



Happy New Year everyone! I hope you and your families continue to stay safe and healthy. Despite the unique challenges of 2020, our Pensacola Camellia Club has continued to be very active.

Let me start out by extending my heartfelt appreciation to all who participated in the December Show. It was an overwhelming success in the number of blooms on display, plant sales, and community attendance. Our sales were going so well in the morning that Louise Seitz drove back to our shade house to get more to sell. I believe the plant sales and advertising at the two Palafox Market events prior to our show, had a very positive impact on attendance. We are one of the few Clubs that will host a show this year and we could not have pulled it off without your help.

Isn't this a wonderful time of year to enjoy camellias? John and I really look forward to walking our gardens, as the beautiful camellia blooms bring us much joy. I've included a few from our garden for the newsletter. I hope you are having the same experience. If you have photos of camellia blooms that you would like to share, you can reach out to the club via our Facebook page.



Please join us at our General Meeting on Tuesday Jan. 19th and at the events we have planned for the next several months. We have several at UWF and not only can you help out the Club, but enjoy the camellias which are exceptional Jan. - March.

Sincerely,
Lauren Mate

Update on the Green Shed by Debbie & Trumin Brown

If you can recall, the Club was in need of a storage facility for our show supplies and gardening equipment. Paul Bruno led the committee to purchase and supervised the placement of the shed on our property where our T. Morris Shade House is located. Some of you may remember helping with our project of priming and painting the outside of the building awhile ago.



The Shed is divided into two sections. The area behind the double doors will hold mowers, tools, weed eater and so on. The other larger area accessible through the side door will be for storage of supplies for the show, a small kitchenette, and most importantly a bathroom. The kitchenette will have a microwave, sink and cabinet. These items were not in the original plans which gave John Mate our past president/ retired General Contractor a headache. Most of the interior work has been completed by John, Lauren Mate and Trumin Brown provided additional labor as needed.



Additionally, the following projects have been completed on the property.

- Septic tank—Dick Hooton was instrumental in coordinating this installation with contractors.
- Electrical – Bill Lyford directed John Mate on trenching for wire and the work crew ran wires from the main fuse box to the shed.
- Heating and air conditioning unit was overseen by Trumin so the humidity can be controlled to protect our items.
- Interior - John Mate was busy installing partitions, electric, insulation, and panelling. You can see the need to measure twice and cut once.

All of this has been made possible by funds from the Club Foundation, membership dues, plant sales and the gracious and generous donation of Thelka Morris (Miss “T”) which has allowed us to progress with this project. There are plans to install a deck with an awning on the outside of the building so we can grill food and rest after a hard day’s work of potting air layers. The following is information on how to donate to support the projects.

The Pensacola Camellia Club Foundation provided financial support for the activities of the Pensacola Camellia Club. In years past, our club members had to solicit funds for the Show from local businesses and financial supporters. That was difficult, time consuming, and distasteful to most of our members. Now, thanks in large part to the Foundation’s financial support, we no longer have to worry about financing our annual show and can devote our full attention to the show itself. Our Club greatly benefits from having our Foundation.

The Foundation always needs and welcomes your donations and memorial gifts. It is both exempt from federal income taxation, as a 501(c) (3) organization, and qualified to receive charitable contributions and bequests which are tax deductible for federal income, estate, and gift tax purposes.

FOR MORE INFORMATION CONTACT ONE OF THE FOUNDATION BOARD MEMBERS.

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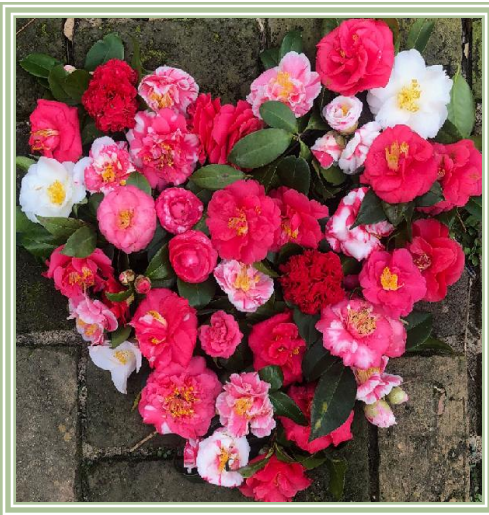
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Salute to Camellias, the Winter Rose.

Last March before the lock down, Paul Bruno gave a detailed presentation about camellia care to the Lady Bug Garden Club at V.Paul's Italian Restaurant. It seems that members of the club had dined when the tables were decorated with camellias, and discovered that Paul Bruno was an avid camellia lover, which sparked the idea of a guest speaker for their meetings. That idea developed into V.Paul's hosting their club's meeting at the restaurant followed by a night off from cooking for the ladies.

Paul asked me to assist him with this event since he was not sure how large the group would be and to bring PCC information for their members. We had 15 of the ladies attend and Paul had the room set up with examples; from potting soil mixture, to fertilizer, how to treat camellia diseases, and more. He also had tables filled with various camellias from his yard which impressed the ladies. What was scheduled for half an hour turned into an hour and half as the ladies requested more and more information. Was it due to Paul's charm or the wait staff filling their drink orders I'm not sure, but it was a Fun Time had by all. Ellen Edwards Milo (PCC member) was there and insisted that I join her for dinner afterwards. We sat with a table of 8 club ladies and I had to find out if all of their meetings were this much fun. The answer was "No," but they assured me that this was one of the best.



