Welcome to the UWF Camellia Garden

A Project of the Pensacola Camellia Club, UWF Retired Employees Association and the University of West Florida.

CAMELIA NAMES

'Babe Harrison'
'Babe Harrison Var.'
'Beau Harp'
'Bessie Bowman'
'Betty Ridley'
'Black Lace'
'Black Tie'
'Bowman White'
'Buttons and Bows'
'C.M. Wilson'
'Camellia Brevistyla'
'Camellia Buxifolia'
'Camellia Edithae'
'Camellia Fluitatilis'
'Camellia Sinnenis'
'Camellia Vietnamensis'
'Campari White'

'Adolph Audusson Var.'
'Alba Plena'
'Babe Harrison Var.'
'Beau Harp'
'Black Tie'
'Bowman White'
'Buttons and Bows'
'C.M. Wilson'
'Camellia Brevistyla'
'Camellia Buxifolia'
'Camellia Edithae'
'Camellia Fluitatilis'
'Camellia Sinnenis'
'Camellia Vietnamensis'
'Campari White'

'Little Red Riding Hood'
'Lizzie'
'Lolita'
'Lori Glevenger'
'Lucy Rooney'
'Lundy's Legacy'
'Mansize'
'Margaret Bowman Picotee'
'Margaret Noonan'
'Marjorie Magnificent'
'Mathotiana'
'Meme'
'Midnight Magic'
'Miss Jennie'
'Miss Lucy'
'Night Rider'
'Nita McRae'
'Nuccio's Pearl'
'O.K. Bowman'
'Paul Haskee Var.'
'Peggy's Blush'
'Pensacola Red'
'Pink Perfection'
'Popp's Perfection'
'Princess Lavender'
'Raspberry Flambe'
'Raspberry Sherbert'
'Richard Turner'
'Rox Cowley'
'Royal Velvet'
'Royalty'
'Ruth McNair'
'Sally Kennedy'
'Scentsation'
'Seafoam'
'Seville Square'
'Sharon Rose'
'Shivel Duncan'
'Showtime'
'Snow Blizzard'
'Snow Drift'
'Sporting Class'
'Tama No Ura'
'Taylor's Perfection'
'Tiffany'
'Tom Herrin'
'Tom Herrin Red'
'Turner's Camp'
'William Forest Bray Var.'
'Wonder of White'
'Yule Tide'

[Bolded Names are Pensacola Varieties]
This garden was established in 2007 as a collaborative partnership as the University was preparing to celebrate its 40th anniversary. The newly formed UWF Retired Employees Association was searching for a lasting gift to the university to commemorate the occasion and the Pensacola Camellia Club was searching for a way to gather, protect and showcase a specimen of every camellia variety developed and registered by local Pensacola area hobbyists over the previous 70 years. The timing could not have been more perfect and within a few months a formal agreement was finalized. A memorandum of understanding assures the long-term care and upkeep of the garden by all three partners.

The first plantings at the UWF Camellia Garden began in the spring of 2008 and the official dedication took place in September of 2009. Since then, 130 camellias have been added to the garden and many more will be added in the years to come. Although the primary focus of the garden is to showcase Pensacola varieties, other exceptional camellia varieties and species of particular interest are also included.

A map on the back of this brochure shows the location of the garden on the UWF campus along with the names of all camellias planted as of September 2013.

### ABOUT CAMELLIAS

There are hundreds of Camellia species and all can be traced back to China and various parts of tropical and subtropical Asia. People are often surprised to learn that tea is actually the leaves of the Camellia Sinensis. Although many Camellia species have found their way to the USA over the past 200 years, the most common and popular are in the Camellia Japonica and Camellia Sasanqua families. In recent years the Camellia Reticulata species has also gained popularity due to its very large and beautiful blooms.

Camellias are well suited for the climate and soil of the coastal Southeastern United States from Texas to Virginia and the Pacific coast from California to Washington. They are a perfect choice for their beauty as an evergreen shrub, their minimal care requirements, and the fact that they bloom in late fall and winter from November to March when few other plants bloom.

Camellias come in many forms and their size varies from miniature (up to 2") to very large (5" or more). Colors range from pure white to cream, pink, red, very dark red and many shades in between. Even yellow blooms have been developed recently.

### ABOUT PENSACOLA CAMELLIAS

The Pensacola Camellia Club was established in 1937 and is one of the oldest clubs in US history and predates the establishment of the American Camellia Society which was not founded until 1945. Since then hobbyists have been busy trying to develop new camellia varieties worthy of being registered with the ACS. Some new varieties are the result of chance mutations of existing varieties while others come from seeds with new DNA combinations either by chance or by controlled cross-pollination. New seedlings often require as many as ten years to produce their first bloom and so hobbyists must be patient.

Today there are thousands of individual known Camellia varieties throughout the world. And over 125 new varieties have been registered from the Pensacola area since the 1940’s. However many of those varieties were never widely distributed and so locating a specimen of each has been a great challenge. To date 105 varieties have been located but the remaining 20 lost varieties (the list is included) may be lost forever. The search continues and every once in awhile we get lucky.

### ADOPTIONS AND IMPROVEMENTS

Many of the Camellias in the garden have been adopted by individuals. The adoption fee ($25 minimum) helps to maintain the garden and make improvements. Recently a handicapped accessible path, a perimeter fence and benches have been added. We welcome New adoptions and tax deductible contributions.

### VISITS AND FINANCIAL SUPPORT

The garden is open to visitors every day. Should your group or organization wish to learn more about the garden or about camellias, or wish to help with financial support for the garden upkeep, please contact the Pensacola Camellia Club at pensacolacamellia@gmail.com or Skip Vogelsang at 850.776.7951 or lbv3rd@gmail.com.