

# The Pensacola Camellia



## ***December 2015 Newsletter of the Pensacola Camellia Club—established 1937***

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

### *President's Message*

*Happy Holidays! December has already been an exciting month. Thanks to everyone that contributed their time, effort, goodies, patience, and friendly greetings to make our 77<sup>th</sup> Camellia Show a great success. We were blessed with great weather and the camellias reciprocated.*

*We have moved our garden tour up to January 23, 2016. We will be featuring the UWF Garden and a second location is to be announced. Watch your emails for more information. Volunteers that meet and greet visitors make all the difference at these events. It is a great opportunity to form bonds with new and joining members as we learn more about camellias.*

*December was a particularly exciting month for me. I have a Seafoam camellia that bloomed for the first time this year. I purchased it the first day I joined the club during a Garden Tour in 2010. I have been told that it takes a while for new camellias to bloom, no one ever said five years. Just before this year's Camellia Show, I was walking the yard looking for prospects. As I turned the corner of my house, I could see a white bloom in the distance, I was giddy and when I got close, I went from giddy to ecstatic. I have planted other camellias in the yard since I joined our club and they have all done well, but Seafoam is special. It reminds me of the day when LeAnna Brennan called me and said, "Would you like to go to a Camellia Garden Tour?" And so it began.*

*Invite a friend and see you at the meeting on January 19<sup>th</sup>, 2016.*

*Best wishes in the New Year.*

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### *Certificates of Appreciation in November;*

***Rita Perling*** – for her faithful attendance and cheerful helpfulness.



### **Officers**

President – Christi Hankins  
1<sup>st</sup> VP & Show Chair – Skip Vogelsang  
2<sup>nd</sup> VP & Program Chair – Dick Sloan  
3<sup>rd</sup> VP, Membership – Lynn Manthei  
Secretary – F Norman Vickers  
Treasurer – Thekla Morris/ Bill Lyford  
Past President – Paul Bruno

### **Board Members**

LeAnna Brennan  
Dick Hooton  
Dante Kahn  
Alan McMillan  
Jerri Smith  
Dr. Mack Thetford

## **Membership Meetings & Programs**

***Tuesday, January 19th – Garden Center 1850 N. Ninth Ave.  
With social/ refreshment time at 6:30 and program at 7:00***

Reminder: Dues are \$10.00 per calendar year.

### **January 19th agenda**

- Preparation for the Camellia Garden Tours on Saturday Jan. 23rd at UWF Garden and other location.
- Camellia Workshop - 9 to Noon, Saturday Feb 13th at YMCA located on 3215 Langley Avenue

### **February 16th agenda**

- Preparation for the Camellia Garden Show at downtown Public Library on Saturday Feb. 27th

### **March 15th agenda**

- Pruning and fertilizing camellias.

## ***Upcoming Events;***

***Sat. Jan. 23: Camellia Garden Tours, locations to include UWF Camellia Garden***

***Sat. Feb. 13: Camellia Workshop & Plant Sale 9 to Noon, at YMCA on 3215 Langley Avenue***

***Sat. Feb. 27 : Community Camellia Show & Plant Sale at West Florida Public Library 239 N. Spring Street, Pensacola***

*This event is for the “average” camellia gardener. Those who have won major prizes at previous camellia shows may exhibit but not compete for prizes. There will be camellia plants for sale at each of these events.*

***April – U FL/ Milton Garden Festival***

### ***PENSACOLA CAMELLIA CLUB CONCLUDES 77<sup>TH</sup> ANNUAL CAMELLIA SHOW WITH 1,700+ ENTRIES***

The Pensacola Camellia Club’s 77<sup>t</sup> annual camellia show and plant sale held Saturday December 12 had over 1750 bloom entries from camellia enthusiasts both local and from surrounding states—Louisiana, Mississippi, Alabama, Georgia and various cities in Florida.

The camellia show is adjudicated by the rules of the American Camellia Society (ACS) and most of the judges in this show are from other clubs. Each variety of camellia bloom is judged separately and 1<sup>st</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> place winners are selected. Then judges determine if the best bloom for each category is eligible for a higher prize. There are two large categories—blooms grown in greenhouse and those grown outside.

“Sweepstakes winners” as those growers having the most 1st place (blue ribbon) winners.

Sweepstakes winners and runners-up in the greenhouse category were Jerry and Carol Selph of Quitman, GA and Howard and Mary Rhodes from Tallahassee. Outdoor sweepstakes winners and runners-up were Fred & Sandra Jones of Moultrie, GA and Paul Heuerkamp of Louisiana.

Dick Hooton of Pensacola Camellia Club won prize for “Best Bloom of the Show” with a new variety, Jim Smelley. Skip Vogelsang, chairman of PCC Camellia show, won “Best Pensacola Variety” with Lady Laura bloom.

Among those entering blooms in the show were current ACS president Jim Campbell of Covington, LA ; Forrest Latta, former ACS vice-president ;and Roger Vinson of Pensacola, former ACS President.

