

The Pensacola Camellia



April 2017 Newsletter of the Pensacola Camellia Club—established 1937

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President's Message – John Mate

Hello fellow Camellians. I look forward to serving the Pensacola Camellia Club for the next year and getting to know each of you better. My wonderful wife Lauren will be joining me as secretary for the club and believe me when I say she is the better part of this deal. I wish that I could say that I am bringing a wealth of knowledge about camellias or great oratory skills to the club, but you will see that is not the case. What I am bringing is an appreciation and joy of flowers and a desire to help our club continue in its goals.

Camellias are a favorite of mine because they put on a beautiful show of blooms from October through April. Lauren and I joined the club three years ago to learn about camellias and how to take care of them. While we did learn about camellias, we also learned something even more important, and that is about you Camellians.

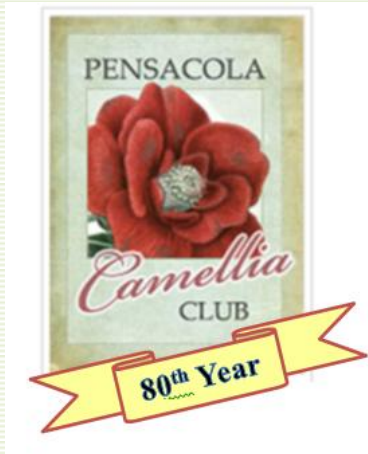
You may be in different stages of learning, teaching and promoting the club, but the efforts that I see from you are inspiring to me. The learning phase is where I am at and so are many of you. Think about how fortunate we are to have a large group of real experts that are willing to share their knowledge they have learned over many years to help us be more successful with our camellia experience. They are not aloof or

uncaring about us less experienced beginners, rather they take time out of their lives to answer our questions, put on demonstrations, work on club projects, teach us, and hundreds of other things behind the scenes to help everyone in the club succeed. They share their secrets and tips for shows, even their gardens for grafting and air layering. If anyone of us beat them in a show with a graft from their favorite plant, they would smile and be proud of us. Get to know them, they love giving back in life and they are also entertaining. They do not like it when you call them experts, but they really are.

I also am inspired by the people who set up (and put away) tables and chairs for our meetings, donate refreshments and decorations, work our shows and garden tours, make name tags, volunteer for work days, pick up spent blooms, and a hundred other details that get done to make the club events enjoyable and successful.

You, the Camellians of the Pensacola Camellia Club, inspire me to want to be a part of it and participate where and when I can. Thank you for giving me the opportunity to serve the PCC and continue my learning experience. I thank you in advance for your work and efforts for the 80th year of our club.

John Mate



PENSACOLA CAMELLIA CLUB AGENDA

Tuesday April 18th, 2017
Garden Center 1850 N. Ninth Ave
With 6:30pm social/refreshment follows
by program at 7:00 pm.

SET UP Helpers - Please arrive at 6:00 pm to set up chairs and refreshment tables.

Officers:

President

- John Mate

1st VP & Show Chair

- Skip Vogelsang,

2nd VP & Program Chair

- Mack Thetford,

3rd VP & Membership

- Debbie Brown

Secretary

- Lauren Mate

Treasurer -

-Thekla Morris &

Past President

- Christi Hankins

Board Members:

Trumin Brown,

Paul Bruno,

Dick Hooton,

Bill Lyford,

Alan McMillan,

Louise Seitz - Newsletter

Jerri Smith- Hospitality

Norman Vickers- publicity

Roger Vinson - PCC

Foundation

Program for the night:

- Air Layering review by LeAnna Brennan along with sign up for air layering at various gardens on Saturday April 22nd.

- Mack Thetford will cover soil sample kits & results by University of Florida

- Here is their website link

<http://escambia.ifas.ufl.edu/blog/2014/05/06/soil-testing-forms-online/>

- **Membership Dues:**

Have you forgotten to pay your dues? According to the bylaws; Dues not paid by April will terminate membership until you remit payment. Dues are still \$10.00 for the calendar year or \$100.00 for Lifetime membership. Remember we are a 501c 3 charitable organization which would go towards your tax donations.

