

The Pensacola Camellia



November 2015 Newsletter of the Pensacola Camellia Club—established 1937

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President's Message

Camellia lovers know that autumn, winter and spring have one thing in common – the deep green foliage and the brilliant blooms of the camellia. This weekend as I was putting the finishing touches on my Halloween decorations, I glanced up into my Professor Sargent and there it was - my first bloom of the season. It was a moment of exquisite solitude that I knew only my fellow Camellians experience and I thought of the show that is to come. From now through the spring, there will be a glamorous exhibition of camellias throughout the South and I plan to indulge.

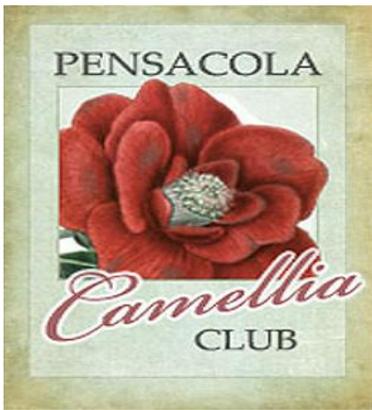
If you missed our October meeting, then you did not get to see the gorgeous blooms brought by our members, including Pat Langford's first bloom, Purple Dawn. November's meeting promises more beautiful blooms, an overview of the UWF Camellia Garden Enhancement Project and a presentation by Richard "Dick" Hooton in preparation for another successful Camellia Show on December 12th.

See you on the 17th --Christi

Certificates of Appreciation in October;

Norma English – her faithful and reliable help in plant sales and other activities.

George Knight – his faithful help when anything needed to be done. Especially, help with the fabric repair of the shade house.



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Membership Meetings & Programs

(Are held on the 3rd Tuesday of each month)

6:30 Tuesday, November 17th – 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.

November 17th agenda

- UWF Camellia Garden Enhancement Project
- First Blooms of the season identification quiz and prize.
- A review & rehearsal of plans for the 77th Annual Camellia Show and Plant Sale. Chairman: Skip Vogelsang

December 8th agenda (Note; on 2nd Tuesday)

- Discussion and final preparation for the 77th Annual Camellia Show and Plant Sale. Chairman: Skip Vogelsang

January 19th agenda

- To be determine.

Upcoming Events;

Workdays:

UWF Garden –We will reschedule the weeding & planting for another date.

Saturday December 12:

77th Annual Camellia Show and Plant Sale:

NOTE NEW LOCATION:

First Presbyterian Church,
33 E. Gregory Street, Downtown
Bloom entry at 7:00 am
Plant Sale begins at 9:00 am to 4:30 pm.;
Public viewing 1:00 - 4:00 pm

Sat. Jan. 23: Garden Tours (new date)

Sat. Feb. 13: Camellia workshop (new date)

Sat. Feb. 27 : Community Camellia Show

Shade House one time Projects that needs a Manager;

- Gravel for floor
- Need cover
- Storage Shed – Paul Bruno manager
- Fence/ gate on North side of property
- Construction of raised bed
- Ground keeping / landscaping

Shade House on going projects Managers;

- Plant acquisition – Dick Hooton
- Plant Sales – Dick Hooton
- Shade house / plant weeding weekly

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."

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 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.

Attention given to your plants expresses your love for them

(Fallen blooms create spores that cause petal blight.)

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

Condolences;

PCC member Erin Tinney lost her life-long battle with health issues in October 2015. She was born with several congenital defects to her heart with a bad heart valve and the complications from that having lasted throughout her life. Remarkably, in spite of this Erin remained an energetic person who was a motivator of students striving to enter the University of Florida Milton Campus where she served as a recruiter. Erin grew up in California and we came to know her through her involvement with the Pensacola Camellia Club and her efforts to encourage the students of the UF Milton Horticulture program to volunteer and become involved as members. She participated with the students to volunteer for the 2013 show but was too ill to assist in 2014. Her motivating participation will certainly be missed.

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 Recognize Those Individuals Who Have Enhanced The Camellia In Our Society.

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.

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