



I hope everyone had a great summer in-between all of the rain storms that was in the area. Debbie and I did some travelling which was why we missed the picnic, but we enjoyed our visit with family until, Covid struck us both. We are recovering and hope to be back into action for another busy camellia season.

Another big round of applauses for our Shade House ground maintenance leader, John Mate! Not only does he mow the lawn and trim around our property but he completed another one of our major projects on the 'to-do-list'. We are very grateful that John Mate hired a bulldozer and driver to remove the large overgrown azalea plant in the middle of the property along with the big dirt pile. The dirt pile was left from digging out our septic; they distributed the dirt throughout the low levels of the property. The large boulders were also moved, some placed west of the storage shed so no one parks on the septic system and others along the edges of our property. If you are wondering, yes, it was raining when they were completing this project.

Our current inventory looks rather bare but that will soon change. Last year's potted air-layers were moved to the left side and are ready for sale. Please save the date of October 15th to help with the potting of our April harvested air-layers at the Shade House. No matter how many air-layers we succeed with, the club purchases additional camellia plants from two nurseries, along with sasanquas from John Davy. The list of what we expect our inventory to carry is now on the website for you to study. Our plant sales will be offered to members first, before any of our scheduled sales dates. Please view the website, 'Camellias for Sale', at the bottom of the page, there is a feature to download the list. I will gladly take your order by email, trumin.brown@att.net or phone at 850-375-4541 to reserve your selection.

I hope you marked your calendar to attend the Gulf Coast Camellia Society's conference which is October 21-22nd in Mobile. Newer members, the society consists of other gulf coast clubs like us that host shows and support each other's shows with blooms. Come and meet wonderful camellia people that are willing to share a wealth of camellia knowledge. At the picnic, a member asked for help with transportation to this event, therefore we will have a signup sheet for drivers and riders at our September meeting. Here is the link [GCCS- Conference](#) with the agenda. We will have hard copies at the meeting too. Registration deadline is October 3rd.

I want to remind everyone we are raising money to complete the matching funds for UWF Garden maintenance. Thanks to those who have already contributed to this project. You can send your checks to the club address; bring it to any event or give it to a Board Member. We want to complete the matching funds by this year's show.

– Trumin Brown/ President

Camellia Garden Endowment

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The UWF Camellia Garden has been a labor of love shared by the UWF Retired Employees Association, the Pensacola Camellia Club and the University of West Florida. Originally established in commemoration of UWF's 40th anniversary, the garden underwent significant enhancements in 2017 as part of UWF's 50th anniversary celebration. In February 2020, an anonymous donor made a \$25,000 gift to establish an endowment. Our goal is to match that gift. Our endowment would ultimately be \$50,000, which would provide maintenance for the garden in perpetuity.

To support the Camellia Garden and leave a legacy on the University of West Florida campus, garden supporters can now purchase a named paver.

Giving Options

8x8 Named Paver

\$500

One smaller paver placed in UWF Ca

12x12 Named Paver

\$1,000

One larger paver placed in UWF Camellia Garden

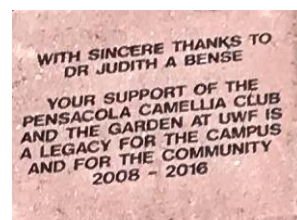
General Giving

Gifts of all sizes

All gifts to the Camellia Garden Endowment are used for ongoing maintenance

To take part in the initiative, contact **Skip Vogelsang** at 850.776.7951 or by emailing lbv3rd@gmail.com.

Make checks payable to the Pensacola Camellia Club Foundation or UWF Foundation Inc. Denote Camellia Garden Endowment on the memo line.



Your donation, large or small, will generate the annual funds necessary to insure that the garden is well maintained for decades to come.

Mail your check to; Pensacola Camellia Club,
PO BOX 707, Pensacola, FL 32529



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A Perfect Fit – Louise Seitz

Thanks to Margie Baldwin, we were asked to attend the 'Bon Fest', at Bayview Senior Center on Saturday September 3rd. This event is organized by the Florida Okinawan Organization, to share the traditions of Asian Nations with authentic food, dance, Taiko drummers and activities for the children. Many guests arrived dressed in beautiful kimonos. There was also a booth for you to dress and take photos in a kimono. Something we should have tried, maybe next time.

We had fun explaining to the guests how Camellias are native to Japan and Asia with brochures on the various species; Sasanqua, Japonica, Reticulata and another brochure on club information and events. It was enjoyable to visit with their guests as many described how they came to the United States.



