

The Pensacola Camellia



November 2017 Newsletter of the Pensacola Camellia Club—established 1937

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President's Message – John Mate

Our Pensacola Camellia Club will be trying something new at our December 9th Camellia Show. In past years we have given prizes of crystal and ceramic pieces, and last year even wooden vases, for winners of bloom categories. This year, we will be a part of the Toys for Tots



program that distributes Christmas toys to need children.

The *Toys for Tots Program* was

started in 1947 by a United States Marine Corps Reserve group in Los Angeles, California. In 1948 the program expanded into a nationwide campaign by the Marine Reserve units. Pensacola Camellia Club members, Christi Hankins and Dick Hooton, have worked out a plan for our club to be a part of the Toys for Tots Program to provide toys for the Escambia and Santa Rosa children in need.

Instead of giving awards of crystal and such, for many of our awards categories (except novice and some special categories), our club will make toy

donations to Toys for Tots in the name of the bloom category winners. To accomplish this we are asking club members, who are able and willing, to donate toys and bring them to the November 21st membership meeting. If you prefer to make a cash donation we will shop for your donation.

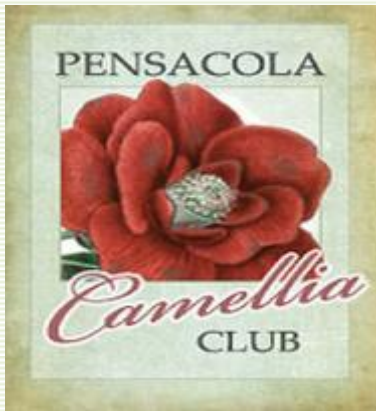
Please bring new unwrapped toys to the meeting. The toys will be collected by Christi and displayed at the December show. After the show, the toys will be collected by Marines and distributed to needy children at Christmas. Any members needing help getting their gift donation to the November meeting can call the club number 850-484-9183 or email Louise newsletter editor at lseitz@panhandle.rr.com for assistance.

I am excited to be a part of this extraordinary and meaningful program to help make a child's life more enjoyable at Christmas and hope many of our club members will be too.

I thank you in advance for your participation.

John Mate

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- Skip Vogelsang,

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Roger Vinson – Foundation

Tuesday November 21st, 2017

Garden Center 1850 N. Ninth Ave

With 6:30pm social/refreshment followed
by program at 7:00 pm.

**If you can come early to help SET UP chairs &
refreshment tables please arrive at 5:30 pm.**

Program for the night:

Historical Events from Past Camellia Shows
presented by Christi Hankins.

This year Pensacola Camellia Club will donate
toys in honor of our December Camellia Show
winners to the US Marine Corps.

Please purchase new
toys and bring your
unwrapped donation to
our Nov. 21st club meeting.



Sergeant Amador Garcia, Toys for Tots
Coordinator will be at our November meeting to
answer any questions.

Membership:

Please keep Debbie Brown / VP Membership
Informed of any changes to your contact
information; address, phone or email address by
sending her your changes at
dmariebrown@att.net.

WELCOME NEW MEMBERS - Our new members
will be wearing **Red name tags** please look for
them and make them feel welcome and
included in our camellia discussions. We all
were new members at one time or another.

What you missed at the October meeting....



October Camellia of the Month went to Dante Kahn.

Dante was selected as Camellian of the Month for his long service to the PCC. He obtains, mixes, bottles the plant growth hormone "Gib" and brings to meetings for free distribution to our members who will use it to produce blooms larger and earlier.

Photos by Norman Vickers



John Davy, our only 3 times PCC president, demonstrates planting of a camellia. He gave a nice dissertation about location for planting, soil mixture, watering, and amount of sunlight best suited for camellia growth.



He planted Miss Cinny in honor of Cinny O'Donnell who was the first female PCC president in 2006.

Miss Cinny blooms in different shades of pink on the same plant.

