



President's Message – Lauren Mate

I hope everyone enjoyed as much I did, Vickie Baugh's September Club program "Looking at the Camellias from Different Artistic Views". Personally, it opened up my eyes to all the joys of observing camellia plants beyond their beautiful blooms. If you have any ideas for future Club programs, please see Trumin Brown and he will do his best to plug them into our meeting schedule.

Below are 3 samples of different types of camellia leaves from Vickie's presentation;

Species Semiserrata,



Species Sinensis, aka Tea Camellia



Variegated, Species Sasanqua, Kanjiro



One of the purposes of the Pensacola Camellia Club is to **"Foster and maintain an interest in camellias and their culture"**. As Club members, we can do this by spreading the word to friends and neighbors in our community about how our Club can help them learn to care for camellias in their home gardens. Another way is to participate in our Club events, and if you are like me, learning while doing is very helpful as I retain the information so much better. Plus, sharing time with other members is a lot of fun!

For October, Club events include our general meeting with presentations on "Harvesting and Care of your Air-layered Camellia" and a review on how to "gib" your plants, two UWF garden workdays, and the very important air layer potting and general cleanup event at the Shade House ("many hands make light work"). Dates and more specifics on Club events can always be found on our website.

We have a strong and active Club because of the efforts and passion of all our members. I thank you for making our Club an awesome one.

Sincerely,
Lauren Mate

Let's put in action ... **Foster and maintain an interest in camellias and their culture.**



Back at our 2017 picnic we were entertained by the late Mary Ellen Edwards heartwarming story of her late husband, John Edwards. They both shared their love for camellias, the camaraderie of the Pensacola Camellia Club and served as a mentor to many of our members. On September 20th their home was sold, the new owner found the following letter which lead him to the Pensacola Camellia Club's website to contact us and share the news.

The photo contains: artwork of John Edwards held by Dick Hooton with Mary Ellen Edwards holding artwork of the John Edward camellia.

Dear New Home Owner:

This home was built in 1957 by John and Mary Ellen Edwards. Our Dad was a native of Pensacola, FL and our Mom moved here from DeFuniak Springs, FL in 1938. They lived across the park on Bobe Street but with their growing family, they needed a larger house. Mom would walk across the park every day to see what progress was being made.

This house was filled with love as they raised their four children in it. They were married 67 years when our Dad passed away in 2007. Mom lived in the house by herself for the next 12 years until, at the age of 97, she moved into an assisted living facility. She passed away in 2018 at almost 98 years old.

Our Dad was one of the founding members of the Pensacola Camellia Club, thus the reason for all of the Camellia bushes in the yard and the Greenhouse. It was his hobby and his mantra was "My favorite Camellia is the last one I looked at".

It is a wonderful house with lots of great memories. Our parents loved building it, living in it, but most of all loved each other in it. It is the hope of all of us that you will love living in this house as much as we loved growing up in it.

We hope you enjoy putting the touches in the house that will make it your home. This may be more information than you want about the house but it's not everyday you find a house (62 years old) that has only had one owner before you.

Our best wishes to you and your family. And welcome to Pensacola, it is a great city to live in.

The Children of John and Mary Ellen Edwards

The new owners, Deb & Butch Vaillancourt are moving to Pensacola from Miami, where his father grew orchids for show, therefore he understands the passion we have for camellias. They have no intention of moving the camellias but would like PCC to help with getting these beauties back in shape. We expect these camellias will need watering, and some TLC while we wait for their winter blooms to show, followed by spring time pruning. This is a special place of PCC history that the board will be informing you about more in the future.

From our members

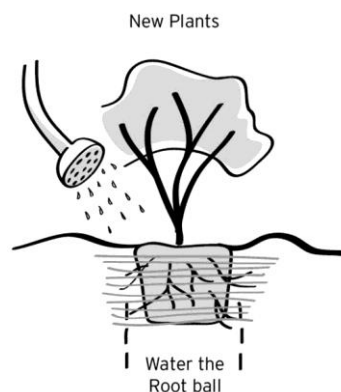
With the lack of rain throughout the month of September and now into October let's ask Dr. Mack Thetford what we should be doing for our camellias?