To the left is the morning shift which consisted of David Purdon, Doug DeHaven, Lee Vanderpool, Susan Ulloa, and Karen DeHaven.

The afternoon shift consisted of Carolyn Pulford, Pat Stephenson, Greg Taylor and myself. I appreciate the help from Mike Johnston who arrived in the morning to unload the van before going on with his plans. By the way, we sold 12 plants and added two new members that day.



Next to us was Pierre Kaufke aka Mr. Bonsai, with his Japanese art of growing and training miniature trees in pots that mimic the shape of real life trees. His display of Bonsai plants helped attracted more customers towards our area along with member, Peggy DeArmon, who was selling various Japanese Maple plants.



Thank you Dr. Gordon E. Eade's – Louise Seitz

Last month we learned of the passing of Dr. Gordon Eugene Eade on August 1st, 2022. Norman Vicker's received an email from Gordon's family members where he lived in Meridianville, AL. The following in blue is from the obituary notice.

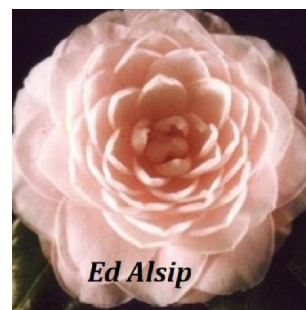
Gordon was born in Johnston City, Illinois, the second of five boys, sons of Howard and Margaret (Lively) Eade. He married Nona Grace Rose in 1947, who preceded him in death in 2013. Gordon was also preceded in death by his parents, Howard and Margaret, and by his four brothers: Calvin Eade, Robert Eade, Kenneth Eade, and Richard Eade.

After completing high school at the age of 16, Gordon entered college at Southern Illinois University. Then, at age 17 during the height of WWII enlisted in the United States Navy where he served as a Pharmacy Mate First Class in the South Pacific during WWII. After the war, he completed college at Southern Illinois University and later his doctorate at Northern Illinois University. He worked for 20 years in the Illinois education system at several schools. In 1968 he joined the faculty at the University of West Florida and served in multiple positions until his retirement in 1990.



Gordon served as President of the Pensacola Camellia Club in 2000 & 2001. The Pensacola Camellia Club Foundation, Inc. was formed as the successor to the Club's Trust Funds, and Articles of Incorporation were filed with the Florida Secretary of State on January 17, 2002. Gordon Eade signed as incorporator and the initial trustees were: Roger Vinson, Robert Bothfeld and Martin Harwood. The purpose of the Foundation is to support the Pensacola Camellia club's scientific, educational, and charitable efforts, and the

annual Camellia Show. In 2007 Gordon Eade and Ben Williamson were also active in the UWF Retired Employee Association which was looking for a project/gift to commemorate the 40th anniversary of the University. Within months a formal partnership was finalized between the Pensacola Camellia Club, the Retired Employees Association and UWF which resulted in a permanent camellia garden to protect registered Pensacola originated Camellias. If you visit the UWF Camellia Garden you can locate Gordon E. Eade's propagated and registered, Raspberry Sherbert, Wonder of White, Babs Alsip and Ed Alsip.



September's Upcoming Events

Tuesday Sept. 20th – General Meeting program, 'How to get your Camellias ready for the Season'. We will be covering tips for sharpening your pruners, a review of potting air-layers, gibbing, and what to do with seed pods. The officers/ board members will cover what new activities are planned for you to participate in and enjoy with fellow members. One such event is the Gulf Coast Camellia Society's conference that will be in Mobile. We will have a signup sheet for members who wish to carpool to this event. Location: [Garden Center](#) 6:30pm social, 7:00 pm program.

At the meeting, 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 that joined in Dec. 2021 – Nov. of 2022.

New members, by attending the meeting your name will be included in a '**New Members ONLY Raffle**' for a camellia plant. This is for only new members, be sure to attend to increase your collection of camellias for your yard.

We also have a camellia plants raffle for everyone to participate, raffle tickets are sold at a price of **\$1.00 per chance or \$5.00 for 6 chances**. See Lee Vanderpool to purchase your raffle tickets, the proceeds support our club meetings.

Our show will include toy donations for the Marines "Toys for Tots" program. You can bring in unwrapped toys that you have purchased tonight. If you prefer you can make a monetary donation tonight or mail in your donation to; PCC, PO Box 707, Pensacola FL 32591 and we will do the shopping for you. We greatly appreciate your support.

