

The Pensacola Camellia

October 2013



Newsletter of the Pensacola Camellia Club—established 1937

President's Message

We had a little scare from Tropical Storm Karen but thank goodness it fizzled out. I trust that everyone is doing well and enjoying our first touch of cooler weather. As we all know, here in Pensacola, you just look at the calendar to see when the Pensacola Interstate Fair is coming to town and that's when the weather turns nice.

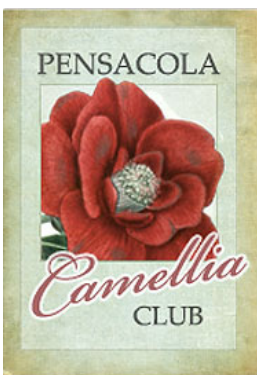
We had a very successful "work weekend" on October 4th and 5th. The turnout was good and everyone was very energetic. On Friday we cleaned up and weeded the UWF Camellia Garden and on Saturday we worked at the shade house. My thanks go out to all that participated and I urge members to get involved in these work days in the future. It really is enjoyable to work along side your fellow club members and as the saying goes "Many hands make light work".

As you may know from our September, 2013 general membership meeting, our Pensacola Camellia Club has been asked to participate in building a very prestigious garden here in Pensacola. In conjunction with the company, "Gulfside Landscaping" and its owner James Martin, we are providing a variety of camellias to Mr. Fred Levin for this terrific project. James Martin has been great to work with and he was instrumental in helping us secure a \$2,000.00 donation from Mr. Levin to go toward our December Camellia show. I would personally like to thank Mr. Martin and Mr. Levin for their generosity. I would like to remind all the members in our club that we are still looking for sponsorships and donations to go toward our December flower show. I have available to all of you, sponsorship letters that outline the different levels of giving available. I kindly ask that you try to secure one or two sponsorships or donations to go toward this year's December Camellia show. Because, this year's show will also be the National Show for the American Camellia Society (A.C.S.) The cost to put on the event will be significantly more than in a normal year. The money we raise from sponsorships and donations will ensure we have enough funds to put on a spectacular show. Please contact me for copies of this sponsorship letter. With regard to the A.C.S. show and convention, we will need as many volunteers as we can possibly get. Please see Skip or Judge Vinson and let them know where you will be able to help. The dates are December 11 - December 14 with the show being held on Saturday, December 14, 2013.

If you have not started your gibbing program, it is now about time to give it a try. We have available gibberellic acid (gib) for sale for \$10.00 and a gibbing schedule if you need one. Also, if you have never tried gibbing, please ask any of our longstanding members how to go about it and they will be happy to help you. It is truly a fun process and very exciting to see the results - earlier blooms about 1/3 larger.

From here forward we will be focusing almost entirely on our upcoming A.C.S. National Convention. Our next general membership meeting will be held Tuesday, October 15 at the Pensacola Garden Center on 9th Ave., beginning at 6:30pm. Look forward to seeing you all there.

--- Best Regards, Paul Bruno



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

The Pensacola Camellia Club had two consecutive work days at the UWF Garden and Shade House with enthusiastic turnout.



Friday, October 4 - UWF Garden

From left: Al Williams, Paul Bruno, Dante Kahn, George Knight, James West, Dick Hooton, Skip Vogelsang, Diane Blair Vogelsang, Dick Sloan, Carolyn Pulford, and Pierre Kaufke. Photos: Norman Vickers



Saturday, October 5 - Shade House

From left: Bill Lyford, Alice Dodson, Dante Kahn, Latt Dodson, Reza Vafae, Skip Vogelsang, James West, Tey Weisman, Karin Weisman, Dick Hooton, Dennis Kohli, and Roger Vinson.

A.C.S. CONVENTION NEWS

\$\$\$ Pensacola Club members get DISCOUNT \$\$\$

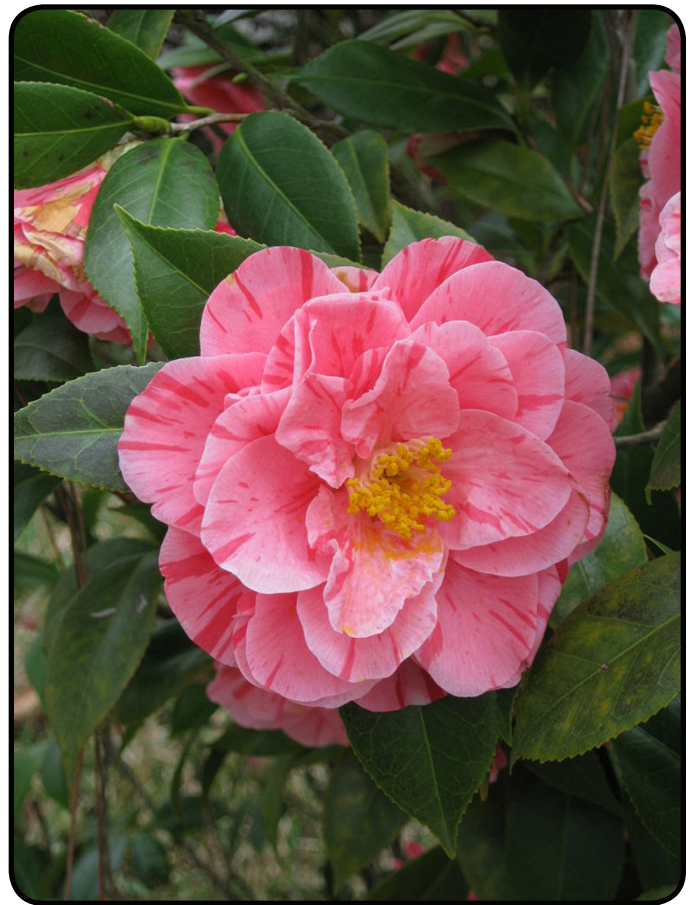
The Pensacola Camellia Club is hosting the American Camellia Society Annual Convention - Dec. 11 thru Dec 14, 2013. We would encourage as many members from our Pensacola club as possible to attend the convention. The regular registration including programs, field trips, meals, and banquets is \$250 per person. Early registration to the public is \$225 by October 15, 2013. 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.



