Newsletter of the Pensacola Camellia Club—established 1937 PensacolaCamelliaClub.com

### President's Message

We have had a long cold winter but it looks as though Spring is actually going to show up this year. I am sure

all of you are glad to see the warm weather finally returning. Time to start with our pruning and air layering. Although it has been a bit chilly the last 3 or 4 months your Pensacola Camellia Club has been very active. In the month of February we had a successful Banquet and Installation of officers on 2/18/14 with approximately 90 people in attendance. We also had a very nice Community Camellia show at the downtown library on 2-22-14. Both events were lots of fun and a further tribute to our membership and the quality of their involvement. Our members make PCC a healthy and enjoyable organization.

We will have our next membership meeting at the Pensacola Garden Club at 6:30 pm, Tuesday - March 18, 2014. Please plan on attending and feel free to bring a friend. Doctor Mack Thetford from our Club will be the speaker and it will surely be a terrific program. As always we will have delicious snacks and beverages before the meeting and at the break provided by the the best food & beverage committee in the universe! Over the next year, I would like to encourage all members to pass the word about our club and try to bring in at least 3 potential new members. At \$10 the dues are not prohibitive. I also want to mention that we are looking for a new (used) vehicle for the shade house as our truck finally "gave up the ghost". The red truck served us very well for several years and we are now in need of a replacment. Any ideas on a new (used) Van or truck would be appreciated. We are planning on some fund raising to raise money so we can purchase something in the near future. Hope to see you all Tuesday night, 3-18-14 at the Garden Club, at 6:30 pm for the meeting...... remember bring a friend and potential new member.

--- Best Regards, Paul Bruno



### Officers

- President Paul Bruno
- 1st VP & Show Chair Skip Vogelsang
- 2ndVP & Program Chair Jim West
- 3rd VP, Membership Christi Hankins
- Secretary Winkie Rhea
- Treasurer Thekla Morris
- Past President John Davy

#### **Board Members**

- LeAnna Brennan
- Dick Hooton
- Dante Kahn
- Jerri Smith
- Mark Thetford
- Karin Wiseman

### **Annual Banquet Photos - February 18th - Heritage Hall**



Judge Roger Vinson, center, administered oath of office to the incoming PCC officers and board members.



PCC President Paul Bruno welcomed the 80+ attendees to the annual banquet celebration the club's 77th year.



Jack O'Donnell gave particulars about our PERSON OF THE YEAR award which went to John Davy this year.



Dennis Kohli, Betty Vickers, Cinny & Jack O'Donnell



Danny Lyons, Jerri Smith, Joe Light

# 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: <a href="http://camelliaexpress.wordpress.com/">http://camelliaexpress.wordpress.com/</a>

## Community Camellia Show - February 22nd Downtown West Florida Public Library



Refreshment table: Jerri Smith, Sandra Sherman, Lynn Manthei, Winkie Rhea, Martha Samuels, Carolyn Pulford and Roger Vinson. Photos by Norman Vickers.



C. hybrid-- Julia



C. reticulata Frank Houser, variegated



Overview of the room at downtown West Florida Public Library- Before judging begins.

### A Camellia Calendar of Love

- **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.

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 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 Skip Vogelsang, Trustees