



Welcome to April my fellow Camellia enthusiasts. You need to complete your pruning as soon as possible. Try to do a few every couple of days so the job does not feel overwhelming. It would then be a good time to fertilize.

On the backside of the banquet program was listed, 'Ways you can help the Club'.

- Write your story of your first or favorite camellia for the newsletter. Deadlines are the first Friday of the month.
- Help anytime with a visit to UWF Camellia Garden to pick up sticks or attend a scheduled work day.
- Join a team of workers for the Shade House, weed the potted plants, ride the lawn mower, or trim-there is an acre to maintain.
- Membership, bring a friend to our monthly meetings or any of our events. We need workers and the more the better. Teens may need service hours so please include them.

Your board will meet in June for the Planning meet. If you have thoughts or concerns bring them to the attention of a board member by replying to pensacolacamellia@gmail.com.

I wanted to thank you all for your kind reception at the Banquet in March. I am honored and humbled to take on the responsibilities of President – Greg Taylor.

Pensacola Camellia Club (PCC) Statement of Purpose

To Foster And Maintain An Interest In Camellias And Their Culture

To Promote The Study Of Camellias

To Provide An Opportunity For Their Exhibition And Appreciation

To Aid And Assist In The Standardization Of Camellia Nomenclature

To Provide An Opportunity For Camaraderie Among Those Sharing A Common Interest in Camellias

Banquet in review...

If you missed the banquet, we had an enjoyable evening at V. Paul's to celebrate the near ending of another camellia season. All photos were taken by Ellen Milo and are posted on our website or click this link, [banquet photos](#), for you to enjoy. Photos on Facebook were taken by Ann Hooton and posted that evening. Thank you both.



Debbie Brown showed her creative side by taking our collection of prized crystal items out of storage and using them for arrangements with various greenery as centerpieces.



Judge Jim Garrett put on his black robe to swear in the 2023-2024 officers and board members with Greg Taylor accepting the gavel as the incoming President.



Below are the Pensacola Camellia Club 2023-2024 volunteers of Officers and Board Members who look forward to your support of time and talent.



From left to right is David Purdon who will organize our monthly meeting programs, John Davy- board member, Christi Hankins -show chairperson, Mack Thetford -board member, Carolyn Pulford- board member, Bill Lyford Treasurer, Debbie Brown- Membership, Trumin Brown- past president, Louise Seitz -board member, Kristin Bennett- Sectartary, Paul Bruno- Foundation, Greg Taylor- President and Skip Vogelsang- board member. Missing this evening and busy at work in D.C. was Mike Johnston-board member.









Debbie Brown discribed to attendees why the committee seleected Greg Taylor as our 'Person of the Year' for 2022. Over many years Greg has led the Club with identifying desirable camellias for air-layering at various private gardens, instructing members on the method and completing hundreds of air layers for the club's future sales. He assists with the annual workshop on grafting and

demostrated gibbing at meetings. Greg has represented the Club at the Gulf Coast Society conference and by judging and exhibiting his camellias at various camellia shows throughout the Gulf Coast states. Congratulations Greg Taylor for all that you have done and continue to do for the Club. – Thank You!



The T. Morris Memorial Scholarship winner is Kristina Martin pictured here with her husband. The awarded was presented by Mack Thetford for Kristina's dedication to Plant Science at the University of Florida and her service to the greater Northwest Florida Community. Congrats Kristina!

The final part of the banquet was the auction of special plants, which were donated by John Davy, Mack Thetford and Skip Vogelsang from their private camellia collections. We greatly appreciated the members who participated in the bidding which will be deposited into the PCC Foundation to support the future T. Morris Scholarship. Congrats to everyone!

