



President's Message

Isn't this the most wonderful time of the year for camellia aficionados! I hope I am like many of you in that I enjoy not only walking around my home garden, but also visiting gardens of friends to see what they are growing. That is what membership in the Pensacola Camellia Club is really about- an opportunity to learn something new, an excuse to be outside, a chance to admire all the beautiful camellia blooms, and making friendships with others with a common bond- *the enjoyment of the camellia*.

During this height of camellia season, if you have not had the opportunity to walk around our own Pensacola camellia treasure, the Camellia Gardens at University of West Florida, now is the time to do it! When we go there, John and I never fail to run into students or faculty walking the garden or relaxing on the benches. During a January visit with his daughter, Norman Vickers encountered a painter in the garden using the camellias as an inspiration for his artwork. Wouldn't it be great if the garden became a "must go" artist destination?



So, if you have not been to the UWF Camellia Garden recently, I encourage you to participate in one (or all) of our Club's upcoming events.

Thursday, Feb 13 9:00-11:00 Garden Cleanup

Friday, Feb 14 10:00-11:00

Coffee with the UWF President, Martha Saunders, and dedication of the garden as part of the American Camellia Society Camellia Trail Gardens.

You must really visit to find where the new signage is located.



Saturday, Feb 22 9:00-11:00 Garden Cleanup

Sunday, Feb 23 12:00-4:00 Community Garden Tour and Plant Sale
(Rain Date Sunday, Mar 1)

If I now convinced you to make a visit, but you are unsure of where on campus the garden is, just checkout the map on our PCC Website.

<https://pensacolacamellioclub.com/uwf-camellia-garden>

I hope to see you at the UWF Camellia Garden soon!

Lauren Mate

What a busy January we had for our members who participated in various events, here are a few photos and summaries of those activities.



January 11th we were at the Japanese New Year Celebration at Wright Place educating the public on how camellias came from Japan. We also promoted out upcoming events and the UWF Camellia Garden.

January 18th we had 10 members at the Mobile Camellia Show who entered blooms and many placed. The rainy weather prevented a visit to the Mobile Botanical

Garden but lunch was great! Paul Bruno won Best Tray of 3 same variety non-reticulate hybrid with Dancing Blaze



January 21st Dick Hooton led members to Jim Smelley's to graft camellias and enjoy a lunch with the members who attended. Lauren took these photos, notice a camellia in one of the three greenhouses were someone else was keeping warm.



January 25th Bill Lyford and members installed cable and breaker panel for power to the storage shed. Two additional sprinklers to the front of the property give 100% coverage from the shade house to the front property line. John Mate using trencher and John Tingley burying lines.



January 26th John Davy provided an educational grafting demonstration to 50 guests that came to Garden Center Sunday afternoon. Assisting John with all of the grafting work were Greg Taylor and Paul Bruno, together they grafted 25 plants that the guests paid for and took home. Debbie Brown was on hand to register 7 new members and Trumin Brown sold 10 camellia plants. This new location for PCC's educational grafting demo was scheduled with the help of Lynn Manthei our club member and contact person at the Garden Center.



All of our photo can be view on our website for you to enjoy, copy and share to encourage your friends to join us.

<https://pensacolacamelliclub.com/photo-galleries/>

A Name for a Pretty Face by Greg Taylor

I started air layering camellias in 2016. The majority of the 50 camellias I did that year were on a property that once was a nursery. None of the camellias were labeled. To identify them I gave them a number. Number 33 is a small semi-double light pink japonica with shading to rose- pink on the outer edges.



It is an adventure to locate the names of older camellias. I originally used commercial growers' websites. Their pictures don't do justice to the size and color of each bloom. Most of the time I have to confirm these old blooms through different sites and showing them repeatedly at club meetings.

Today in 2020 I feel confident that I have a name for this pretty face since the source is Mr. Jim Smelley. The following photo from the American Camellia Society website 'Berenice Boddy' confirms Mr. Jim Smelley's knowledge of camellias. 'Berenice Boddy' is an ideal landscape shrub and I hope a show flower.



BERENICE BODDY

Species: Japonica

Color: light pink with dark pink under petals

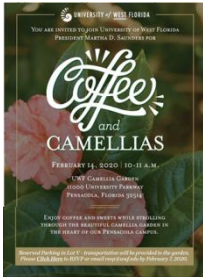
Size - Medium

Bloom Season - mid season



Upcoming Events

Thursday Feb 13th – Work Day at UWF Camellia Garden 9:00 -10:00am as we prepare for the upcoming Coffee and Garden Tour. Please bring your gloves, rakes, yard waste containers or bucket to pick up dropped blooms and branches. A weed trimmer and a leaf blower would come in handy per John Davy who recently sprayed the weeds. If you need directions <https://pensacolacamellioclub.com/uwf-camellia-garden>.



Friday Feb 14th – Pensacola Camellia Club is invited by President Martha Saunders to the Coffee at the UWF Camellia Garden at 10:00am. All members are welcome by the university in appreciation of the beautiful camellia garden.

Saturday Feb 15th - Pensacola Camellia Club at [Palafox Market](#) selling camellias and promoting upcoming events. If you can help between 8:30am -2:30pm please contact Louise at 850-780-0410. Please bring a few camellia blooms, dress for the weather and we will greet the shoppers with club information and smiles.

Tuesday Feb. 18th – General Meeting program on Bloom Harvesting for the upcoming Community Novice Show with plant sales. Location: [Garden Center](#) 6:30pm for social, 7:00 pm program.

