



What a joy it has been as President of the Pensacola Camellia Club for the last two years!

It started with a call from Paul Bruno asking me to be President of the Club in 2017. I told Paul I didn't know enough to be President and didn't want to fail the club. Paul said I would be a good President and the Club would not let me fail. Paul was right and you were always there to support me. I'm glad I accepted. Thank you Paul.

Lauren, my wife, listened to me on the phone with Paul and was probably wondering what I was getting myself into but she said, "I will be glad to help in any way I can." She has helped and has been very supportive making me look better than I am. Thank you, Lauren.

A gift for T. Morris of *The Illustrated Encyclopedia of Camellias* by Stirling Macoboy gave me confidence that I could always look it up, if I didn't know something. There was a lot I didn't and still don't know. Thank you Miss T., the Encyclopedia was a great gift.

Shortly after taking over, I received an unexpected letter from Dr. Gordon E. Eade, a former Pensacola Camellia Club President (2000-2001), congratulating me on becoming President of the Club. Gordon said, "I consider my membership in the Club to be one of the best decisions that I have made in my life. I am still using, everyday, the knowledge and skills taught by the club members. What a joy." Thank you for your inspiration, Gordon.

The Club Board of Directors has been great to work with and is full of wonderful ideas, support and advice. Thanks to the Board.

I was taught that flowers bring joy, kindness and civility to the world and by growing them, lets you be a part of the happiness they bring to people's lives. That teacher passed away in 2008 and in his obituary it said, "He was known as the 'flower man' to many who passed by his house with the beautiful gardens." I bet that made him smile. Thank you, Dad.

Looking back, I never should have worried about failing the Club. The President is not the one who guarantees the success of the Club, but rather every member who sees a task to be done and helps where and how they can, or the person who shares their knowledge with new and old members that ultimately determines the success of our Club.

I thank each and every member for the trust and support you gave me these past two years. Oh and I think you will love our new President. I do and will support her any way I can.

- John Mate

## It has been a very busy February 2019 for Pensacola Camellia Club!

February 12<sup>th</sup> was a **work day at the Shade House** for organizing plant inventory, clean up and grafting before the rains came and sent us home. Thank you Norman Vickers for the photos.



February 16<sup>th</sup> we were greeting **Palafox Market** visitors with blooms to hand out along with information about PCC upcoming events. Camellia sales were over \$500 thanks to LeAnna Brennan, Debbie & Trumin Brown, Paul Bruno, George Knight, Alan McMillan, & Louise Seitz.



February 21<sup>st</sup> was a **work day at UWF** as we prepared the garden for the Tour and Plant Sales.



Dick Hooton took the photo of: Sharon Maloney, Rita Perling, Debbie Brown, Pat Stephenson, Louise Seitz, back row: Trumin Brown, John Mate Skip Vogelsang & Richard Freeman.



## UWF Garden Tour on Sunday Feb 24<sup>th</sup>

What a wonderful time everyone had at the beautiful UWF Camellia Garden. The signage leading our visitors to the garden was perfectly in place by John and Lauren Mate. The UWF Ambassadors' directed parking, welcomed visitors and carted off our guest safely to and from with blooms to take home.



Our sales leader, Dick Hooton was overrun by camellia order requests and sold \$1000 in plants sales with help from Trumin Brown and John Mate.



Visitors took photos of their favorite blooms and learned air layering from Greg Taylor while John Davy did extreme pruning.



We were also prepared for entertaining little ones with a game of “fill the bucket” for sweet prizes.



Photos by Louise Seitz and Michael Spooner from this event can be viewed by clicking on the link below.

<https://photos.google.com/share/AF1QipPnEu83O2eKwFWvDZaPgH9PZADtIY97tZG5vitqm4HSPZNfv0mRObXQ6XzSdUnv3A?key=T0dEd0dWeGpZZWFfcm4zSWNOanM5U1djY3p1NXZn>

## Pensacola Camellia Club Novice Show - Mack Thetford

On Saturday March 2<sup>nd</sup> we had our Novice Flower show at the Spring Street Library in downtown Pensacola. What a great day! Local residents and club members brought in over 250 flowers for show or identification and about 230 of those flowers were entered in the show. Special thanks to our long time club members for also bringing in a beautiful collection of flowers for display and for sharing their knowledge to identify the unknown flowers. Then there are our judges! Several of our judges we have not seen for a while and we appreciate your time with us. Your assistance with reviewing placement and identification was very helpful. Carol Comber managed the head table and tabulation of the votes – so glad to have had her experience to draw upon for my first solo novice show. Our club has a long-standing tradition of mentorship and this was so obvious on Saturday as some of our experienced judges, clerks and runners worked alongside club members assisting them in these roles for the very first time. Louise once again was right on the spot with background support and working with our clerks and runners – perhaps I can recruit her to assist with early planning next year so she does not have to rescue me at the last minute.



