



Many events have taken place since the last newsletter. Some things continue to amaze me, such as the special members we have in our club. On Saturday the 19<sup>th</sup> of February two events took place; the clean up at UWF Garden for the Sunday Garden Tour and a grafting event at John Davy's. Both events are very significant to the club and help us continue to have a great club. We had so many of our dedicated members come out to help at both events. Pictured here are 100 plus grafts being stored at Davy's for the club.

I was a part of a conversation with several "old timer" members and we were discussing the health of the club. The point was made that no other Club has the assets we have, such as the van, shade house property, shed and so on. One person in the group said, "We missed the most important thing that makes us so great, and that is the fantastic members". Your leadership understands this and wishes to Thank all of you, for what you have done these past months of this 2021-2022 Camellia season.



We had a perfect day for the Garden Tour and the camellia blooms were spectacular throughout the garden which assisted in a high volume of plant sales. The early visitors were able to purchase the Julia, Raspberry Sherbets and Frank Houser that they saw in bloom. Those varieties are included in what was grafted at John's.

I strongly encourage our newer members to bring your blooms to the Community Novice Show on the 5<sup>th</sup> of March at the downtown library. Include your neighbors and friends whose camellias you admire to come too. This is a novice show therefore; our members with show experience will be there to help you, not competing against you. It will be a great casual learning experience on how to show blooms, listen to judges and ask questions. I look forward to seeing many of you participating. Come out and join in the fun. – Trumin Brown / President

For our newer members, here is a brief summary of UWF Camellia Garden history and why it is important to the club. The garden is hidden in the back of the campus across from the Psychology building.

***The University of West Florida (UWF) Camellia Garden*** was established in 2007 as a combined partnership between the University of West Florida, the Pensacola Camellia Club and the UWF Retired Employee Association.

*It was designed to showcase the registered varieties of Pensacola hobbyists of the previous 83 years along with camellias from around the world. A memorandum of understanding assures the long –term care and upkeep of the garden by all three partners.*

*In February of 2017 the completion of the Camellia Garden Enhancement Project in recognition of the UWF's 50th anniversary, this 3/4 of an acre garden was rededicated. To included, paved walkways, lighting, memorial benches & bricks to honor loved ones in an enduring reflective space.*

What a wonderful surprise to have 25 helpers attend our UWF garden clean up on Saturday Feb. 19<sup>th</sup> prior to Sunday's tour for the general public. The newsletter is being received, read and shared with UWF Retired Teachers Association members and many came to work with PCC members. I am so grateful for the help since I knew most of the board members were grafting for the Club at John Davy's business.



The following photos from left to right, Tom Henderson, Ingrid & Carol Backman, and our photographer for the work day Judy Weaver of the UWF Retired Employees Association. Picking up blooms is Rohan Hemasinha also of UWF REA.



Below, James Frazier PCC, William Healey UWF REA and LeAnna Sanders PCC.



Below, Louise Seitz, Jeanne Gund, Jim DeReuil follow by Lauren Mate & Cindy Dyrda



UWF REA, Ingrid Backman & Jim Weaver, follow by Rohan Hemasinha and PCC's Pat Stephenson.



**THE UWF Garden Tour on Sunday February 20<sup>th</sup>** was a beautiful warm day with many visitors and friends showing at noon. The warm weather brought out long time member, Dante Kahn and his wife. It was a pleasure to see old friends and greet new ones from the Palafox market who arrived to enjoy the blooms. Here is Georgia National Fair with multiple blooms creating attention.



Our guests helped us find a few forgotten air-layers, learned about pruning with John Davy, and selected a camellia plant for their yard. We had many happy visitors that came out to enjoy the blooms some we recognized from last weekends Palafox Market. Once again, we sold over 50 plants and could have sold many more. We needed the camellias in bloom; Julia, Lady Laura, La Peppermint, etc. in our inventory for this event, but those sold out at our earlier events.



The young lady below, Samantha Ball is from Pace and loves camellias. We are happy to have her as a new member thanks to John Davy's sales pitch. In the next photo John had the attention of our guest and then went down memory lane with Mrs. Marlyn Jennings who's late husband Fred was a members of the club years ago. Remember, John joined the club when he was 17<sup>th</sup> so he has club history. In this small community, Mrs. Jennings lives near John and Lauren Mates in Cantonment. John and Lauren have been to her yard to air-layer from the many camellias varieties that her husband had planted years ago.



Greg Taylor brought his air layering supplies to demonstrate the process to our guest and now new member, Marian Anderson. Greg got a headstart on this project that he leads for the Club. Last year he completed over 300 air layers using a more time consuming prep of an alternative to sphagnum moss. Here he is with pink markers on branches of 'Man Size' that he plans to complete. Greg shared the story of how 'Man Size' got its name with the guests. (For those that don't know, it is the perfect size for a Man's boutonniere. Back in 1937 the Man's Club wore flowers in the lapel of their jackets.)

A few more photos, mom and daughter strolling through the garden and member Michelle Kobielnik standing in front of camellia, Julia.