My personal suggestion is for plants to receive at least 5 gallons of water per week within the area of the root zone during this temporary drought. If the leaves of the plants are drooping, I would water daily until the leaves begin to look normal again. It would help preserve water in the root zone to reapply some mulch. My personal feeling is that you probably can't over-water the plants during this drought. I have watered my dry plants by hand that have no irrigation system - twice over the past two weeks - and they recovered very quickly after the water was applied.

Younger plants have less root area from which to gain the water they need and the potting mix will be very dry during this month so more frequent watering is necessary for them - at least a gallon of water per gallon of pot size at each watering.

If the plant is water stressed the gib may not be as effective. Often time's water stress may cause poor floral bud development or result in abortion of the flower buds.

Feeding is not a good idea as long as the plants are water stressed. Fertilizers are salts. And the higher salt level in the dry soil will interfere with water uptake. This is normally not an issue when the plants are at normal moisture levels. The reality is that a drought stressed plant is just trying to stay alive so there will be no new growth occurring. With no growth there is no need for the nutrients in the fertilizer. So water now and deal with fertilization later.



Upcoming Events in October

Tuesday Oct. 15th – Tonight's program presenter Trumin Brown, "**Harvest and Care for Your Air-layered Camellia,**" along with a review of gibbing.

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

For members attending the October meeting:

- If you did not attend last month meeting we still have small bottles of **gibberellic acid** to distribute to members for their camellia plants. One bottle could possibly gib 100 plants and will last for years if refrigerated.
- **PCC Membership information** is maintained by Debbie Brown / VP Membership. We like to remind all members to contact Debbie if your address, phone or email has change by reaching her at dmariebrown@att.net or call her at 850-932-0370.

We like to WELCOME NEW MEMBERS by asking them to wear the **Red outlined name tag** so our members know to greet you and introduce themselves. A new member is anyone who joined in December 2018 till November 2019. We were all new at one time or another so please looks for the red outline name tag persons and includes them in your camellia conversations. If you would like to mentor a new member or you the new member want a mentor, we can connect you to someone in your zip code.

Also, for newer members attending the meeting your name will be included in a '**New Members Raffle**' for a camellia plant. Last month we had 6 plants to raffle thanks to John Davy. Plus there are additional camellia plants to raffle for everyone who purchases a raffle ticket from T. Morris.



Camellia Nomenclature 2020 books have been printed and will be sold tonight for the same price of \$20.00 from T. Morris. She will accept your check or cash payment for your copy. Anyone planning to judge at our annual camellia show will need to have this book for the show.

- Christi is ready to collect your Toys for Tots donation. PLEASE start bring your unwrapped toy donation to the October meeting that will be used in place of show prizes at our December 14th Camellia Show.



Friday Oct. 18th - [UWF Camellia Garden](#) Work Day starting at 9:00 to Noon. We will be harvesting the air layers, cleaning up the garden and gibbing the plants to have blooms for our December tour of the garden. Please bring your gloves and water bottles.

Saturday Oct 19th - ALL HANDS NEEDED! This is a very BIG and Important Work Day at [Shade House](#) starting time has change to 8:00am. We will be potting our harvested air layers, spraying camellias, transferring plants from right side to the left side of the shade house, fertilizing and general clean up. These camellias are future money makers for the club. This work day is an outdoor classroom to learn more about the camellia plants and visit with each other. Bring your water bottles, gloves and don't forget the sunscreen. This is when you will take home your 4th air layer so please don't miss out on your work you did in the spring.

Saturday Oct 19th Noon – 4pm after work let's party, you are invited to a

Birthday Celebration for T. Morris

sponsored by Florida Okinawa Kenjinka. It is a wonderful custom of Okinawa to honor the elderly in the community with this Kajimayaa celebration of age and long life. Since T. Morris is active in teaching bonsai, and displaying at the Japanese New Year celebration for over many years she was selected to be honored by this group.