Special thanks to Christi for assisting with planning for the show and for helping to keep everything organized. She was there early on Friday evening to get all the club volunteers oriented on our layout for the show. We had so many volunteers show up on Friday the tasks were completed very quickly and everyone could just show up for the show on Saturday



morning. Christi worked also with club members to develop that amazing awards table display and amidst setting up the awards, placing the winning flowers and coordinating the refreshments, managed to help me with coordination of judges. The Food!! What a great spread from fruit, nuts, finger foods, and then those warm dishes that forced me to break my strict diet yet again. Oh, and EGGS! Christi had so many volunteers and they just kept the tables looking full and amazing throughout the day.



While I was involved with the show inside there was a whirlwind of activity outside in the plant sales area! (Trumin reported 70 plants were sold.) All I can say is you guys Rock! I saw quite a few plants walking away in plastic bags. I can't think of a better way to encourage the participation of a future (or current) member than to sell them a plant or two.

Thanks to all of you who participated in making this such a great event for everyone from our members to the first time visitors. I saw our visitors spending



a great deal of time with our membership and information tables and talking with our members. We may do things a little different from a traditional American Camellia Society show to encourage the participation of our members, novices and the community but it is clearly working as we see numerous new members, participation of members who we may not see very often, and we put plants in the hands and yards of many show visitors!

Congratulations Pensacola Camellia Club! Everyone contributes in a special way and your support and the atmosphere of friendship and mentorship you provide are what make the Novice Camellia Show a successful event.



## AMERICAN CAMELIA SOCIETY ANNUAL CONVENTION AND SHOW

The American Camellia Society held its Annual Convention and Show at the Renaissance Riverview Plaza Hotel and the Mobile Convention Center in Mobile, Alabama, on February 15-18, 2019. Over 180 ACS members attended the convention, representing 18 states, as well as Great Britain.

Our Pensacola club was represented by ACS Board Members Roger Vinson and Mack Thetford, as well as Carol Comber and Al and Vicki Baugh. The ACS Board of Directors meeting, the General Membership meeting, and the ACS Committee meetings were all held on Friday, February 15<sup>th</sup>, followed by an opening reception and a Mobile Mardi Gras Parade. Saturday and Monday were tour days, with tours of the Mobile Botanical Gardens, the Bellingrath Garden, and the wonderful 20-acres private camellia garden of Rick and Joyce Crow, more Saturday parades and Dine Arounds, the Cornerstone Gardens, the historic Malbis Nursery and Church, and Bobby Green's Nursery and private garden. A seafood dinner and plant auction at the USS Alabama ended the convention on Monday evening.

Sunday was the National ACS Camellia Show at the Convention Center. In addition to the \$20 awards for each category winner, the show presented large cash awards to the top winners: Best in Show: Japonica - - - \$500

Best in Show: Reticulata or Hybrid - - - \$250

Gold Sweepstakes (Most Blue Ribbons) Unprotected - - - \$500

Silver Sweepstakes Runner-up - - - \$200

Gold Sweepstakes (Most Blue Ribbons) Protected - - - \$500

Silver Sweepstakes Runner-up - - - \$200

Best Tray of 3 Japonicas - - - \$100

Best Tray of 3 Hybrids - - - \$100

Best Tray of 3 White - - - \$100

As further described below, Roger Vinson won 6 of those 9 large cash awards, and Al and Vicki Baugh won all 3 of the ACS Awards. Here are the winning entries for Pensacola club members:

### **Al and Vicki Baugh**

Frances S. Racoff ACS Award, Best Formal Double: "Tudor Baby Var."

Best Australian Originated Bloom ACS Award: "Lady Pamela"

Arminth Cawood ACS Award for Best Japonica: "Black Magic"

Best Alabama-grown Retic: "Terrell Weaver Var"



## **Roger Vinson**

Best in Show Japonica:



Best White Bloom &  
Best Tray of 3 White Blooms



Best in Show Hybrid or Retic:

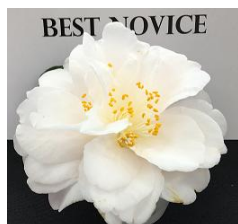


Best Tray of 3 Japonicas



Sweepstakes Silver (57 Blue ribbons) Unprotected  
Sweepstakes Gold (13 Blue Ribbons) Protected  
Best Unprotected Retic, Very Large: "Frank Houser Var"  
Best Unprotected Retic, Very Large R/U: "Pearl Terry"  
Best Unprotected Hybrid (any size): "Phil Piet Pink"  
Best Unprotected Hybrid (any size) R/U "Dancing Blaze"  
Best Unprotected Hybrid (Med or Smaller) "Spring Daze"  
Best Unprotected Japonica, Very Large: "Moonlight Bay"  
Best Unprotected Japonica, Miniature: "Dryade Var"

In the Protected category, he won with "Pete Galli Var," "Frank Houser Var," "Holy Pure," "Dragon Fireball," "Katie," "Kyle Var," "Ferris Wheel," "Snowman," "Midnight Magic," and "Anita," along with several court of honor blooms. Roger was very pleased with the results of the show and donated his winnings back to the ACS.



