



President's Message

It is hard to believe, but our Camellia Show is less than a month away. I hope every club member will search their plants at home for blooms to display in the completion, either as a novice or expert level, depending on past winning bloom criteria. Secondly, I hope every club member will sign up to work at the show using your past experience or signing on to a new experience. Next let's all support our Show Chairman, Skip Vogelsang, who has a lot on his shoulders, by following his instructions and direction. Skip has put on many great shows with everyone's help. Finally, and most importantly, work hard but take some time out where you can to enjoy our show. It is one of the best every year!

I'd like to take some time to tell everyone about the **Pensacola Camellia Club Road Trip on Saturday, January 12, 2019, to Tallahassee, FL.** We have a wonderful opportunity to show blooms at the Tallahassee Camellia Society's Show. Blooms must be entered by 9:30 a.m., so you'll need to get up early if you plan to drive the day of the show. The drive to

Tallahassee is about 3 hours and remembers they are on Eastern time zone so you'll lose an hour on the trip, or go over the day before and stay in the area Friday night. I want to invite all PCC members, who decide to make the trip, to join me on Saturday for two local camellia garden tours and lunch together before heading back to the show to see the results. That's right; you can enjoy their show without doing the work. Also, don't worry about PCC being a club, and TCS being a society because I have been to their show twice, and like us, they are nice friendly people enjoying a common interest in camellias.

Here is the day's itinerary:

10:00 Tour Alfred B. Maclay Gardens

11:30 Lunch, TBD

12:30 Tour Dorothy B. Owen Park

2:00 Return to TCS Show to enjoy the blooms and check on show results.

You can car pool with friends, or if we have enough interest, we may rent a van. Sign up starts at the November 20th Meeting.

John Mate

Thank you members who came out to help at the Shade House work day this past Saturday, October 13th for giving your time and energy to the club. Inventory was organized in the Shade House, **198 air layers were trimmed**, potted, fertilized, watered and carefully placed in the Shade House. These are the future money makers that will pay for the needs of the club when they grow up!



Back row: Jim Frazier, Dick Hooton, Pierre Kaufle, Trumin Brown, Skip Vogelsang, Roger Vinson, Greg Taylor, Melinda Taylor, Lauren Mate, John Mate, Lee Vanderpool, George Knight.

Front row; Sharon Maloney, Patty Moran, Susan Shelton, Roger Vinson, Allen McMillan, seated, Carolyn Pulford. -photos by Louise Seitz

Lady in the Shower by Bette Hooton

The Pensacola Camellia Club, Lisa Miller (Silent Auction), Mark Crawford (Plant Auction), Florence Crowder and Mack Thetford (Speakers), Paul Bruno (VPaul's Italian Ristorante), the folks at Sole' Inn and Go Retro and the Fish House for donating Palafox House, thank the members from GCCS for the wonderful response to the party/conference! The officers from GCCS made the actual putting on of the conference a pleasure for all of us here in Pensacola. Well, not quite—but you get my drift!

And Brie Arthur, thanks to John Davy and Mack Thetford's planning, made it all worth it—charming, accomplished, full of fun, chatty, she and husband David came early and stayed late. We owe a special thanks to Lynn Manthei for lending her house on Pensacola Beach.

And didn't Ellen Vinson, the Pink Perfection of Pensacola, and Bobby van Duesen add frosting to the cake with their performance Tuesday night before dinner. The CD's on the table added a lovely touch, compliments of Ellen.

And weren't the roses on all the tables so nice, thanks to Christi Hankins, who was in Panama City helping family!

And Leland Leonard's fabulous tray raffle brought in \$600 to the coffers of our club!

I do love occasions when all of the people who attend shows, work in the shade and greenhouses, and give lots of their time to help their individual clubs get together and enjoy themselves. Sometime I think it gets forgotten what wonderful hard-working people you all are for spreading your camellia culture throughout the world.

Speaking of which, Dick bought another plant.

