

The Pensacola Camellia

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Newsletter of the Pensacola Camellia Club—established 1937

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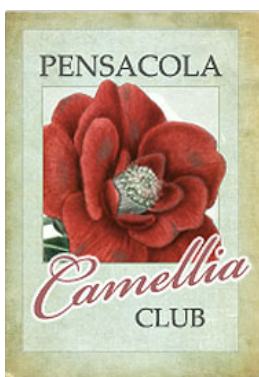
President's Message

I hope that all of you had a nice Christmas and I wish you the best for the New Year , 2014. As a Club we ended the Year of 2013 with a BANG! The American Camellia Society (ACS) in conjunction with The Pensacola Camellia Club (PCC) held the ACS National Convention and Flower Show here in our fine city of Pensacola. We had visitors from as far away as London, England and many guests from all over the U.S.A. By all reports it was a real success. Our club did a fine job and showed real southern hospitality. I would like to thank all who helped to make this National Convention and Camellia show a success. A special thanks go out to Skip and Judge Vinson for the tremendous job they did coordinating all of the Convention activities and the running of the Flower show Great Job!

We have a busy schedule planned for the next 4 months. In true PCC form, our club has little time to slow down or rest and I believe it is one of the reasons we have been around since 1937. We stay GREEN and GROWING ! In the next few weeks we will have our regular scheduled club meeting Tuesday, 1-21-14 at the garden center on 9th ave. @ 6:30 pm a workshop and plant sales open to the public at the YMCA on Langley Avenue (Sat. 1-25-14 9 am to noon) our annual local Camellia Garden tours at UWF and at a select garden or two (Sat. Feb. 89 am to 3 pm).... we have our Banquet and installation of officers coming up on Tuesday 2-18-14 at Heritage Hall / Seville Quarter @ 6 pm and we also have our Community Flower show where we encourage novice and new growers to compete Sat. 2-22-14 from 8 am till 2 pm at the downtown Gregory street library.

I am looking forward to a great 2014 Camellia Year. Please continue to tell others about our club and the joys of the Camellia. We are always looking to bring in new members and I ask that the membership please seek out and encourage new recruits. Please try to attend the next scheduled meeting and bring a friend..... Tuesday, 1-21-14 @ 6:30 pm at the Garden Center See You There -

--- Best Regards, Paul Bruno



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

Board Members

- LeAnna Brennan
- Dick Hooton
- Al Jeppesen
- Pierre Kaufke
- Judy Kerr
- Mack Thetford

ACS National Convention Photos



Mayor Ashton Hayward, foreground second from left, welcomed judges and ACS attendees to Pensacola and the camellia show.

Foreground from left, Dick Hooton, Mayor Hayward, PCC President Paul Bruno, and PCC Board Member LeAnna Brennan.



AP reporter Melissa Nelson interviews Dr. Brad King of California. Dr. King is editor of the ACS quarterly Camellia Journal. Her story went on AP wire and was printed in various locations across the US, including our own Pensacola News Journal.



Judging blooms.



First Baptist Church resident harpist Bill Warren provided music for the National Camellia Show on his concert harp.



C. Japonica, Variety: Lady Laura, a Pensacola variety.



Skip Vogelsang and John Davy in a relaxed moment before the National Camellia Show opens.



Skip Vogelsang, show chairman for ACS National Camellia Show, speaks at concluding banquet.

Membership Meeting 6:30 Tuesday, Jan. 21st - Garden Center

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/>

PCC BOARD MEETING MINUTES

TRYON LIBRARY - TUESDAY JANUARY 7th

Present: officers Bruno, Vogelsang, Sherman, Vickers, Morris, Brennan, Hooton, Kerr, Thetford. Also in attendance Blanchard, Vinson, Lyford, Kohli, Rhea.

Absent: Hankins, Davy, Jeppesen, Kaufke

Meeting was called to order by President Bruno by 6:00 p.m.

