



Dear PCC Members,

I hope this newsletter finds you and your family safe and sound after Hurricane Sally. I also hope any damages to your gardens were minimal.



John and I have two camellia areas on our property and the high winds were not good for half a dozen of our plants. Some just lost a branch or two and others had direct hits by large limbs. We were very sad about the losses, but as members of such a wonderful Club, we know we can air layer, graft or purchase replacements. On a happy note, our sasanquas have started putting on quite a display. I hope they, and other early bloomers, are doing the same for you in your gardens.

After the storm, Skip Volgelsang took a look at our UWF Camellia Garden and reported it did well. Only one plant was seriously damaged and that was due for replacement anyway. However, there is a lot of maintenance and clean up needed, so please join us on Oct 23rd at UWF garden so you can get some fresh air, enjoy time with other members, and contribute to making our garden one to be proud of.

Remember to start gibbing your camellias starting October 24th so you can bring them to our December 12th Camellia Show. This year it will be held at the Pensacola Garden Center (where we have our Club meetings). Even though it will be a smaller show, it is a terrific opportunity to enter and share your prettiest blooms with the community.

Sincerely,
Lauren Mate

Hurricane Sally took its toll on our Shade House on Sept 16th but our camellia plants survived. The Thekla "T" Morris Shade House signage, along with the shade covering, was removed but with John Davy and his Panhandle Growers crew we hope to have it replaced in November. Panhandle Growers took a big hit so we are truly grateful for whenever they come to assist us with the shade cover.

Before photos:



After Hurrican Sally:



Please share your Hurricane Sally story with the newsletter editor by replying to this email with your photos and stories. These stories will be compiled for an article in next quarters Gulf Coast Camellia Society's Journal.

A Hidden Jewel Gulf Breeze Camilla Garden

– Greg Taylor

There is a jewel of a property open to the public that has a modest selection of Camellias. It often gets missed by the old camellia hard cores (you know who you are). It goes by two names, sometimes called the “Godwin” property other times “Soundside”. It has a mix of sasanquas and japonicas, as a result you can see flowers from October through March. The site was originally planted with well over 200 camellias planted along several drives or pathways. It had suffered for the longest time without care, but has recently had local volunteers remove much of the undergrowth. Most camellias were planted through the 1960’s and some were not have fallen off the camellias over the years. Below are photos of the known varieties, named at the time of the planting. Some plants were labeled but some of the labels



Donckelarii



Ethyl Davis



Lady Kay



Emily Wilson



Eleanor Greenway



William Penn



Pensacola Red Var



Mary Knock



Pink Davis

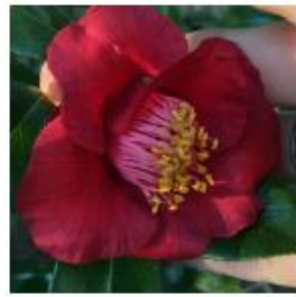
There are many camellias that have no labels. Others have labels but somewhat doubtful if they are marked correctly. If you have any information to help confirm the identification of the following please email Greg Taylor at irrigatorpcc@hotmail.com.



Magic City?



Simeon?



Tinsie?



Deer Jenny



Tomorrow+?



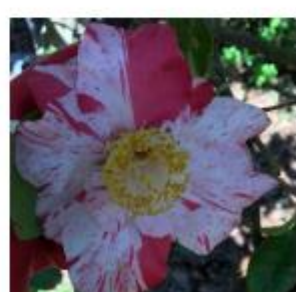
Elisabeth?



Cindy B?



Dark Secret?



Rebel Yell?

This garden is located at SoundSide Drive (Hwy 191B) in Gulf Breeze, a half of a mile of Sound Frontage with a 55 Acre Nature Reserve and Audubon Bird Sanctuary. There is a small map on their website <http://soundsidefoundation.weebly.com/>

We Do Facebook - by Bette Hooton



When I first began helping Anne with the FB page, I noticed that people liked ‘home-grown’ photos—pictures someone had taken around the Gulf and Atlantic coasts. The FB posts that received the most comments were the ones of our local flowers and the videos. During 2020, and at the beginning of this surreal time in history, it was spring: a time when lots of different flowers were in bloom. And so I made a video of our yard. And it was well received. And our fans yelled, “More, more!” I started getting photos from Mobile, NOLA, Raleigh, and from our beloved camellia friend in San Francisco, John Wang. **As the season starts, we would love to see photos of our local blooms, so please feel free to share pictures from your yards.**

On our Pensacola Camellia Club page on FB, we now have 1,669 people who like our page AND, the biggie, 1700 people who regularly check this page: people from all over the world. For example, friend Giancarlo Motta from Orta, Italy, Don Bergamini in California, Australia’s clubs which have cancelled their shows and are having virtual shows which you can enjoy, are all available on the page. Orta, Italy, will be hosting an international camellia conference in 2022, hard to think about right now but we are hopeful.

However, I have to give the credit for our page to my daughter, Anne Hooton. She set the page up and is the administrator, for real. She still compiles the stats and reports and gives them to Lauren, with any problems, etc. FB has given us free advertising for our events and shows—in fact, I just put the current PCC newsletter on for all to see. Go to the [Pensacola Camellia Club](#) page and Like it.