Bloom Photo by John Davy

Photos by Norman Vickers



Skip Vogelsang demonstrated harvested air-layer and gib process so there will be blooms for our December show. He spoke about technique and gave tips for success. When done properly, success is about 90% and one has a new plant which would take about 5 years to reach equivalent size if propagated by rooting.

The following photos are from Oct 21st Shade House Work Day.

We had 22 volunteers that completed Dick's 'To-Do-List' in 2 hours.

To Do List;

Pot all newly harvested air layers.

Fill last raised bed with potting mix & plant 60 root stocks in this bed,

Plant 10 camellias along SE corner of the lot,

Inventory sale plants,

Spray & Fertilize all plants except new air layers.

Weed perimeter of Shade House



Norman Vickers and Greg Taylor



Roger Vinson, Brenda Elebash & Christine Frasier



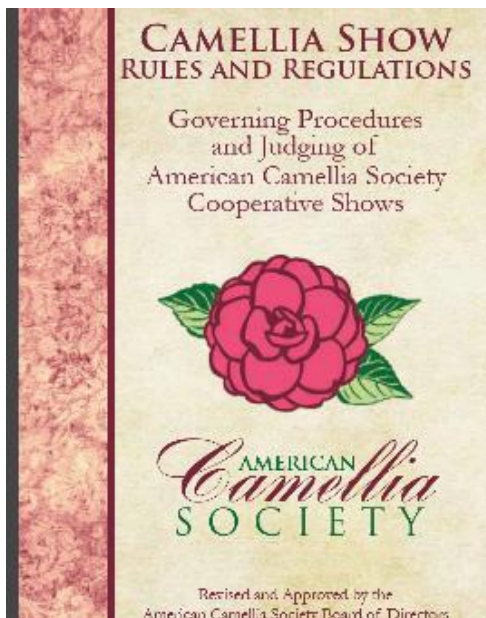
Carolyn Pulford, Debbie Brown & Lee Vanderpool

Here is our Great Team of workers, over 150 camellias added to our inventory.

Above photos by Louise Seitz



NormanVickers provided the photo of the Shade house on the left & covered work area and some of the newly potted plants,



On Saturday October 28th there were 19 students that 'Learned what Judges look for in a bloom'. Our instructors; Roger Vinson, Dick Hooton and Skip Vogelsang brought beautiful blooms from their gardens to provide a show sample for us to practice our newly learned judging skills.

The Judges for our show come from other cities at their own expense. Their commitment, with knowledge and love for camellias, is vital to the success of any show. Our show is Dec 9th, please click on the link below and familiarize yourself with the show process so you can understand the judging and enjoy the beauty of the show as a knowledgeable volunteer knowing how to assist.

<https://camellia5.azureedge.net/assets/ACS%20Camellia%20Judging%20Rules%20and%20Regulations%202017%20online%20version.pdf>

Here are some of the **jobs** that we will need volunteers to fill for our show. Sign up at the general meeting or contact a board member.

Set up on Friday Dec. 8th and with the show on Saturday Dec. 9th show.

- Friday afternoon the staging area will be set up with trays, cups and water for the bloom preparation which starts at 6:30am on Saturday. We will need 3 members in the staging area to assist early Saturday, 6:30 am.
- Friday afternoon plants will be moved from shade house to the outdoor show area for plant sales on Saturday 9:00 to 4:00. We will need 4 members at different shifts to assist with these Saturday sales.
- Friday set up time begins at 3:00 pm for staging, refreshments and awards area, around 5:00pm we will set up the auditorium tables for bloom placement. The more helpers the quicker this will be completed.
- Saturday we need 12 members to be clerks placing blooms on the correct competition tables and assisting judges, hours 7:00am till 1:00 pm. We will provide you with designated aprons to wear over your clothes.
- Saturday at 1:00 – 4:00 pm we will need 6 greeters for welcoming the general public to the show. There will be PCC brochures for you to hand out to the public that contains information about the club and upcoming events.
- Saturday after 4:00 pm will need 12 members to help clean up so we are out on time. Please take home any blooms after 4:00 for your enjoyment.

