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Again, what a great Camellia Show! We had so many compliments about the venue, lots of member participation, smooth judging, happy visitors and record breaking plant sales, at our show. The whole board is very gratefully and proud of our members.

Our original plan was to restock our inventory after the show from John Davy's for each of our future events as we needed more plants. John put out the call to come pick up the plants on Dec. 19th with the van before the Arctic blast would damage them. His workers had them watered before loading 98 plants; they would be fine in the closed van until after the freeze in Cantonment further south. Our Facebook paged shared John's directions, "To fully hydrated going into a hard freeze. Containers need to be jammed pot tight preferably next to a house or structure. Cover the pots with pine straw or mulch. Water. As soon as the temps get above freezing in the day water in excess. Repeat the process each day until the cold past."

On Dec 22nd Skip Vogelsang, John Mate, James Fraizer and myself met at the Shade House to move the pots together for warmth. We watered them generously to insulate the plants, then covered them with the black tarp and secure this cover. We added 2 lights to provide some warmth in the van with its load of plants. We had temperatures at the Shade House in the 20's for 5 nights.



The weather finally changed and I meet John Mate and Doug Palm at the Shade House to remove the black covers, water the plants and hope the plants will recover and bloom again. I really appreciate their help since I'm not as mobile as they both are.





Now we need your help to reorganize the Shade House!

This *Saturday, January 7th at 10 am* please come help weed and move these pots to their alphabetical location so we can sell them. The plants that were in the van will need their photo tag added and to be placed in our inventory as well. We also will need members to work with Skip to up-root and pot 30 grafts. Bring your gloves, knee pads and small shovels for this job. The more hands, the quicker we can get the work done. And yes, if there are plants you want to purchase you may do so when the work is completed.

We have busy plans for January and February for you to enjoy so mark your calendar now, come meet members and share your camellia story.

Proud to be your President,

Trumin Brown

2023 Upcoming Events

In the December newsletter I mentioned January's Camellia Shows to attend. We all know that the hard freeze over Christmas sadly destroyed many unprotected blooms, therefore Tallahassee and Mobile have cancel their competitive shows.

Tuesday Jan. 17th – General Meeting:

- Please join us at 6:30pm for social; we will have a photo presentation of the show playing for you to enjoy.
- At 7pm the Nominating Committee will present and accept nominees for the slate of officers and board members. At the February meeting we will vote on the slate.

Here are their suggestions for Officers and Board to serve for the 2023-2024 season.

Officers: President – Greg Taylor,

1st Vice President - Show Chairperson, Christi Hankins,

2nd Vice President - Programs, David Purdon,

3rd Vice President - Membership, Debbie Brown,

Treasurer - Bill Lyford,

Secretary –Kristin Bennett,

Past Pres - Trumin Brown

The following will serve on the Board of Directors: Paul Bruno , John Davy, Mike Johnston, Carolyn Pulford, Louise Seitz, Mack Thetford, & Skip Vogelsang

• Program tonight, "Grafting Camellias For That Hard to Propagate Reticulata That You Must Have." John Davy will explain the art of grafting then we will break off to tables for grafting your scion of choice. We will be collecting \$10 for this special graft that you will be taking home with aftercare instructions. May I suggest, looking through the show winners for that camellia you must have. Let us know which one it is so we might have the scion you want on hand tonight.



• When you are not grafting we will also be covering our **Community Novice Show** with information on how you can help and participate in that event. There will be signup sheets and you can try a different task at this small show than what you learned at the December show.

MEMBERSHIP

There are **30 new members** that joined at the December Show that we hope will attend tonight's meeting at The Garden Center, located at 1850 N. 9th Avenue, Pensacola. New members are asked to sign in and will be given a **red outlined name** tag so we can easily greet you. New members that attend tonight will automatically be entered into a '**new member's raffle'** of a camellia plant just for attending tonight's meeting.

Please pay your 2023 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. 17th meeting please mail your payment to Pensacola Camellia Club P.O. Box 707 Pensacola, FL, 32591. Lifetime membership is \$100.

Tonight we will be raffling off the following camellias.



Elaine's Betty
Species: Japonica
Color: Pale Peach Pink Center With
Occasional Rose Red Stripes And Spots
Shading To Deeper Pink At Petal Edges
Form: Peony Form To Rose Form
Double With Highly Ruffled Petals
Size: Medium



Julia
Species: Non-reticulata Hybrid
Color: Lavender Pink And White
Form: Rose Form Double To Formal
Double
Size: Medium To Large



Professor Charles S.
Sargent
Species: Japonica
Color: Dark Red
Form: Full Peony To Anemone Form
Size: Medium



Sea Foam Species: Japonica Color: White Form: Formal Double Size: Medium To Large

We also have a camellia plants raffle for everyone to participate in, 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.

Saturday Jan. 21st – Pensacola Camellia Club will be at the **Japanese New Year Celebration** at Wright Place. This is a perfect match for members to explain Camellias, Native to Japan, and the species Japonica. We hope to bring plants with blooms to attract the public to purchase. There will be live performances of drummers and dancers in the large room for all that pay for admission to enjoy, 11- 4pm.

