



The Pensacola Camellia CLUB Newsletter

THE PENSACOLA
CAMELLIA CLUB

October 2010

Message from the President.

It finally feels like autumn with warm days and cool nights. Most years that would mean perfect running and tennis weather for me. But I just had arthroscopic surgery on my knee (too much tennis and running) so now I can concentrate even more time to the camellias. I limped around yesterday treating bloom buds with gibberellic acid (gib) in hopes of having some blooms for the early shows in Ft Walton and Gulfport.

Some of you have told me that you are not confident enough to try gibbing flower buds but it is so simple a child could do it very well with a 30 second lesson. Heck I will even limp over and help the first 10 callers get started. My cell is 776-7951. I've got the time since I can't run or play tennis for awhile. It's really fun to start having big beautiful blooms to bring into the house weeks earlier than usual.

I was also limping around at the Gulf Coast Camellia Society conference a few days ago. It was a great turn out with attendees from as far a Texas and Ocala. Dick Hooton along with Bette and the rest of the planning group did a great job helping our club put our best foot forward.

I learned a lot just talking to camellia growers who have forgotten more about camellias than I will ever know. It seems the lack of blooms on many of my plants is probably due to lack of adequate sunlight. So I've started looking at which trees need to go. Dianne says I'm beginning to treat the camellias like children and she may be right. But what is a person to do once he finds out that he has plants **suffering needlessly** from lack of sunlight. I grafted many of them so in effect I actually brought them into this world and they are suffering due to my mistakes.

Then I remind her that we have neighbors, with no children, who develop a weekly menu for their dogs and cats and actually cook daily three course meals for them. Their dogs and cats also have heated kennels and fans in the summer. So it seems to me that my desire to provide camellias with fertilizer, water **and ade-**

quate sunlight pales in comparison don't you think?

See you at our next meeting October 19th

Skip Vogelsang, President

SCHEDULE OF MEETINGS AND EVENTS 2010-2011

Club meetings are held at the Pensacola Garden Center, 1850 N. 9th Avenue, Pensacola, FL, on the third Tuesday of each month except December and June and July. Social time begins at 6:30 p.m., with the meetings beginning promptly at 7:00 p.m. This year we will be starting our 72nd year as a Club.

October 19, 2010 – Club Meeting – PCC member and nursery owner John Davy and a panel of experts discussing oddities and peculiarities of camellia culture. Bring your camellia questions

November 16, 2010 – Club Meeting – Elaine and James Smelley of Moss Point, MS will discuss selection of camellias for showing and growing. Mr. and Mrs. Smelley are active with the American Camellia Society and are perennial winners at area camellia shows.

December 7, 2010 -- Club meeting ---- Final detail planning for the show on Dec 11th

December 11, 2010 – PCC 72nd annual Camellia show and plant sale at First United Methodist's Wright Place. Fifteen hundred blooms are expected for this annual event. Camellia plants will be for sale.

January 18, 2011 – Club Meeting – Election of officers. Grafting with Dick Hooton.

January 29, 2011 – Plant sales and camellia workshop demonstrating grafting and camellia care at the Northeast

YMCA on Langley Avenue. This event is free and open to the public. Hours are 9 a.m. to noon.

February 15, 2011 – Annual banquet, installation of officers and a mini-show for attendees. Novices only.

February 19, 2011 – **Camellia Garden Tours.** Locations to be announced. Usually two gardens are open to the public. Free.

March 12, 2011 – **Spring Camellia Show.** Local community is invited to enter blooms and bring blooms for identification.

March 15, 2011 – **Club Meeting** --- Program on Air Layering

April 19, 2011 – **Club meeting**----- Program on pruning and pest control

May 7, 2010 --- End of season picnic at the Bayview Center in Bayview Park

Membership is open to the public. Dues are \$10/year. See www.pensacolacamellioclub.com or call Membership Chair, Judy Kerr, at 434-0326.

PCC meeting will be Oct. 19th at the Garden Center 1850 N. 9th Avenue, social at 6:30

PM meeting at 7:00 PM. The Program will be given by John Davy "Quirks and fun facts.

Programs for Nov meeting Elaine Smelley. Dec meeting show planning, Jan meeting

Grafting Dick Hooton,

Feb Banquet, March Air Layering, April pruning and pest

control John Davy

Don't forget to start your Gib program for the shows. The

first show will be Ft. Walton Nov. 13. Gulfport show will be Nov 20 new place Orange

Grove Community Center Mobile Jan 15 & 16 Colonial Bell mall

Baton Rouge Burden Center Jan 29-30

Birmingham Birmingham Botanical Gardens Feb 12-13

Check your newsletter mailing Label—are your dues up to date? If not please send checks to "Pensacola Camellia Club 3115 Windermere Dr.

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Please check the web page at

www.pensacolacamellioclub.com

Mark your calendar December 11

PCC camellia show.

SEPTEMBER MEETING MINUTES

MINUTES PENSACOLA CAMELLIA CLUB MEMBERSHIP MEETING

ST. CHRISTOPHER'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH, 3200 N. 12TH AVE, TUESDAY SEPT. 21, 2010

Social time began at 6:30 p.m. and the meeting was called to order at 7:00 p.m. by President Skip Vogelsang. Fifty-one persons were in attendance.