There is a “novice” category for those growers who have not won significant prizes at camellia shows previously. Some of those locals entering in this division include, Christi Hankins ,current PCC president and prominent attorney; Paul Bruno, restaurateur and past president of PCC and Alan McMillan, PCC board member and current Commodore of Pensacola Yacht Club. PCC member Carolyn Pulford won in two of the seven novice categories. One does not need to be a member of the Camellia Club in order to enter blooms.

More than 100 camellia plants were sold and nine persons took advantage of the offer of a new camellia plant on joining both the PCC and the American Camellia Society

# 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."

- 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 Shows.-
- 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. Fallen blooms create spores that cause petal blight. Compete in, and visit, Camellia Shows.

*Attention given to your plants expresses your love for them*

-- Adapted from John Edwards' Camellia Calendar by Gordon E. Ede.  
Appeared in PENSACOLA H&G, November 2007, p. 72.

*Other information;*

***Congratulations to Dick Hooton & Roger Vinson , #1 and #2 winners at the Gulfport Camellia show this past November 21 ,2015.***

*Click on the attached link for the details about the show winners;*

<http://www.atlanticcoastcamelliasociety.org/2015-2016/GCCS%20Exhibitor%20Rankings%20-%202015-2016.html>

<http://www.atlanticcoastcamelliasociety.org/2015-2016/MGCCS%20Show%20Results%20-%20112115-Gulfport.html>

Tax Planning idea - as the Year-ends donations to the club's Foundation are also a good way to help future generations of camellia growers in Pensacola.

If you need a gift idea, you may wish to purchase our logo in various colors embroidered for around \$7.00 at Wings & Things. Located at 3815 W Navy Blvd, Pensacola, FL 32507 or call (850) 455-3081.

### **From the PCC webmaster, Bill Lyford:**

Why should PCC members go to the website? There are ideas for camellia care, photographs of PCC activities and history of the organization beginning in 1937. Besides, one can access previous newsletters and see photos of Pensacola varieties. Most members know that there have been over 100 varieties originating from this club. Also, there are direct links to the American Camellia Society website. If ACS has done it better, then we link to their website rather than try to duplicate the effort. Winning blooms from our December Camellia Show will be posted soon. View those lovely blooms and plan your next camellia addition to your own garden.

For those who receive the newsletter by e-mail, click [here](#) to go to PCC website. Click [here](#) to go to ACS website.

### **Pensacola Camellia Club (PCC) Statement Of Purpose**

1. To Foster And Maintain An Interest In Camellias And Their Culture
2. To Promote The Study Of Camellias
3. To Provide An Opportunity For Their Exhibition And Appreciation
4. To Aid And Assist In The Standardization Of Camellia Nomenclature
5. To Provide An Opportunity For Camaraderie Among Those Sharing A Common Interest in Camellias.

### **PENSACOLA CAMELLIA CLUB FOUNDATION**

The Pensacola Camellia Club Foundation provided financial support for the activities of the Pensacola Camellia Club. In years past, our club members had to solicit funds for the Show from local businesses and financial supporters. That was difficult, time consuming, and distasteful to most of our members. Now, thanks in large part to the Foundation's financial support, we no longer have to worry about financing our annual show and can devote our full attention to the show itself. Our Club greatly benefits from having our Foundation.

The Foundation always needs and welcomes your donations and memorial gifts. It is both exempt from federal income taxation, as a 501(c) (3) organization, and qualified to receive charitable contributions and bequests which are tax deductible for federal income, estate, and gift tax purposes.

FOR MORE INFORMATION CONTACT ONE OF THE FOUNDATION BOARD MEMBERS.

/s/ Roger Vinson, Chair

Jack O'Donnell    Richard Hooton    Chuck Fosha    Skip Vogelsang, Trustees

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# *Atlantic Coast Camellia Society*

## EXHIBITOR RANKINGS

2015/2016

Gulf Coast Region

### **Scoring Algorithm**

**1<sup>st</sup> Place Sweepstakes - 10 Points**

**2<sup>nd</sup> Place Sweepstakes - 5 Points**

**Best Bloom in Show - 10 Points**

**Runner-Up Best Bloom in Show - 5 Points**

### **Major Categories & Trays**

**Best Bloom - 5 Points**

**Runner-Up or Court of Honor (if only two prizes are awarded) - 3 Points**

**Court of Honor - 1 Point**

The following scores have been compiled from the ACS Cooperative Shows in the ACCS Region for the 2015 - 2016 season.

