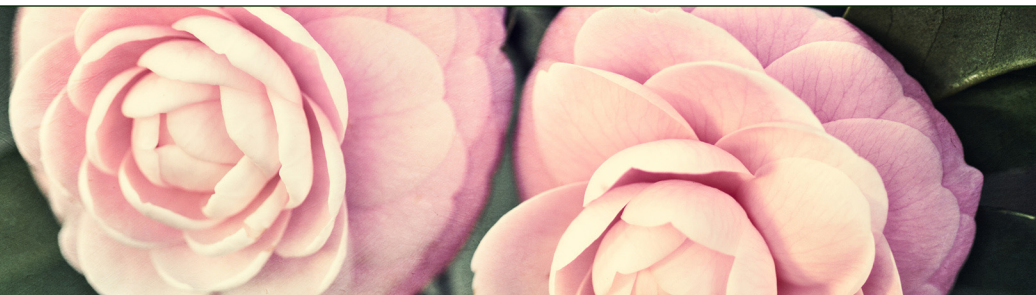


The Pensacola Camellia

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Newsletter of the Pensacola Camellia Club—established 1937

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President's Message

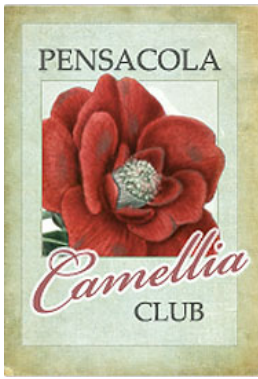
As Spring arrives and our Camellia blooming season comes to a close, I want to take a moment to thank all of our club members. The Pensacola Camellia Club (PCC) has had another successful year and this success is a tribute to the efforts of our Membership, Board of Directors and Committees. I thank all of you for the great work.

We have had a busy Camellia year and we still have a few fun events ahead. In April we have our General Membership meeting at the Garden Center on 9th Ave. at 6:30 pm, Tuesday, April 15. The Program will be on "Air Layering" and will be presented by LeAnna Brennan. We will also have a presentation by Judge Roger Vinson on his recent trip to Spain and Portugal to the International Camellia Society Convention. Both programs will be fun and informative. Please plan on attending and as always bring a friend. Speaking of "Air Layering", we will go out in teams on Saturday, April 26 to do our annual air layering for the club. These air layers will be harvested later in the year around November and will go to our shade house. We then pot up the air layers and prepare them for sale. The sale of these air layers is a primary source of money for the club. If you have never participated in the air layer effort, I ask that you give it a try this year. It is a lot of fun, educational, greatly helps the club, and only takes a few hours of your time. LeAnna will have all information at the 4-15-14 club members meeting. Also, we will have our annual Club Picnic Saturday, May 3rd, at 3 P.M. at the home of John Davy. It will be a blast.... please plan on attending.

I would like ask all members to think about some ways we can generate a few dollars for the purchase of a new truck or panel van for the club as our old red truck has gone on to Camellia Heaven. Any and all ideas / donations are welcome. We are also in the process of installing a new power pole and electricity at the shade house property and we have exciting plans for the future at the shade house. Thanks to Bill Lyford, Dick Hooton, and all that have helped on this project. Special thanks go out to T Morris. Without Miss " T " none of this would be possible. Skip Vogelsang continues to head up our great garden project at UWF and our thanks go out to him. I also want to mention all of our thanks to Leland Leonard for the very generous donation of the beautiful wooden vases that we were able to sell at the recent Community Camellia show. Leland's generosity allowed us to raise \$300 dollars for the club. Thank you Leland.

Please continue to spread the word about the joy of Camellias and ask others to come to our meetings and consider joining our merry band of Camellians! It is important that we continue to grow our club. Fresh ideas and new members will help our club stay healthy, green, and growing. I look forward to seeing everyone at 6:30 pm on 4-15-14 at for our next club meeting

--- Best Regards, Paul Bruno



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March 18, 2014 PCC membership meeting. Photos by Norman Vickers.



