

The Pensacola Camellia



March 2018 Newsletter of the Pensacola Camellia Club—established 1937

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President's Message – John Mate

Lauren and I love to walk our camellia garden from September through March to see what new blooms have opened or what we may cut for a vase and sometimes enter in a show. For us, the beauty and enjoyment is worth the work we put into each camellia plant.

Few blooms and buds are left for this season as it comes to an end, but don't be sad. A new season begins as those last blooms fall to the ground and are picked up. In our garden, I pruned the plants and fertilized them for the growth season. The growth buds are already starting to expand and the fertilizer will feed the new branches and leaves. The new blooms will show back up this fall in greater numbers due to pruning, weeding, watering, food and the love we give them.

The 2017-2018 Pensacola Camellia Club season comes to an end soon as well. I hope to see you at the March Banquet and the April general meeting. Also, in April you'll have a chance to air layer with the club.

Thank you,

John



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PENSACOLA CAMELLIA CLUB AGENDA

Tuesday Mar. 20th,

2018 Banquet at



We will have Happy

Hour prices all night

on alcohol, wine, and beer. Cash Bar opens

at 5:30 pm, with Dinner at 6:30 pm. Bring

your family and friends for this social

celebration. We will have special camellias

for auction. There will be a display table for
all members to bring blooms. Please

include identification with your name and

the name of the bloom that you are

sharing.

Make check payable to: Pensacola Camellia

Club, \$30/per person and mail it to

T. Morris at 579 Man O' War Circle,

Cantonment, FL 32533.

Include your guests' name for their name

tags. Reservations should be in by 3-16-18.

Banquet program to include:

- Installation of 2018 -2019 board members.
- Person of the Year.
- Auction of 7 Camellias, with proceeds benefiting the club.

Thank you for your support, time and talent given to the Pensacola Camellia Club.

February Camellian of the Month- Greg Taylor



The PCC board appreciates Greg for his participation in all of our events, both working and fun outings! Plus, he agreed to become a board member starting at the banquet March 20th.

Resigning from the board after serving since 2006 in the position of secretary and publicist is Norman Vickers. The board has benefited greatly from Norman's due diligence in making the public aware of all PCC events.

Many THANKS to NORMAN!



Still asking.....

MEMBERSHIP Due\$

Once again we are reminding you to please pay your annual dues of \$10.00 or a Lifetime membership for \$100.00.

As of today, 120 members have not renewed their membership. If you have any questions about your membership please contact Debbie Brown / VP Membership at dmarie.brown@att.net or 850-932-0370.

Bring your check to the Banquet March 20th made out to Pensacola Camellia Club or mail it today, Pensacola Camellia Club, PO Box 707, Pensacola FL 32591.

Membership Directory will be going to the printers on April 2nd, please pay your dues before April so you are included. If for any reason you do NOT want some of your information; address, phone or email printed for distribution to club members you need to notify Debbie Brown at dmarie.brown@att.net or by phone 850-932-0370.

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
 - ❖ To Aid And Assist In The Standardization Of Camellia Nomenclature
 - ❖ To Provide An Opportunity For Camaraderie Among Those Sharing A Common Interest in Camellias
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February review of events

February 9th a group of PCC members made it to the American Camellia Society Headquarters on 1000 Massee Lane, Ft. Valley, GA for a tour of their gardens by their grounds keeper.

Picture below from the left; Bill & Rosie Tinsley, John Davy, Greg Taylor, John Mate, Melinda Taylor, Dan Woerner, Sandi Dibus, Trumin Brown, Roxana & Bill Walter, Debbie Brown, Pierre Kaufke, Lauren Mate, Paul Bruno, Roger Vinson.

The following photos were provided by Lauren Mate.



FYI for New members; Roger Vision (left) has been Secretary of the American Camellia Society Board of Directors for a two-year term, 2007-2009, then President of American Camellia Society 2009-2011. Roger had previously served as President (2005) of the Pensacola Club, and is currently Chairman of the Pensacola Camellia Club foundation.

John Davy on right has been past President of Pensacola Camellia Club three times; 1982, 1986 and again 2012.

Feb. 14th Clean Up at the T. Morris Shade House
 located at 3279 Pine Forest Rd, Cantonment. *Love the New Sign!* Thank you members who helped at the shade house with inventory, feed camellias, weed or trim trees on the property.



(Photos by Norman Vickers and Sharon Maloney)

Left, Paula Rosasco, Marilyn Badessa, back of Sharon Maloney, Patty Moran, John Gross & John Mate.



