

The Pensacola Camellia



January 2017 Newsletter of the Pensacola Camellia Club—established 1937

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President's Message – Christi Hankins

It is a good thing that January is a slow month for the Camellia Club, because the December show and the upcoming month of February are busy months. So, rest up!!

The December show was a great success. We had around 1400 blooms on display and the Wright Place was a great venue. On January 5th, we had a work day at the Shade House and the raised beds were filled and planted. Thanks to everyone that participated at the show and the Shade House. Special thanks to Skip Vogelsang, John Davy and John Mate for all their contributions.

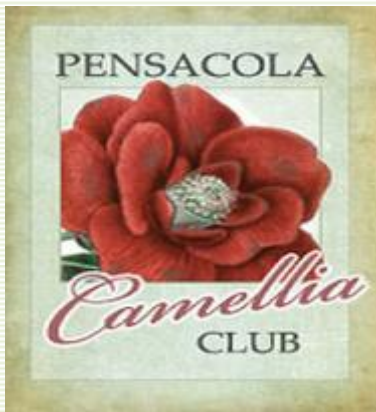
If you are not a member of the American Camellia Society, then you missed the article this quarter featuring John and Sarah Davy and their award for Santa Rosa Farm Family written by our amazing scribe Norman Vickers. ACS offers an online membership single or joint option for

\$20 a year or a single or joint membership for printed copies of the Camellia Journal and the Camellia Society Yearbook for \$30 a year. Both memberships include free admission to Masee Lane Garden and free or reduced access to participating gardens through the American Horticulture Society's Reciprocal Admissions Program.

The UWF Camellia Garden renovations are moving along swiftly. Be sure to watch your emails for announcements about the ribbon cutting at the Garden in February. Also in February is the YMCA grafting and air layering workshop on the 18th, and we have the Community Show at the downtown library on the 25th.

See you January 17th for our membership meeting. Roger Vinson will be presenting on the December Show's award winning blooms.

Happy New Year, Christi



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Meetings & Programs

Tuesday, Jan 17th, 2017

Garden Center 1850 N. Ninth Ave

With 6:30pm social/refreshment

follows by program at 7:00 pm.

Can you come at 6:00 pm and help us set up for the meeting? Lynn & Jerri would appreciate table set up.

Program for the night;

- Roger Vinson: Slide presentation of winning blooms from our December Camellia show & new varieties.
- T. Morris has procured copies of the 2017 Nomenclature Book that are available for sale for \$20.00

Membership Dues: We will email members that are scheduled to pay at the beginning of the New Year. 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 Lynn Manthei up-to-date with any changes to your contact information; address, phone or email at rosalindmanthei@gmail.com



Need a ride to our meetings? We are setting up car pools for members who need assistance. Please contact Lynn

The Key to Hosting the Best Show in the Southeast

There are many factors that contribute to a great camellia show but one is by far the most important ingredient**VOLUNTEERS.** Volunteers are what make our annual show so special.

We welcomed dozens of the best camellia exhibitors from five states and entered nearly 1,400 blooms. We ran ahead of schedule and displayed some of the most beautiful award winning blooms of any show in the USA.

All of this required at least 50 volunteers working to set up on Friday, then arrive early Saturday to place blooms, assist exhibitors, judge blooms, clerk the judging process and then at the end of the day take it all apart and store for next year. As show chairman I get so busy putting out brush fires that I have little time to remind myself and you how much I appreciate your support as active volunteers. So now that I have time to reflect let me take the time to express my deep appreciation for your efforts in making our show special.

Our photographer provided the link below to view all 487 images that were taken at the show, enjoy! <http://www.spooney.com/gallery/2016-Camellia-Show/G0000z3qcnWAQ.lg>
password is: bloom



Normally I would wait until our January 17 club meeting to express my thanks in person, however I will not be there. I will instead be at a much anticipated Van Morrison concert in Tampa, feeling no guilt what so ever. I love my life.

In the meantime I am producing a photo show of the winning blooms and Roger Vinson will fill in for me to share it with you at the meeting.

Again my deepest thanks for all you do to make our show so special.

Skip Vogelsang, show chair

Show prep-volunteers

Under LeAnna's creativity we turned beer cans into metal ornament flowers for the show judges' gift bag.

To the right Jim and Christine Frazier working on metal flowers

LeAnna from a can to final product

Follow by Roxana Walters, Christi Hankins, Lynn Manthei and Carol Comber

Bill Walters making book markers.



A few of the volunteers

Many treats to keep us working; Debbie Brown, Carolyn Pulford, Rita Perling and Jerri Smith.

Below, T. Morris sharing camellia information, Lynn Manthei signed up 18 new members at the show.



John Mate & Jim Smith sold 110 plants.

Below LeAnna, Bill Lyford, Rita Perling,



Peggy DeAmon & Paul Bruno



Pat Langford with her prize tray of 3 beautiful blooms.

Norman Vickers (pictured) played background piano in prize room; classical /jazz guitarist Arturo in the exhibition hall.



Mark your Calendar....

February 18th Pensacola Camellia Club Workshop and Plant Sale

Located at YMCA at 3215 Langley Avenue from 9:00 am to noon.

There will be demonstration of propagation of camellias by air-layering and grafting.

There will be a variety of camellia plants for sale to meet your landscape needs.