March 18, 2014 PCC membership meeting.

FREE Newsletter From Southeastern Camellia Society

Camellia Web Express is the e-mail newsletter of the Southeastern Camellia Society. It free and online. Your donations can help assure its continuation. It has helpful hints and information about camellia culture. There is a list of accessible past articles. One may subscribe to the list. Again, it's free! See: <http://camelliaexpress.wordpress.com/>



C. japonica variety 'Black Magic'
Registered in 1992 by Nuccio's Nursery,
Altadena, CA

C. japonica 'Sea Foam'
Registered in 1959 by John T. Weisner,
Fernandina Beach, FL

The club has recently acquired a number of very nice 3 gallon Black Magic's (chest high). On Tuesday, June 8th, Dick Hooton is picking up a like number of Sea Foam's (they are expected to be even larger). As all of you know, these two varieties don't stay in our inventory long, so call or email Dick Hooton at 850-969-0001 / bdhooton@cox.net to reserve yours.

Membership Meeting
6:30 Tuesday, April 15th - Garden Center

A Camellia Calendar of Love

John Edwards (1915-2007), a Pensacola native and member of the Pensacola Camellia Club since 1937, left the growers of camellias a Camellia Calendar that represents 'tender and loving care' attitude. John loved camellias and expressed that love through his comment, "You can be down, you can be ill, but just go out there (his greenhouse) and see what God has created. It's marvelous! I'd say this is the best therapy that ever was."

January – Water well before freeze if extremely dry. Plant new varieties; transplant older plants and complete potting program. Continue 'gibbing' if you have suitable buds. Compete in, and visit, Camellia Shows.

February – Time to begin your grafting program. Prune dead wood. Pickup and destroy fallen blooms.* Compete in, and visit, Camellia Shows.

March – Complete grafting program. Fertilize. Complete your pruning program and cut back large plants. Pickup and destroy fallen blooms.* Compete in, and visit, Camellia Shows.

April – Complete fertilization. Time to propagate by air layering plants. Spray (after danger of frost). Pickup and destroy fallen blooms.*

May – Complete spraying of plants.

June – Water if too dry.

July – Water if too dry. Begin propagation from cuttings. Light application of fertilizer (low in nitrogen content). Summer grafting.

August – Water if too dry. Apply light application of fertilizer. Complete your cutting propagation.

September – Plant camellia seeds. Air layer plants should be ready to pot. Spray if needed. Begin disbudding and 'gibbing' programs.

October – Complete disbudding of plants, and continue to pot air layer plants. Mulch for winter months. Continue 'gibbing' program.

November – Water if too dry. Plant new varieties. Transplant or repot plants. Continue 'gibbing' program.

December – Water if too dry, especially before a freeze. Continue planting program. Continue 'gibbing' program. Pickup and destroy fallen blooms.*

The attention given to your plants expresses your love for them.

*(Fallen blooms create spores that cause petal blight.)

-- Adapted from John Edwards' camellia calendar by Gordon E. Eade.
Appeared in PENSACOLA H&G , November 2007, p.72.

From the PCC webmaster, Bill Lyford:

Why should PCC members go to the website? There are ideas for camellia care, photographs of PCC activities and history of the organization beginning in 1937. Besides, one can access previous newsletters and see photos of Pensacola varieties. Most members know that there have been over 100 varieties originating from this club. Also, there are direct links to the American Camellia Society website. If ACS has done it better, then we link to their website rather than try to duplicate the effort.

For those who receive the newsletter by e-mail, click [here](#) to go to PCC website. Click [here](#) to go to ACS website.

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 Enhanced The Camellia In Our Society

PENSACOLA CAMELLIA CLUB FOUNDATION

The Pensacola Camellia Club Foundation provides financial support for the activities of the Pensacola Camellia Club. For example, this year, because we are hosting the American Camellia Society convention, 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) will exceed \$5,000. 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.

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/s/ Roger Vinson, Chair
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