



# The Pensacola Camellia

## The Pensacola Camellia Club - October - 2009

### Message from the President:

This month's program is on camellia diseases and pests how to treat them brought by Larry Morris. Invite your neighbors with camellias to attend our meeting. Remember the social time is from 6:30 to 7.

Come early to share your camellia stories and experiences with newer members and long time friends.

We had a great kick off dinner in August and an outstanding meeting in September. Our attendance was excellent, great programs and fun. The early starting time seems to be well accepted with members visiting before the meeting time. Roger Vinson has developed Gibbing calendar to help you prepare for the show season. If you did not get a copy let Norm know. We will either e-mail you a copy or make it available on the website. We are beginning to prepare for our December show. Please let John Davy Show Chairman where you would like to help now. This will help him hold the best show ever.

The Nominating Committee for next year's officers are: Norm Vickers chair, Norm Vickers, Ole Olson, Gordon Eade and Dick Hooton. Yes, I'm preparing for my replacement. So, if asked to serve, please give the invitation serious consideration.

### 2009 Address Corrections:

Please make corrections in your 2009 membership list:

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P.J. Birdwell - home address 2 Star Lake Dr.

Judy Kerr - e-mail judy.kerr@cox.net

Joan Blanchard - 432-4216

Bruce Musselman - 291-5855

- Oct 20<sup>th</sup> Meeting at Garden Center 6:30 - 8:00. Program "Camellia pests, diseases and how to control them."
- Check your newsletter mailing Label—are your dues up to date? If not please send checks to:  
"T" Morris  
579 Man of War Circle  
Cantonment, Fl. 32533
- If you are not on the E mail list Please send your name and E-mail address to nvickers1@cox.net
- Please check the web site:  
[www.pensacolacamelliaclub.com](http://www.pensacolacamelliaclub.com)
- judges training class will be held Nov 28<sup>th</sup>.

Don't forget to Gib for the following show 2009-2010 Show schedule:

Ft. Walton Nov 14-15

Gulfport - Nov 21 -22

Slidell - Dec 5

Pensacola - Dec 12-13

Covington - Dec 19

New Orleans- 1/9/2010

Tallahassee 1/9-10/2010

Mobile - 1/16/2010

Baton Rouge 1/30-31/2010

Brookhaven 2/6-7/2010

Birmingham 2/13-14/2010

Atlanta 2/20-21/2010

## SEPTEMBER MEETING MINUTES

President Bill Lyford opened the meeting at 6:30 p.m. and welcomed guests. Peggy DeArmond, a member for several years was welcomed as she is attending her first meeting. She and husband had been living in Mobile for several years but are now back in Pensacola.

This was the first time, at least in recent years, that we have had the social portion of the program at the beginning.

The program on preserving rare camellias was given by Bruce Musselman. He emphasized that there is a program where plants can be propagated in case the original plants are lost to disease, construction, natural disasters or other reasons. For this reason, all PCC members are encouraged to make a list of plants in their gardens and give to Dick Hooton. Also, tag your plants with permanent tags. Musselman, Hooton, Vogelsang and Reid Leonard sent clippings of approximately 200 varieties to "Camellia Heaven," John Grimm, Bush, LA.

Dr. Bill Bennett demonstrated "approach grafting." This is a method by which one living plant--a seedling in the two demonstrations--is fused to another, in this case, root stock. The bark is removed from each plant, exposing the cambium layer, and the two are bound together by tape. In the cases shown, the seedling stems were small but after it was fused with the root stock, the stem grew much larger. Bennett emphasized that this kind of grafting can be done any time of year.

