



THE PENSACOLA CAMELLIA

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Newsletter Editor

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DID YOU KNOW THAT

We, The Pensacola Camellia Club/ Men's Pensacola Camellia Club, are now being directed by our **76th President?** During the year of 1937, November 23, to be exact, **Roland E. Lee** was elected President and \$3.00 was determined to be the fee for membership. **Ernest E. Mason** (1939/1940), **Maurice Harrison** (1952/1960), **George W. Anderson** (1968/1979), **Richard W. Michael**, (1980/1984), **William Y. Bennett** (1972/1977), **T. E. Lundy** (1976/1981), **Jack O'Donnell** (1992/1997), **Ole Olson** 1996/1998), **Gordon E. Eade** (2000/2001), **Carl Brady** (2003/2004), and **Skip Vogelsang** (2007/2010) were chosen to serve as President for two times during these years. And now **John Davy** is serving his third year. John was first selected President in 1982 and again in 1986, and now in 2012. Only once has a lady served as President of our Club, **Cinny O'Donnell** (2006).

[See the complete list of PENSACOLA CAMELLIA CLUB PRESIDENTS in the 2011 Membership booklet, p. 6.]

The name, Men's Pensacola Camellia Club, was changed to Pensacola Camellia Club on January 4, 1989 in the Articles of Re-incorporation of the Club, and filed on January 9, 1989 in the Florida Department of State. With re-incorporation, women were invited into the Club's membership.

Our Club has a GREAT heritage!!!

ANNOUNCEMENTS

March 17, 2012 will be a work day at the shade house. We will start at 9:00 AM. Contact Dick Hooton, 969-000, for more details.

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The club picnic is planned for Saturday, May 5, 2012, 4 TO 6 PM. It will be at Paul Bruno's home. More information will follow.

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It almost time for air-layering of Camellias. If you would do air-layering on one or two plants in your garden, for the club, in two years we could sale the plant help support our club.

Air-layering chairman this year is Joan Blanchard

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See Skip Vogelsang's article on page 4 about adopting a plant in the UWF garden.

March meeting will be on March 20, 2012. Social time is 6:30 to 7:00 PM. Starting at 7:00 PM the program will be on pruning and unusual forms of grafting. There will also be a discussion on air-laying. After a short break the business meeting will follow. Hope you plan to attend.

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

These are your new officers and board for the 2012 -2013 year.

Pensacola Camellia Club

Board Meeting

March 6, 2012

Present: Pres. Davy, Past Pres.

Fosha, 1st VP Vogelsang, 2nd VP

Lyford, 3rd VP Kerr, Secy.

Vickers, Treas. T. Morris, Board members: Bennett, Bruno, Engie, Hooton, Kaufke.

Also present, Sandra Sherman, newsletter editor and Joan Blanchard.

Absent: Christi Hankins, board member; and Roger Vinson, Foundation Chair (both out of town)

President Davy called meeting to order at 6:00 p.m.

OLD BUSINESS

Banquet: Lyford reported 42 attendees and a satisfactory event. Some discussion ensued about next year's event re cost and location. Can be subject for summer workshop.

Community Camellia Show:

Vogelsang expressed general satisfaction with the show. Not as many blooms or entries than last year but visitors were numerous and all plants were sold. Some disappointment was expressed that not many of our novice members entered blooms as hoped. Compliments for Jerri and Jim Smith—she did wonderful job with refreshments!

December Camellia Show:

Anticipate move to First Baptist for 2012 and 2013 show. Hooton reported that advantages—larger exhibit space, separate and larger set-up area, increased parking space and total cost \$300- an economic saving. Not sure about number of tables available, but with the economic savings, needed tables can be rented. T. Morris to cancel with First United Methodist

Church and ask about billing for last year's judges luncheon as we can't find documentation that this was paid. (What about cancellation with Sanders Beach location for 12/13? Has that been accomplished?)

REPORTS:

Treasurer's Report: Current balance \$10, 579.41. Vogelsang reviewed the income/expense print-out explaining, especially to new board members, how to interpret the details. It is expected that we will finish the fiscal year (new fiscal year starts in August) slightly ahead of projected budget.

Foundation: No report as Vinson out of town.

Membership: Judy Kerr reported current membership at 218.

