



What a great show! All comments to me were very positive and encouraging. I am extremely proud to be a member of such a wonderful club with amazing people. The enthusiasm and wonderful energy of the camellia lovers was demonstrated throughout the day by all who participated.



Special thanks to all who helped make this event possible. Christi did a fantastic job pre-show to be sure all elements were covered, which allowed for a smooth set up on Friday afternoon that carried into our show on Saturday. Skip did a great job organizing the setup of the show room on Friday, and getting the blooms all in the correct location with team members on Saturday. The Prep room was found to be crowded, so an additional area was opened to better accommodate bloom prep and later turned into the lunch room. The food provided by members for the morning time was appreciated by all, and the catered lunch worked extremely well.

As mentioned by one of our board members, it was great to see so many new members showing blooms and winning prizes at the head table.





On a personal note, I'd like to shine a light on the crew who worked plant sales with me. We sold over 200 plants at the show and most of the customers purchased more than one at a time.

A nice couple from Mobile who have attended many of our shows and purchased many plants from us over the years, commented on how much better this year's venue was and what great variety of plants we had available for sale.



None of this would be possible without the dedication, time, and effort by each our members. You should all take great pride in another successful event. It is an honor to be the President of such an exceptional group of people and I appreciate each and every one of you. - Trumin Brown/ President

More photos from the show can be found on our website
<https://pensacolacamellioclub.com/photo-galleries/>



*Thank you Pierre for
bringing your Bonsai
plants that were
blooming*

Members' toy donations as prizes is a wonderful part of the show to benefit the community.



*Our UWF Camellia Garden was highlighted with
our Pensacola Varieties and upcoming garden tour
on February 26th, 2023 by Louise*

2023 Upcoming Events

The **Tallahassee Camellia Club Show** is January 14-15th at Dolye Conner Building, 3125 Conner Blvd, Tallahassee. Their show schedule can be found on ACS's website. It's a 3 hour drive but you can enter blooms and see how other shows are run.

Tuesday Jan. 17th – General Meeting: “Grafting Camellias for that hard to propagate reticulata that you must have.” Get your hands on the scion that you want to graft and for \$10 we provide the rootstock to assist you with the grafting. Location: [Garden Center](#), 6:30pm for social, 7:00 pm program.

The **Mobile Camellia Club Show** is January 21st at Abba Temple, 7701 Hitt Road, Mobile. Our dear friend, Jim Smelley is co-chair of the show. Their show schedule can be found on ACS website or their website. If the weather is nice that day you should also take time to visit the K. Sawada Camellias at Mobile Botanical Garden.

Saturday Jan 21st we will be at the *Japan-America Society of Northwest Florida annual New Year Celebration* to experience Japanese culture. This will be held at Wright Place, address is 80 E. Wright Street, Pensacola. This is an indoor event for us to sell camellias and to educate the public about Camellias are native to Japan. Set-up is at 11am, it opens to the public at noon & performances finished by 3:30pm. Please call Louise if you would like to help at this event, 850-780-0410.

Saturday Jan. 28th – Pensacola Camellia Club at [Palafox Market](#) **selling camellias and promoting our upcoming events**. If you can help between 8:00am -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!

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

Saturday Feb 4th – Pensacola Camellia Club to host **Community Camellia Show and Plant Sales** at the downtown Public Library, 239 N. Spring St, Pensacola, Florida. Everyone is invited to bring their camellia blooms to compete for prizes in various categories starting at 9:00am. For more information, go to Activities, [Community Camellia Show](#) on our website.

Thursday Feb 9th “Salute to the Winter Rose, Camellias” at V. Paul’s @4pm. All gardeners & camellia lovers, come join us from 4:30- 6pm for a conversation about the care of camellias. Happy Hour prices on wine to salute the winter rose.

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Saturday Feb. 25th – [UWF Camellia Garden](#) **Work Day** starting at 10:00am to 12:00am. We will be doing any necessary clean up before the garden tours. Please bring your gloves and water bottles.

Sunday Feb. 26th – Pensacola Camellia Club will welcome the public to our [UWF Camellia Garden](#), provide air layering and pruning demonstrations, and have plants available for sale starting at Noon to 4:00 pm. For more information about the [UWF Camellia Garden Tours](#) go to Activities, UWF Camellia Garden & Tours on our website.

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

Camellia Growing Experiences by Kathleen Beecher

John Tingley and I attended the Camellia Club's air layering demos at the UWF Garden in February 2019 and joined the club that day. We thought the camellias at the UWF site were beautiful, and started purchasing camellias shortly after that. We have had much trial and error with them. We live in Perdido Key, and the soil is sandy, along with most of our yard being in full sun. We're from Maine and used to planting very deep to avoid the frost line (a \$20 hole for a \$5 plant is the advice in New England.) Hurricane Sally brought an abundance of salt water to our yard. So, planting too deep, not adding enough enrichment to the sandy soil, planting in full sun, and too much salt water may have been reasons we lost some of our original camellias. We are doing much better now. John took over the planting, moved camellias to new sites and planted newly purchased varieties in better locations. This year, we have many blooms.

Below are some of my favorite camellias. At the UWF Garden, you can experience the beautiful Sea foam, La Peppermint, and Pink Perfection Camellias. There are also Sea foam, Pink Perfection, and Professor Charles Sargent Camellias at the Mobile Botanical Garden.

Species	Variety	Bloom Color	Bloom Size	Bloom Season	Origin
Japonica	Pink Perfection	Shell pink	small	Early to Late	Japan to US 1875 Sacramento, CA
Japonica	La Peppermint	White with pink stripes	medium	Early to Midseason	Rubel 1934
Japonica	Professor Charles Sargent	Pink to dark red	medium	Early- often in bloom for Christmas	Magnolia Gardens Charleston, SC (may have originated in Germany) 1925
Japonica	Sea foam	White	medium to large	Midseason to Late	JT Weiser Florida 1959 *Green's Nursery in Fairhope, AL saved this variety
Japonica	Mrs. Charles Cobb	Red	medium	Midseason	John's Island, SC early 1900s chance seedling