Location: Pace Community Center, 5976 Chumuckla Hwy, Pace FL 32571. Attached is the letter T. Morris received to honor her longevity along with the flyer of the event. If you can attend please call Louise 850-780-0410 to reserve your seat at her table.

Friday Oct. 25th - [UWF Camellia Garden](#) Work Day starting at 9:00 to Noon. We will be gibbing the plants to have blooms for our December tour of the garden and any necessary clean up. Please bring your gloves and water bottles.

In late October (exact date to be determined) after the heat has broken and the camellias have gone dormant, we'll be heading to Jim Smelley's to dig up and pot our grafts. If you have any desire to make that trip and help, contact Dick Hooton 969-0001 and he'll insure you receive all the info you need. - Hooton

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9/11/2019

Dear Thekla,

Governor Onaga of Okinawa, after a vote from Okinawans all over the world, declared in 2016 that October 30th for all future generations was to be designated as Okinawa Day. Since then, Okinawan groups all over the world celebrate Okinawa Day in Oct or Nov based on their regional calendars. Locally, our Kenjinkai (club) will be celebrating Okinawa Day on Oct 19th with a special extra honor of celebrating Kajimayaa.

Kajimayaa is a rare celebratory opportunity here in the USA in that it can only be celebrated by the community when and only if there are 96 to 97 year olds present in that community. It's like a big community birthday celebration honoring longevity of life.

Okinawans are known worldwide for longevity. Approximately 7% of Okinawans live well over 100 years of age. Many factors contribute to this fact, but most are attributed to quality of life, harmony of living with one's environment, community support (Moai) and fresh foods.

A Kajimayaa celebration is held with fun childlike attitude and activities with spinning pinwheels and lots of good food, music, drumming and dancing. We not only respect our elders, but communally celebrate their longevity with fun and laughter for the simple joy of living such a long life.

We, the Florida Okinawa Kenjinkai (FLOK) would like to honor you as one of our Kajimayaa honorees. We have planned a day full of cultural entertainment and a variety of foods from the orient, especially Okinawa and Japan.

We hope that you will be able to join us on October 19th for this celebration. Doors will open at 10:30am to the public and buffet lunch will commence at noon after opening remarks followed by much cultural entertainment. Event flyer is also included for additional information. As one of the honorees, just bring yourself and your guest for this honor.

If you need further information, please don't hesitate to contact me.

Sincerely,

Hideko Margie Baldwin
President, FLOK
850.324.2905

All fundraising proceeds are in support of FLOK stated purpose approved as a public charity.

Okinawa Day & Kajimayaa!

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Community Potluck

Saturday, Oct 19th, 2019 11:30- 4pm

Doors open at 10:30am for registration. Buffet lunch after opening remarks at noon.

Okinawan Family Style FUN, FOOD & ENTERTAINMENT

Pace Community Center, 5976 Chumuckla Hwy, Pace, FL 32571



Okinawan & Japanese Food
(Potluck & Club Provided)
Eisa Drum Performances
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Bring Potluck Dish
to Share



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Uchinanchu Day—Celebrated Worldwide

Your board is busy planning for the December 14th show and would like to explain where your help is needed on **the day of the show**. With the show at UWF Conference Center there are 2 floor levels that need attention, along with the outside activities of plant sales, and weather permitting, UWF Camellia Garden tours. Please read through our needs, contact the lead person if you have questions and then sign up at future meetings.

Outside

Plant sales - Trumin Brown will be the lead person for plant sales and can be reached at trumin.brown@att.net . All plants will be labeled with bloom photos, descriptions and price to make work easy. This is an outdoor, under protection work area; we are requesting help with coverage in 2 shifts from 9-4pm and need 4 helpers.

Garden tours - Louise Seitz lseitz@panhandle.rr.com will be the morning lead person and Greg Taylor irrigatorpcc@hotmail.com will be the afternoon lead person for garden tours. We will have golf carts to transport visitors to and from the conference center, but will need drivers. At the garden you will welcome visitors, hand out brochures and speak to the guest about the garden's development. The am shift may have few visitors but the goal is to keep them occupied while judging is taking place and the show is not open. It would be ideal to have 1 hr shifts with 5 people.

