



Dear PCC Members,

Welcome to November, with its cooler temperatures, falling leaves, shorter days, and best of all, more camellias blooming. John and I are really enjoying the sasanquas and early japonicas in our camellia garden and love the flowers being posted by Club members on our Facebook page.

In regards to beautiful blooms, now is the time to gib your buds in preparation for our December Show, this year to be held at The Garden Center. *Our previous location, UWF Conference Center is closed at this time so we had to go elsewhere.* Though we expect a smaller number of blooms on display given the challenges of Covid-19, that doesn't mean the ones there will be any less lovely.

This is our Club's busiest time of the year and we have much to do. Our plant inventory is very healthy right now with over 150 different camellias, so if you have the gift of sales, please join us at Palafox Market to talk about our Club and sell plants to our Community. Dates and times for all Club activities are in the newsletter and on the website.

I am so proud of the turnout we had last Saturday at the UWF Camellia Garden. We counted 31 volunteers total from our Club and the UWF Retired Employees Association. It was all hands on deck to move and spread 90 yards of Tensaw mulch and in just two hours, we had it done! So again, thank you to everyone who donated their time to make it happen. The garden looks wonderful with its new blanket of mulch.



As always, I hope to see you at our Club events. - Lauren Mate

As Lauren mentioned, we are a busy Club and thankful for the helping hands that came out to UWF Camellia Garden on Friday Oct 23rd. Fallen branches were collected, weeds pulled, and alignment corrected on the Yuletide camellia with rope and pipes. There were broken branches to prune and Trumin harvested all of the air layers for delivery to the Shade House. At the Shade house on Friday, Trumin, Debbie, Rita and Louise cleaned the carport for the forecasted Saturday rain in time for potting air layers.



Saturday, Oct 24th we had 20 volunteers under the carport as it rained and potted the air layers. John Davy pulled his trailer under the carport which contained his special recipe of potting soil, some pine bark, fertilizer and secret ingredient.

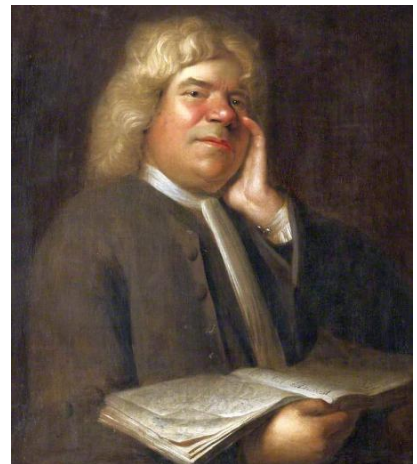


Members Corner

Fairchild's Mule by Roger Vinson

Most of us who grow camellias know that the traditional camellias grown in our area are the Japonicas and Sasanquas. We also know that over the past fifty years or so, new camellias have been introduced in ever-increasing numbers - - - the hybrids. These are generally identified as either Non-Reticulata Hybrids or Reticulata Hybrids. They have greatly expanded the types of available options we have. For example, we have fragrant camellias, yellow camellias, white (or almost white) Reticulatas, and now the most recent introductions: Azalea Camellia hybrids that are ever-blooming, or at least bloom well outside the regular camellia blooming season. We recognize that hybrids are an important part of not only camellias, but also the entire plant world: roses, corn, wheat, rice, and innumerable others. However, that has not always been the case.

Hybridization really begins with Thomas Fairchild, the leading nurseryman in England in the early 1700s. He lived in Hoxton, just outside the city of London, and was known for bringing brightly flowering plants to England from America and the Netherlands. At that time, English gardens were mostly lawns and topiary, mostly colorless, especially in the fall and winter. He lived at a time when God fearing men (and women) believed that mankind and nature were closely correlated, and what God had created was not to be tinkered with. And Thomas



Fairchild's Mule
Oxford University Herbaria

Fairchild was a very religious man. So it was with great apprehension that he set two flowerpots in his greenhouse, one of Carnations and one of Sweet William, and using a feather carefully took pollen from the Sweet William onto the stigma of the Carnation. Then he waited for seed, and then planted the seed. Lo and behold, the blooms that resulted combined into pink flowers with the carnation's double blossoms and the Sweet William's clustering. It was the world's first manmade plant hybrid, and soon became known as the "Fairchild Mule."

Fairchild's hybrid rapidly became known among England's nurserymen, but also in the enlightened scientific community of England. The most important institution in the country, the Royal Society, invited him to make a presentation at one of its weekly Thursday meetings. That meeting of the leading scientists of the nation, on February 4, 1720, was led by the Society's President, Isaac Newton. Those in attendance recognized the significance of what he had done. But Fairchild, fearful of incurring God's wrath for what he had done, called the hybrid "an accident" which he had found when the plants had been closely spaced and their flowerheads touched, thereby pollinating each other.

Regardless of what he disclaimed, he was acclaimed for changing the horticultural world. A new era was born, with English gardens boasting of a wide variety of new plants. Over 200 new nurseries sprang up in the country. English gardens were being copied all around the world.

To make amends, when Fairchild died in 1729, he bequeathed the sum of 25 pounds sterling to his parish church, "Shoreditch", for the preaching "annually forever" of a sermon on "the wonderful works of God in the Creation," or "the Certainty of the Creation." And so it has been done, even for almost three hundred years. When his church was no longer able to do it, it transferred the annual sermon/lecture to St. Gildes, Cripplegate, the ancient church where John Milton worshipped in London. It is under the auspices of the Worshipful Company of Gardeners, a charitable and ceremonial guild established by Royal Charter in 1605 to promote the art and practice of good gardening in London, support charitable horticultural activities, and promote the fellowship of gardening. Each year, on the first Tuesday of Pentecost, the Gardeners don their fur-trimmed gowns and ceremonial chains and carry their symbolic silver spades to the altar to hear the "Fairchild Sermon." Thomas Fairchild would be proud.

