type of severe symptoms, the damage has already been done. Spider Mites are in the spider family, and they usually inhabit the underside of the leaves. If you take a look at the bottom of a leaf infested with spider mites, it appears to the naked eye as a dust like on the underside of the leaf.

When Spider mites begin to establish themselves on camellias, you will notice a slight bronzing of change in color on the top of the leaves. When you see this, you

need to act quickly to stop the problem. It only takes a few days or weeks for your camellia foliage to go from a beautiful green to this yucky looking bronze.

One of the best and safest ways to stop Spider Mite damage on camellias is to thoroughly spray the underside of the foliage with Horticultural Oil. The oil actually suffocates the tiny mites and stops the problem immediately. Spraying with oil will not reverse the damage already caused by the mites to the foliage, but it will keep the mites from creating additional damage on the existing plants and stop them from spreading to other camellias. One of the best ways to apply the Horticultural Oil is using a hose end sprayer. The water volume and pressure make for good coverage. As with using any chemical, always read the label and follow the directions completely.

Once you have stopped the Spider Mite problem, the damaged leaves with usually fall off as the plant sends out new growth. If the problem is severe and unsightly, you may want to prune the camellia back to minimize the damage appearance and stimulate new healthy growth. Keep a close eye out for Spider Mite damage. Don't let these little pests cause damage to your camellias.



Hose End Sprayers work well in applying Horticultural Oil to control Spider Mites as well as Tea Scale



Black Magic

Remember our Camellia show is **December 8, 2012.**

Your help is needed to make this show a success.

Refreshments are need for our hospitality room. Contact Jerri Smith at 932-2889 or jerriAdams@aol.com to get more information.



Kramer Supreme