

The Pensacola Camellia



November 2016 Newsletter of the Pensacola Camellia Club—established 1937

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President's Message – Christi Hankins

It is hard to believe that the Camellia Show is just a month away. Our November club meeting on the 15th will feature Skip Vogelsang and a presentation on how to prepare your camellia bloom for a show and Dick Hooton presenting on growth habits and bloom times of camellias. As you plan your December calendar, **remember our December club meeting is moved up to December 6th for additional show preparations before our show on the Dec. 10th.**

In case you were not aware, your board members stay busy on projects for the club. Dick Hooton has prepared an inventory of plants available for sale. Dick Hooton along with Paul Bruno, John Davy and Alan McMillan sold 122 camellias for the club in the last month.. He and Roger Vinson traveled to Mississippi to pick up plants that a group of them had grafted in February at Jim Smelley's. John Mate has been working on the raised beds project out at the shade house so that we can grow our own grafts. Lynn Manthei has been handing out current rosters to club members. T. Morris has procured copies of the 2017 Nomenclature Book that are available for sale for \$20.00. Norman Vickers has kept our name and events in the press. LeAnna Brennan coordinated our Air Layer Harvest which netted 93 air layers. Please be sure to let the board members know that you appreciate all the work they do all year around to promote camellias and our club.

Thanks to our Camellians of the Month for October -- Debbie and Trumin Brown. Both of

them show their commitment to the club by being involved in every event we have.

Special thanks to Jim Smelley for his generosity to our club with the grafting project. I expect Jim will be at our December show so be sure to introduce yourself to him and extend your appreciation.

Congratulations to Mack Thetford on being awarded the Sydney Meadows Award of Merit by the International Plant Propagators Society in recognition for his Outstanding Contributions to Plant Propagation, the Nursery Industry and his Dedication to our Society. Way to go Mack!!

Dick Hooton worked at the UWF Camellia Garden marking paths for the renovations his walkabout with UWF facilities staff revealed that no camellias will have to be relocated for the renovations. That is great news. The Pensacola Camellia Club Foundation delivered a check to UWF for \$39,350 for renovations and collected another \$3,500. We still have a few donations and brick forms outstanding so please get those into us. We are drawing closer to a garden dedication date. You should expect to have an event during the third week of December so watch for updates on that information.

As always, thanks to Louise Seitz for our newsletter – what a spectacular job!

See you on the fifteenth!

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Meetings & Programs

Tuesday, Nov 15th

Garden Center 1850 N. Ninth Ave

With 6:30pm social/ refreshment

follow by program at 7:00 pm.

Can you come at 5:30 pm and help us set up for the meeting? Lynn & Jerri would appreciate table set up.

Program for the night;

- Skip Vogelsang : “How to prep your bloom for a show.”
- Dick Hooton : “Growth habits and bloom times of Camellias.”
- Thekla Morris will be selling the 2017 Camellia Nomenclature book for \$20.00.

Members: Please keep Lynn Manthei up-to-date with any changes to your contact information or payment of dues. Dues are \$10 per calendar year or \$100 for Lifetime membership.



Need a ride to our meetings? We are setting up car pools for members who need assistance. Please contact Lynn at 850-723-5175 for arrangements.

At our September meeting.....



Christi Hankins (right) presented PCC certificate of appreciation to Trumin and Debbie Brown for all of their hard work they do for the club. Debbie had to be called from the kitchen to receive this award at our October meeting.

All photos by Norman Vickers

Skip brought back the plants that he gibbed at the September meeting to show off the blooms results after 4 short weeks.



This is the first year that the club has provided the 'gib' free to members. Please see Dante Kahn for a sample of gibberellic acid, this growth hormone will produce early and larger blooms on your camellia plants.

Last April, LeAnna Brennan sent the club members out to air layer camellias in various gardens. After waiting 6 months now is the moment of truth, did we wrap correctly to keep the moisture out of the foiled wrap? Yes, we see the results of nice hairy roots that will produce a healthy plant once potted and placed in the Shade house for loving care.

Photo by Norman Vickers



October 22nd - Work Day at the Shade House



What a cool morning we had for planting our harvest of air-layered camellias. Below are photos from our work in various stages.

George Knight and Greg Taylor — buckets of air layers.



Getting ready to assemble from left: Barbara Knight, Brenda Elebash, Gene Elebash & LeAnna Brennan.



With his back to camera is Trumin Brown, Skip Vogelsang, in background Debbie Brown, Carolyn Pulford, & Kathie Shoff guest of Christi.

Steve Wagner-- UWF student examines root ball, background Louise Seitz potting.



