

The Pensacola Camellia

November 2013



Newsletter of the Pensacola Camellia Club—established 1937

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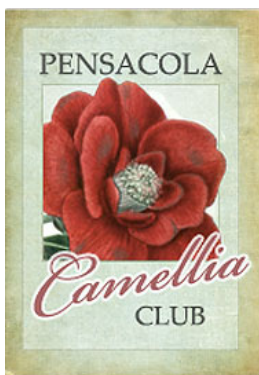
President's Message

It seems as if our Pensacola Camellia Club is doing O.K.! We continue to grow and currently have over 240 great members, we are financially sound, we are the oldest Camellia Club in the U.S.A. (established in 1937) and we have been selected to host the American Camellia Society (A.C.S.) 2013 - National Convention, Dec. 11 thru Dec. 14! Needless to say I am very proud of our accomplishments and of the terrific job all of our members do. With this being said, my message this month is short. I ask that all of our members pull together and volunteer for the work that will be necessary to pull off a Great National Convention. We will need all hands on deck for this event! Please make a note to attend our next meeting at 6:30 pm, Tuesday, November 19 at the Pensacola Garden Club on 9th Ave. We will have sign up sheets outlining where we need Convention help at this November 19th meeting. I kindly ask that all members (and friends of members) pitch in so that we can make this event a success. We will have many out of town guests visit for the convention as well as a large number of our fellow Pensacolians. By the way, the convention will be a great opportunity to recruit new members to our ranks from the many local residents that will be in attendance. Let's make our Club and our City proud by putting on a First Class Show!

--- Best Regards, Paul Bruno

A.C.S. CONVENTION NEWS

The Pensacola Camellia Club is hosting the American Camellia Society Annual Convention - Dec. 11 thru Dec 14, 2013. We would encourage as many members from our Pensacola club as possible to attend the convention. The regular registration including programs, field trips, meals, and banquets is \$250 per person. Please try to attend; it will be great fun. You are encouraged to attend all functions but not required to. Even if you only attend half of the events it is still a very good value. Individual events and meals are available and priced on a per item basis. Please pay the Pensacola Camellia club directly and we will forward the money on to A.C.S.



2013 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

2013 Board Members

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

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/>

Membership Meeting

6:30 Tuesday, Nov. 19th - Garden Center



Mathotiana "Purple Dawn"



C. Japonica, variety Betty Sheffield Silver



C. Japonica, variety Don-Mac

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.

PCC BOARD MEETING MINUTES

TRYON LIBRARY - TUESDAY NOVEMBER 5th

Called to order at 6:00 p.m. By Pres. Bruno

REPORTS:

- Approved minutes of the Oct. 1 board meeting
- **Treasurer's report:** T Morris & others. See attached report. ACS Calendars for 2014 are here. Decision to sell at meeting for \$10 each. Hooton mentioned that last plants for sale should be delivered soon. Approved treasurer's report.
- **Membership:** Christi Hankins. Board decided that directories would be picked up at membership meeting or mailed to out of town members on request. Newsletter and e-mail to announce same. Approximately 250 members. No precise figures currently regarding those who have not yet renewed.
- **Foundation:** Roger Vinson. Total of \$65,074 which includes \$2,250 for camellia show sponsorship.
- **Program:** Sandra Sherman. Brief business meeting will be first at membership meeting. Then short break and then instructions about helping with camellia show led by show chair Vogelsang.
- **Newsletter:** Paul Bruno reported for Mark Erwin, editor. Newsletter will be out about a week before the membership meeting. Bruno encouraged those having contributions to get them to Erwin.
- **Website:** Bill Lyford reported need for descriptions of newly registered camellias for website (he has photos). He will research and see that this information is posted.
- **PR: Norman Vickers**—discussion of signs from last board meeting. Vogelsang and Brennan will get directional signage needed for the Camellia Show. (Already approved signs needed for Camellia tour. Brennan will be in charge of these.) Bruno reports on status of "rear window stickers" –ACS Convention/Show and PCC. Showed a proof of the stickers. Should be here for general meeting. These go on outside of rear window and are in two parts. So if desired after ACS show, that part may be removed leaving the portion mentioning PCC. Vickers has sent out "final" press release, with photos, describing features of ACS Convention as well as ACS NATIONAL CAMELLIA SHOW and plant sale on Saturday 12-14. Copies were e-mailed to the board. Photographer hired for professional photos for all aspects of Saturday's National Camellia show, including blooms on head table. Fee \$225. We amateurs will take other photos of reception Wed. night, and Friday night and Saturday night banquets. Digital record of the convention will be available for future use.
- **Air Layering Project:** Bruno and Hooton report, in absence of LeAnna Brennan, that over 200 air-layers were harvested and potted. Congratulations—applause!
- **GCCS Convention Report:** Hooton and Vinson reported successful event. They reported financially rewarding camellia plant auction at that show, and favorable implications for our auction at ACS Convention banquet on Friday 12-13.

OLD BUSINESS:

- Continuing report on ACS Convention and show—R. Vinson, Bruno and Hooton discussed in detail. Judges not registered for convention will get \$30 refund for banquet meal—approximate 50% saving. Sign-up sheets for various needs/ duties will be brought to the membership meeting—e.g. hospitality room; registration; assistance with camellia show, including break-down Sat. afternoon;

refreshments. Christi will supervise this and delegate others to assist with sign-up. Tote bags, donated by T. Morris, will be given to delegates. These will include, among other items, PCC pens, maps, guides, sea shells and local pecans.