Melinda Taylor and Brenda Elebash



On left Trumin Brown with Jim Frazier

Below is Al Baugh cutting root stock for grafting, Louise Seitz assisting Dick Hooton and Skip Vogelsang with scion, plant tags, covers and wires for grafting experiment project.



Feb. 19th PCC members travel to Jim Smelley's greenhouses in Agricola Ms.

Upon arrival everyone scattered in amazement to not one greenhouse but four greenhouses filled with camellia plants. Next was the hard part, select one special camellia for grafting. (Photos by Roxana Walters)



A row of Mr. Smelley's Taylor Perfections were used as root stock, base slit to attach our individual selection of scion, name tag place then covered, soil and fertilized. Many thanks to Dick Hooton for organizing this trip and the men on their knees doing the grafting; Skip Vogelsang, Paul Bruno, John Mate, Alan McMillan, & Greg Taylor.



Feb 21st UWF Clean Up was completed by PPC members Trumin Brown, Christine and Jim Frazier, Dick Hooton, Sharon Maloney, John Mate, Carolyn Pulford, Louise Seitz, Melinda Taylor, Skip Vogelsang, and Dan Woerner.

Feb 24th UWF Garden Tour and Camellia Plant Sales

Perfect weather brought out many members and visitors to the garden for a pleasant day. We had \$975 in plant sales and 4 new memberships.



Photos above by Norman Vickers and Lauren Mate

Thank you members who help set up for the **Novice Show on Saturday March 3rd** at the Pensacola Library on Spring Street. Our sales team; John Mate and Dan Woerner had assistance from John Davy when the questions were difficult. All plants were sold which brought in \$1250 in sales and 10 new memberships. The plants sold are from our air layering project which happens every April.

Below, Patty Morgan prepared blooms for the show, many blooms were brought in for identification.



Below Peggy's Blush tray of 3 took first place by Bill Walters, while Mack Thetford reviewed the final results of the award table.



Club Trivia: In 1998 a special honor came to Dr. Don and Peggy Applegate in receiving the ACS National Frances Shannon Racoff Memorial Award for 'Peggy's Blush' as Best Formal Double at the ACS Annual Spring Show and Convention.

Buying Opportunities ...

1. **High quality 4x6 Botanical Garden signs** just like the ones we have installed at the UWF Camellia Garden. They look especially nice in highly visible areas of your garden or yard.



The cost will be \$15.00 to \$20.00 each (including stakes and hardware) depending on how many the club orders as a group order. If you are interested act quickly by submitting your list of camellias --- all we need is the Camellia name and the other info will be added for you ---- so easy. **Order 1 or 100 no minimum order.**

Camellia Names:

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| 1. _____ | 6. _____ |
| 2. _____ | 7. _____ |
| 3. _____ | 8. _____ |
| 4. _____ | 9. _____ |
| 5. _____ | 10. _____ |

Return to Skip Vogelsang 4760 Shannon Pl, Pensacola, FL 32504 or email to Lbv3rd@gmail.com no later than April 10, 2018.

Checks payable to Pensacola Camellia Club.

2. **UWF Camellia Garden Bricks** maybe ordered through Skip. Prices vary from \$250, \$500 or \$1000 depending on the size of brick.



3. ROOT MAKERS AVAILABLE FOR PCC MEMBERS

Recently there was interest in Root Makers by several members who grow camellias in pots. John Davy has graciously agreed to reserve pots for those members when he places his corporate order later this spring.

Root Makers will be available in 1, 3 and 5-gallon sizes. Prices will vary according to size, and will be determined once John receives his order, based on new 2018 prices, shipping costs and taxes. John estimates the approximate cost to range between \$1 to \$4.50, based on container size.

For those unfamiliar with Root Makers, they are designed to create fibrous, non-circulating root systems, both horizontally and vertically. A fibrous root system means a greater root tip surface area and translates to a greater efficiency in the absorption of water and nutrients. This means an increase in growth rate and vigor, providing a larger and stronger plant whether for transplanting success, or simply growing in the container. Root Makers should, ultimately, provides you with a superior plant.

To place your order, please call PCC member **Patty Moran (505-0496)** and leave a message that includes; (1) your name, (2) number of pots in each pot size, and (3) telephone number so that you can be informed when the order is received later this spring. *Please Do NOT call John Davy direct, call Patty to place orders.*

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.

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