We had 18 helpful hands that shoveled, potted, relocated, and fertilized 93 air-layers in less than 2 hours. Steve Wagner, a UWF student of Mack Thetford, delivered and potted the harvest from the UWF garden.



Gene Elebash transports potted air-layers to the shade house.



George Knight, LeAnna Brennan, Steve Wagner & Louise Seitz all finished with air layers.

Great Teamwork to everyone who helped on this work day!



From left. George Knight, Gene Elebash, Lauren and John Mate, Dante Kahn, Greg Taylor, Louise Seitz, Debbie Brown, Brenda Elebash, Dick Hooton, LeAnna Brennan, Christi Hankins, Trumin Brown, Kathie Shoff (guest) Carolyn Pulford, Steve Wagner and Barbara Knight. (photo: Norman Vickers)

By the way...

Did you know Norman Vickers took home a **Blue Ribbon** from the Pensacola State Fair this October for this beautiful japonica Kiku-Toji . It is a variegated, small formal double and an early bloomer. According to the nomenclature book, it originated in Yokohama in 1895.



Our 2nd VP of Programs, Dr. Mack Thetford was honored on August 8th in Atlanta as the **2016 American Society of Horticultural Science Outstanding Undergraduate Educator award**. The ASHS award recognizes an educator who has had a distinguished and outstanding undergraduate teaching career for over ten years. Please read more of Mack's impressive award in the link below.

<http://news.ifas.ufl.edu/2016/04/ufifas-professor-wins-prestigious-national-teaching-award/>

As Christi mentioned above, here is Mack's most recent award which reads.

"Sidney B. Meadows Award of Merit by the International Plant Propagators Society Southern Region of North America Present to Dr. Mack Thetford October 24, 2016 In recognition for his Outstanding Contributions to Plant Propagation, the Nursery Industry and his Dedication to our Society. "



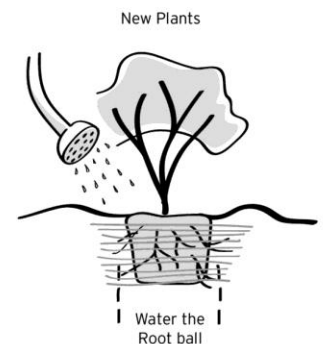
With the lack of rain throughout the month of October and now into November let's ask Dr. Mack Thetford what we should be doing for our camellias?

My personal suggestion is for plants to receive at least 5 gallons of water per week within the area of the root zone during this temporary drought. If the leaves of the plants are drooping I would water daily until the leaves begin to look normal again. It would help preserve water in the root zone to reapply some mulch. My personal feeling is that you probably can't over-water the plants during this drought. I have watered my dry plants by hand that have no irrigation system - twice over the past two weeks - and they recovered very quickly after the water was applied.

Younger plants have less root area from which to gain the water they need and the potting mix will be very dry during this month so more frequent watering is necessary for them - at least a gallon of water per gallon of pot size at each watering.

If the plant is water stressed the gib may not be as effective. Often time's water stress may cause poor floral bud development or result in abortion of the flower buds.

Feeding is not a good idea as long as the plants are water stressed. Fertilizers are salts. And the higher salt level in the dry soil will interfere with water uptake. This is normally not an issue when the plants are at normal moisture levels. The reality is that a drought stressed plant is just trying to stay alive so there will be no new growth occurring. With no growth there is no need for the nutrients in the fertilizer. So water now and deal with fertilization later.



Club “Digs” its Camellia Grafts by Roger Vinson

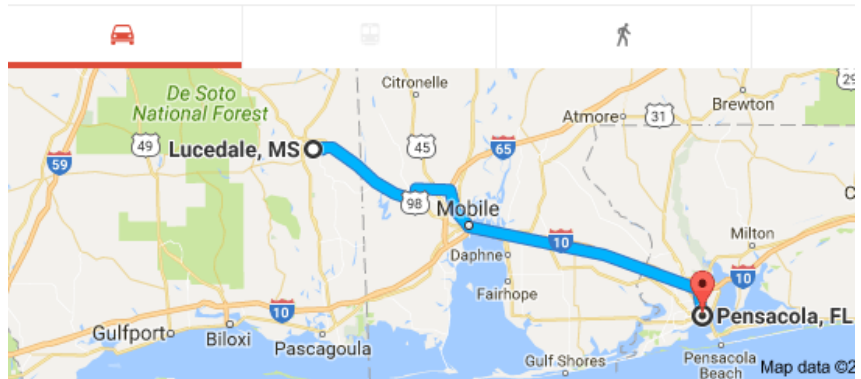
On October 27, 2016, two club members, Dick Hooton and Roger Vinson, traveled west in the Club’s van to Jim Smelley’s place near Lucedale, Mississippi. Their mission was to dig up the grafts that had successfully “taken” on some Sasanqua plants that Jim had generously donated to our club. In the van, they had a supply of 7 gallon pots and two large containers of potting soil.