Skip Vogelsang led a discussion of the ACS Convention and National Show. Everyone agreed that the event was a success. All the feedback has been very positive. Vickers has forwarded several e-mails, each crediting PCC with a job well done. Thanks goes out to the entire club, with extra mention to Vogelsang and Judge Vinson for their extraordinary efforts. Also, special recognition goes to the UF, Milton crew. Their energy never failed and their presence was helpful to all. Vogelsang passed out a 2013 Show Critique for detailed consideration by the planning committee at a later date.

REPORTS:

- **Treasurer's report:** T Morris and Bill Lyford. Vogelsang distributed two reports, one regarding the ACS convention activity and the second, PCC budget for 2103/14. Discussion ensued on how to try to isolate the ACS expenses from the PCC show expenses. As expected there are bills not yet rendered and some confusion about the payment of some parts of the convention. Every effort will be made to communicate and reconcile the differences.
- **Membership:** In Hankins absence, Bruno and Vogelsang noted that there appear to be many members who have not yet paid their dues. A review of membership will determine those needing to pay and those who will be taken off the membership list.
- **Program:** Sherman reports that Cinny O'Donnell will speak about decorating with camellias at the Jan 21 members meeting. Her talk will be followed by a brief show critique.
- **Foundation:** Vinson reports that 2013 was a good year for the foundation. The foundation now totals \$65,385.46.
- **Newsletter:** Bruno asks that anyone who has information to be published in the newsletter gets back to him immediately.
- **Website:** Bill Lyford reports that photos of the National Show winners are in the process of being posted on the PCC website. He requests that anyone with photos of Pensacola varieties not yet on the site please send the photo to him.
- **PR:** Led by Vinson, Dr. Vickers was given a round of applause for his effective handling the press for the ACS convention and show. There were articles in the Pensacola Home and Garden, Splash magazine and PNJ Things to Do. An AP reporter covered the event with video, photographs and interviews. National coverage of the show was picked up by many local papers, including PNJ. We continue to hope that next year PNJ will send their own photographer to cover our show.
- **Plant Sales:** Hooton reports that the plant auction at the convention was a success, netting \$800. Plant sales have been good: it was agreed that Hooton should buy more plants for the future sales

especially since PCC will offer plants at Camellia Workshop (1- 25); Garden Tours (2-8) and Community Camellia Show (2-22.)

- **Election of Officers:** Bruno reports that the proposed slate will be voted on at the next meeting, Jan. 21 at the Garden Center. He welcomes members to present other candidates for consideration. Per bylaws, nominations must be made at least one week prior to election and candidate has agreed to the nomination.

OLD BUSINESS:

Upcoming events:

- Camellia Workshop and Plant Sale: Sat Jan 25, 9 a.m. - noon, Northeast "Y" on Langley Ave. Our PCC expert team members, Vogelsang and Hooton, will demonstrate grafting. For \$10 anyone can purchase root stock and a camellia scion and have it grafted under instruction or by PCC member.
- Camellia Garden Tours: Sat Feb 8, 9 a.m. - 3 p.m. Chairman Dennis Kohli states that the UWF Garden and one or two other gardens, yet to be announced, will be on tour. Karen and Ty Wiseman have agreed to share duties with Kohli.
- Banquet and Installation of Officers, Tues, Feb 18, 6 p.m., Heritage Hall at Seville Square. Bruno says that the price of the banquet is still to be determined. Everyone is encouraged to bring blooms to share for a fun exhibit of camellias.
- Community Camellia Show & Plant Sale Sat Feb 22, 8 a.m. - 2 p.m., downtown West FL Public Library. Vogelsang informs that 8 - 10 a.m. will be set aside for bloom placement and judging; the show will open at 11 a.m. for the public. Please ask everyone to bring blooms. This local show is a really fun. Plant sales begin at 8 a.m.

NEW BUSINESS:

- Godwin Soundside Garden: Dick Godwin is current contact. Vogelsang would like to see this garden, which is held in trust by the Godwin family, become a PCC project. He has almost complete list of camellias which were originally planted. List to be distributed to the board.
- Mack Thetford commented on the positive feedback of his presentation at the camellia show. This talk has led to other speaking engagements and his ability to outreach the public not yet familiar with camellia culture.
- Thetford also reports that the town of Milton has planted camellia/sasanquas along Hwy 90. This planting can provide other possibilities for programs to inform the public about growing camellias. Meeting at 6:50 p.m. with thanks from all attendees for an efficient and speedy meeting.

