



The Pensacola Camellia CLUB Newsletter

**THE PENSACOLA
CAMELLIA CLUB**

November 2010

Message from the President.

Well, by now many of you have already had your first camellia blooms. That is if you have Sasanquas, which bloom much earlier than Japonicas. But you may even have some rare early blooming Japonicas beginning to bloom. And for those who began treating their buds with the magic elixir known as “gib”, a few weeks ago, it’s hard telling what might be blooming.

The first show of the season is upon us already. The Fort Walton show is Saturday Nov. 13th. I am always amazed by how many good blooms there are so early. Then just a week later the Gulfport show is on Nov. 20th. These are the closest neighboring shows so I encourage you to go to one or both shows. I will probably have an extra seat for you if you want to go along to see how shows work.

I also want to make sure everyone knows that we will have the honor of hosting the American Camellia Society National Conference in 2013. Yes it is a long way off but it will be here sooner than we think. The result will be that our club annual show will actually become the National ACS Show for 2013 (which I think is very cool) with entries from all over the USA. If things go as planned we will have a show that will be remembered as the “mother of all shows” for many years.

We look forward to seeing you at our Nov. 16th meeting.

Skip Vogelsang, Club President

Sign up sheets will be at the meeting for the Dec show assignments

Or call Joan Blanchard 5299894

CAMELLIA CALENDAR

NOVEMBER

Water if too dry

Plant new varieties

Transplant or repot plants

Continue gibbing program

DECEMBER

Water if too dry

Continue planting program

Compete & visit shows

Pickup& destroy fallen
blooms

PCC meeting will be Nov. 16th at the Garden Center 1850 N. 9th Avenue, social at 6:30 PM meeting at 7:00 PM.

The Program will be given by Elaine Smelley. Dec meeting show planning, Jan meeting Grafting Dick Hooton, Feb Banquet, March Air Layering, April pruning and pest control John Davy

Don’t forget to Gib for the shows. The first show will be Ft. Walton Nov. 13. Gulfport show will be Nov 20 new place Orange Grove Community Center. Slidell Dec 4, Covington Dec 18. New Orleans Jan 8th

Mobile Jan 15 & 16 Colonial Bell mall

Baton Rouge Burden Center Jan 29-30

Birmingham Birmingham Botanical Gardens Feb 12-13

Check your newsletter mailing Label—are your dues up to date? If not please send checks to “Pensacola Camellia Club 3115 Windermere Dr.

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Please check the web page at www.pensacolacamellioclub.com Mark your calendar December 11 PCC camellia show.

OCTOBER MEETING MINUTES

OCTOBER 19, 2010, GARDEN CENTER

There were forty-one members and one guest attending the third-Tuesday October membership meeting of the Pensacola Camellia Club. Social time began at 6:30 p.m. and the meeting was called to order by President Skip Vogelsang at 7:00 p.m.

OLD BUSINESS

Gulf Coast Camellia Society Conference: Skip reported that 60 persons attended from as far away as Texas and as far south as Ocala. Friendships were made and re-established. We learned about new techniques in camellia culture. Sandra Sherman thanked those from the PCC who were integral to making the meeting happen: Dick and Bette Hooton, Skip and Diane Vogelsang, T. Morris, Carol Comber, Judy Kerr, Joan Blanchard, Betty Vickers, Bill Bennett, Roger and Ellen Vinson. Dick Hooton is incoming president of the organization.

Membership Roster for 2010-2011 has been passed out or mailed to members. If anyone has been missed, a few will be available at future meetings.

Field Trips: Bruce Musselman announced that field trip is planned for 1 p.m. Sunday Nov. 7 to visit camellia nursery in Alabama. Each person visiting will get a tea plant. (All PCC members know that the tea plant is *Camellia sinensis*.) Plan is to meet at University Mall, near Firestone for car-pooling purposes. For further information, call Bruce at 850-291-5855. (Bruce doesn't have e-mail). Vogelsang also reported that last Sunday's trip to Ft. Morgan for observing the hummingbird tagging was enjoyed by several of our members.

REPORTS

Installation banquet: Reservations are now being received. Date is regular third-Tuesday, February 15 again at Pensacola Yacht Club. Cost remains at \$25/person. This is always lots of fun. Classical/Latin/jazz guitarist Arturo has been engaged, by popular request, for our musical entertainment. Details: call Bill Lyford 434-6632. Sign up at future meetings or mail check to him 3575 Tyler Avenue, Pensacola 32503.