- Please keep Debbie Brown / VP Membership up to date with any changes to your contact information; address, phone or email at

dmariebrown@att.net

At our March Banquet, outgoing President, Christi Hankins was awarded



Camellia Person of the Year. We appreciate her high energy that she brings to the club to get us all involved. Thank you Christi!

Banquet photos by Denise Kohli
For more photos visit the following link on our website;

<http://www.pensacolacamelliclub.com/docs/PCC%20Banquet%20Mar%2021%202017.pdf>

The auctioning skills of Dick & Bette Hooton brought in \$795.00 on 8 plants.



Roger Vinson led the swearing in of our 2017-2018 PCC Board Members.



Mark your Calendar....

April 18th Pensacola Camellia Club Meeting at Garden Center

Join us at 6:30 pm social with refreshments followed by 7:00 pm program.

LeAnna Brennan will demonstrate air-layering in preparation for our workday.
Mack Thetford will review soil samples kits and soil test results.

FINAL call for anyone who wishes to purchase a **memorial brick for UWF garden.**

April 20th Work Day at Pensacola Garden Center for the section of the garden the PCC maintains.

April 22nd Time to propagate by air layering at various gardens.

Chairperson – Leanna Brennan can be reached at the following 934-0631 to answer your questions if you missed the sign up at our meeting.

Gardens are; UWF, Dick Hooton's or Pierre Kaufke's we appreciate your help so we will have more plants to sell to members later on.

Bring your water bottles and gloves.

April 25th Tuesday – 2nd Chance for Air layering at Skip Vogelsang's garden, please show at 9:00am or contact Skip with your questions.

May 20th – 21st Secret Garden Tours 10:00 - 4:00 pm

Contact Lynn Manthei for more information on how you can help out at the tours as she schedule volunteers for two or three hour shafts a 723-5175.

June 10th Board Planning Meeting @10:00 am - Pensacola downtown library. If you have any suggestions for future programs of what you would like to learn about please inform Mack Thetford prior to this date at thetfordm@gmail.com. Any positive or negative feedback on meeting or events that can help the club would be appreciated.

August 15th PCC Picnic **Save this date**, reservations and side dishes/desserts will be organized by Jerri Smith over the summer. More details will come after our June meeting.

Off season reading material on our website ...

<http://www.pensacolacamellioclub.com/camellia-care.html>

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."

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

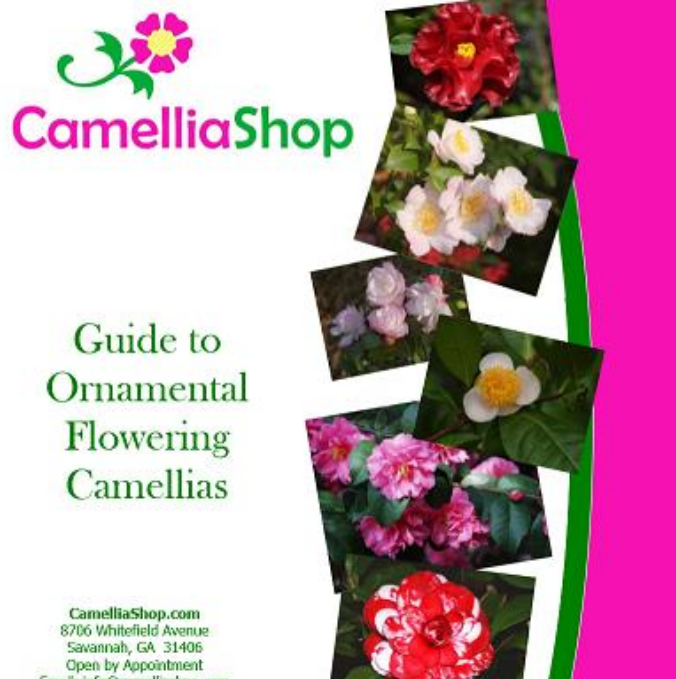
May – Complete spraying of plants.

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.
Complete light application of fertilizer.
Complete your cutting propagation.

<http://www.pensacolacamellioclub.com/docs/CamelliaGuide.pdf>



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 or like us on our Face book page.

The Pensacola Camellia Club Foundation provided financial support for the activities of the Pensacola Camellia Club. 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.

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Trustees: Richard Hooton Chuck Fosha Alan McMillan Skip Vogelsang,

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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.