Camellia's for Auction			Camellia's for Auction	
<p>Dancing Flame</p>  <p>Sold for \$100</p> <p>Non-reticulate hybrid, medium size, rich deep scarlet color with gold anthers. Semi-double to loose peony form; the upstanding petals are fluted and frilled at the edges. Blooms mid season</p>	<p>Dr. Frank Wilson</p>  <p>Sold for \$120</p> <p>Originated & registered by E. Hulyn Smith in 2013. Japonica, color is raspberry red, semi-double to formal double with in-curved petals. Small size, blooms early to mid season.</p>	<p>Island Sunset</p>  <p>Sold for \$200</p> <p>Non-reticulate hybrid, medium to large size, rich coral pink, lighter at the center. Semi-double form that blooms mid to late season. Grows bushy, upright at average rate.</p>	<p>Moonrise</p>  <p>Sold for \$200</p> <p>Originator & Registered by Nuccio's in 2002, this reticulata hybrid is white to bluish pink with pale yellow at base. Semi-double form, very large size, blooms early to late with upright vigorous growth.</p>	
<p>Lucky Star Variegated</p>  <p>Sold for \$200</p> <p>Non-reticulate hybrid, medium size, rich pink variegated white with gold anthers and light yellow filaments. Semi-double form, blooms mid - late. From Nuccio's Nurseries.</p>	<p>Lundy's Legacy</p>  <p>Sold for \$160</p> <p>Propagated and registered by Skip Vogelsang in 2009 in memory of late PCC President T.E. Lundy. Rich coral red with bluish pink fringe. Blooms size medium to large, flowers midseason to late.</p>	<p>M. L. Spencer</p>  <p>Sold for \$80</p> <p>Japonica, color is light pink with lavender shading, bloom size is small, blooms early in the season, with upright growth.</p>	<p>Optical Illusion</p>  <p>Sold for \$130</p> <p>Originator and Registered by Clifford Parks of Chapel Hill, NC. in 2015. This Non-reticulate hybrid is yellow with pink overtones. Formal double with strap-like petals that can be arranged in a somewhat spiral pattern. Medium size .</p>	

Upcoming Events in April

Saturday April 8th - Air layering at UWF Garden starting at 9- 12pm, followed by 1-3pm at Skip Vogelsang's 4760 Shannon Place. Greg Taylor will bring the supplies needed for air layering: sphagnum moss, rooting hormone powder, Press n Seal, aluminum foil and plant tags. I find a TV tray or small table is helpful. Bring alcohol to clean your tools, pliers or blade to scrap off cambium. Just show up and assist, it will make the task at hand go quickly.

Saturday April 15th - Air layering at John Davy's 5527 Oakmont Dr. at 9am -12pm and that afternoon we will be at University of Florida Milton campus starting at 1pm. Greg Taylor will bring the supplies: sphagnum moss, rooting hormone powder, Press n Seal, aluminum foil needed for air layering. We find a TV tray or small table is helpful. Bring alcohol to clean your tools, pliers or blade to scrap off cambium. Just show up, it will make the task at hand go quickly.

Tuesday April 18th – General Meeting program, David Purdon 'You need to visit the Magnolia Plantation & Camellia Garden of Charleston SC'. Location: Garden Center, 1850 N. 9th Avenue, Pensacola at 6:30pm for social, 7:00 pm program. Please join us tonight since this is the last meeting of the season.

Saturday April 22nd – 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.



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.

Tidbits to share with you.



Sitting with me at the banquet was new members Mary Jo and Bruce Pelton who moved here from the California area. As we discussed our success and failures of growing vegetables and fruit plants here compared to what we successfully grew in our previous states we both agreed we have much to learn. Not just plants and soil but all the critters in the yard that eat what you plant, then the subject of poison ivy spread into the whole tables' conversations. Yuck!

Mary Jo shared that coming in from outside; she washes her hands and arms in this soap as a preventative measure. It removes any oil resin of the poison ivy or poison oak, best lesson she has learned. I was sold! Then asked Mary Jo to share the information. Here is the photo of her solution for poison oak and ivy oils. As the outdoor activities increase I will be using this and as a disclaimer, neither of us are medical professionals. Get outside and enjoy nature in all of its forms.

- Louise



If you live north of I-10 your camellias might have felt the effects of the last March frost. Pictured here you can see all of the brown leaves were once the new growth on this Royal Velvet seedling. What to do? Our head Camellia Nut, John Davy, suggested to prune them back 3-4 inches to stimulate new growth.

- Louise