Congratulations to **Richard Freeman** for his winnings in the Novice Division for Best White Bloom of his "Julia France" and Best Pink Bloom for "Tomorrow Park Hill Pink".



**Next year's convention will be held in Norfolk, Virginia, March 13-17, 2020.**

Please view our PCC leading exhibitors for shows through February 23, 2019 at the following link, <http://www.atlanticcoastcamelliasociety.org/2018-2019/GCCS%20Exhibitor%20Rankings%20-%202018-2019.html>





## Re-Elect Mack Thetford as ACS Club Director for the Gulf Coast Region.

Mack has graciously agreed to serve again if re-elected. He currently serves on the ACS Preservation and Research Committees.

As of March 1<sup>st</sup> we only have 64 Pensacola Camellia Club members eligible to vote for Mack in the April elections. We would greatly appreciate if you would join ACS now to support this opportunity for PCC and Mack.

If you have never been a member of ACS click the following link.  
<https://www.americancamellias.com/news-events/introductory-ac-s-e-membership>

For **New Introductory One-Year Electronic Membership Rate of \$10 or call Lorie Huff at 877.422.6355 for membership.**

You must join by March 15th so you will be in ACS system to qualify to vote.



An electronic ballot from [ask@americancamellias.org](mailto:ask@americancamellias.org) will be sent to **all current ACS members** and voting will take place April 1<sup>st</sup> – 30<sup>th</sup>, 2019. Please ensure that ACS has a valid email address and that you add this address [ask@americancamellias.org](mailto:ask@americancamellias.org) to your contact list to prevent it from going to spam and missing your ballot. If you are a member without email you will **NOT** receive a mailed ballot from ACS. **Voting is electronic only.**



## Upcoming Events ....

### **Wednesday March 20<sup>th</sup> PCC Annual Banquet**



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. You do not have to be a member to attend; all family and friends are welcome to 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. Price has remained the same at \$30.00 per person, which includes tax & tip. 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 3-16-19.

**Tuesday April 16<sup>th</sup>** PCC General Club Meeting will have Peggy DeArmon & Pierre Kaufke to present Bonsai with Camellia. Also, a short demonstration of air layering and signup sheet to air layer for the club's propagation program.

Location: [Garden Center](#) 6:30pm for social, 7:00 pm program.

### **Air Layering is the root to our sales success.**

With over **256 plants sold** this season we need your help to replenish our inventory by air layering at the following gardens or in your own yard. We will have signup sheets at the April 16<sup>th</sup> meeting or contact Greg Taylor at [irrigatorpcc@hotmail.com](mailto:irrigatorpcc@hotmail.com) for additional information.



**Thursday April 18<sup>th</sup>**, Time 9:00 - Noon at Leland Leonard's located at 537 Brent Lane.

**Saturday April 20<sup>th</sup>**, Time 9:00 - Noon at UWF Camellia Garden lead by Greg Taylor.

If you have a large selections of camellias and would like to invite members to your yard please let Greg Taylor know to arrange date and time.

**Saturday April 27<sup>th</sup>**, Time Noon - 3:00pm at the University of Florida Milton Campus.

## **ANNUAL REPORT FOR 2018**

### **Pensacola Camellia Club Foundation, Inc.**

The Pensacola Camellia Club Foundation is a Florida not-for-profit corporation registered with the Internal Revenue Service (ID No. 03-0384090). The Foundation's primary purpose is to help support the Pensacola Camellia Club, its annual Camellia Show, and its other activities. It has received a determination letter from the Internal Revenue Service in which it is recognized as:

(a) Exempt from federal income taxation under Section 501(a) of the Internal Revenue Code because it qualifies as a 501(c) (3) organization; and

(b) Qualified to receive charitable contributions and bequests which are deductible for federal income, estate, and gift tax purposes.

In addition, the Foundation has a Sales and Use Tax Exemption from the Florida Department of Revenue (No. 85-8012510865C-5), valid through 12/31/2022, which allows tax-exempt purchases in the State of Florida.

The funds held in the Foundation are the result of the generosity and foresight of our Club's members and friends.

Donations totaling \$600 were received during 2018. The Foundation received income as interest and dividends totaling \$2,429.27.

The Foundation's investment assets as of December 31, 2017, totaled \$78,577.20. Its investment assets as of December 31, 2018, totaled \$65,985.25. During the year, the Foundation provided \$7,000 to the Pensacola Camellia Club. Of the Foundation's assets, \$1,185.00 is designated for the UWF Camellia Garden. The Foundation also holds title to the 2005 Chevrolet van used by the club, and the lease for the Club's shade house.

Your continued support is greatly appreciated.

Respectfully submitted,

Roger Vinson, Chairman

Alan McMillan

Richard Hooton

Skip Voegelsang

Trumin Brown, Trustees