So we decided to stay at the hotel. I sneaked out before Mack's fascinating talk on "pH" and headed for my bed to relax my old knees before the Silent Auction ended at 4:30, thinking about a hot shower. I opened the shower door to find 'a lady' in there. Surprised and laughing, I looked for a name tag and there was none—I could not believe Dick bought a plant with no name! So I picked her up and put her in the bedroom. Later, Dick said she has no name yet, but will be "Diane Dickson" at a later date. So now I tell people, "Diane" was in my shower! (Thank you, Dickson's, for coming.)

Dick and I thank PCC for all the hard work—I know when you see our phone number on your caller id, you don't answer it, and I do understand...



Upcoming Events November & December

Saturday Nov 17th - Clean up 9:00 -11:00 am at the Garden Centers camellia garden. Each garden club has a section with their type of flowers and is maintained by that club. The camellia garden area needs attention, park on Fairnie street which is the opposite of what we use for meetings. The camellias are located on the southwest corner of their lot. Bring your gloves, tools and water they will provide the yard waste container.

Tuesday Nov. 20th – General Meeting at the Garden Center with 6:30pm social followed by 7:00pm meeting on '*Companion Plants for Camellias*'.



PLEASE bring in your unwrapped toy donation for Toys for Tots that will be used in place of show prizes for our December 8th Camellia Show winners.

Membership Booklets, if you did not get your copy please see Debbie Brown tonight. Remember to let her know of any changes to your contact information.

Saturday Dec. 1st - PCC will be selling camellias at the Palafox Market and getting the word out about the Dec 8th Show.

Please contact Louise Seitz 850-780-0410 to volunteer a few hours to assist with plant sales, and giving out general club information. We start at 8:00 am setting up and end after 2:00pm. Bring a chair, dress for the weather and smiling face!

Tuesday Dec. 4th – General Meeting at the Garden Center with 6:30pm social followed by 7:00pm meeting to finalize all jobs for the Annual Camellia Show on Saturday Dec. 8th. Skip Vogelsang will walk us through show preparation for our 80th 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. PLEASE bring in your unwrapped toy donation for 'Toys for Tots' that will be used in place of show prizes.

**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. 7th and with the show on Saturday Dec. 8th show.

- Friday afternoon the staging area will be set up with trays, cups and water for the bloom preparation which starts at 7:00am on Saturday.
We will need 3 members in the staging area to assist early Saturday, 7:00 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, and awards area. 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 .
Please take home any blooms after 4:00 for your enjoyment.

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

Friday Dec. 7th – We will be setting up at UWF Conference Center 11000 University Parkway, Building 22 at 3:00pm.