Many Thanks in advance for your time and support from the board.

Mark your Calendar....

Dec. 5th Tuesday – Show Pre Meeting & donations for Toys for Tots



Skip Vogelsang will walk us through show preparation for our 79th Camellia Show. There are plenty of jobs to do to make this a successful show, please sign up to assist or contact a board

member if you have questions on how you can help.

Attached is the link to our Show Program; [2017 Camellia Show Program](#)

Dec. 8th Friday – Set up for our 79th Annual Camellia Show & Plant Sale

3:00 pm till 6:00 pm at 80 E. Wright Place connected to the church.

Dec. 9th Saturday – 79th Annual Camellia Show & Plant Sale

Located: First United Methodist Church, 80 E. Wright Place.

Schedule of Events;

Bloom Placement 7:00 am – 10:00 am

Judging will begin at 10:30 am

Public viewing of camellias 1:00 pm to 4:00 pm

Plant sales 9:00 am to 4:00 pm or until sold out.

Clean up to begin at 4:05 pm to 5:00pm.

You are welcome to take any blooms during clean up time.

Following are some dates to save on your 2018 calendar.

Jan 16th Tuesday – General Meeting at the Garden Center.

Jan. 17th Wednesday We will be setting up car pools for a day trip to Jim Smelley's for a tour of his camellias. You can graft your own unique camellia and enjoy lunch for a fee of \$20.00. Sign-up sheets or questions will be taken by Dick Hooton.

Feb. 14th Wednesday – Shade House Work Day 9:00 am to Noon.

Feb. 20th Tuesday - General Meeting at the Garden Center 6:30 pm

Feb. 21st Wednesday – UWF Garden Work Day 9:00 am to Noon.

Feb. 24th Saturday - UWF Garden Tour and Plant Sales 9:00 am to Noon.

The following page is a flyer for our upcoming show that you can share.



79th Annual Pensacola Camellia Club Show & Plant Sale

Plant sale 9:00 to 4:00 pm

Bloom set 7:30 to 10:30 am

Public Viewing 1:00 to 4:00 pm

**Location: 1st United Methodist Church
6 E. Wright St., Pensacola FL**



Pensacola Camellia Club will donate toys in honor of our Show winners to the U.S. Marine Corp. Please bring unwrapped toys on Sat. 9th or contact the club at 850-484-9183 for more info.

Camellia Japonicas Were For Sale in Pensacola in 1825.

Contributed by Roger Vinson

How long have camellias been grown in Pensacola? That's a common question our Pensacola Camellia Club members are asked, and we usually respond with an indefinite answer, like "a long time," or "before 1900", but nothing more specific. Now, we can be more specific because recent research has revealed that camellias may have been here much longer than anyone imagined.

We've always read that camellias were first brought to the United States from England about 1797 by Col. John Stevens in New Jersey. Camellia Japonicas were then grown in hot houses by nurserymen in the early 1800s, particularly in New York, Massachusetts, and Pennsylvania. In the 1820s, the "hotbed" of camellia culture was in New York, and students of camellia history know that one of the nurserymen most responsible for spreading camellias around the Northeast United States in that period was William Prince, the Proprietor of the Linnaean Botanic Garden on Long Island, New York.

From New York and Pennsylvania, we've assumed that camellia plants were shipped down the Atlantic coast, and we know that they were successfully growing outdoors in Charleston and Savannah by the 1840s. Many have suggested that settlers moving west into our part of Florida and South Alabama brought camellias with them, which would probably have been in the 1850s - - - but we have no evidence of that. Now, however, we do have evidence that they may have gotten here by ship, perhaps decades earlier.