Then committee reports were given. . Minutes: Vickers announced that no formal minutes of the August banquet were held but a good time was had by all and newsletter had appropriate write up and photographs. . Treasurer's report: T. Morris reported a balance of \$4,708.08. . Membership: Gordon Eade reported that eight new members of ACS were signed up at this meeting, thanks to Roger Vinson's generous offer: if anyone joins ACS for first time through September 30, the cost would be \$15 because Vinson would supplement the final \$10. . Newsletter: Carol Comber, newsletter editor, reported that most of the newsletters had gone out by e-mail. Those not having e-mail received these by US Mail. This saves the club money. Many members complimented the e-mailing of the newsletters. . Publicity/Technology: Vickers reported that we have had good publicity for our meeting and he is working on possibility of a story in advance of our plant sale in December. Lyford reported that a committee of Ashley Maacks, Skip Vogelsang, Chuck Fosha, Vickers and himself will meet with three consultants who will give proposals for upgrading the website. Lyford urged all members to look at the website [www.pensacolacamelliaclub.com](http://www.pensacolacamelliaclub.com) and make suggestions." There is no need to have a website if it is not current or it doesn't have what you want on it. Let me have your suggestions," said Lyford. . PCC Foundation: Roger Vinson reported that \$2,000 had been dispersed to PCC for expenses related to the December camellia show. "That's what we have a foundation for," said Vinson. He reported that \$175 in memorial gifts had been received since April, a good way to honor someone living or deceased. . By-Laws: a bylaws change was read for second time, first at the August meeting. Article II, section 2 amended to read: Dues: Dues for membership shall be \$10.00 per year. Moved, seconded passed by acclamation. . Plant Sales: Dick Hooton reported that all plants have been ordered, though not picked up yet. He urged members to let him know their needs, sooner better than later. . Gibbing schedule for camellia shows: Vinson passed out updated list. Vickers will send out to the PCC e-list soon. . Skip Vogelsang asked for volunteers for harvesting air layers. Also gave an update on the "Lost Camellias" We still have 23 which we hope to find. Eade reported that he was in touch with Mr. Bray's grandson for whom a lost camellia is named. . Judges School: Olsen announced a judging school for Saturday November 28 ( Saturday after Thanksgiving) at St. Christopher's Episcopal Church, 3200 N. 12th Avenue) from 9 am until approximately 2 PM. There will be a \$15 charge which includes lunch. This is a learning experience even if one does not intend to become a novice judge. Contact Olsen 850-457-2172 for details and sign-up. . Volunteers to bring snacks for next meeting were selected and thanked in advance. . Vinson suggested a bus trip on a week-day in February to ACS Headquarters at Masee Lane, Fort Valley, GA. By show of hands there were approximately 20 persons showing interest. Possibility of a bus trip will be investigated. . Nominating committee: Lyford announced, per the agenda, that nominating committee consisting of Jack O'Donnell, chair, and members Olsen, Hooton, Eade and Vickers will begin process of nominating a slate of officers for coming year. Officers to be installed at the Tuesday, February 16 banquet. Committee will meet after the PCC Board meeting on Tuesday Oct.6.

. Plant Raffle: Barbara Angello won two plants and Norma English won the other one.

. Next meeting: Tuesday October 20, 6:30 PM at the Garden Center.

Larry Morris, Program chair will discuss camellia pests, diseases and how to control them.

-----s/s F. Norman Vickers, PCC,



From left: Bruce Musselman, Debbie and Lee Black, and Bill Bennett discuss the "approach graft" method.



At Registration table--Sandra Sherman and Thekla Morris assist



Jack O'Donnell, rt. Talks with President Bill Lyford



Dr. Bill Bennett talks about need for picking up spent camellia blooms and proper disposal to prevent petal blight



Left Bruce Musselman talked about plan for preserving rare camellias

Right Big Crowd at September Membership meeting

Photos by Vickers



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## • 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.

### • 2009 OFFICERS

- President— Bill Lyford
- First VP & Show Chairman—John Davy
- Second VP— Program Chairman— Larry Morris
- Third VP Membership Chair—Gordon Eade
- Treasurer—Thekla Morris
- Secretary—Norman Vickers

### 2009 BOARD MEMBERS

- Bill Bennett
- Carol Comber
- Dick Hooton
- Bruce Musselman
- Roger Vinson
- Skip Vogelsang

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