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### President's Message

Hello PCC members!

The sasanqua camellias are blooming now so don't miss them. Their smaller flowers require close examination and you will be rewarded with the beauty of their petals and colors. They are a prelude to the grander camellias to come.



*Sharon Maloney shared her first bloom from her yard, a sasanqua 'Sparkling Burgundy' from Saturday 9-29-18.*

The grander camellias are the japonica, reticulata and hybrids. We camellia gardeners will keep a close watch on our plants looking for a bloom that stands out and is a great example of its type. If we are lucky, the bloom will be timed to make it to a show or, if not, displayed in our house and sometimes just enjoyed on the plant. It brings

great joy to have found a wonderful flower for its short life. I hope you find many in your garden.

*Charina Narciso was returning to her UWF office from lunch and saw this japonica at our UWF garden, 'Georgia National Fair' on October 2<sup>nd</sup>.*

The Pensacola Camellia Club lost a beautiful flower last month. What made her so beautiful was a cheerful heart, thinking of others, kind words and a radiant smile that lifted my spirit when she turned it toward me. We will miss you Roxanna Walter. You were a beautiful flower! - John Mate



The following is from ACS website if you needed a refresher on a few types of Camellia or visit the link to view what I left out.

<https://www.americancamellias.com/care-culture-resources/history-of-camellias>

### *Camellia sasanqua*

These are the fall blooming camellias. They are native to southern Japan. Native plants are small trees up to 16 feet tall. Flowers are generally white with few petals and lightly fragrant. The leaves are generally smaller than *japonicas* and flowers shatter readily, making them unsuitable for cut flowers. They bloom from September through December, and are excellent landscape plants. They will grow in either sun or shade and may not be quite as cold hardy as the *japonicas*.

### *Camellia japonica*

By far the most important ornamental camellia, believed to be native to Japan - hence the name. These variable plants range from small shrub to small tree and up to 30 or more feet tall. In the wild, it grows as an understory plant on hillsides. Flowers vary in size and color, but generally are single with five to six petals, and are red. However white and pink are known. They are winter blooming, have beautiful shiny evergreen leaves, and an interesting brown trunk. Today, they have been hybridized more than any other camellia, and flowers are available in all sizes, colors, and forms.

### *Camellia reticulata*

This species was represented by one plant in England in the 1800's. However, this did not hybridize with other camellias, and no other *reticulatas* were known in the western world, until the 1940's, when they were brought out of the southern part of China. They have the largest of all camellia flowers and have resulted in exquisite crosses with *japonicas*.

### *Camellia hybrids*

Any plant that result from the crossing of more than one species of camellia. Many are available, and they add much to the camellia world in the way of color, fragrance, and hardiness.



We had 15 members helping at our UWF clean up on Saturday, September 29<sup>th</sup> for weeding, gibbing, trimming and picking up branches. Work was completed quickly thanks to Alan who brought the donuts to get us all moving!



Front row: Alan McMillian, Carolyn Pulford, Sharon Maloney, Susan Shelton, Patty Moran, Rita Perling, back row: Skip Vogelsang, Trumin Brown, Jim Frazier, Lee Vanderpool, Neil McMillian, Debbie Brown. Missing from photo Louise Seitz, Greg Taylor & Richard Freeman.  
-photos by Louise Seitz



Whoops!!!

Next year on Wednesday, January 30, we'll be repeating our picnic trip to Jim Smelley's for picnicking, flower looking, and grafting. If you'll recall we all had a great time this year although the grafting was the worst failure of which I'm aware. We originally had a success rate of 84% but then, we think, and I repeat think, that last year's failure was due to a combination of things: the soil in Mississippi is heavier than our Pensacola soil and that coupled with a much higher rainfall than usual allowed the fungus *phytophthora cinnamomi* (root rot) to take hold, infect, and destroy our grafts. We rarely have root rot in ground planted camellias here in Pensacola because our soil is so well drained. If you grow or graft in pots, you may want to consider a product called Subdue to prevent any root rot problems.



SO, you may ask, what is going to prevent the same occurrence from destroying my graft(s) again? GOOD QUESTION!

Next year, prior to our trip, your ever-learning author will visit Jim Smelley's with our own renowned nurseryman, John Davy, to treat the root stock with a product to prevent root rot from occurring.