The death of our longtime member, Tom Krebs of Bagdad was acknowledged and the presence of Mrs. Mary Krebs was recognized. Condolences were extended to Mrs. Krebs and the family.

Upcoming meetings: Upcoming Gulf Coast Camellia Society meeting Friday and Saturday October 1-2 was mentioned. Contact Dick or Bette Hooton for details and reservations 969-0001.

Future meetings will be held at Garden Center as usual. Skip explained that Garden Center was inadvertently double-booked for this evening. St. Christopher's Church was available and thanks were expressed for making it available to use for this meeting.

Volunteers recognized: Skip thanked the volunteers who had worked at the Shade House on Sat. 9-11 and those who had worked at the UWF Camellia Garden on Sat. 9-18.

Request for use of color copier: Skip has made brochure for use at our Camellia Show on December 11. Skip needs someone with access to color copier to run off the necessary brochures.

Home & Garden Magazine: Several copies of the Sept. Home and Garden magazine were shown. Featured this month were activities of the Pensacola Camellia Club.

Other publicity: Judge Roger Vinson, our current ACS President, was given some (erroneous) publicity by bombastic radio commentator Rush Limbaugh. It was reported that the Judge currently hearing the national health-care case brought by Florida Attorney General Bill McCollum and others was an avid bear hunter and had mounted bear heads on entrance to the courtroom. This was apparently engendered by a spurious entry to Wikipedia making these allegations. It was quickly corrected that Vinson was not, in fact, a bear hunter, but a camellia enthusiast and current president of the American Camellia Society!

REPORTS: Treasurer's report: T. Morris stated current bank balance is \$3,770.05.

Membership: Judy Kerr, Membership Chair, reported current membership at 181. New Directory will be passed out at end of the meeting and mailed to those not attending tonight's meeting. Thanks to T. Morris and Val Harmon who produced it. Printing costs approx \$400 for directory.

UWF Garden: Skip mentioned that Garden will emphasize the Pensacola varieties—over 100 have been developed by Pensacola club members. Approximately 80 of these have been located. He is also writing a grant request to Kugelman foundation requesting funds to convert the grounds to "natural" with mulch rather than grass. Also, he described and showed the permanent markers which will be ordered for each plant. University will cover the cost, approx \$2,200 for these permanent markers.

Gulf Coast Camellia Society Conference: See above. Dick Hooton described the jeweled ring and the table, designed and executed by Reid and Leland Leonard, which will be raffled off at the event. Registrants will be coming in from several states including Texas and North Carolina. Reservations are required for several of the events. Contact Hooton for details.

Annual Show: Joan Blanchard, show chair, again emphasized that there is room for many workers for our 72nd annual Camellia Show and Plant Sale on December 11 at First United Methodist Wright Place. This will be a one-day show. A one day community show will be held at the Garden Center on Saturday March 12.

Hospitality Committee: Sandra Sherman announced that new hospitality committee had been formed to bring refreshments to each membership meeting. She called for volunteers to sign up. Need three persons for each meeting. Call Sandra at 623-6321 or e-mail shermanacs@aol.com

NEW BUSINESS: Time to Gib: Skip indicated that it is time to start gibbing for the upcoming camellia shows. Dante Kahn brought new "gib" for sale at \$10 and \$20. If you need some, call him at 432-7989 or e-mail dantekahnjr@yahoo.com

PROGRAM

Florence Crowder, PCC and ACS member, of Denham Springs, LA presented an interesting program on the preservation of heritage camellias, defined as those developed before 1900. She described how she got interested in the project through her father's interest and activity. She is a member of a committee to preserve these valuable plants. She described and showed slides of her two trips to France. She collected scions for rooting and grafting (one may not bring in foreign soil into the US). These scions were distributed among ACS at Masee Lane, Bobby Green's nursery in Fairhope, LSU Center in Baton Rouge and Magnolia Gardens in Charleston, SC. Some will also be propagated in Denham Springs.

At the end of the presentation, Mrs. Crowder was thanked by President Vogelsang and given a lovely camellia bloom and vase donated by Reid Leonard.

Meeting adjourned at 8:30 p.m.

-----/s/ F. Norman Vickers, Secretary, PCC



Thanks to Reid Leonard for bringing the camellia as gift to our speaker Mrs. Florence Crowder.



Top left Florence Crowder and Skip Vogelsang

Top Right member at the Sept. Meeting

Middle Left Members enjoying refreshments before the meeting



Bottom Left Florence Crowder talking to our members

Photos by Norman Vickers

PENSACOLA CAMELLIA CLUB (PCC)

. STATEMENT OF PURPOSE

- THE PURPOSE OF THE PCC IS:
- 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. NOMENCLATURE AND TO RECOGNIZE THOSE INDIVIDUALS WHO HAVE ENHANCED THE CAMELLIA IN OUR SOCIETY.

. 2010 OFFICERS

2010 BOARD MEMBERS

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| • President— Skip Vogelsang | Carol Comber |
| • First VP & Show Chairman- Joan Blanchard | Charles Fosha |
| • Second VP- Program Chairman- Bruce Musselman | Dick Hooton |
| • Third VP Membership Chair— Judy Kerr | Dennis Kohli |
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