

THE PENSACOLA CAMELLIA

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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

I would like to thank the Members of our PCC for the confidence they have placed in me by allowing me to serve as your president. I will do my best to work hard and serve the club well. It was only a few years ago that I was a complete Novice and now (for the last 3 years) I have the "CAMELLIA FEVER". (Ha Ha !) I am excited about working with so many experts in the Camellia field and in awe of the body of knowledge we possess as a club in regard to this beautiful flower called Camellia.

This year I would like us to continue to grow; in fact, it is no secret that I would like us to be recognized as the largest camellia club in the U.S.A. (maybe the world.) Also,until I am told differently, I am claiming for the P.C.C. that we are in fact the "OLDEST" Club in the U.S.A, founded in 1937. We pre-date A.C.S. -1945. I would like all members to consider being more active in this our **75th Year !** We will need more people to help with committees such as air layering, hospitality /refreshments, U.W.F. Garden , and shade house,. We are so fortunate to have had so many great members in the past, great current members, and I am very sure, great future members. Speaking of being the largest, the oldest and our **FUTURE**, I kindly ask that each member go out and get at least three (3) new members to join between 4-5-13 and 11-5-13. We have a great story to tell and it is easy to get people to join. Please do this for our Club; there really is power in numbers. My commitment ... I will do my best to keep to our mission statement and, by gosh, have some FUN !

I would be lacking if I did not thank last year's officers and particularly our Past President John Davy. And to all of you - Thanks !

This year, from 12-11-13 thru 12-14-13, our club, the "**PENSACOLA CAMELLIA CLUB**" will be hosting the **American Camellia Society's National Convention** ! Yes, that's right, here in our unique community, Pensacola; it's quite an Honor !! The past president of A.C.S., one of our members, Judge Roger Vinson, will be heading up the committee planning this event and Skip Vogelsang, our show chair, is assisting. We are already making arrangements and to date have had 3 planning meetings. We are in good hands with these two men at the helm of this event. Please help make this convention a Great success by volunteering your help for the National Show, We will need lots and lots of help.

Thank you for your confidence in me - Paul Bruno

2013 OFFICERS

President-Paul Bruno 1st VP & Show Chair- Skip Vogelsang 2ndVP & Program Chair- Sandra Sherman 3rd VP, Membership-Christi Hankins Secretary-Norman Vickers Treasurer- Thekla Morris Past-President-John Davy PENSACOLA CAMELLIA CLUB (PCC) STATEMENT OF PURPOSE

1. TO FOSTER AND MAINTAIN AN INTEREST IN CAMELLIAS AND THEIR CULTURE 2. TO PROMOTE THE STUDY **OF CAMELLIAS** 3. TO PROVIDE AN **OPPORTUNITY FOR THEIR** EXHIBITION AND APPRECIATION. 4. TO AID AND ASSIST IN THE STANDARDIZATION OF CAMELLIA NOMENCLATURE 5. TO RECOGNIZE THOSE INDIVIDUALS WHO HAVE ENCHANCED THE CAMELLIA IN OUR SOCIETY

MEETINGS AND PROGRAMS

April program will be an update on UWF Gardens and a quick program on air layering Social 6:30 and meeting at 7:00 pm. Pensacola Garden Center on 9th

Ave.

May 4, 2013 is our annual picnic. It will be held at John Davy's house. Directions will be given at meeting.

2013 BOARD MEMBERS Judy Kerr Al Jeppesen Pierre Kaufke LeAnna Brennan Dick Hooton Mack Thetford

MINUTES

PCC BOARD MEETING Called to order by President Bruno at 6:00 p.m. **OLD BUSINESS** PCC Membership meeting Tuesday April 16-Skip Vogelsang to present review of UWF Camellia Garden. He has equipment and his team ready. He will also give a brief airlayering demonstration and make a request for additional help in the air-layering project. (See Brennan's report below) Picnic Sat May 4 at John Davy's house. Begin at 4 p.m., Davy will provide the meat. Jerri Smith will be coordinator for the side-dishes. She plans to bring sign-up sheet to membership meeting. PCC Workshop/Retreat Saturday June 1-Downtown Library. Original hours L0 a.m. to 2 p.m.to coincide with current library hours-opens at 10. Other options discussed. Vickers will try to see if we can get in room sooner but, as of now, we're restricted to original hours as above.

Air Layering project-LeAnna Brennan reported several gardens for air-layering and reported that several members will air layer in their own gardens. Will make another request at the upcoming membership meeting. Club will purchase and have appropriate materials available. She requested that board members make phone calls to membership per assignment sheet. James Martin proposal for Marilyn Levin Garden: Bruno and R. Vinson reported their discussions with Gulfside Landscaping owner James Martin re camellias for a projected garden for attorney

Fred Levin. Also desired is a camellia named after Levin's late wife, Marilyn. Davy has several ones which would fit the criteria. This is an ongoing project. ACS National Meeting and Annual Camellia Show-Vinson/Bruno outlined present and continuing plans. Briefly: Tuesday 12/10-registration. Hospitality room open. No tours that day. Wednesday 12/11-Tours NAS Aviation Museum, Downtown historic tour. Thursday 12/12-Tours UWF Camellia Garden, Japan House with tea ceremony. Lunch catered by Chet's at Davy's house then tour of his nursery in Allentown, Friday 12/13 break-out meetings all day. Reception and dinner that night at Hampton lnn or Hilton. Optional tours "on your own" for those not involved in the meetings. Saturday 12/14 Camellia show. Bus available between hotel and show location-several tripsearly, mid and late. Informative talks in the afternoon. Reception and banquet that evening-at Hampton Inn or Hilton. Some entertainment projected for the banquet. REPORTS Membership-Hankins reported information about post-office box downtown. Cost \$88/yr. She and Bruno would get mail. All agreed with plan and she was instructed to proceed. Current membership 228! She also asked about UWF Garden brochure-some updates needed. Tom Henderson, Representing UWF Retired Employees, is our liaison and he will be contacted about this.