Between now and our trip, use the time to look, listen, read, and ask.

**LOOK** at pictures, the blooms that come to our meetings, and especially those exhibited at our show.

**LISTEN** to what various growers have to say about specific varieties.

**READ** about the varieties you're considering—growth habit, growth rate bloom time; etc.

**ASK** who has the variety you're interested in and may you have a scion(s). Jim Smelley has a comprehensive selection, but he may not have what you're looking for and a club member may.

Most important, our club has some knowledgeable members; engage them in conversation, they'll be more than happy to help you select the proper camellia for whatever your goal may be.

We'll disseminate more info on time, place; etc., as the date draws near.

- Dick Hooton

## Upcoming Events .... October

**Friday Oct 12<sup>th</sup>** – Harvest air-layers that we did in the spring at various gardens. Greg Taylor will be at UWF gathering the air layers; if you were out there in April and can assist with the next step we would appreciate your help. Please show at 3:00pm for a quick collection of these future money makers.



### **Saturday Oct 13<sup>th</sup>** – ***ALL HANDS NEEDED!***

This is a very BIG and Important Work Day at Shade House starting at 9:00am until completed. We will be potting our harvested air layers, spraying camellias, transferring plants from right side to the left side of the shade house, taking inventory, fertilizing and general clean up. Please bring your gloves and water bottles. This is when you will take home your 4<sup>th</sup> air layer so please don't miss out on your work you did in the spring. We will also be distributing the gibberellic acid to you that day.

The Shade House is located at 3279 Pine Forest Rd, Cantonment, FL 32533

**\_Oct 15<sup>th</sup> - 16<sup>th</sup> PCC will host the Gulf Coast Camellia Society Conference** in downtown Pensacola. Fellow camellia lovers from the southeastern US will come together to share camellia information and have a good time! PCC will be coordinating the many events; live and silent auctions, sightseeing tours, UWF Garden visit, camellia educational sessions, food, and fun with the help of PCC volunteers. *REMEMBER our Club meeting on Tuesday Oct 16<sup>th</sup> is replaced by this conference there will be NO meeting at the Garden Center. We hope you would plan on attending some or the entire event.*

Special guest speaker **Dr. Brie Arthur** <https://www.briegrows.com/brie-arthur>, will be featured at the Tuesday evening dinner.

**Saturday Oct 20<sup>th</sup>** - Work Day at UWF Camellia Garden 9:00am to Noon. Gibbing for the December Show and general clean up.

**Saturday Oct 27<sup>th</sup>** - Work Day at UWF Camellia Garden 9:00am to Noon. Gibbing for the December Show and general clean up.

***Last page of the newsletter has a map to the UWF Garden for those that need it.***



**Oct 18<sup>th</sup> - Oct 28<sup>th</sup> Pensacola Fair** is looking for your blooms for their Fall Flower show. Below is their message with dates and times for the flower show.

<http://www.pensacolafair.com/premiumbook/flowershow.pdf>

This time next month I hope I am knee deep in horticulture! Why? It's the Flower Show at the fair and I want lots and lots of horticulture entered. If everyone in PFGC entered just two pieces of horticulture, we would have over 600 entries. If you have never entered and aren't sure what to do, please call me at 850-968-5645 and I'll be happy to answer any questions and help you in any way I can. We are still in need of designers. Even though the design portion of the show is smaller with not as many designs, we still need designers! If you need a copy of the schedule, let me know and I'll e-mail it to you. I know this sounds like a broken record, but we still need two gardens. This flower show is PFGC's time to shine and we need to shine brightly and we can do that by supporting and entering the flower show. Editor Note: The email which was sent separately on the fair flower show had an incorrect link for the schedule, you may click on the words Flower Show Schedule to view the corrected one. It is also on the PFGC website at <http://www.pensacolagardencenter.com/events/fair-flower-show/>

**Mark your calendar for Wednesday, October 17th, and Tuesday, October 23rd 2018 to submit horticulture entries (the rear of Bldg 7 from 8am - 11am)**

If you have any questions about the fair, the flower show, volunteering to work, entering, etc., don't hesitate to contact me at [rcrawford2@panhandle.rr.com](mailto:rcrawford2@panhandle.rr.com) . -Ann Crawford, Chairman

### **PCC speaking at UWF - Leisure Learning Program Friday November 2<sup>nd</sup>**

If you want to attend please contact the [uwf.edu/LeisureLearning](http://uwf.edu/LeisureLearning) or call 850.473.7468 to register for this class.

