



# The Pensacola Camellia Club

## Camellia

THE PENSACOLA  
CAMELLIA CLUB

APRIL, 2010

### Message from the President.

#### Message from the P.C.C.C.C. (Pensacola Camellia Club Commander in Chief)

Well it is time once again for my message to the masses. And the first order of business is to officially declare it is SPRING !!!!!!! I take no direct credit but it is fun to declare all the same.

The weather is incredible with warm days, cool nights and lots of late blooming camellias all over the community. Many are camellia varieties that normally bloom much earlier and are just now reaching their blooming peak. The colder than usual winter seems to have dramatically reduced the problems associated with the dreaded petal blight. So now we have 2 or 3 more weeks to enjoy the camellias and it's all over until next winter.

It just dawned on me that I am waxing on about the weather and reminding myself that I must be one of those old guys I used to make fun of, as a kid, whenever they would wax on about the weather.

In the meantime there is always plenty to do: picking up blooms, annual spray for mites and scale, a dash of fertilizer, a little pruning, attend to the precious grafts (including the obligatory bragging about the high percentage of successful grafts) and prepare for a few air layers.

Yep things pretty much wind down after April. But let me remind and update you about a few things before we call it quits for the summer.

1) I will be organizing at least one big **air layering extravaganza on Saturday April 24<sup>th</sup>**. If we have enough helpers we will be able to complete 75 to 100 air layers in just 2 hours. So help if you can and if not please do at least 2 air layers, for the club, on your own. Get your name on the list – it is a fun morning. We provide the supplies.

2) Dick Hooton will be scheduling a **work day at our club shade house on Saturday April 17<sup>th</sup>**. We will reorganize our potted plants, tend to grafts and repot some camellias that need to step up to 3 gallon pots. With enough helpers it should take no more than 90 minutes.

3) Don't forget the **PJC Milton Garden Show on April 9-11**. There is a great selection of plants and we will have a camellia booth that could use some helpers in 2 hour slots.

4) See you at our **April 20 club meeting. Walter Creighton will be here from Semmes Alabama to teach us about growing camellias in containers.** He is one of the top growers in the USA and has forgotten more about growing camellias than I will ever know. Don't miss it.

Skip

PCC meeting will be at the Garden Center 1850 N. 9th Avenue, social at 6:30

PM meeting at 7:00 PM. The Program will on growing camellias in containers by Walter Creighton from Semmes, Al.

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Mark your calendar May 1st Picnic at the home of Roger and Ellen Vinson

Check your newsletter mailing Label—are your dues up to date? If not please send a check for \$10.00 to "T" Morris 579 Man of War Circle Cantonment, Fl. 32533

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## MEETING MINUTES

MINUTES OF MEMBERSHIP MEETING, PENSACOLA CAMELLIA CLUB  
TUESDAY MARCH 16, 2010, Pensacola Garden Center

Social hour began at 6:30 p.m. with registration of blooms for our instructional novice mini-show.

President Skip Vogelsang called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. He welcomed visitors and pointed out that Don McMahon, member of PCC and purchaser of many camellias, was in attendance at his first meeting. Also Woody Edwards of Dallas, TX, native Pensacolian and nephew of late Johnny Edwards, was visiting tonight.

### OLD BUSINESS

Banquet: all felt it was a success. There were 47 attendees and a novice mini-show. Plans are in progress for a repeat for next year.  
Garden Tours: Judy Kerr, Membership chair and coordinator for Garden Tours, reported 100+ visitors and 20 plants sold. Suggestion for next year- perhaps different gardens as we've been depending on generosity of Reid Leonard and Carl Brady for past few years.  
Annual Picnic: Will be at home of Ellen and Roger Vinson, 1805 E. Strong St. again this year on Saturday May 1 from 4-7 p.m. Those attending need to sign up and plan to bring a dish and favorite beverage. This is one of the highlights of the year. Don't miss it.

Person of the year Award: Jack O'Donnell, chair of the committee, stated that the annual Person of the Year Award is presented to the person who has done much for the advancement of the Club goals. Skip --Lawrence Bernard Vogelsang III--was a moving force in promoting the UWF Camellia Garden and, more recently, instituting the NCIS-Neighborhood Camellia Identification Squad.

Foundation: Roger Vinson, chair of the PCC Foundation, reported a balance of \$45,300.80. It was pointed out that our foundation is helpful in the management of the Club and its activities. We are fortunate to have own shade house and pickup truck.