Digging into the Pensacola historical archives, Margo Stringfield of UWF's Archaeology Institute has found the December 31, 1825, edition of the weekly Pensacola Gazette. As most know, Florida had been conveyed to the United States as a Territory in 1821, and would not become the 27th state until 1845. But in 1825, Pensacola was a busy seaport, with ships coming from far away - - - Europe and the Northeastern United States, and New York in particular.

1826.
Just Received and for Sale
AT THE
Pensacola Book Store,
B E L L S
Louisiana & Mississippi
ALMANA · FOR 1826.
Price—per groce, 8 10
" dozen, 1
" single one, 12½
Country merchants are requested to forward their orders without delay, as but a small quantity will be kept on hand, some delay in filling orders will occur if they are not received in a short time.
W. Hasell Hunt.
October 7th. 1825.
Fruit and Ornamental Trees,
&c.
W. M. PRINCE,
PROPRIETOR OF THE
Linnaean Botanic Garden,
FLUSHING, LONG ISLAND,
OFFERS to the public, his very extensive collection of the choicest fruits, the selection of which has been made with the greatest care during more than half a century, and to which large re-

cent additions have been made.



The assortment of ornamental trees, flowering shrubs and plants, is also very extensive. — Also, of Bulbous flowers, which includes 620 varieties of Tulips, 380 of Hyacinths, besides a great variety of other species. The green house department has also been greatly extended, and now comprises above 1800 species, among which are the most splendid and rare kinds, including 30 kinds of oranges, lemons and citrons, 28 of the *Camellia Japonica* or Japan rose, 200 of geraniums, 45 of heaths and green and bohea tea plants, olives, myrtles, cape jessamine &c. &c. In the collection are about 10,000 grape vines of the finest European kind for wine and the table, and above 500 varieties of the most beautiful roses, including 54 kinds of Chinese monthly roses and 9 of the Moss rose. Also, 73 varieties of the double dahlia. The new catalogues for 1825 are just published, and may be obtained gratis of W. Hasell Hunt, and orders left with him, or forwarded per mail to the proprietor, will meet with prompt attention, and be shipped to any port designated.

November 18th, 1825—38—17.

In this 1825 edition of the Pensacola Gazette is an ad for a large quantity of “Fresh Goods” just arrived in Pensacola on the Brig Amos Palmer from New York. Lots of items were listed for sale, some basics like “100 sacks of ground salt”, “10

ploughs”, and “45 kegs cut nails”; some luxuries like “lace ball dresses”, “2 trunks of ladies shoes”, and “5 crates of china and glass ware”; and of course, lots to drink: “5 pipes old cognac brandy”, 1 pipe old Madeira wine”, “15 boxes old claret”, “4 boxes old port”, and “30 barrels whiskey”! The Gazette’s publisher, W. Hasell Hunt, also advertised “1826 Beers Louisiana and Mississippi Almanacs” for sale at his book store in Pensacola.

But the striking advertisement in the Gazette was by none other than William Prince, of Flushing, Long Island, New York - - - the man recognized as being so influential in spreading camellia culture in early America. He’s placed an ad in the Pensacola Gazette for the sale of “Fruit and Ornamental Trees”, and included among the ornamentals were: “28 of the *Camellia Japonica* or Japan rose”.

His local agent was listed as W. Hasell Hunt, who apparently had a number of business interests besides the newspaper and the book store, and who had Mr. Prince’s 1825 catalogs available, gratis.

So, while we do not know if camellias were growing in Pensacola as early as the 1820s, we do know for certain that they were available for sale in 1825. (On the other hand, maybe Pensacoleans were too busy drinking to think about buying and growing camellias!)

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.



Roger Vinson has a new bloom in his yard,
it's "Julius Nuccio", a recent Japonica introduction.

This beauty is 6" in diameter.

REMEMBER PCC for an END OF THE YEAR - TAX DEDUCTION TO CHARITIES.

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.

Chair: Roger Vinson

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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. For those who receive the newsletter by e-mail, click [here](#) to go to PCC website. Click [here](#) to go to ACS website or like us on our Face book page.