*New! **Growing Camellias 101** Pensacola has a long history of camellia growers as demonstrated by the thousands of beautiful heritage specimens throughout the area. Learn about their history, care, propagation, unique characteristics, various forms, colors and sizes from two of the biggest camellia connoisseurs in the Pensacola Camellia Club. Once you find out how easy they are to grow and why they are so popular, you will be growing them too! The program includes a tour of the UWF camellia garden with more than 120 camellias. The Camellia Club show and plant sale takes place on Dec. 8 — join us to find out more information.*

*2-Nov | Fri 1:00 PM - 2:30 PM | \$12*

*Instructor: Skip Vogelsang UWF Building 86 (CEPS)*

## Members Corner



It was great to see one of our high fashion members, Melanie Doremus coming to the September meeting bringing a dish to share for social and wearing a *Coco Chanel Camellia pin*. Melanie was wearing a black camellia with the small gold cc logo that she received from her daughter. Melanie mentioned that her daughter was in Milan, Italy studying fashion. The GCCS conference is a great



time to show off your camellia items. Just make sure to let me get a photo of you with your camellia items! – Louise /Editor

### Club Promotional Information.

Some of you have mentioned that you are sharing information about the club and our upcoming show with friends and co-workers. If you were at the August picnic or September's meeting we distributed 'business cards' to hand out with our upcoming event dates. Others are speaking at clubs and requested a brochure to hand out, please click on the link below to download our brochure to print at home to share at your events. Thank you for supporting the club in this method and please continue to let the board know your ideas for advertising our events.

[https://pensacolacamelliclub.com/wp-content/uploads/2018/10/PCC\\_Info\\_Brochure\\_10\\_5\\_18.pdf](https://pensacolacamelliclub.com/wp-content/uploads/2018/10/PCC_Info_Brochure_10_5_18.pdf)

## 2018- 2019 Gibbing Schedule for Camellia Shows near Pensacola

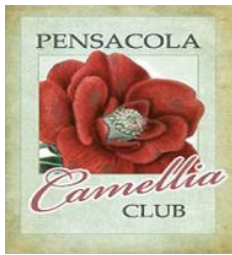
This schedule is an approximation based upon an average time between the application of the gibberellic acid and blooming of about 6 weeks, bracketed with applications a week earlier or later. Thus, there are three application dates for each show. For example, if you gib 2 blooms on each plant at each 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 <sup>st</sup> Application 7 weeks before	2 <sup>nd</sup> Application 6 weeks before	3 <sup>rd</sup> Application 5 weeks before
Boston, GA	11/3/18	9/16/18	9/23/18	9/30/18
Gulfport, MS	11/17/18	9/30/18	10/7/18	10/14/18
Slidell, LA	12/1/18	10/14/18	10/21/18	10/28/18
<b>Pensacola, FL</b>	<b>12/8/18</b>	<b>10/21/18</b>	<b>10/28/18</b>	<b>11/4/18</b>
Covington, AL	1/5/19	11/18/18	11/25/18	12/2/18
Tallahassee, FL	1/12/19	11/25/18	12/2/18	12/9/18
Mobile, AL	1/19/19	12/1/18	12/8/18	12/15/18
Metairie, LA	1/26/19	12/09/18	12/16/18	12/23/18
Brookhaven, MS	2/2/19	12/16/18	12/23/18	12/30/18
Baton Rouge, LA	2/9/19	12/23/18	12/30/18	1/06/19
Mobile, AL*	2/15/19	12/30/18	1/6/19	1/13/19

\*ACS 2019 National Conventions Feb. 15- 18, 2019 [www.AlabamaCamelliaSociety.org](http://www.AlabamaCamelliaSociety.org)

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. Go to the [American Camellia Society](http://www.AmericanCamelliaSociety.org) website for a video demonstrating gibbing.





**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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### Map and directions to UWF Camellia Garden.

Directions to the garden; if heading east on 9 Mile Road you will turn North/left at University Pkwy. At the UWF entrance turn right at the light onto Campus Dr., at the next light turn left at Campus Lane then right back onto Campus Dr. your heading to Parking Lot W. Warning there is construction near the garden.