February 21st Pensacola Camellia Club Meeting at Garden Center

Join us at 6:30 pm social with refreshments follow by 7:00 pm program. Audience to ask our panel questions in regards to the transplanting & care of camellias.

February 25th Community Camellia Show and Plant Sale

Located at Downtown West Florida Public Library 239 N. Spring Street, Pensacola

This camellia show is for the “average camellia gardener” to learn how to show and what judges look for in blooms. There will also be a large number of desirable camellias for sale.

March 4th Pensacola Camellia Club hosts Camellia Garden Tours and Plant Sale at UWF Camellia Garden, 9:00 am to 2:00pm. Other Camellia Gardens for touring will be announced in the February newsletter. This event is free to the public.

March 21st Pensacola Camellia Club Annual Banquet at V. Paul’s Italian Ristorante, 29 Palafox Place, Pensacola. Installation of officers and Camellia Plant Auction. Call Jerri Smith at 850-932-2889 for reservation, cost and details.

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.

Camellia Grafting - A Different Approach

Article and Photographs by Lee Vanderpool

I do not normally use large rootstock to graft camellias but, instead, year-old Japonica seedlings. I graft primarily for plant form rather than for bloom. My overall goal is to develop camellia plants which will be conducive to bonsai culture and do not wish to have large, evident graft points. By using small rootstocks and small scions, the compatibility as to size seems to remain much better and the graft unions are not so noticeable.

Seeds are collected from my yard Japonicas in July or August, whenever the seed pods begin to open. The seeds are immediately planted in pots of good potting soil and numerous seedlings usually develop within about three months. The seedlings remain in the starting pots until needed for grafting the following winter.

In late December or January, twigs are gathered from the plants desired as scions, usually on the

same day that I do the graft procedure. Rootstocks are prepared and the grafting process takes place. The grafted plant is potted in a four inch pot of good soil, watered and a clear plastic glass is placed over the entire plant. The pot with the new plant is then placed in a shaded area where it gets bright light but no direct sun. When new growth of the scion begins in April, the glass is removed and the plant is lightly fertilized.

After growing in the four inch pot for another year, the grafted plant is moved into a six inch or larger pot, depending upon the growth rate and size of the plant.

This procedure does not replace the traditional graft technique but fills the specific niche that I wish to cultivate. The grafted plants usually produce blooms within two years and my goal of having a desirable plant for bonsai training is fulfilled.

Getting Started...



1: Pot of rootstock, pots of soil.



2: Parafilm, labels, no#.2 pencil for writing label, scissors.



3: Untrimmed rootstock.



4: Trimmed rootstock, scion, tweezers & level.



5: Scion, parafilm, label, exacto.



6: Rootstock trimmed, split & scion ready to be placed.



7: Scion in place & sealed with parafilm.



8: Rootstock planted.



9: Completed operation.



10: Night Rider, three year graft.



11: Night Rider, graft is just above the pot edge.



12: Flower buds.

Planting Tips

Written by Pierre Kaufke

At its November meeting, the Pensacola Rose [Society] had a visit from Jim Mills from K&M Roses in Buckatunna, Mississippi. Jim had brought a load of rose plants which were snapped up PDQ. He also gave a presentation about rose care. He expounded especially about how to plant the rose bushes he had brought along. Similar techniques may be useful to planting any other potted plants, especially camellias. Actually, his way of proceeding is very similar to how we plant camellias, however with a little twist.

First, Jim suggests to dig a hole about twice the size of the rootball of the plant to be put in the ground. Enough potting soil should then be shoveled into the hole so as to insure that the soil level of the pot matches that of the soil around it. Some Osmocote fertilizer can then be sprinkled on the fill dirt before the rootball is set in place. At this point, fill dirt can be added to the hole to 1/2 to 2/3 of the depth of the hole. **And here comes in a neat trick: put a water hose into the hole and run water until the hole is filled with water. This procedure, claims Jim Mills will ensure that all air bubbles (i.e., places where fungus can develop) in the rootball are driven out by the water.**

Then it is only a matter of completely backfilling the hole, paying special attention to make sure that the soil levels of the new planting and the surrounding soil match.

Another recommendation by Jim Mills was to add Milorganite fertilizer to each feeding (the iron it contains will encourage more vivid flowers).

Remember back on Dec. 3rd ... John Mate led a Shade House work day which built 3 raised camellia beds.

Below; Trumin Brown & Dick Hooton drilling holes, next Jim Frazier and John Mate and the group photo includes Christi Hawkins and Lauren Mate. (Photos by Lauren Mate)



On Jan 5th ... John Davy brought a trailer-load of mulch and plants for the three raised beds. These beds were filled and planted within an hour. The camellias planted that day will serve a root-stock for our grafting project. Where grafts used root-stock in ground, rather than in pots, there is a significant increase in successful graft yield.



Those helping to accomplish this next step in our propagation project were: Trumin Brown, Paul Bruno, John Davy, Christi Hankins, Barbara Knight, John Mate, Louise Seitz, Lee Vanderpool, Norman Vickers, Skip Vogelsang, Dick Hooton and his helper Elliott Everhart. (Photos by Norman Vickers & Louise Seitz)

Pensacola Camellia Club Foundation, Inc.

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.

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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.