Twenty-three members were joined at the recent Garden Tours and Community Camellia Show. Forty-two persons were dropped after extensive campaign-letters, phone calls and e-mails to retain these members. Letter from Mrs. Jack Wetherell of Bellevue, Nebraska indicating that Jack is now 91 and in failing health. Unlikely that they will be able to move back to Florida. In view of Mr. Wetherell's longtime membership and contributions to the club, therefore, Moved, Seconded Passed: **UNANIMOUS VOTE TO RETAIN MR. WETHERELL AS HONORARY MEMBER.** Ms. Kerr will write Mr. Wetherell of board action.

Program: for March membership meeting, Lyford reported that Davy and Bennett will present program on pruning, unusual forms of grafting, brief discussion of air-layering and answer questions about camellia care.

For April meeting, Lyford will ask Larry Morris to present program on camellia pests, diseases and summer care.

Newsletter: President Davy thanked Sandra for her continuing work on the newsletter. (Applause from the attendees.) She reported that US Postal rates are due to rise again. She is mailing about 40 newsletters and because of ink costs, photos will be in black and white—another inducement to get newsletter on-line.

Website: Lyford reported that we average about 50-70 visitors/week and some visit several pages on the site. Occasionally there are foreign visitors as well. Anne Hooton, Dick's daughter, contributes to PCC Facebook page.

Shade House and Plant Sales: Hooton reported that this year's plant sales had depleted all/most of the ones available—a desirable position to be in. Some ones held over because not quite mature, have been moved to the “ready for next sale” side. **NEXT SHADE HOUSE WORK DAY WILL BE SATURDAY MARCH 17. WORKERS PLEASE BRING A HOE FOR WEEDING.**

NEW BUSINESS

Air-layering project: Joan Blanchard volunteered to take on this year's project.

UWF Garden: Vogelsang discussed ongoing plan to convert garden cover from grass to mulch. Projected cost \$5,000. With \$1,000 grant from Kugelman Foundation and \$1,500 from UWF Retired Employees Association, we still need \$2,500 to complete. After discussion, it was decided that a letter would go to all members requesting donation. Also discussed was “adopt-a-plant”

plan. Details of adopt-a-plant will be refined by Vogelsang and others to present at the upcoming membership meeting.

May Picnic at Paul Bruno's

Home: Saturday May 5, 4-6 p.m. Sandra Sherman volunteered to chair the planning committee (more applause) and Paul Bruno will also be on the committee. Details will be forthcoming re— potluck, other, to be announced in newsletter and at the March meeting.

Business concluded and meeting adjourned at 7:05 p.m. Kean Engie took group photo immediately following adjournment.

F. Norman Vickers, Secretary—

Camellias in urgent need of adoption

By Skip Vogelsang

Our camellia garden at UWF now has 153 varieties planted and more will be added over the year ahead. Many are very rare and endangered Pensacola varieties. For example there are only three known specimens of Lolita anywhere in the world. Presently we are spending more time caring for the grass at the garden than the camellias. To correct that we need to convert the garden site from grass to a natural mulched base that will allow us to focus upon the camellias. The cost of this project is about \$5,000 and \$2,500 has already been raised from a Kugelmann Foundation grant and funds from the UWF Retired Employee Assoc. So we just need \$2,500 more.

Most all of the camellias at UWF are very young and defenseless. They need the love and attention

and support of caring adults to help them grow up to be strong, healthy and productive members of the camellia society.

Won't you please find it in your heart to adopt one of these poor adolescent camellias and make their formative years a little better? Let their young roots grow strong under a protective layer of moist mulch and pine straw instead of fearing for their lives each year when the dangerous blades of the mowers come so close to their fragile little trunks.

We ask for a minimum of \$25 for each camellia adoption (but we hope you will consider more). All adoptions are tax deductible and checks should be made out to the Pensacola Camellia Club

Foundation. c/o Skip Vogelsang (adoption specialist) 4760 Shannon Pl Pensacola 32504.

Each adoption will include a photo of your adopted camellia along with a personal note from your new little friend.

Have an article you want to share with others send it to me at: shermanacs@aol.com

PHOTOS OF OUR GARDEN TOUR

Even a little rain didn't stop the public from coming out to enjoy our Camellias.



Linda and Bill Moody
Mobile Al.



Gordon Eade at the
UWF Garden

Thanks to Dennis Kohli and Norman Vickers for the photos



Gordeon Eade and Jack
O'Donnell presenting the
person of the year award to
Sandra Sherman