Saturday Jan. 28th – Pensacola Camellia Club at <u>Palafox Market</u> selling camellias and promoting 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 239 N. Spring Street starting at 3:00 pm – 4:00pm. Like our December show we will be setting up tables for bloom prep, competition and awards table.

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. Bring your neighbor with their blooms and learn upclose what judges look at to determine the "Best Show Bloom". 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.

Tuesday Feb. 21st – General Meeting: Jane Benson will present "Who Were These Pensacola Camellias Named After". A historical look into past member's camellias that are registered with the American Camellia Society. Location: <u>Garden Center</u>, 6:30pm for social, 7:00 pm program

Saturday Feb. 25th – <u>UWF Camellia Garden</u> **Work Day** 10:00am to 12:00pm. 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 <u>UWF</u> 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 <u>UWF</u> **Camellia Garden Tours** go to Activities, UWF Camellia Garden & Tours on our website.

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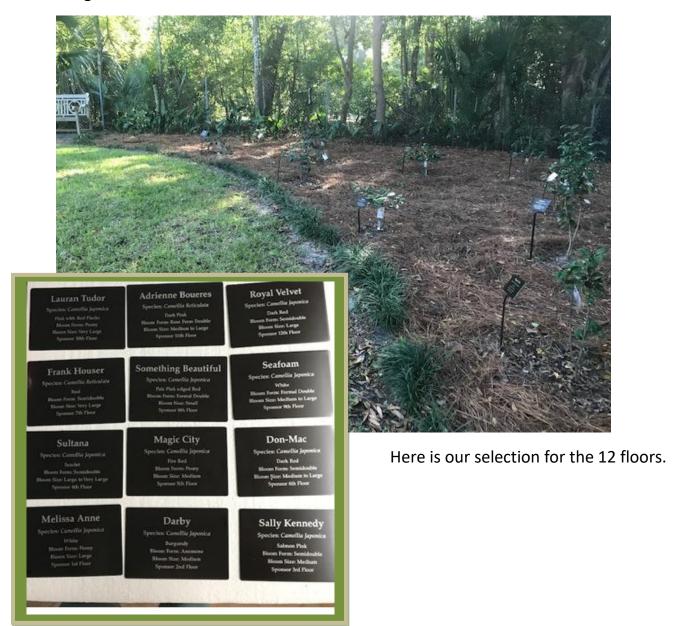
We love to hear your camellia stories and / or photos about what you enjoy about camellias or PCC's events. Please submit to Louise Seitz at pensacolacamellia@gmail.com by the 1st of the month for it to be included in the newsletter.

Camellias, Enhancing Where We Live. – Ann Bruno Ferretti

Ann told me, (Louise, your editor looking for stories for the newsletter) to share how she personally decided to improve the grounds at the Riviera on Bayshore Drive.

There was an area of the property that needed some TLC and what better way to improve the area, but with camellias. The Riviera building has 12 floors, Ann petitioned the board to request permission to ask residents to sponsor a camellia per each floor for the Camellia Garden back in December of 2021. With approval, she went forward and wrote to the residents asking to finance the plant and signage by floor.

With a request to her dear brother Paul, Skip, and Trumin they assisted with gathering the selected 12 different camellias. The metal signage was ordered with Skip and includes the floor that sponsored their camellia. The garden is young, but enjoyed by the residents as they walk and check on their personal camellias or just sit and rest by the garden.



Harry Dante Kahn, Jr.



Harry Dante Kahn, Jr., age 76, died Sunday, January 1, 2023. Dante, a fifth generation Pensacolian, was born August 29, 1946. He was a graduate of Pensacola High School (class of 1964) and Tulane University, where he met his wife Pat. After his service in the Army, Dante returned to Pensacola to enter the family business, The Kahn Company. In 1985, he acquired Guardian Security, which he led until he retired in 1998. Dante was a member of

Temple Beth El and served in many areas of the congregation. He was active in the community and many civic and social organizations. He was a lifelong member of the Downtown Rotary Club and was honored as a Paul Harris Fellow. He served on the board of the Fiesta of Five Flags for many years and was knight in 1976. He was an avid sportsman who enjoyed fishing and hunting. Dante's grandfather, J.L. "Son" Kahn, was a founding member of the Pensacola Camelia Club and created many new varieties. Dante followed in his footsteps propagating, exhibiting, and judging camelias, and helping to establish the UWF Camelia Garden. Dante is preceded in death by his parents, Harry and Ann Kahn. He is survived by his wife, Pat; his son, Harry Dante Kahn III and daughter, Carol Kahn Rosenblatt; his grandchildren, Lauren and Ryan Rosenblatt; his stepmother, Anita Harrell Kahn; as well as his sister, Rosann and her husband, David Mann. Graveside Service will be held 10:00am Thursday, January 5, 2023, at Temple Beth El Cemetery with Rabbi Joel Fleekop officiating. In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to Temple Beth El, 800 N. Palafox St., Pensacola, FL 32501.