So, when you see the camellia hybrids at a camellia show or plant one in your garden, think about the "Fairchild Mule" and how far we've come.

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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: Nov 17, 2020 07:00 PM Central Time (US and Canada)

Join Zoom Meeting
<https://us04web.zoom.us/j/71249229561?pwd=ck1xZGdoYTd0dzlZT2FNNy8wbUJUUT09>

Meeting ID: 712 4922 9561
Passcode: p7zvTs

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*
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

Please be flexible with our planned events, [check the website](#), [Face book](#) and your email prior to attending since it is still hurricane season.

Saturday Nov 21st – Pensacola Camellia Club at [Palafox Market](#) selling camellias and promoting upcoming events. If you can help between 8:30am -2:00pm please contact Louise at 850-780-0410. Please bring a chair, dress for the weather and we will greet the shoppers with camellias and smiles!

Saturday Dec. 5th – Pensacola Camellia Club at [Palafox Market](#) selling camellias and promoting upcoming events. If you can help between 8:30am -2:00pm please contact Louise at 850-780-0410. Please bring a chair, dress for the weather and we will greet the shoppers with camellias and smiles!

Tuesday Dec. 8th – General Meeting presenter Skip Vogelsang/ Show Chairman to review “Camellia Show Preparation,” we will finalize all jobs for setup and the show. *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.* Location: [Garden Center](#), 6:30pm for social, 7:00 pm program.

Friday Dec. 11th – Show set up at The Garden Center will be at noon. This year’s we will treat our out of town Judges to dinner at V. Paul’s starting at 6pm. We will have signup sheets at the November 17th meeting or you can call 850.780.0410 to attend the dinner and discuss camellias with our guest.

Saturday Dec. 12th – Pensacola Camellia Club **82nd Annual Camellia Show** and Plant Sales to be held at The Garden Center.

Bloom Prep time 7:00am – 10:00am,

Judging 10:30am – 1:00pm,

Open to the Public for enjoying 1:00pm – 4:00pm.

Outdoor we will have our Plant Sales 9:00am – 4:00pm.

How you can help with the Dec 12th Camellia Show & Plant Sales

First, Advertising.

Your help with spreading the word about our show is needed. Some of you may have noticed that the local PNJ no longer has a calendar page of events. So it is up to us to make sure the public knows about our event, through the website, Facebook page, email, word of mouth, etc.

Skip will be speaking on the local radio shows and we will be handing out information at the Palafox Market.

You can help by sending the attachment (pictured below) to everyone in your contact list. Invite your friends and family to the show and direct them to our website www.pensacolacamellioclub.com or [Eventbrite](https://www.eventbrite.com) for information on the show.



82nd Annual Camellia Flower Show & Plant Sales - December 12th, 2020

Location:

The Garden Center,
1850 N. 9th Avenue,
Pensacola FL 32503.

Times:

Bloom Prep 7-10am,
Judging 10:30 -1pm,
Public Viewing 1- 4pm,
Plant Sales 9-4pm

Free Admission

FOR YOUR SAFETY & OURS
**MASKS
REQUIRED**
WHILE ON THE PREMISES



Come see the beautiful camellia flowers that bloom in various color, forms & sizes.

Second, Gib & Bring your Blooms

Gib your blooms now so you can enter them into the show. We want a good show with lots of local blooms from our members. For new members, there is a Novice category where your blooms can compete for prizes. Seasoned members will be around to assist you if you need the help with bloom prep during the show.

Third, Help at the Show

Below is a list of where your help is needed on the day of the show. Please read through our needs, and plan to sign up at the November meeting or by replying to the newsletter.

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

At our December 8th 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 day of the show, exhibitors will arrive at 7:00am to prepare their blooms in the prep area, café room at the Garden Center. When the exhibitors have their blooms & entry card ready you will carry trays of blooms to the large 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 7:00am and must be completed by 10:00am.

Judges- Roger Vinson is the lead person for ACS certified judges and Allan McMillan is assisting with the novice judges. Roger will recruit most of the judges from out of town along with some novice judges but this year we will use local judges too due to the virus. They are grouped in teams of three and will need a clerk and runner for each team starting at 10:30am.

Clerks and runners- Bill Lyford will be the lead person for clerks and runners. He will need a clerk and a runner for each team of judges. 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' mean the same thing and you will hear both words used throughout the judging.

All of the head table blooms will be reexamined by the judges in order to move on to the next stage. Clerks and runners will be needed at this stage to add up scores for each bloom to 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 in its designated spot on the award table.

Membership –Debbie Brown will be the lead person for Membership to Pensacola Camellia Club and American Camellia Society during the public viewing hours 1-4pm. She would like 1 person to assist her with membership.

Plant sales - Trumin Brown will be the lead person for plant sales. All plants will be labeled with bloom photos, descriptions and price to make work easy. Sales will be outdoors, from 9-4pm and he would like 2 shifts of 3-4 helpers.

Clean Up – The show ends at 4:00pm, then you may take blooms to enjoy and share with friends, otherwise they will all go in the trash. Every bloom cup will be emptied, stacked and boxed, toys for tots loaded for the marines, and plants that did not sell back in the van. 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 where you can and have your family and friends come to the show and see all of the beautiful blooms. We ask that everyone wear a mask inside during the day.