There is still time to enjoy the late bloomers. - Louise



## Upcoming Events

We appreciate all of our members and leave it to your discretion to wear a mask at our meetings. Seating will be spread out for you to select where you prefer to sit. Stay well and safe.

**Friday Mar. 4th – Set up** for Community Novice Show at the downtown Public Library on Spring Street starting at 3:00 pm – 4:00 pm.

**Saturday Mar. 5th – Pensacola Camellia Club to host Community Camellia Show for Novice Gardeners and Plant Sale** at the downtown [Public Library](#) 239 N. Spring St., Pensacola, FL. Everyone is invited to bring their camellia blooms. Learn how to prepare your blooms for show, complete entry forms and discover what judges look for in a winning bloom. Come compete for prizes in various categories starting at 9am, Judging at 11:30, follow by viewing of Winners at 12-3pm.

Plant Sales will start at 10am to give everyone a chance to enter their blooms before shopping for camellia plants. The website has the following rules for the shows if this is not clear. Go to Activities, [Community Camellia Show](#).

### Pensacola Camellia Club Novice Show Rules

1. This show is not an American Camellia Society (ACS) regulation show. However, we will be using the rules and regulations concerning procedures and judging of ACS shows to familiarize the public with the operation of an ACS show. The decisions of the head judge will be final.
2. Entries will be received from 9:00am until 11:30am on Saturday. Judging will begin as soon as practical once show entry is closed. Unlike an ACS regulation show— ALL ASPECTS OF THE SHOW ARE OPEN TO THE PUBLIC. We encourage visitors to listen and ask questions while maintaining a little space for us to demonstrate.
3. The show is open to any Novice camellia grower/exhibitor. Exhibitors are encouraged to place their own blooms.
4. The authority for bloom classifications will be the 2019 Edition of the SCCS Camellia Nomenclature, the 1981 Historical Nomenclature, The Camellia Nomenclature Supplement, or the ACS Website Listing subsequent registrations. Cultivars with multiple names will be entered under the preferred name in the Camellia Nomenclature. When a camellia variety is listed in

two sizes (e.g. 'small to medium') it will be judged in the smaller size category unless specifically marked for the larger size. The only exception will be blooms registered as 'miniature to small' which will be judged as small. Only blooms registered as 'miniature' shall be judged as miniature.

5. ACS entry cards for classifying blooms will be available at the show and should be completed consistent with Nomenclature of ACS Journal description cited above.
6. Each entry will be eligible for only one award.
7. ONLY JUDGES WILL BE ALLOWED IN THE AWARDS AREA DURING FINAL AWARD PLACEMENTS. The head judge may decide not to award a ribbon to certain varieties if they deem them to be below show quality.
8. All blooms entered must be grown by the exhibitor and the plant in his or her possession at least thirty days prior to the show. All blooms become the property of the Pensacola Camellia Club and will be disposed of by the show committee.
9. Judges are invited and urged to bring blooms for competition but must disqualify themselves while their exhibits are being judged. Judges may vote

on their own blooms in contention where weighted averages are used.

10. Each container/ cup must have only one bloom and must show either one or two leaves. There are no categories for sprays, seedlings or sports.
11. Novice Exhibitors—growers or exhibitors who have not won more than three awards at the head table of any camellia show (this includes prior PCC Novice Shows).
12. Bloom Entry cards must include Division, Class, and size as listed on the program. Division 1 entries must include a variety name and will be judged on the basis of the standards for the named variety.
13. PCC Heritage Varieties (Class 7) are defined as those Varieties originating prior to the founding of the Pensacola Camellia Club in 1937.



For more information go to [www.pensacolacamelliadclub.com](http://www.pensacolacamelliadclub.com) like us on Face book or call 850.780.0410.

Study these categories to determine your 'game plan' for competing. There is even a Division 2 for Unknown Varieties. Don't know the name of your bloom, bring it. Please don't judge your blooms in your yard. You cannot predict with the weather did or did not do to the competitions blooms, you got to enter to win!

### **Division 1. Named Varieties**

#### Class 1. Japonicas (Tables 1-4)

Best Large to Very Large Japonica  
 Best Large to Very Large Japonica  
 Runner Up  
 Best Medium Japonica  
 Best Medium Japonica Runner Up  
 Best Small Japonica  
 Best Small Japonica Runner Up  
 Best Miniature Japonica  
 Best Miniature Japonica Runner Up

#### Class 2. Reticulata and Reticulata Hybrids (Table 11)

Best Large to Very Large Reticulata  
 Best Medium or Smaller Reticulata

#### Class 3. Non-reticulata Hybrids (Table 12)

Best Large to Very Large  
 Non Reticulata Hybrid  
 Best Medium or Smaller  
 Non Reticulata Hybrid

#### Class 4. Trays of Three (NAMED Variety) (Tables 5 & 6)

Tray of Three (same variety)  
 Tray of Three (any variety)

#### Class 5. Species (Table 12)

Best Bloom any size

#### Class 6. Pensacola Variety (Table 8)

Best Bloom any size

#### Class 7. Heritage (pre-1937) Variety (Table 8)

Best Bloom any size



New member, Earle Rader, was asking for help to identify this bloom. Earle, this would be perfect for the Community Novice Show unknown division.