**2 GCCS Cooperative Show & 4 ACCS Cooperative Shows**

**Current through December 12, 2015**

### **Leading Camellia Exhibitors by Individual Point Count**

**To See All Exhibitor Information [click here](#)**

#### **Gulf Coast Region - Outside Growers**

<b>Rank</b>	<b>Exhibitor</b>	<b>Points</b>
1	Richard Hooton	54
2	Roger Vinson	43
3	Paul Huerkamp	23
4	William & Linda Nichols	19
5	Al & Vickie Baugh	13
5	Jim Campbell	5
5	Bill & Vera Curry	5
5	Al & Doris LeFebvre	5

#### **Gulf Coast Region - Greenhouse Growers**

<b>Rank</b>	<b>Exhibitor</b>	<b>Points</b>
1	Walter Creighton	95
2	Jim Smelley	13

**Mississippi Gulf Coast Camellia Society**  
**November 21, 2015**  
**Orange Grove Community Center**  
**14416 Dedeaux Road**  
**Highway 49**  
**Gulfport, MS**  
**" Show Chairmen - Steven Manis & Al LeFebvre**  
**200 Blooms Exhibited**

**OUTSTANDING BLOOM CERTIFICATES**

**C. japonica unprotected:**

**VLg:** 'Mrs. D. W. Davis Special', William & Linda Nichols  
**RU:** 'Edna Bass', Roger Vinson  
**Lg:** 'Bobbie Fain Var.', Richard Hooton  
**RU:** 'Red Blossom', William & Linda Nichols  
**Md:** 'Black Magic', Roger Vinson  
**RU:** 'Elaine's Betty', Roger Vinson  
**Sm:** 'Little Mac', Paul Huerkamp  
**RU:** 'Little Red Ridinghood', Paul Huerkamp  
**Mn:** 'Fircone Var.', Richard Hooton  
**RU:** 'Francis Council', Richard Hooton

**C. japonica protected:**

**VLg:** 'Nuccio's Bella Rosa', Walter & Alice Creighton  
**RU:** 'Show Time', Walter & Alice Creighton  
**Lg:** 'Melissa Anne', Walter & Alice Creighton  
**RU:** 'Junior Prom', Walter & Alice Creighton  
**Md:** 'Elaine's Betty Red', Walter & Alice Creighton  
**RU:** 'Black Magic', Walter & Alice Creighton  
**Sm:** 'Something Beautiful', Walter & Alice Creighton  
**RU:** 'Red Devil', Walter & Alice Creighton

**C. reticulata (Inc. hybrids w/retic parent) unprotected:**

**Lg/VLg:** 'Harold L. Paige', Paul Huerkamp  
**RU:** 'Ruta Hagmann', William & Linda Nichols  
**Sm/Md:** 'Lois Boudreaux', Richard Hooton  
**RU:** 'Elizabeth Hunt', Richard Hooton

**C. reticulata (Inc. hybrids w/retic parent) protected:**

**Lg/VLg:** 'John Hunt', Walter & Alice Creighton  
**RU:** 'Frank Houser', Walter & Alice Creighton  
**Sm/Md:** 'TitleTown USA', Walter & Alice Creighton  
**RU:** 'Black Lace', Walter & Alice Creighton

**C. hybrid (w/no retic parent) unprotected:**

**Lg/VLg:** 'Cile Mitchell', Richard Hooton  
**RU:** 'Julia', Bill & Reta Rester  
**Sm/Md:** 'Star Above Star', Roger Vinson  
**RU:** 'Debbie Var', William & Linda Nichols

**C. hybrid (w/no retic parent) protected:**

**Lg/VLg:** 'Phil Piet', Walter & Alice Creighton  
**Sm/Md:** 'Pink Dahlia', Walter & Alice Creighton  
**RU:** 'Paige Camellia', Walter & Alice Creighton

**Best White Bloom protected or unprotected:** 'Mary Alice Cox', Roger Vinson

**Sasanqua, Vernalis or Hiemalis protected or unprotected:**

**BB:** 'October Magic Orchid', Al & Vickie Baugh

## TRAYS

### **Tray of Three-same variety unprotected:**

**Best Japonica** 'Woodville Red', Jim Campbell

**Best Non-reticulata Hybrid** 'Star Above Star', Bill & Vera Curry

### **Tray of Three-same variety protected:**

**Best Non-reticulata Hybrid** 'Julia', Walter & Alice Creighton

## SEEDLINGS/SPORTS

**Best Japonica Seedling:** 'Seedling', William & Linda Nichols

**Best Reticulata hybrid and Non-Reticulata hybrid Seedling:** 'Seedling', Al & Doris LeFebvre

**Best Sport (Mutation):** 'Sport', Paul Huerkamp

## BLOOMS GROWN ON THE MISSISSIPPI GULF COAST

### **C. japonica:**

**VLg:** 'Henry E. Huntington', Martine Cave

**Lg:** 'Junior Prom', Martine Cave

**Md:** 'Donnan's Dream', Karen Pritchard

## OTHER

### **Best Antique Bloom:**

**BB:** 'Prince Eugene Napoleon', Gordon Rabalias

**RU:** 'Herme', Paul Huerkamp

**Best Melissa Anne:** 'Melissa Anne', Roger Vinson