Membership: Judy Kerr, chair, reported 200+ members. Plant Sales: Dick Hooton, Chair, reported 300 + plants sold this year. This helps finance, in part, our annual camellia show which costs about \$3,500. One advantage to club members is that they may purchase (other than at the show) for a reduced price.

Public Relations: Vickers reported good press coverage and reminded members to look in the Saturday Home Finder and the Sunday Home & Garden. We have good coverage in the March Issue of the Home & Garden Magazine--all published by Pensacola News Journal. Technology & website: Bill Lyford was absent, temporarily ill. Members were urged to visit the website [www.pensacolacamellioclub.com](http://www.pensacolacamellioclub.com). It is continually improving.

Newsletter: Editor Carol Comber reported that last newsletter was mailed on time and things are going smoothly.

### New Business:

UWF Garden workday: will be Saturday March 20 beginning 9 a.m. Members urged to attend and bring gloves, shovel, clippers and, if convenient, wheelbarrow. Should last about 2 hours. There will be weeding, trimming and planting plus spreading mulch.

Roadside Camellia Sales: Hooton will coordinate a Saturday sale after we finish our work at the Garden.

Air Layering: date will be set in April. Members urged to join the "party." It is fun and you'll have experts to advise you. Another advantage is that one may air layer for himself/herself

President's Initiatives: Skip reiterated his goals as stated in the newsletter --Get members comfortable in entering blooms in the camellia show. The banquet and tonight's program work toward that goal.

--UWF Camellia Garden--continues to work and improve the Garden. Camellias are blooming now. In several years to come it will be a wonderful show-place and likely will be placed on the Camellia Garden Tour.

---NCIS-Neighborhood Camellia Identification Service. This can be a great benefit to the club. It's a public service to advise people about camellias. It may help us find some "lost" Pensacola varieties. It will increase membership in the club.

Exchange 1 gallon for 3 gallon pots: Norma English repeated her plea. Bring your 1 gallon pots to the meeting or call her to make arrangements. She can exchange for much-needed 3 gallon pots for use of the club at the shade house.

After a short break, an instructional novice camellia mini-show was held. Lovely blooms were displayed.

Prizewinners were: Small: Takinini-Judy Kerr. Miniature: Night Rider-Judy

Kerr. Medium: Dixie Knight-Norma English; and Large: Taylor's

Perfection-Sandra Sherman.

Raffle and silent auction completed the evening with satisfied winners.

-----/s/ F. Norman Vickers, Secretary,





From left: George Knight, Christi Hankins, Albert Baggott. UWF workday



Roadside Camellia sale on Saturday March 27th



UWF WORKDAY

Left picture Carl Brady, Chuck Fosha, Barbara Moon UWF workday.

Bottom Left George Knight, Christi Hankins, Albert Baggott

Bottom Right Betsy Oram, Tom Henderson, Gordon Eade

Photos by Vickers





# The Pensacola Camellia Club – April 2010



UWF Workday without Pierre Kaufke

This note to norm was sent to Norm by Pierre Kaufke when he couldn't attend the UWF workday: "Here's what happened to me this past weekend: this past weekend, I went to Orlando, as a judge in the Congrès de la Culture Française en Floride (I don't translate, because it is close enough to English), and at the end of the formal banquet Friday evening, The General Consul of France in Miami bestowed upon me the title of "Chevalier de l'Ordre des Palmes Académiques" (Knight of the Order of the Academic Palms)!"

Congratulations Pierre!



Jack O'Donnell, presents Person of the Year Award to President Skip Vogelsang



Cinny O'Donnell with John Davy's new Miss Cinny Camellia



Three camellia experts, from left, Reid Leonard, John Davy, Carl Brady



March's novice mini-show blooms

# PENSACOLA CAMELLIA CLUB (PCC)

## • STATEMENT OF PURPOSE

- THE PURPOSE OF THE PCC IS:
- 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. NOMENCLATURE AND TO RECOGNIZE THOSE INDIVIDUALS WHO HAVE ENHANCED THE CAMELLIA IN OUR SOCIETY.

### • 2010 OFFICERS

- President— Skip Vogelsang
- First VP & Show Chairman- Joan Blanchard
- Second VP— Program Chairman— Bruce Musselman
- Third VP Membership Chair—
- Treasurer—Thekla Morris
- Secretary—Norman Vickers
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### 2010 BOARD MEMBERS

- Carol Comber
- Dick Hooton
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- Dennis Kohli
- Sandra Sherman
- Gabriel "Ole" Olsen
- Roger Vinson

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