

The Pensacola Camellia



September 2017 Newsletter of the Pensacola Camellia Club—established 1937

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President's Message – John Mate

Hello fellow Camellians. I look forward to serving the Pensacola Camellia Club for the next year and getting to know each of you better. My wonderful wife Lauren will be joining me as secretary for the club and believe me when I say she is the better part of this deal. I wish that I could say that I am bringing a wealth of knowledge about camellias or great oratory skills to the club, but you will see that is not the case. What I am bringing is an appreciation and joy of flowers and a desire to help our club continue in its goals.

Camellias are a favorite of mine because they put on a beautiful show of blooms from October through April. Lauren and I joined the club three years ago to learn about camellias and how to take care of them. While we did learn about camellias, we also learned something even more important, and that is about you Camellians.

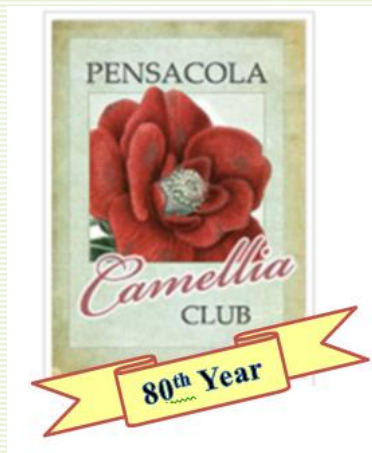
You may be in different stages of learning, teaching and promoting the club, but the efforts that I see from you are inspiring to me. The learning phase is where I am at and so are many of you. Think about how fortunate we are to have a large group of real experts that are willing to share their knowledge they have learned over many years to help us be more successful with our camellia experience. They are not aloof or

uncaring about us less experienced beginners, rather they take time out of their lives to answer our questions, put on demonstrations, work on club projects, teach us, and hundreds of other things behind the scenes to help everyone in the club succeed. They share their secrets and tips for shows, even their gardens for grafting and air layering. If anyone of us beat them in a show with a graft from their favorite plant, they would smile and be proud of us. Get to know them, they love giving back in life and they are also entertaining. They do not like it when you call them experts, but they really are.

I also am inspired by the people who set up (and put away) tables and chairs for our meetings, donate refreshments and decorations, work our shows and garden tours, make name tags, volunteer for work days, pick up spent blooms, and a hundred other details that get done to make the club events enjoyable and successful.

You, the Camellians of the Pensacola Camellia Club, inspire me to want to be a part of it and participate where and when I can. Thank you for giving me the opportunity to serve the PCC and continue my learning experience. I thank you in advance for your work and efforts for the 80th year of our club.

John Mate



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PENSACOLA CAMELLIA CLUB AGENDA

Tuesday September 19th, 2017

Garden Center 1850 N. Ninth Ave

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

**If you can come early to help SET UP chairs &
refreshment tables please arrive at 6:00 pm.**

Program for tonight:

Guest speaker Ashley Moore will discuss
backyard composting - how to make and use
compost in your home garden.

Gibbing will be reviewed and samples for you
to use on your camellias will be available.

Start gibbing now so you will have winning
blooms for our December show.

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.

Many Thanks to T. Morris for setting up our start of the year social at the Garden Center and Jerri Smith for taking reservations and organizing the food. We were blessed with food and friendship from 70 members sharing tasty dishes and yummy treats on August 21st, 2017.



Lines were long but there was plenty for everyone and special surprise by Mary Ellen Edwards.



Photos by Louise Seitz

Mary Ellen Edwards is the club's oldest member at 97 and shared with us a painting of her late husband and club member John Edwards with the camellia registered in his named.



The following words are from Mary Ellen,
"Will I tell you



when we first married I did not know if I would be the love of his life or not. He loved the camellia so much, I said who first? He said you are first and the camellia's are second. But for years I doubted that. When we started out we took rooting of flowers and put them in the bath tub and keep them there until there were stems.. Those are happy days, beautiful day and precious

memories. I thank the Lord that I have all of my marbles.