Treasurer's Report: T. Morris reports bank balance of \$3,137.05.

Foundation: Roger Vinson reported balance of \$45,359.18 with yearly income to date \$703.47.

Membership: Judy Kerr reported current membership at 183. She said, "Remember, memberships come to me and not to 'T.'"

UWF Garden: Skip reported that name plates for current plantings at the garden have arrived. They will be installed soon and embedded in concrete for stability and vandal-proofing.

Public Relations: Norman Vickers reported that Home and Garden Monthly magazine had done a story of the Camellia Club activities for the September issue, which was shown at last meeting. Also, there was a story about gardening with some of Norman's photos, including one camellia seedling, in the October issue. The Sunday Home and Garden insert will be discontinued (not the monthly magazine) and members are encouraged to look in the Saturday PNJ Home Finder insert for the "Things to Do" column. PCC activities are frequently mentioned there as well as in the regular meeting announcements in the main portion of the PNJ. Club gave a round of applause for the public relations efforts.

Plant Sales: In Dick Hooton's absence (out of town) Vogelsang gave a report of holdings at shade house. He also mentioned that we have many quality varieties, including variegated Frank Houser. Also two Frank Housers are missing from the shade house. If anyone "adopted" these, please come forward and pay the club!

Annual Show: Joan Blanchard talked about need for volunteers at the show. She's depending on those faithful ones to assist again. There is plenty to do, so if you are new, sign up to help. Plant sales will be across the street this year, so additional "runners" will be needed. Call Joan at 432-4216 or 434-0326 for sign-up and details. It's a one-day show this year on December 11. Friday night dinner honoring judges will be at St. Michael's hall. Cost approximately \$20 to \$25 and Saturday lunch for judges will be about \$12. All PCC members/workers are welcome for both. Joan will have more precise details later. Judging of the show will occur before lunch this time, making for smoother operation, it is hoped.

NEW BUSINESS

Refreshments: Sandra Sherman thanked those who brought refreshments this time. Some were assigned and some surprised us with their good things. A committee has been formed to make this work for each meeting, thereby relieving T. Morris of that regular duty.

Gibbing Time: Skip indicated that gibbing for our December show should be accomplished now and in subsequent few weeks. So, make weekly "gibbing rounds" and enter blooms for our show.

National ACS Convention and show: Roger Vinson, ACS President, announced that the ACS national convention and show will be hosted by PCC in 2013. Board has also approved this. This will be a great opportunity, and considerable responsibility to put Pensacola forward to a national audience. Roger explained that our December show will also be the ACS National Camellia Show with ACS awards given out then.

PROGRAM:

PCC member and nursery owner **John Davy** presented an interesting discussion about planting camellia seeds for new varieties and for grafting understock. He brought several plants in for demonstration, passed out seeds and some which had just sprouted. He also showed power-point presentation of some of the plants propagated at his nursery. Also shown was camellia-azalea plant owned by Roger Vinson.

He gave a brief history of this new plant and discussed implications for future new varieties. For most in attendance, this was first time they had opportunity to view a camellia-azalea plant.

Bill Bennett also discussed the research project toward developing petal-blight resistant camellias. One can sign up to participate in this project, sponsored by University of West Florida. One may financially assist this project by sending donation to UWF Foundation. To sign up or discuss, call Bill Bennett at 438-2585.

Raffle: Six plants were raffled. Gordon Eade was big winner of two plants.

Meeting adjourned at 8:30 p.m.--/s/ F. Norman Vickers, Secretary-----



Top left - Sign in table
Top right - John Davy presenting
the program
Middle Left – John Davy
Middle right– Roger Vinson pre-
sented his report
Bottom left— Bill Bennett pre-
sented the program

Pictures by Norman Vickers

PENSACOLA CAMELLIA CLUB (PCC)

• STATEMENT OF PURPOSE

- THE PURPOSE OF THE PCC IS:
- 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 ENHANCED THE CAMELLIA IN OUR SOCIETY.

• 2010 OFFICERS

- President— Skip Vogelsang
- First VP & Show Chairman- Joan Blanchard
- Second VP— Program Chairman— Bruce Musselman
- Third VP Membership Chair— Judy Kerr
- Treasurer—Thekla Morris
- Secretary—Norman Vickers
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2010 BOARD MEMBERS

- Carol Comber
- Charles Fosha
- Dick Hooton
- Dennis Kohli
- Gabriel “Ole” Olsen
- Sandra Sherman
- Roger Vinson ACS President

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