### **Division 2. Unknown Varieties**

#### Class 8. Unnamed Flowers (Tables 9 & 10)

Best large to Very Large  
 Best large to Very Large Runner Up  
 Best Medium  
 Best Medium Runner Up  
 Best Small  
 Best Small Runner Up  
 Best Miniature  
 Best Miniature Runner Up

#### Class 9. Trays of Three

##### (UNKNOWN) (Tables 6 & 7)

Tray of Three (same variety)  
 Tray of Three (any variety)

### **Special Awards**

Best of Show – (vote among best from classes 1, 2, 3, 6, 7, 8)  
 Best White– (vote among best from classes 1, 2, 3, 6, 7, 8)  
 Court of Honor – (Selected from classes 1, 2, 3, 6, 7, 8)

Show table layout to assist with placement .

Kitchen

1	2	3	4
5	6	7	8
9	10	11	12

Awards



**Tuesday Mar. 15<sup>th</sup>** – Pensacola Camellia Club's Annual Banquet at V. Paul's, 29 Palafox Place, Pensacola, FL. Happy Hour at 5:30pm followed by Dinner served at 6:30pm. You do not have to be a member to attend; all family and friends are welcome to this celebration of a wonderful camellia season of hard work and new camellia friendships. The 2022-2023 officers and board members will be sworn in, 'Person of the Year' to be announced, along with special camellias for auction. Price is \$38/per person that includes tax and tip. Please send payment to: Pensacola Camellia Club, P.O. Box 707, Pensacola, FL 32591 or pay at any event prior to March 10th.

**Saturday Apr. 2<sup>nd</sup> - Air layering** at UWF Garden starting at 9:00am to Noon. Greg Taylor will bring the supplies needed for air layering, just show and help. Bring your water bottles and gloves.

**Saturday Apr. 9th - Air layering** at University of Florida Milton campus starting at 1pm. Greg Taylor will bring the supplies needed for air layering, just show and help. Bring your water bottles and gloves.

**Tuesday Apr. 19th – General Meeting** program, 'The Why and How of Pruning, Fertilizing and Air Layering'. Location: [Garden Center](#) 6:30pm for social, 7:00 pm program.

**Saturday Apr. 23rd – [UWF Camellia Garden](#) Work Day** starting at 9:00am to 12:00pm. If you have wondered how to reduce large camellia plants, John Davy will lead a plant reduction demonstration. We will have members on hand to explain air layers and inside pruning of plants before we all get to work at the garden. Come watch and learn so you can improve your own yard with these methods.

**Saturday Apr. 30th – Air layering** at UWF Garden starting at 9:00am to Noon. Greg Taylor will bring the supplies needed for air layering, just show and help. Bring your water bottles and gloves.

The following are Greg Taylor's winners from the Gulfport Camellia Show Feb 5<sup>th</sup>.



Taylor Perfection



Crimson Candle



Raspberry Sherbert

## Experiencing the Show Circuit, 2022 – by Melinda Taylor

We love going to Camellia shows, even if we don't have prize-winning blooms. Why? The experience of traveling can be exciting amidst all the personal preparations necessary to take a trip. Staying in fantastic accommodations, seeing historic places, enjoying scrumptious food, and meeting intriguing people is all a part of the show experience.

We love the people who love the flowers. A show can be a high-stress event, so you usually see both the best and the worst of peoples' personalities. And yet, the camaraderie makes it a joyful time.

The show itself raises the bar on what is possible. Everyone is striving to produce the most beautiful blooms possible, which benefits the community. Many old favorites seem to get better, while new varieties are continually being developed. And each locality has their own unique specimens.

The educational benefits allow attendees to ask successful growers puzzling questions, and get a variety of tips and perspectives. It becomes apparent that there is a core set of principles that everyone adheres to, and yet there are variables of applications based on the growers' personal skills.

There are so many aspects of putting together a show. Of course, the host club has prepared a special venue with everything needed—quite a task for showing hundreds of blooms with dozens of people involved— every show topped over a thousand blooms this year. So, in addition to prepping flowers for show, getting involved with being a judge, (Photo, Greg Taylor in blue shirt as a judge) a clerk, support staff, or even just a

spectator, it's very rewarding to find a niche for yourself that brings a sense of fulfillment.

And when the general public begins to arrive, it can be quite amazing at the level of community interest that has been generated. We have become a part in encouraging others to appreciate, grow & show the wonderful flowers called Camellia.

*Please consider sharing your camellia story and / or photos about what you enjoy about camellias or PCC's events. Submit to [pensacolacamellia@gmail.com](mailto:pensacolacamellia@gmail.com) to Louise Seitz by April 1st, 2022.*

