



THE PENSACOLA CAMELLIA

October 2011

Newsletter Editor

Sandra Sherman



MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT

Are we having fun or what? The fall season of the Camellia club started off with a very nice dinner meeting at Piccadilly's in August. At the September meeting Dr Dwyer gave a very interesting presentation on propagation of fragrant Camellias. His PowerPoint presentation will be available soon for viewing on our website:

www.Pensacolacamellioclub.com.

I encourage you to take a look at all the other interesting items on our website too. We also learned at the September meeting that you should lightly fertilize your Camellias to help in the growing of blooms. From an impromptu presentation by Reid Leonard he suggested you can start "gibbing" your plants to produce that show quality bloom. The winter show is December 10th at the Wright Place.

Your board has taken on an ambitious program to produce a budget and control our expenses.

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NOTICE

In February of 2011 by-laws were changed so all members would pay their dues at the same time. Dues are payable in August, if you haven't paid your please get in touch with membership chair Judy Kerr at 434-0326. You can pay them at our monthly meeting on October 18, 2011. You will receive your directory at that time. Dues must be paid by December 31st. or you will be dropped from the membership.

If you have an article you would like to see in the newsletter. Please send it to me at shermanacs@aol.com

UPCOMING EVENTS

*Meeting Tuesday October 18, at 6:30 p.m: camellia diseases, pests and treatment;

*November meeting: Camellia family tree. Throughout the fall, we will emphasize "gibbing" for blooms for exhibit.

See last page of newsletter for upcoming show dates.

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**

2011 OFFICERS

President- Charles Fosha
1st VP & Show Chair-Sandra Sherman
2ndVP & Program Chair-Bruce Musselman
3rd VP, Membership-Judy Kerr
Secretary-Norman Vickers
Treasurer- Thekla Morris
Past-President Skip Vogelsang

2011 BOARD MEMBERS

Barbara Angello
Joan Blanchard
Al Jeppesen
Carol Comber
Dennis Kohli
Gabriel "Ole" Olsen

MINUTES PCC BOARD
OCTOBER 5, 2011-
Tryon Branch Library

Present were: Charles Fosha, Sandra Sherman, Judy Kerr, Joan Blanchard, Carol Comber, Dick Hooton, Al Jeppesen, Bill Lyford, Gabriel "Ole" Olsen, Norman Vickers, and Skip Vogelsang.

Absent: Bruce Musselman, Barbara Angello, Thekla Morris, and Dennis Kohli. (Musselman had meeting conflict; Angello and Morris are convalescing and Kohli out of town on FEMA assignment)

Meeting was called to order at 6:10 by President Fosha. He welcomed Al Jeppesen to the board. Jeppesen, previously served on the board, was appointed to fill the vacant position of LeAnna Brennan who is on teaching assignment in China for a year.

OLD BUSINESS

December Camellia Show and Plant Sale: Sandra Sherman reported that the brochure for the camellia show had been read/critiqued by several and has been printed. She will cater the judges' dinner to be held at Vinson home. Moved, seconded, passed: COST WILL BE \$25 FOR ATTENDEES. Out-of-town judges and spouses, of course, will be *gratis*. Hooton will arrange to

secure wine & beer. Because of space limitations, guest list will be limited to 40 persons and only board members, key personnel, workers and their spouses will be eligible to attend.

Discussion ensued about the smaller foyer room at Wright Place. Fosha reported that he had arranged with First Methodist/Wright Place for rental of that room. Subsequent review of minutes from the June 2011 planning meeting clearly stated that club was to rent the room and that the cost would be \$300.

Budget: Vogelsang reported that he had worked on projected budget—passed this to attendees and explained the details. It was also explained that expenses to club should be itemized and then when approved, check would be written by treasurer. Bill Lyford is working with T. Morris on this aspect. Monthly report will be presented to the board meetings. Subsequent to the meeting, voucher forms were e-mailed to board members.