Foundation: Roger Vinson gave brief update. Bruno has made a review of finances and supporting documents as required by by-laws. This was a satisfactory review. Program/Newsletter: Sandra Sherman reported that only 28 persons need to get their newsletters by regular mail. Programs for next year will be outlined at our June 1 workshop. Website: Lyford report approx. 220 visitors to website last month. PR: Vickers has sent copies of current press notices to the board. Status of Procedure Manual: Judy Kerr says she is working on this. Because of change in show location and other changes, needs a complete revision. UWF Garden: Vogelsang reports that only minimal work needs be done. Not really enough currently to call for a work-day. Location of the 75th Camellia Show: we still have the Sanders **Beach Community Center** reserved. The advantages/disadvantages of that location vs. First Baptist Church were discussed. Vogelsang, as show chair, was empowered to make final decision. He, Judy Kerr, Joan Blanchard and Bruno will make a tour on Wed 413 and make decision. If decision is to have the show again at First Baptist Church, then cancellation and refund (minus the S50 retained) will be made to PCC. Business concluded and meeting adjourned 7:14 p.m. -/s/ F. Norman Vickers, PCC

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PENSACOLA CAMELLIA CLUB FOUNDATION

The Pensacola Camellia Club Foundation provides financial support for the activities of the Pensacola Camellia Club. For example, the cost of putting on our annual Camellia Show (including the facility rental, prizes and awards, tables rental, meals for out-of-town judges, and similar expenses) usually exceeds \$3,000. In years past, our club members had to solicit funds for the Show from local businesses and financial supporters. That was difficult, time consuming, and distasteful to most of our members. Now, thanks in large part to the Foundation's financial support, we no longer have to worry about financing our annual show and can devote our full attention to the show itself. Our Club greatly benefits from having our Foundation.

The Foundation always needs and welcomes your donations and memorial gifts. It is both exempt from federal income taxation, as a 501(c)(3)organization, and qualified to receive charitable contributions and bequests which are tax deductible for federal income, estate, and gift tax purposes.

FOR MORE INFORMATION CONTACT ONE OF THE FOUNDATION BOARD MEMBERS. /s/ Roger Vinson, Chair Jack O'Donnell Richard Hooton Chuck Fosha, Trustees

REMEMBER OUR ANNUAL PICNIC WILL BE MAY 4, 2013 AT JOHN DAVY HOUSE.

STARTING AT 4 P. M.

THERE WILL BE DIRECTIONS AT THE MEETING AND ALSO A SIGN UP SHEET.

THE MEAT WILL BE FURNISHED BUT EVERYONE NEEDS TO BRING A SIDE DISH OR DESSERT.

BE SURE TO SIGNUP SO EVERYONE WON'T BRING THE SAME THING.

This will be the last newsletter until August. I hope you have a healthy, safe and happy summer. Sandra Sherman, Editor Photos from March Membership Meeting. Credit: Norman Vickers

Board Members Mack Thetford and Christi Hankins



Board Members "T" Morris and Bill Lyford



ANNUAL REPORT FOR 2012 Pensacola Camellia Club Foundation, Inc.

The Pensacola Camellia Club Foundation is a Florida not-for-profit corporation registered with the Internal Revenue Service (ID No. 03-0384090). The Foundation's primary purpose is to help support the Pensacola Camellia Club, its annual Camellia Show, and its other activities. It has received a determination letter from the Internal Revenue Service in which it is recognized as:

(a) Exempt from federal income taxation under Section 501(a) of the Internal Revenue Code because it qualifies as a 501(c)(3) organization;

(b) Qualified to receive charitable contributions and bequests which are deductible for federal income, estate, and gift tax purposes; and

(c) Not required to file an annual income tax return (Form 990) as long as its annual gross receipts do not exceed \$25,000.

In addition, the Foundation has a Sales and Use Tax Exemption from the Florida Department of Revenue (No. 85-8012510865C-5), valid through 12/31/2017, which allows tax-exempt purchases in the State of Florida.

The funds held in the Foundation are the result of the generosity and foresight of our Club's members and friends.

During 2012, the Foundation received income as interest and dividends totalling \$2,081.90.

The amount of the donations (excluding those for the UWF Camellia Garden) received during 2012 was \$130.00.

The Foundation's investment assets as of December 31, 2011, totaled \$49,618.34. It's investment assets as of December 31, 2012, totaled \$56,364.74, an increase of \$6,746.40. Of this, \$1,185.00 is designated for the UWF Camellia Garden. The Foundation also holds title to the red 1995 Chevrolet pickup truck used by the club and donated by Ole Olsen, and the lease for the Club's shade house.

Respectfully submitted

Roger Vinson, Chairman Jack O'Donnell **Richard Hooton** Chuck Fosha, Trustees