Meeting adjourned at 7:30 p.m.

Norman Vickers, Sec'y and Winkie Rhea, assistant secretary to Vickers

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

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.

To all members:
**We have 2014 American Camellia Society
calendars for sale for \$10 each.**

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.

PCC MEMBERSHIP MEETING MINUTES GARDEN CENTER 6:45 PM. TUESDAY DECEMBER 3

- **6:45 p.m. – Meeting was called to order by President Paul Bruno.** He explained that this meeting would focus primarily on the plans for the American Camellia Society national meeting and National Camellia Show Wed-Sat December 11-14. There were 41 members present. Bruno reminded attendees to use the free rear windshield stickers to generate public interest in the ACS Convention and National Camellia Show. ACS portion of the sticker can be removed, leaving the PCC portion for publicity purposes. The National Camellia Show is at First Baptist Church as is free to the public from 1 to 4:30 p.m. Saturday Dec. 14. Plant sales are open from 9-5 that Saturday.
- **Brief reports:** Due to the focus of the convention and show, there were no reports for many of the regular categories.
- **Press:** Vickers reported that the December PNJ Home & Garden Magazine carried a half-page about the convention and Show. The Gulf Breeze News also had an article which was essentially the entire press release.
- **Nominating committee:** Pres. Bruno called on **Roger Vinson**, Chair of the nominating committee, for their report. Vinson thanked his committee members, **John Davy** and **Christi Hankins**, and announced their nominees as follows:

President — **Paul Bruno**

1st VP and show chair — **Skip Vogelsang**

2nd VP and program chair — **Jim West**

3rd VP and membership Chair — **Christi Hankins**

Secretary — **Winkie Rhea**

Treasurer — **Thekla Morris** and assistant treasurer **Bill Lyford**

Board Members: **LeAnna Brennan, Richard Hooton, Dante Kahn, Jerri Smith, Mack Thetford**
and **Karin Wiseman**

• **Member Obituary:** Paul Bruno mentioned, with sadness, the death of our longtime member **Dr. Reid Leonard**. Funeral on Wed 12-4 at East Hill Baptist church. Visitation is at noon, funeral at 1:00 p.m. and there will be a family reception at the Leonard home at 537 Brent Lane.

• **ACS CONVENTION AND SHOW:**

Vinson gave an outline of the activities for the convention and passed out a brochure of the details of the NATIONAL CAMELLIA SHOW for Saturday December 14. He urged that all members participate—there's a job for everyone. He encouraged members to sign up for the various posts—registration desk, etc. (Details of the activities each day are on the PCC website: www.pensacolacamelliclub.com)

Then Bruno introduced Skip Vogelsang, show chair, who outlined the duties and tasks related to the show. He asked for volunteers to help set up for the show beginning Friday noon 12-13. Then volunteers should come early Saturday morning. Enter your blooms early (7:00 a.m.) and then be prepared to help others with their blooms. He urged people to sign up to function as clerks for the judges. Then stay until the end to help take-down the show. This is critical that help is needed since there is a banquet at the Hilton on Pensacola Beach that night.

Lunch is being served at First Baptist Church, by staff, at a cost of \$8. Those not already registered for the entire ACS convention, were urged to sign up for lunch, as FBC needs an accurate count beforehand.

Contact information: For questions or volunteering related to:

ACS convention - Roger Vinson e-mail rogerandellen@cox.net. Phone 850-432-2593.

Camellia Show - Skip Vogelsang; Note new e-mail address lbv3rd@gmail.com; phone 850-438-3790.

There was a plant raffle resulting in some happy winners.

Meeting adjourned at 8:00 p.m.

/s/ F. Norman Vickers, PCC Secretary and Winkie Rhea-----

Winkie Rhea, minutes

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 Camillia 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.

FOR MORE INFORMATION CONTACT ONE OF THE FOUNDATION BOARD MEMBERS.

/s/ Roger Vinson, Chair

Jack O'Donnell

Richard Hooton

Chuck Fosha, Trustees