



If you missed the 'Community Show' you missed the opportunity to have fun and view some spectacular blooms. The room was filled with the enthusiasm of new members as they prepared their blooms for competition in various categories, watched the judging process, then located their blooms with its ribbon or found it on the awards table. Bill Walter had a dandy, Frank Houser Variegated, which won 'Best of Show'. Several members did extremely well and are no longer eligible for the Novice category. Don't worry, you can still bring blooms to the show and display them with other noncompeting beautiful blooms. We had four tables of noncompeting blooms labeled with their names that generated great interest. Guests viewing the blooms prompted so much interest in what was for sale outside, that we sold 70 plants that day.



Our camellia plant sales continue to increase each year, from 400 sold in 2021 to 600 sold in 2022 -which is remarkable. If you did not know, the club has to purchase plants from outside vendors to have plants for sale at all of our public events. It is much more profitable for our members to learn how to propagate camellias for our sales. If you attended the January meeting, the propagation method of grafting was provided and at the February meeting, Greg Taylor will demonstrate the method of air layering. The cost to air layer camellias is minuscule as compared to the transportation cost on top of purchasing price from growers. Please volunteer to attend one or more of the air layering dates that we are planning. The club will provide the needed materials, but we need your time for the labor and will train you. Last October, we potted 276 air layers that are stored at the Shade House in bloom right now to be sold next fall. We will need many hands to keep up with demand.

My term as President will be completed at the March banquet as I hand the gavel over to Greg Taylor. It has been my honor and privilege to serve the members and represent the Club. I will continue to lead the plant inventory and sales effort that I enjoy doing. Thank you for all your support and being a great group of people to work with.

Trumin Brown, President

Beautiful Blooms Are an Attraction

Saturday, February 4th the Community Show and Plant Sales started with John Davy bringing a load of camellias to the library just before Louise Seitz arrived with the Club's van loaded with camellias from the Shade House. Our shoppers reminded me of a swarm of bees circling each plant as they determined which ones or many they must purchase. As they finalized their selection, our sales team would explain the Club meetings that include a 'new member's raffle'. They could go home with another plant just by attending a meeting, how exciting is that! By 3pm we had added 17 new members to the Club. It's easy to have happy customers when the plants are blooming and so healthy looking.



Inside you could find the coffee and breakfast treats of all kinds, generously provided by our members and maintained by the team of Rita Perling, Carolyn Pulford and Jane Benson. Sharon Maloney and Elaine Adams had prepared their blooms for competition, and found themselves greeting visitors and learning from some of the more seasoned members throughout the day. Judges were placing winning blooms for the various awards in their correct location. You can find more photos from the day on our website.



Upcoming Events in February and March

Tuesday Feb. 21st – 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 take your vote for the slate of officers and board members nominees.
- 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, 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. Also, Greg Taylor will demonstrate the propagation method of air layering. Location: [Garden Center](#), 6:30pm for social, 7:00 pm program.

MEMBERSHIP

There are **65 new members** that joined this season 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**’ for 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 Feb. 21st 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.***



Arlene Rand

Species: Japonica
Color: White With Yellow Stamens And Yellow Filaments
Form: Full Peony Form
Size: Small



Babe Harrison Variegated

Species: Japonica
Color: Rose Pink Blotched White
Form: Semidouble To Peony Form
Size: Medium



Carol's Katie

Species: Japonica
Color: Pink To Rose Pink With Yellow Anthers And White Filaments
Form: Semidouble
Size: Medium

Pensacola Variety



Darby

Species: Japonica
Color: Burgundy
Form: Anemone.
Size: Medium



Dr. John D. Bell

Species: Japonica
Color: Dark Red Heavily Variegated White With Light Yellow Anthers And Creamy Filaments
Form: Loose Peony Form
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 Feb. 25th – UWF Camellia Garden

Work Day 10am- 12. We will be doing any necessary clean up before the garden tours. Bring your yard waste bags or containers and be ready to pick up spent blooms and branches with gloves, knee pads and if needed pruners.

Sunday Feb. 26th – Pensacola Camellia Club will welcome the public to our **UWF Camellia Garden**, and provide air layering and pruning demonstrations, and have plants available for sale starting at 12pm- 4pm. UWF Student Ambassadors will transport our guest to and from the parking lot, and the Psychology's building will be open for restroom needs. These are a few Pensacola varieties that might be in bloom that day, come and find them!



Babs Alsip



Beau Harp



Bessie Bowman



Bowman White



C.M. Wilson



C.M. Wilson Var.



Charles Kahn



Carol's Tama



Charles Turner

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Saturday Mar. 11th – If we don’t sell out of camellia plants prior to this date. We are invited to participate in ‘Celebrate the Outdoors Lawn and Garden Show’. Located at 1603 N. 12th Avenue, Pensacola, which runs from 8am -2pm, stay tuned and we will let you know if we are there or just walking through to check it out.

Tuesday Mar. 21st – **Annual Banquet** at V. Paul’s Italian Ristorante, 29 Palafox Place, Pensacola, Florida. Cash bar will open at 5:30pm with Happy Hour prices on alcohol, wine and beer, followed by dinner at 6:30pm. You do not have to be a member to attend; all family and friends are welcome to this celebration. Paul has generously held the price to the same as last year at \$38/per person that includes tax and tip. Please make payment to: Pensacola Camellia Club and mailed to our P.O. Box 707, Pensacola, FL 32591. Reservations should be in by March 15th. If you attend the meeting on Feb 21st and plan to attend please see Debbie Brown with your payment and save a stamp.

At the banquet the 2023-2024 Officers and Board Members will be sworn in, and the T. Morris Scholarship Award, ‘Person of The Year’ will be announced, along with Special Camellia plants available for auction.

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.

Member's photos;



Frank Houser Var.
from Mary Wilson 1-27-2023

I bought this one in early December 2020 from the Camellia Club. Dick Hooton met me at the greenhouse and helped me load the 4 camellias I reserved by email. Then he pulled this plant out and insisted that I buy this one as well. He told me it was 5\$ more than the others but that I would never regret buying this beauty. So I planted it in my yard and waited. No blooms last year, but this year, even with that horrible, terrible freeze in December, FHV produced several fantastic flowers.

Hope you have some beauties in your garden- I only have a few. -Mary Wilson

Below is a photo taken by a visitor at Palafox Market on Jan. 28th, 2023. These beauties attract attention, sales, and more important, new members that become new friends and make the club as vibrant as the blooms.



Darolyn Shots...
Dan Cassard!!!