Sept. 24th JUDGING SCHOOL AND RE-ACCREDITATION

THE NORTHSORE CAMELLIA CLUB AND THE MISSISSIPPI GULF COAST CAMELLIA SOCIETY ANNOUNCED A JUDGING SCHOOL TO BE HELD AT THE **ORANGE GROVE LIBRARY 12135 OLD HWY 49, GULFPORT, MS. ON SEPTEMBER 24, 2022 FROM 1:30 TO 4 PM.**

PLEASE RESPOND AS SOON AS POSSIBLE IF YOU PLAN TO ATTEND THE JUDGING SCHOOL OR IF YOU NEED TO BE REACCREDITED TO JIM CAMPBELL AT rivercamellia@bellsouth.net.

DEADLINE TO APPLY WILL BE **SEPTEMBER 20TH**, SPACE IS LIMITED SO APPLY EARLY.

October's Upcoming Events

Saturday Oct. 15th – **It's time again to pot our new crop of air layers!** This is when everyone is needed to help pot the 300+ air layers that Greg Taylor designated last April. Join us at the Shade House 3279 Pine Forest, Cantonment, starting at 9am. The work that day will include potting our air layers, spraying, fertilizing, and general clean up. Please bring your pruners, gloves and water bottles.

Tuesday Oct 18th – **General Meeting** program, 'Why We Gib'. You will need to 'gib' 7 weeks prior to our show date (1st application Oct.22nd) to have your camellias ready to product blooms for our December 10th show. We will have 'gib' available for members that night. Location: [Garden Center](#) 6:30pm for outside demo, 7:00 pm inside program.

Friday Oct. 21st – The [Gulf Coast Camellia Society Conference](#) begins with reception and dinner at the Mobile Botanical Garden starting at 5pm. This is open to non-members, members and their guest.

Saturday Oct. 22nd – [Gulf Coast Camellia Society Conference](#) with Educational programs, history and tradition begins at 9am. Below is the link with all of the information for this event in Mobile.

If you are looking for rides to this event please sign up at the September meeting or email Louise Seitz at pensacolacamellia@gmail.com and we will try to assist you with transportation if possible.

Here is the link for [GCCS- Conference](#) your reservation must be in by October 3rd.

We love to hear your camellia story and / or photos about what you enjoy about camellias or PCC's events. Please submit to Louise by the 1st of the month for it to be included in the newsletter pensacolacamellia@gmail.com .

2022- 2023 Gibbing Schedule for Camellia Shows near Pensacola

This schedule is an approximation based upon an average time between the application of the gibberellic acid and blooming of about 6 weeks, bracketed with applications a week earlier or later. Thus, there are three application dates for each show. For example, if you gib 2 blooms on each plant at each application, you would have gibbed a total of 6 blooms on that plant --- and with luck maybe 1 of them will open in time for that show. The estimated time is for an average japonica plant in moderate shade and under normal Pensacola weather conditions.

	Show Date	1 st Application 7 weeks before	2 nd Application 6 weeks before	3 rd Application 5 weeks before
Slidell, LA	12/03/22	10/15/22	10/22/22	10/22/22
Pensacola, FL	12/10/22	10/22/22	10/29/22	11/05/22
Tallahassee, FL	1/07/23	11/19/22	11/26/22	12/03/22
Mobile, AL	1/21/23	12/03/22	12/10/22	12/17/22
New Orleans, LA	1/28/23	12/10/22	12/17/22	12/24/22
Massee Lane, GA	2/25/23			
Gulfport, MS	No info at the time of this newsletter			
Baton Rouge, LA				
Brookhaven, MS				

There is no fixed time for the gib to take effect, and many factors will affect the time. Early blooming varieties usually bloom more quickly and late blooming varieties usually take longer; some take much longer. More mature buds will bloom sooner than less mature ones. Reticulatas normally average a longer time to bloom than do japonicas. Plants in full sun may also bloom sooner. Of course, abnormally warm weather will accelerate blooming, while heavy freezes and colder conditions will delay blooming. Go to the [American Camellia Society](https://www.american-camellia-society.org/) website for a video demonstrating gibbing.



To apply, select a well-developed flower bud with an upward-facing leaf bud, and remove the leaf bud with a twisting action. Place one drop of acid in the cup left where leaf bud was removed.

