



As I pass the gavel to Trumin Brown, I want to let everyone know what an honor it has been to serve as your Club President these past two years. I am humbled and awed by the dedication, generosity, and selflessness of our members to make our Club the best ever. On so many occasions, it was all of you pitching in wherever you could that made our community and club events a success. From our many clean-up days, to potting our harvested air layers, to putting on a wonderful December flower show, to name just a few of our many events, it was you our members who made it happen! For all of your support and friendship over these past two years, I thank you.



Sincerely,  
Lauren Mate  
President 2019-2021



## Upcoming Events ....

**Tuesday Mar. 16<sup>th</sup>** – General Meeting will not be at the Garden Center due to the increased number of cases of Covid-19. We will conduct a **zoom meeting only that night.**

More information on how to log in will be emailed to you from Mack Thetford. Please check your email or spam folder for his message. He will assist you with **logging in at 6:40pm so the meeting can start at 7pm.**

Program:

- Final remarks by President Lauren Mate.
- Swearing in of the 2021- 2022 Officers and Board of Director Members.

**2021-2022 Officers.**

President - Trumin Brown,  
1<sup>st</sup> Vice President – Show Chairman Skip Vogelsang,  
2<sup>nd</sup> Vice President – Programs, Paul Bruno,  
3<sup>rd</sup> Vice President – Membership, Debbie Brown,  
Treasurer – Bill Lyford,  
Secretary - Carolyn Pulford,  
Past President – Lauren Mate

**Board of Directors:** John Davy, Christi Hawkins, Dick Hooton, Alan McMillan, Louise Seitz, Greg Taylor & Mack Thetford.

- Mark Crawford from Valdosta, Georgia has provided the American Camellia Society with a presentation on '**Restoration Pruning**' that we will play tonight. Mark Crawford is owner of Loch Laurel Nursery, a premier camellia specialty nursery. Mark has a degree in Plant Science and a Masters in Plant Pathology log on tonight or call in and listen to Mark share his camellia knowledge.
- **Membership:** Questions about your dues or changes to your contact information? Please call Debbie Brown our VP of Membership at 850-932-0370 or forward her your information by email [dmarie.brown@att.net](mailto:dmarie.brown@att.net). As of March 1<sup>st</sup> we have a total of 218 members.

**Saturday Mar 27th - [UWF Camellia Garden](#) Work Day**  
starting at 9:00am to 12:00pm.

If you have wondered how to reduce large camellias plants, John Davy will lead plant reduction. We will have members available to explain air layers and pruning of plants before we all get to work at the garden. Come watch and learn as we guide you on how to care for these plants. Improve your own yard and care for the camellias with these methods.



**April 9<sup>th</sup> Camellias for Sale** at the Garden Center's spring garage sale. Members if you would like to assist with the selling of camellias and the club please join us Friday from 8am -2pm by scheduling a time with Louise at 850-780-0410. We will be outside selling so dress for the weather. If you need a gift for upcoming Mother's Day now is the time to buy.

#### **April – Air Layering dates:**



Greg Taylor will be out at UWF Camellia Garden on Sunday's in **April (11<sup>th</sup>, 18<sup>th</sup> and 25<sup>th</sup>) from 11am – 1pm.** He has camellia plants tagged for where he wants you to air layer and will provide the supplies needed for the work. All new members are encouraged to come and learn this propagation method.

**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.**



When Helen and Jacob Leo (J.L.) Kahn moved from mainland Pensacola in 1944 to their newly built bayside home in the 600 block of Fairpoint Drive, Gulf Breeze, they became one of the first families to settle there. Little did J.L. know at the time that he would also become one of the first camellia propagators in the Florida Panhandle.

Helen and J.L. Kahn were the parents of two sons, Dr. Charles Kahn and Harry Kahn. Both Charles and Harry were born and raised in Pensacola and they attended Pensacola High School. Charles went to Tulane University to attain his medical degree and married Bette Burham in Montgomery, AL in 1949. Harry served in World War II and participated in the Battle of the Bulge, Ardennes, Belgium under General George S. Patton (Third Army). When he returned from the war in 1945 and went to his home on the Pensacola mainland, he was very surprised to be told by neighbors that the family had recently moved to Gulf Breeze.

Harry Kahn, is the father of long-time Pensacola Camellia Club member, Dante Kahn. Judge Chuck Kahn, also a Gulf Breeze resident, is Dr. Charles Kahn's son and Dante's cousin.

J.L. Kahn enjoyed growing camellias on his bayside property, collecting their seeds and propagating varietals in his garden workshop. To keep his camellias thriving he installed an irrigation system, one of the first in Gulf Breeze. So successful was J.L. Kahn in propagating unique camellias that in 1951 he went on to register four of them with the American Camellia Society naming each after a family member: Helen K., Charles Kahn, Dante's Inferno, and Rose Ann. All four camellias can be found in our UWF Camellia Garden.



Helen K.