The point of that background story is why I suggest we try something new this year. To invite everyone to come together to 'Salute, the Camellia!' That's salute as in the Italian style of 'raise a glass'. There is another connection, wines are red, pink, or white, should be simple to match your camellia to your glass.

Spread the word, Wednesday February 3rd from 4:30-6:30pm bring your blooms from your yard as Paul and PCC members share their knowledge of camellia care.

V. Paul's will offer Happy Hour prices on wine and beer and PCC will have a camellia plant to raffle for those who attend. V. Paul's has been practicing all of the social distancing requirements for everyone's health benefit. Tables will be distanced, masks are required when not eating or drinking, all for your protections.

Come have fun and enjoy. – Louise

Upcoming Events

Tuesday Jan. 19th – General Meeting presenter is Skip Vogelsang / Show Chairman will review our annual camellia show winning blooms.

Location: **Garden Center**, 6:30pm for social, 7:00 pm program.



Best Heritage Camellia
Pre 1937 was Roger's
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Under Corona virus: We request that you sign up to attend tonight's meeting via Eventbrite, click [here](#). Select Register; add the number in your party and your name. You will receive a reply from Eventbrite confirming your registration. This generates a list of attendees which helps us determine number and spacing of chairs. A count limits the number of chairs to wipe after the meeting per Codvid-19 rules.

If you cannot attend Trumin has arrange the zoom meeting link for you.

Join Zoom Meeting

<https://us04web.zoom.us/j/5314334963?pwd=ZXdzZXVpWHpYSUpFTHlLeTI3TldlUT09>

Meeting ID: 531 433 4963

Passcode: 5XuJj7

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 2020 till November 2021. We are starting the year off with 20 new members.

New members, 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 to purchase your raffle tickets, the proceeds support our club meetings.

Please pay your 2021 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. 19th meeting please mail your payment to Pensacola Camellia Club P.O. Box 707 Pensacola, FL, 32591. Lifetime membership is \$100.

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.

Thursday January 21st - UWF Garden workday starting at 9am. Skip has a dozen new varieties of camellias to be planted. If you prefer not to dig we need help with general clean up. Bring your gloves, rakes and yard waste container to pick up branches and weeds. While you are there enjoy what's blooming, take photos or note of what you like for your yard. Let Greg Taylor know what you would like air-layer in April when Greg marks the desired camellia plants. If you need directions please click on the link <https://pensacolacamellioclub.com/uwf-camellia-garden>.

Monday January 25th - PCC members and friends will depart at 8:30am from the Club's T. Morris Shade House located at 3279 Pine Forest Rd, Cantonment to carpool to Jim Smelley's greenhouses near Aricola, MS. Jim has hundreds of camellias in three



Photo by Christi Hankins

greenhouses that are a "must see." Once we arrive, you will have to select which camellia you desire to graft onto Jim's understock. Make reservations with Dick Hooton at 850.969.0001. Price of \$30 includes one graft and your lunch. Those going can pay at the Tuesday's meeting or day of the event.

Sunday Jan 31st - Learn how to Graft Camellias & Plant Sales.



Past President and club member John Davy, who has over five camellias registered with the American Camellia Society, will share his expert knowledge of camellia grafting. Come learn techniques for creating your own camellia for your yard. You can watch and learn or for \$10, graft your own to take home. Members if you can help out that day contact Louise at 850-780-0410.

Location: [Garden Center](#), 1:00pm - 4:00 pm.

Wednesday Feb 3rd - Salute to Camellia, the Winter Rose at V. Paul's Italian Restaurant starting at 4:30 – 6:30pm as we share our passion for the beautiful camellias. This is open to all garden enthusiast and camellia lovers who want to learn more about camellias over a glass of wine. Bring your friends & neighbors for a fun time.

Saturday Feb 13th - 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 chair, dress for the weather and we will greet the shoppers with camellias and smiles.

Tuesday Feb. 16th – General Meeting program to cover, “Preparation for the Community Novice Show with plant sales” presented by Dr. Mack thetford
Location: [Garden Center](#) 6:30pm for social, 7:00 pm program.

Thursday Feb. 18th – [UWF Camellia Garden](#) **Work Day** starting at 9:00am to 11:00am. We will doing any necessary clean up before the garden tours. Please bring your gloves, rakes and yard waste container to pick up branches and weeds.

Sunday Feb 21st – 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. If you have wonder how to reduce large camellia plants don't miss 'Plant Reduction' by John Davy.
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 throughout the bloom season but especially this day.

Friday Mar 5th – Set up for Community Novice Show at the [Garden Center](#). Time to be announced in February newsletter.

Saturday Mar 6th – Pensacola Camellia Club to host **Community Novice Show and Plant Sale** at the [Garden Center](#). Everyone is invited to bring their camellia blooms to compete for prizes in various categories starting at 9:00am.

These beautiful camellias are from Katherine and Marianne Geeker's yards. They send New Year's wishes to the club members and feel sad that they are not able to attend the general meetings. Katherine is our oldest camellia club member who gets outside to enjoy her yard and her camellias with her daughter Marianne.



If you would like to share your story and/ or photos about your camellias please email it to our newsletter editor, Louise by Feb 1st .