Earlier, in February, Dick and Roger, along with Skip Vogelsang, John Davy, and Alan McMillan, had grafted on an in-ground row of 41 Sasanquas at Jim’s. Not only did Jim provide the root stock, Jim also provided scions of our choice to graft with. With five people grafting, it was completed in less than two hours. After several visits to check on the grafts, to uncover them, to pull the weeds, and “baby” them along, 29 of the grafts were ready to be harvested by October. (That’s a pretty good percentage of ‘takes” - - - 71%).

Using digging forks, the plants were dug up and then bare-rooted. They were quickly placed into the club’s 7-gallon pots and watered well. The new grafts had grown very quickly — one (name withheld!) was over 7 feet high!

The following plants were returned and placed in the Club’s Shade House: 4 First Blush; 2 Elaine’s Betty Red Varigated; 2 Nuccio’s Pink Lace; 2 Elaine; 3 Spring Daze; 3 Daddy Mac; 6 Grand Marshal Varigated; 3 Marilyn Levin; 2 Jim Smelley, and 2 with lost tags. They will be grown for another year in our Shade House and be ready to sell next year, with all profit to our club. If you get a chance, please express our club’s appreciation to Jim Smelley for his generosity and help!

From Lucedale, MS
To Pensacola, FL



1 h 49 min (103.5 mi) via I-10 E

Our Pensacola Camellia Club sold 122 Camellias.

We are grateful to Mr. David Hambrick and Mrs. Wanda Kay Hambrick for their large purchase of camellias through the club to landscape their yard. We are very thankful for the work of Dick Hooton and Alan McMillan who drove to John Davy's nursery Panhandle Growers and picked up the camellias and then drove back to Pensacola to unload them at the new home site of the Hambrick's. Many thanks to John Davy, Dick Hooton, and Alan McMillan for this speedy delivery and profitable sale for the club. We are very happy you did not call a workday to plant these 122 camellias by the rest of the club members.



You are invited to the **Pensacola Federation of Garden Clubs 85th Birthday celebration** on Sunday November 13th at 2:00 pm – 4:00 pm located at the Garden Center.

It's an old fashion 'Tea Party' so dress up if you like or not, but please RSVP by calling

432-6095 and leaving a message for reservations with number in your party by November 9th.

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.

Pensacola Camellia Club – Plant Inventory as of Nov. 3, 2016
 Can also be found on our website or Face book page.

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<u>Adrienne Bourres</u>	Elaine	Lara's Beauty
Al Gunn variegated	Elaine's Betty Pink	Lauren Tudor
<u>Alba Plena</u>	Elaine's Betty Red	Lauren Tudor Pink
Autumn Perfection	Elaine's Betty variegated	Linda Carol
Babe Harrison	Elizabeth B. Hunt	Lori Clevenger
Babe Harrison variegated	Esther Ann variegated	<u>Mansize</u>
Bella Romano	Ethel Davis	Mary Fischer
Black Lace	<u>Fashionata</u>	Meredith Green
Black Magic	Fragrant Pink	<u>Nuccio's Cameo</u>
Black Tie	Francis Eugene Phillips	<u>Paul Haskee</u>
Buttons 'n Bows	Frank Houser	Pink Perfection
Carter's Sunburst	Frank Houser Variegated	Professor <u>Sargent</u>
Cherries Jubilee	Hazel E. Herrin	Raspberry Delight
<u>Chris Bergamini</u>	Helen Bower	Ray Gentry
<u>Cile Mitchell</u>	Helen K	<u>Rena Swick</u>
Daddy Mac	Henry E. Huntington	Rose Dawn
Dante's Inferno	Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth II	Royal Velvet
Daughter's Red	<u>Herme</u>	Royal Velvet Variegated
Debutante	Jay Ellis	Satsuma <u>Kurenai</u>
<u>Delorus Edwards</u>	Jean Claire	Sea Foam
Dragon Fireball	<u>Jim Smelley</u>	Tiffany
Dusty variegated	Junior Prom	Tomorrow Park Hill
Edna Bass	<u>Kagirohi</u>	Tudor Baby
Edna Bass <u>Var</u>	Lady Laura	<u>Tudor Baby Var</u>
		<u>Valentine's Day Var</u>

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.

FOR MORE INFORMATION CONTACT ONE OF THE FOUNDATION BOARD MEMBERS.

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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 Face book page.