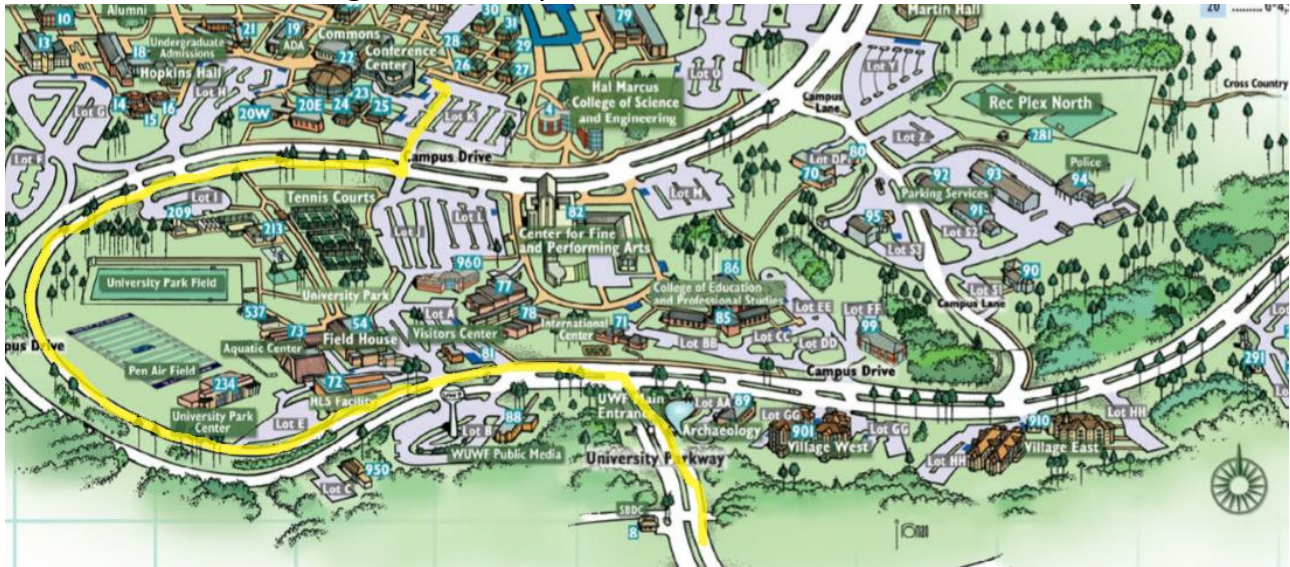
PLEASE bring in any last toy donations for 'Toys for Tots' that will be used in place of show prizes and put smiles on needy children of Escambia County.

Saturday Dec. 8th – Pensacola Annual Camellia Show at UWF Conference Center, with tours of the Camellia Garden and Plant Sales.

Exhibitors start time is 7:00 am -10:30 am, Judging 10:30 am – noon,
Public Viewing at 1:00pm -4:00pm.

Directions to UWF Conference Center for our Annual Show.

If heading east on 9 Mile Road you will turn North/left at University Pkwy. Turn left as indicated by the **yellow line** on the map below. Stay in the left hand side of the road, after you pass the tennis courts on the right hand side, take the next left into the parking lot 'K'. If you missed it, at the next stop light is Campus Lane where you can make a 'U turn' to go west and park in lot 'K' for the Conference Center.



The pink line above is if you entered from Davis Highway, follow Campus Drive, turn right at the light onto Campus Lane then West/left at the next light onto Campus Drive to parking lot 'K' at the Conference Center.



Dear Pensacola Camellia Club Members,

Last April I sent you an email thanking you for your 2017 support of Marine Toys for Tots and told you that **we were able to fulfill the Christmas dreams of 7 million less fortunate children.** These were children who otherwise might have gone without any recognition at all during the most significant season of their young lives. I hope you were pleased to have been part of such a great accomplishment.

I don't know where this year has gone, but now it's time again to consider sharing a little Christmas with a less fortunate child. As you start to plan your holiday season, please do not forget about the many children who will miss out on experiencing the magic of Christmas this year. Our Marines and volunteers have been working very hard for several months now. When Christmas shopping for 7 million children, it takes a lot of effort and a lot of donations. They know all too well that such a large number of toys, books and other gifts aren't purchased without the significant generosity of kind people like yourself.

The Marine Toys for Tots Program is conducting over 800 toy collection and distribution campaigns across the U.S. helping disadvantaged children nationwide. We're proud to report that **over 97% of all donated dollars go to our mission of providing Christmas holiday gifts for less fortunate children!** We're also pleased to report that not one dime of your donation will go to anyone's salary. There are a lot of challenges for the thousands of Marines and volunteers who are conducting Toys for Tots Programs throughout our nation, but with your support I'm sure they will accomplish their holiday mission.

I hope the past year has been good to you and your family and that you're able to help us make a big difference in the lives of millions of desperate families

Best Wishes,
Ted Silvester
Colonel, UMSC (Ret)
Vice President Marine Toys for Tots

Pleasant surprise for me today as I walked into my garden and the first bloom of the season on the small Camellia japonica, Hishi-Karioto



greeted me. It was a natural bloom-- that is, it hadn't been treated with growth hormone gibberellic acid.