REPORTS

Finance: Lyford reported in absence of T. Morris, that bank balance currently is \$5,235.25.

Membership: Judy Kerr reported that addition of four new members brings membership to 211.

Members not renewing through December will be dropped. Retention efforts are in place. **Newsletter:** Sandra Sherman asks that information for newsletter be in her hands by Friday 10-7.

Copies of UWF's student newspaper, Voyager, were passed out. The 9/28/2011 issue has a front page article about the UWF Camellia Garden.

PR: Vickers reported that press releases had been sent.

UWF Camellia Garden: Skip updates us on progress.

Plant Sales/ Shade House: Hooton gave update about current status. He and Vogelsang will go to Fairhope tomorrow to pick up plants at Bobby Green's. There was a new variety/scarce/valuable plant variety Sara Paul obtained at the recent Gulf Coast Camellia Society. It was decided to sell at silent auction.

February Banquet: Lyford presented information. Decision was made that charge for banquet would be \$30. He passed around menu options and decision was made by popular vote.

Business concluded and meeting adjourned at 7:10 p.m.

--F. Norman Vickers, Secretary-

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(President)

You may ask why this was not done before. This is a problem that is common with small organizations. The tracking of income, from dues and expenses, takes a real effort but pays off in a more efficiently run organization. We have grown to about 200 members and with all the activities of collecting dues, raffles, plant sales and major camellia shows require close attention to the finances. Your club will be stronger from this effort. Each month at the member meeting, a report on all the club activities gives you a good feeling of what the club is doing. Your club is as strong as it is due to all the volunteers that help. We will be asking for volunteers to help at the winter show. I encourage you all to participate and contribute to the success of the club. One area where we need some help is refreshments chairman. All that is required is for the chairman to contact a few members to bring some snacks for the monthly meeting. If you could take on this task, the help would be greatly appreciated. Please let one of your board members know of your willingness to make our monthly meetings tastier.

Chuck

MEMBERSHIP DUES

Membership dues are payable in August and September. The bylaws were changed February 15, 2011 to reflect this change in the due date for all members.

If dues are not paid by December 31 membership will be terminated and you will no longer receive the newsletters or get a copy of the membership directory. If you have not paid your current year dues please submit a check to: Membership Chair, Judy B. Kerr, 3115 Windermere Drive, Pensacola, FL 32503-8207. You may also pay your dues at the next meeting which is October 18, 2011.

Remember if you have one (1) gallon pots bring them to the meeting. Norma English will be collecting them this month.

MONTHLY MEETING IS
October 18, 2011 At the
PENSACOLA GARDEN
CENTER.
SOCIAL AT 6:30 AND
MEETING AT 7:00

Gibberellic acid, commonly called "gib," will be available for sale at the meeting. "Gib" is a growth stimulator which can make blooms open earlier and about 1/3 larger than normal. It is not expensive but because of limited demand, it not readily available elsewhere.



Pink Perfection
(photo: Vickers)

CAMELLIA SHOWS
COMING UP

OCTOBER

PERRY, GA, Middle Georgia Camellia Society, 10/15-10/16/2011, at Georgia National Fair, Miller-Murphy-Howard Building, 401 Larry Walker Parkway, Warren Thompson, (478) 825-2559,

cherwart_2@att.net - [Georgia National Fair Show Schedule - Fall 2011.](#)

NOVEMBER

FORT WALTON BEACH, FL, Greater Fort Walton Beach Camellia Society, 11/12/2011, at Westwood Retirement Resort, 1001 Mar Walt Drive, Martin Harwood, (850) 477-3625.,

camelliamartinharwood@gmail.com

BILOXI, MS, Mississippi Gulf Coast Camellia Society, 11/19/2011, at Lyman/Gulf Coast Community Center on Highway 49, Al LeFebvre & Steven Manis, (228) 832-2405, dlefebvre0738@att.net.

We want to wish our Treasurer. "T" Morris a speedy recovery from surgery.