- Vinson discussed how the Saturday meals and talks at First Baptist will be handled.
- Plant sales: Hooton reported that plants are on hand and his workers for the sale and transport are all signed up. He showed an example of a variegated plant, grafted, which took about 3 years to show significant variegation.

NEW BUSINESS:

- Pres. Bruno announced appointment of nominating committee members: Roger Vinson, John Davy and Christi Hankins. Committee will report in December and election will be in January.
- Hooton reported that there T. Morris has donated a tiller for use at the shade house property. If it can't be put in working order, then other arrangements can be made. Push mower has been donated by Jerri and Jim Smith. Thanks were expressed.
- John Davy brought a new sasanqua variety, not yet registered/named. Roger Vinson was lucky winner of the "gratis raffle."

Meeting at 6:50 p.m. with thanks from all attendees for an efficient and speedy meeting.

/s/ F. Norman Vickers, Secretary, and Margaret "Winkie" Rhea, Asst. Secretary

REMINDERS:

Next meeting: Tuesday Dec 3 (first Tuesday) at Garden Center—review last-minute plans for ACS Convention & show.

Upcoming events:

Camellia workshop & Plant sale Sat 1/ 25/14—Northeast "Y" 9-noon. Vogelsang & Hooton

Camellia Garden Tours: Sat 2/5/ 14 Dennis Kohli. Co-chair to be named

Community Camellia Show & Plant Sale Sat 2/22/14 downtown W. FL Public Library-9- 2(?) -S. Vogelsang

Feb. banquet/installation of officers Tue 2/18. Bruno in charge of arrangements



LeAnna Brennan talks about air-layering and preparations for harvesting of club air-layers.

To all members: we still have 2013 Membership Directories available. They are available to be picked up at our regular scheduled meetings. We also have 2014 American Camellia Society calendars for sale for \$10 each. These calendars are beautiful and would make a great Christmas gift!

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.



**American Camellia Society Annual Convention
Rear Windshield Sticker**



LeAnna Brennan, Pierre Kaufke and others at the refreshment table.



Winkie Rhea and new member Cody English.
Photos: Dennis Kohli

PCC MEMBERSHIP MEETING MINUTES

GARDEN CENTER 6:30 PM. TUESDAY OCTOBER 15

- **6:30 P.M. Social Time.** President Paul Bruno welcomed everyone, encouraging all to sign up for membership, to help at ACS convention, purchase gib, buy raffle tickets. Great refreshments/decor made us all very happy. Thanks to Jerri Smith and other volunteers.
 - **7:00 p.m. – Welcome by President Paul Bruno.** He explained the absence of many who are attending the Gulf Coast Camellia Society's annual meeting, Spanish Fort, AL.
 - **Program:** Sandra Sherman led an informative program of questions and answers regarding camellia care. There was lively discussion about planting and mulching camellias, pest problems, soil ph testing and how to sterilize pots and tools.
 - A short break followed to purchase raffle tickets and enjoy refreshments.
 - **Brief reports —**
 - **Workdays:** Much fun and work was accomplished by volunteers Oct 4-5 at UWF Gardens and Shade House. Thanks to all who participated.
 - **Air Layer Harvest:** Leanna Brennan demonstrated how to check, cut and care for camellias air layers. Bring harvested plants to the Shade House Sat Oct 19.
 - **Membership:** Christi Hankins reports total of 250 members. New tonight, Cody English.
 - **Refreshments:** Jerri Smith thanks everyone who brought treats this year. She encourages all to volunteer both help and refreshments for the December show.
 - **Treasurer's report:** T Morris stated balance of \$10416.49 at the end of September.
 - **Newsletter:** Thanks to Mark Erwin the electronic newsletter was out by Oct 10th.
 - **ACS Convention:** Bruno reminds of Dec 11-14 dates. Next PCC meeting, November 19, will be planning and rehearsal for convention. The final meeting this year will be Dec 5; it will include last minute information about convention. Sponsorship letters for convention and club business cards are available through Bruno.
 - **ACS membership contest:** PCC needs to enroll as many new ACS as possible.
 - **Rear Windshield Sticker:** Minimum starts at 500pc/\$275. 1000pc/\$290 will be ordered.
 - **Newsletter:** Thanks to Mark Erwin the electronic newsletter was out by Oct 10th.
 - **Other Business:**
- Bill Lyford reports that Skip Vogelsang is asking members if someone can donate a push mower for UWF Gardens.
- Nominating Committee: By-laws stipulate that nominating committee shall be appointed in November to report to the December meeting. Election occurs at the January meeting. President Bruno will announce members of the nominating committee at the November meeting.

There was a plant raffle with several happy winners. Meeting ended at 8:10 p.m.

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



PCC Board Meeting - November 5th - from left: Winkie Rhea, Bill Lyford, Roger Vinson, T. Morris, Christi Hankins (behind sasanqua), Joan Blanchard and partially obscured Sandra Sherman, John Davy, Judy Kerr, Dick Hooton and Pierre Kaufke