What's unique about this particular Camellia variety? It was registered in Japan in 1934. It's small--only about 2 inches in diameter. Note that the yellow stamens have been replaced by white petaloids and it's somewhat tubular.



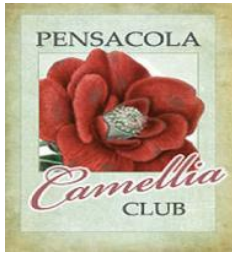
What's my history with this plant? It was a gift to Betty from a Pensacola widow whose late husband was one of the founders of the Pens. Men's Camellia Club in 1937-- oldest camellia club in the US. That gift to us was made maybe 15 years ago. When we downsized about 5 years ago, that 10 year old bush was still in our former yard. The owner called me one day with questions about

transplanting etc. He needed to make room for kids play area and some housing for his dogs. The Hishi-Karioto bush needed to go, so I asked to have it. A 10 year old plant about 5 feet high came with about 50 pounds of root-dirt and I planted it in a large plastic tub I had -- one, for example, that a large palm tree might grow in. I took it home and planted it in the large tub-- pruned it back severely and it found a happy home in my new backyard.

This particular variety is not a prolific seed producer but I harvested a couple of seeds from the plant this fall and have them incubating inside my house-- in plastic bag with moist sphagnum moss-- awaiting for them to sprout. Takes at least 5 years for new plant from seed to bloom. If I live that long-- good. If not, available for next generation!

How do I know it hadn't been gibbed? Look at the side view, between the bloom and the leaf there's a 1/2 inch sprout-- that's a growth-bud. If it had been gibbed, the growth-bud would have been removed leaving a little cup-like structure and one drop of gibberellic acid would have been placed there by syringe and needle.

Thanks for listenin'. - Norman



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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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://pensacolacamelliaclub.com/wp-content/uploads/2018/10/PCC_Info_Brochure_10_5_18.pdf

Below is our press release information that was sent out to all the media contacts. If you have other clubs, church, or work that you can share it with please do so.

The Pensacola Camellia Club (PCC) will have its **80th Annual Camellia Show** at University of West Florida (UWF) Conference Center located at [11000 University Parkway Building 22](#), along with UWF Camellia Garden Tour and Plant Sales on December 8th, 2018. We are excited to share with the public 'competitive camellia blooms' and the beautiful 'UWF Camellia Garden' which PCC established in partnership with UWF Retired Employees Association and the University in 2007. The UWF Camellia Garden showcase a specimen of every camellia variety developed and registered by local Pensacola area hobbyists over the previous 80 years.

Skip Vogelsang is vice-president and show chair and emphasized that the show is open to all camellia growers, whether a PCC member or not. More than 1,500 blooms are expected to be displayed by camellia enthusiasts from states along the Gulf Coast as well as locally. There is a 'Novice' category for new camellia growers and those who have not won significant prizes in the past to compete. Bloom preparation begins at 7:00 am and judging begins mid-morning. There will be judges from several states who are certified by the America Camellia Society.



Public viewing is FREE and begins at 1:00pm until 4:00pm, after judging and prizes have been awarded. Prior to 1:00pm, visitors can ride on the University's shuttle service to tour the UWF Camellia Garden or view and purchase many of the Camellia plants available for sales.



This year winning bloom prizes have been replaced with Toys for Tots donations. If you would like to donate a new unwrapped toy that day you are welcome to join in this charitable opportunity for Escambia County children in need.

Plant sales begin at 9:00am and will continue until 4:00pm or until the supply is sold out. Our supply of plants is extensive in that we have purchased desirable plants from camellia nurseries in surrounding states or propagated from our own expert club member's yards. We will openly share plant growth patterns, sun/shade requirements advice about plant care and maintenance.

Membership and additional information about the Pensacola Camellia Club activities can be found on our website <https://pensacolacamellioclub.com/annual-camellia-show/> or call 850-780-0410.