My mother told me I could never keep a secret because I talked too much, but that is a blessing. I want to tell you what a wonderful club we have. You will spend happy hours looking at your flowers. John was so enthusiastic about being apart and working for this club.



This club has grown a lot, it's a wonderful club to belong to, keep on looking at the beautiful camellia's in your yard. They never talk back to you. It's a wonderful hobby, and I'm so proud to be a member since 1940. It's a lot of work but with all work comes pleasure. So keep up the good work and glad to call you all my camellia friends.

I have two of the 'John Edwards' in my yard and when it blooms it smiles at me. They are wonderful companions.

Mark your Calendar....

Sept 23rd Saturday - UWF Work Day

Join us at 9:00 am to Noon for some general cleaning of the UWF Garden. Please bring your rakes, buckets, gloves and water bottle. There are plenty of branches to pick up, weeds to pull, to get the garden in shape.

Oct. 17th Tuesday - General Meeting

Promptly at 7:00 we will be outside with John Davy as he demonstrates his planting skills of camellia. Pack inside we will demonstration and a review of harvesting airlayers for coming weekend workday.

Oct 21st Saturday - Shade House Work Day

Join us at 9:00 am till completion for potting of our April air layers from the gardens of UWF, Dick Hooton's ,Pierre Kaufke's, Skip Vogelsang and Peggy DeArmon's . These are future money makers for the club and an easy way to visit with each other. Bring your water bottles and gloves.

Oct 28th Saturday - Judge's School

Class begins at 9:00 am – 3:00 pm at Garden Center – Café Room located at 1850 N. Ninth Ave, Pensacola.

The Pensacola Camellia Club is hosting a judges' school for those desiring to become camellia show judges and for those already accredited judges who need to be re-accredited. Since a new Judge's handbook went into effect on July 1, 2017, all judges are encouraged to attend and become familiar with the new rules governing camellia shows. Also encouraged to attend are those camellia enthusiasts who, while not intending to become judges, nevertheless, desire to learn more about camellias and camellia shows in general and how to exhibit their flowers and to determine what differentiates a good flower from a great flower.

Cost is \$25.00 per person which includes lunch and copies of the judges handbook. For reservations contact Roger Vinson by email roger_vinson@flnd.uscourts.gov or Dick Hooton at 850-969-0001.

2017- 2018 Gibbing Schedule for Camellia Shows near Pensacola

This schedule is an approximation based upon an average time between the application of the gibberellic acid and blooming of about 6 weeks, bracketed with applications a week earlier or later. Thus, there are three application dates for each show. For example, if you gib 2 blooms on each plant at each application, you would have gibbed a total of 6 blooms on that plant --- and with luck maybe 1 of them will open in time for that show. The estimated time is for an average japonica plant in moderate shade and under normal Pensacola weather conditions.

	Show Date	1 st Application 7 weeks before	2 nd Application 6 weeks before	3 rd Application 5 weeks before
Boston, Georgia	11/4/17	9/16/17	9/23/17	9/30/17
Gulfport/Biloxi	11/18/17	9/30/17	10/7/17	10/14/17
Slidell (Ozone)	12/2/17	10/14/17	10/21/17	10/28/17
Pensacola	12/9/17	10/21/17	10/28/17	11/4/17
Covington (Northshore)/ Tallahassee	1/6/18	11/18/17	11/25/17	12/2/17
Mobile	1/20/18	12/02/17	12/09/17	12/16/17
Metairie (New Orleans)	1/27/18	12/09/17	12/16/17	12/23/17
Brookhaven	2/4/18	12/16/17	12/23/17	12/30/17
Baton Rouge/	2/10/18	12/23/17	12/30/17	1/06/18

There is no fixed time for the gib to take effect, and many factors will affect the time. Early blooming varieties usually bloom more quickly and late blooming varieties usually take longer; some take much longer. More mature buds will bloom sooner than less mature ones. Reticulatas normally average a longer time to bloom than do japonicas. Plants in full sun may also bloom sooner. Of course, abnormally warm weather will accelerate blooming, while heavy freezes and colder conditions will delay blooming.

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.

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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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.