First Floor

Membership -Debbie Brown dmarie.brown@att.net will be the lead person for Membership to Pensacola Camellia Club and American Camellia Society during show hours 1-4pm. She would like 1 person to assist her each hour with membership.

Greeters- Louise Seitz lseitz@panhandle.rr.com will be the lead person in need of 4 greeters to cover 2 hour shifts to welcome our guest, handout show brochures and provide directional information to make our guest aware of the multiple activities at the show. We will ask guests to enter an attendance **raffle** prize for a camellia plant by completing the form that includes name, email, and cell phone. Drawing will start at 1:30pm and every ½ hour winners will be notified by their cell phone.

Second Floor

Camellia Bloom Prep, Show & Awards - Skip Vogelsang lbv3rd@gmail.com is the Show Chairman in charge taking all questions prior to the show.

At our December 10th meeting Skip will demonstrate the job of **Bloom Placement** based on division for unprotected and protected with sub categories for the various classes that he will explain in detail at the meeting. The exhibitors will arrive at 7:00am to prepare their blooms in the prep area. When the exhibitors have their blooms & entry card ready you will carry trays of blooms to the conference room where Dick Hooton, aka 'the gate keeper' will review every entry card for correct information. Dick will tell you to proceed in placing the bloom at the correct division, class table or if there is an error to return the bloom to the exhibitor. This work starts at 7:30 and must be completed by 10:00am. If we have 10 helpers this will go quickly but it must be done correctly.

Judges- Roger Vinson roger_vinson@flnd.uscourts.gov is the lead person for ACS certified judges and novice judges. He will recruit most of the judges from out of town about 25-30 judges along with some novice judges. They are grouped in teams of three and will need a clerk and runner for each team starting at 10:30.

Clerks and runners- Bill Lyford wtlyford@bellsouth.net will be the lead person for clerks and runners. He will need a clerk and a runner for each team of judges, 20 volunteers should cover the task. Your job is to remain silent while the judges make the decisions, clerks place color stickers on entry cards based on their award level or place 'head table' cards for blooms that move on in the competition. The runner will use a tray to carry the bloom with its entry card to the 'head table' where two members will review the entry information against the Camellia Nomenclature book. Note that head table and contention table are the same time and you will hear both words use throughout the judging.

All of the head table blooms will be examined by the judges for the second time in this contention and scored. Clerks and runners will be needed at this stage to add up scores for each bloom that determine our winners for the various prizes. Once the winners are finalized they will need to be placed on the award table. Dick Hooton and Christi Hankins will be directing you to place the winner of each category to its designated spot on the award table.

Photographer helpers- Lauren Mate pcolasun58@gmail.com will be the lead person to assist the photographer Michael Spooneybarger who will take individual photos of each winning bloom. We will need 10 helpers to move the bloom from the award table to the photographer camera area than back to the correct spot on the award table. All of this needs to be completed before 1:00pm when the show opens to the public.

Now its **lunch time**, T. Morris will be ordering lunches for the judges and helpers. If you will like a lunch we will have a signup sheet for you to order and pay T. Morris. It will be a box lunch of a sandwich, fruit and chips that will be served in the prep room.

Refreshments - Christi Hankins todwbw1@gmail.com will lead refreshments which will be available throughout the morning for our exhibitors and members to enjoy. She will need a team of 2 helpers per hour to have drinks and food items replenished from 7:00 -2:00pm. Please assist with keeping the area clean and disposing your used plates and cups.

Clean Up – The show ends at 4:00pm and you may take blooms that you would like to enjoy and share with friends, or deliver to nursing homes, otherwise they will all go in the trash. Every bloom cup will be emptied, stacked and boxed, refreshment area cleaned, toys for tots loaded for the marines, plants that did not sell back in the van, signage throughout the campus picked up. Cleaning and packing up at the end of the day is easy with many hands.

If you read through all of this you know we will need many hands and smiling faces for a day filled with camellias. PLEASE Help throughout the day were you can and have your family and friends come to the show to see all of the beautiful blooms.