Charles Kahn



Dante's Inferno



Rose Ann

This past January, John and I had an opportunity to visit the Kahn camellia garden in Gulf Breeze and met up with Judge Charles Kahn, Jr. and his wife Janet. Judge Kahn shared many wonderful memories of his grandfather and his love of raising camellias, growing fruit trees (satsuma, grapefruit and kumquats), and fishing off his property. The Kahn property was sold many years ago and the hope is that the new owners will retain the camellia garden for their family and friends to enjoy.



On Jan. 30<sup>th</sup> Skip Vogelsang welcomed the 'Sweet Bay Garden Club' to UWF Camellia Garden for a private tour. The club members enjoyed their time there and found Skip's immense knowledge of the varieties of camellias enjoyable.—Carolyn White



## **We did not let our club down!** By Alan McMillan

The Camellia Show circuit for the 2020/2021 season consisted of just three shows throughout the southern United States. The Pensacola Camellia Club Show on December 12, 2020, the Slidell, LA, Ozone Camellia Club Show on January 16, 2021, and the Brookhaven, MS, Camellia Club Show on February 6, 2021 were the only shows not cancelled by the Covid-19 virus.

Did you know that our club has an “A” Team and a “B” Team when it comes to Camellia Shows? Well, we may not actually have these two teams, but I sure felt like we did at the Brookhaven Camellia Club Show in February.

Our “A” Team was missing in action. Most of you can guess that the Pensacola Camellia Club’s camellia show “A” Team is made up of Dick Hooton, Roger Vinson and Skip Vogelsang. It was rare, but none of the “A” Team made the Brookhaven Show. Instead, our club sent the “B” Team; Paul Bruno, Greg Taylor and me.



Taylor's Perfection

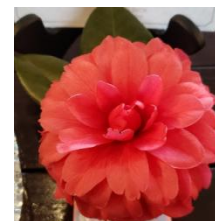
We did not let our club down! Greg has been showing a lot of his great blooms this year and is doing very well with the Judges. He did so again in Brookhaven, winning Best in Show, Very Large Hybrid, Taylors Perfection and more in the Court of Honor.

Paul also did well at our show and in Slidell but had his best show at Brookhaven. Paul won Best in Show, Very Large Reticulata, John Hunt, and also Best in Show, Miniature Hybrid, Sweet Jane and Japonica, Men’s Mini, as well as three on the Court of Honor, Terrell Weaver, Black Magic and Cherries Jubilee.



John Hunt

I also had my best show in Brookhaven winning Best in Show, Seedling GS#1125 (soon to be registered as Gloria Ann), and Best in Show, Large Japonica, Paul Haskee Variegated and Court of Honor, Large Japonica, Georgia National Fair Peony. Paul, Greg and I all had a large number of Blue Ribbons and many of them went to the Contention Table.



Alan's seedling

As this newsletter article goes to print, the show season is over for 2020/2021 and Covid-19 is still curtailing our group activities. But the good news is that we can work in our gardens, the Shade House and at the UWF Gardens. And our plants are still blooming prolifically, so I give blooms to neighbors and display them at home. That’s a good thing!





John Daley & Paul Bruno



Melinda & Greg Taylor



Lauren & John Mate



Brenda & Gene Elebash

## University of West Florida Camellia Garden Tours

photos & story by Kristina Wright

The Pensacola Camellia Club hosted their annual tour of their on-campus camellia garden. Enthusiasts were invited to explore the garden, featuring over 140 different types of camellias. UWF Ambassadors were on site to drive guests to the garden via golf carts. Pensacola Camellia Club members developed the garden with UWF Retired Teachers Association in 2007. Members demonstrated how to prune and air layer camellias. There were also camellia plants for sale from 12pm - 4pm. This was a great opportunity to take photos or relax on the park benches among these camellia plants known as winter roses of the South.

Established in 1937, the Pensacola Camellia Club focuses on carrying on the tradition of fostering the education of camellia care, propagation and exhibition for generations. On the third Tuesday of the month, club meetings offer speakers and demonstrations with many opportunities for hands on experiences. The 2019-2020 Camellia season began in September and goes through April, with programs on gibbing, air-layering, grafting, companion plants and bonsai camellias. The Pensacola Camellia Club is a non-profit organization.



Sharon Maloney & Debbie Brown



Patty Moran & Louise Seltz



Lee Vanderpool & Trumin Brown



Oaks, Neil, Monroe & John McDonald



Vicki Schell, Rita Perling & Billie River

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**ANNUAL REPORT FOR 2020**  
**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 \$2,300.00 were received during 2020. The Foundation received income as interest and dividends totaling \$3,775.81.

The Foundation's investment assets as of December 31, 2019, totaled \$81,931.04. Its investment assets as of December 31, 2020, totaled \$76,037.94. During the year, the Foundation provided \$6,300.00 to the Pensacola Camellia Club. 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**  
**John Davy**  
**Skip Voegelsang**  
**Trumin Brown, Trustees**