To Show or not to Show Your Camellias by Trumin Brown



High Fragrance from Trumin's yard .

If you are undecided on whether to participate in the Novice Show, you need to attend the PCC meeting on the 18th of February starting at 6:30 P.M. **Bring your blooms** as this meeting will focus on “how to’s” for the Novice Show on the 29th of February at the Downtown Library.

Mack Thetford, show chairperson, and Christi Hankins will be discussing bloom selection. After the discussion we will have a demonstration. Members will help you with bloom selection and placement. We will help you choose a container to best display your bloom, since placement is key to showing the blooms best qualities. You will also have time to complete a bloom entry display card identifying your bloom to have for the show.

Our judges, some Novice Judges, will do a practice judging of the blooms as you observe the process, helping to explain what they are looking for.

If you have not been in a room where bloom identification and show preparation happen, you will be amazed at the energy and excitement displayed. Our goal is to demystify the show process of Camellias and have you more comfortable when show time arrives. Come prepared to have a good time, we hope you bring your blooms and participate.

Please pay your 2020 membership dues of \$10 by check or cash tonight.

Debbie Brown, VP of Membership will accept your money and review your contact information to keep you informed of club events. If you have questions for Debbie about your membership you can reach her at 850-932-0370. If you're not attending the Jan. 21st meeting please mail your payment to Pensacola Camellia Club P.O. Box 707 Pensacola, FL, 32591. Lifetime membership is \$100.

The Nominating Committee has prepared and submitted the following slate of members to be our 2019-2020 Officers for next season. Election of officers and directors will be conducted at the February meeting.

President - Lauren Mate,

1st Vice President – Show Chairman Skip Vogelsang,

2nd Vice President – Programs Trumin Brown,

3rd Vice President – Membership, Debbie Brown,

Treasurer - Thekla Morris,

Secretary - Carolyn Pulford

Past President – John Mate

The following will serve on the Board of Directors: Paul Bruno, Dick Hooton, Bill Lyford, Alan McMillan, Louise Seitz, Greg Taylor & Mack Thetford.

Saturday Feb 22nd – Work Day at UWF Camellia Garden 9:00 -10:00am, let's make sure the Garden looks it best to impress the public.

Sunday Feb 23rd – University of West Florida Camellia Garden Tour and Plant Sales



Pensacola Camellia Club will welcome the public to UWF Camellia Garden 12- 4pm. Club members will be on hand to demonstrate air layering, pruning and answer camellia questions. A wide variety of camellia plants will be available for purchase at this time. Please invite your friends and neighbors to come see the garden.

Friday Feb 28th – Set up for Community Novice Show at Pensacola Main Library on 239 N. Spring St. starting at 2:00 pm. – 4:00pm.

Saturday Feb 29th – Pensacola Camellia Club to host **Community Novice Show and Plant Sale** at Pensacola Main Library located at 239 N. Spring Street. This is a BYOB event, 'Bring Your Own Bloom'. Everyone is invited to bring their camellia blooms to compete for prizes in various categories starting at 9:00am. Your help with assisting the public is greatly need in bloom identification, bloom placement, judging, and sharing your enjoyment of camellias with the public. Please sign up to help at the Feb 18th meeting or contain Mack Thetford with your questions.



Saturday Mar 7th – Pensacola Camellia Club will be educating the public about camellias and selling plants to the visitors at the Japanese Art and Culture Day. The location is St. Sylvester Catholic Church, 6464 Gulf Breeze Pkwy, Gulf Breeze, Florida. We will need members to help from 10:30am – 2pm and if you live near here please volunteer to help by contacting Louise 850-780-0410.

Tuesday Mar 24th Annual Banquet

*Come celebrate our Camellia Season
at V. Paul's Italian Ristorante
29 Palafox St, Pensacola FL.*

We will have cake to celebrate a season filled with success to THANK everyone who helped with all of our clubs activities, don't miss out!

T. Morris will accept your payment at our Feb 18th meeting or you can make your reservation by calling her at 850-476-4080.

Cash bar opens at 5:30 pm, with dinner after 6:30pm. Price has remained the same at \$30.00 per person, which includes tax & tip. PLEASE plan to attend and bring your friends for a night of appreciation.





12/23/2019

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Season's Greetings!

On behalf of Marine Air Training Support Group 42 (MATSG-42) and Toys for Tots, THANK YOU for your time and effort in the 2019 campaign. Toys for Tots is a community driven outreach program organized by United States Marines in your community with the ultimate goal to get toys to as many children as possible to open for the holidays. Toys for Tots would not exist without your support and the support of your neighbors in the community.

This year, with your help, we collected over 5,200 toys from the community. Along with help from the Toys for Tots foundation, we distributed over 12,000 toys to over 7,000 children in Escambia and Santa Rosa counties. Well done!

2020's campaign begins 1 October, 2020 and I look forward to working with you again next year to provide toys to even more children than this year!

Semper Fidelis,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "BJS", is positioned above the printed name.

Schwartz SSgt Bradley J
Toys for Tots Coordinator, MATSG-42

ANNUAL REPORT FOR 2019
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 \$1,575.00 were received during 2019 from Garlan Sisco, Downing Gray, Robert Turner, and John Nixon. The Foundation received income as interest and dividends totaling \$3,589.84 (a 5.4% return on our beginning year balance).

The Foundation's investment assets as of December 31, 2018, totaled \$65,985.25. Its investment assets as of December 31, 2019, totaled \$81,931.04. During the year, the Foundation made a donation to the American Camellia Society on behalf of our Club in the amount of \$1,000. 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