Upcoming Events

We appreciate all of our members and ask that you kindly wear your mask out of respect for each other; anyone of us could unknowingly be a carrier of this virus.

Meetings under Corona virus: if you plan to **attend in person** please register by clicking on, [Eventbrite](#) select the date; add the number in your party attending, and your name. You will get a confirmation email about your registration to attend. If you have problems call Louise at 850-780-0410 for help.

If you will prefer to join us from home, Trumin has set up zoom meeting. With your computer or smart phone click on the link below which will take you to zoom and follow the directions. If you have problems call Trumin at 850-375-4541.

Topic: Trumin Brown's Zoom Meeting

Time: Oct 20, 2020 06:45 PM Central Time (US and Canada)

Join Zoom Meeting

<https://us04web.zoom.us/j/79045710259?pwd=Z1FPekFQV045WUVIa3Y4aXF6Nn1rUT09>

Meeting ID: 790 4571 0259

Passcode: b0y0A9

Tuesday Oct. 20th - General meeting- program “**Inter-active Members Panel to Answer Your Questions,**” along with a review of ‘gibbing’. At the meeting you can pick up your FREE gib and Skip will demo how to apply gib for you to produce blooms for our 82nd Camellia Show. First application should start the week of Oct 24th so don’t miss out. Location: [Garden Center](#), 6:30pm for social, 7:00 pm program.

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 2019 till November 2020. This season we have 70 new members to welcome.

New members, if you did not know, by attending the meeting your name will be included in a ‘**New Members Raffle**’ for a camellia plant. We also have a camellia plants raffle for everyone, raffle tickets are sold at \$1.00 for 5 chances. See T. Morris or Lee Vanderpool for your raffle tickets, the proceeds support our club meetings

Friday Oct. 23rd - [UWF Camellia Garden](#) Work Day starting at 9:00am to 11:00am. We will be harvesting the air layers, and cleaning up the garden after Hurricane Sally. It is important that we clean up prior to the arrival of the new mulch that is scheduled for Oct. 31st. Please bring your gloves and water bottles.

Saturday Oct 24th - ALL HANDS NEEDED!

This is a very BIG and Important Work Day at [Shade House](#) starting at 9:00am. We will be potting our harvested air layers, spraying camellias, transferring plants from the right side to the left side of the shade house, fertilizing, and general clean up. Please bring your gloves and water bottles. The Shade House is located at 3279 Pine Forest Rd, Cantonment, FL 32533



(picture here are last year's air layers in need of potting)

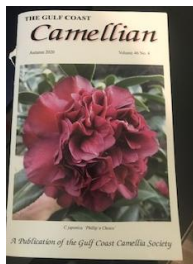
Saturday Oct. 31st - [UWF Camellia Garden](#) Work Day starting at 9:00 am till completion. We will be replenishing the pine bark mulch in the areas of the garden that need new mulch. Wheelbarrows will need to be load to distribute the mulch where needed. Bring your gloves, rakes for spreading along with your water bottles. There will be plenty of work and we can rotate jobs to easy the load on everyone. If you know of teens needing service hours bring them with we would appreciate the help.

Please be flexible with our planned events, [check the website](#), [Face book](#) and your email prior to attending. Hurricane Sally left many of us without power and internet for days which made it impossible to email members of September's cancellation but the information was on the website and FaceBook page.

Friday Nov. 6th – Camellia plants for sale outside at the [Garden Center](#) during their quarterly garage sale event, from 8:00am – 2:00pm.

Saturday Nov. 7th – [UWF Camellia Garden](#) Work Day starting at 9:00am to 11:00am. We will be removing and replacing various camellias in the garden. New mulch will need to be distributed throughout the garden. Please bring your rakes, gloves and water bottles.

Tuesday Nov. 17th – General Meeting program “PCC Club History” presented by Christi Hankins. Location: [Garden Center](#), 6:30pm for social, 7:00 pm program. *Please bring in your toy donation for “[Toys for Tots](#)” that we will use in place of show prizes for our December Camellia Show winners.*



Year after year the board mentioned that our members should join the Gulf Coast Camellia Society for \$10.00 /year dues. They mail you a quarterly journal with entertaining articles about camellias from the Gulf Coast States. Below is their application for you to mail in.

GULF COAST CAMELLIA SOCIETY

<http://www.gulfcoastcamelliasociety.org>

The **Gulf Coast Camellia Society** is a non-profit organization, founded December 1962, whose purpose is to stimulate and extend the appreciation of camellias and to promote the science of camellia culture. We hope to bring together in friendship and fellowship camellia growers and those interested in camellias in the Southern and Southeastern states.

A membership entitles you to receive four issues of our journal entitled, *The Camellian* each year and to join us in October for our annual meeting. Membership year is October 1st to September 30th.

Enclosed are my dues for GCCS (\$10 Single, \$12 Couple) _____

Enclosed Life Membership Dues for GCCS (\$200 Single, \$240 Couple) _____

Enclosed is contribution to the *Camellian* Fund (optional) _____

New____ or Renewing____

NAME(S)_____

ADDRESS_____

PHONE #_____

E-MAIL_____

Make check payable to GCCS and mail to:

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