Unnamed Chance Seedling



C. Japonica, variety White By The Gate



C. Japonica, variety Lady Laura

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 6:00 PM. TUESDAY OCTOBER 1

Meeting was called to order by President Bruno by 6:05 p.m. Bruno welcomed those present. He explained the absence of Dick Hooton - in Tallahassee gathering camellias for the sales. Judy Kerr has injured her shoulder.

REPORTS:

- It was moved and seconded to accept minutes of the Sept meeting printed in newsletter.
- Bruno noted that on Thurs, Oct 3, he and Judge Vinson will meet with the staff at the Hilton to review details of the ACS convention. If anyone has questions please advise.
- Sandra Sherman addressed the issue of the length of the last members meeting. There were complaints that the 45 minute meeting was too long. In the future, she hopes that the program will be limited to 30 minutes. There was very good feedback on Skip Vogelsang's Power Point presentation on camellia varieties.
- **Treasurer's report:** T Morris and Vogelsang. See attached reports. We are still over budget. Bruno asked if expenses are higher because of the convention. Vogelsang discussed the pass through of funds from the convention. Questions regarding convention expenses were addressed. Some \$2000 in sponsorship has been added to the Foundation account, earmarked for the convention. Vinson, \$1200 has been budgeted for the Judges' Dinner. Each judge is to pay the balance above \$30. There will be an a la carte option for those who wish to attend the Fri - Sat dinners. Vogelsang asked if the ACS convention expenses should be isolated from the operating budget. It was agreed that isolating these expenses is a good idea. A discussion continued on the monies in the Foundation reimbursing the expenses of the pass through. Vinson will have to find a way to make these funds available, even though the Foundation does not have a checking account. Vogelsang reported that riding mower has been serviced by Seville Power. All repairs, including new battery, cost about \$300. Another push mover will have to be found, as repair on the old one was deemed too costly.
- **Membership:** Christi Hankins noted that there are 249 members. Many have not paid their dues.
- **Foundation:** Vinson, the account has added \$2250 in sponsorships.
- **Program:** Sherman stated that because of the absences of Vogelsang and Hooton, there will have to be a new program for the Oct meeting. A new program will be determined by next week, in time to make the newsletter. The Oct old business should include 5 minutes on harvesting air layers.
- **Newsletter:** to be issued by the 10th of the month.
- **Website:** Bill Lyford stated that the ACS has been very responsive to the PCC requests. It was agreed that Lyford will contact the ACS webmaster to provide a link to the PCC homepage for current information on our programs. This way only the club's site will have to maintain current program information, not the ACS page as well.
- **PR:** Bruno, in Dr. Vickers absence, says there is still no firm price on the rear window stickers. Digital billboards are available through Lamar on a catch as can basis, but are free. The cost of a paper billboard is \$945. A vote was made authorizing not to use this format. An article in the Friday **News Journal** before the convention and/or a photo in the **Weekender** is a good idea. Vinson to contact Becca Bowles. Other opportunities, **Home & Garden** and **Bella**, were mentioned. Dr. Vickers knows the contact at **Home & Garden**; he may be able to effect some coverage. Vinson suggested a sign in front of the church announcing the date of the show. Other possibilities, T. Morris has one large sign and Dr. Vickers has the sandwich board. Vogelsang agreed to look into a double sided sign.

- **UWF Garden:** Vogelsang, volunteers are needed at UWF Garden Fri, Oct 4, 9 a.m. Vogelsang will ask Dr. Vickers to send out email reminders before Fri. Gibbing dates still to be determined. The retirees at UWF, led by Jim Weaver, have approved a budget up to \$500 for a new garden project in conjunction with PCC. Vogelsang is more concerned that the garden look its best for the convention and not starting anything new. The consensus was that the project be politely declined.

- **Air Layering Project:** Brennan, Oct 19 is the date to bring air layers to the shade house. Individual layers need to be checked to determine if they are ready for harvest. More to follow at the Oct members meeting.

OLD BUSINESS:

- Update on ACS convention, volunteers still confused on the difference between the ACS convention and the Camellia show. Clarification needed at the next meeting about the two volunteer lists and the differences. ACS planning meeting Tuesday Oct 22 at Judge Vinson's home.

- PCC is joining Friends of the NW FL Gardens. T Morris \$50 check will soon be mailed.

- Gulf Coast Camellia Society meeting reminder, Mon-Tues, Oct 14-16, Spanish Fort, AL.

NEW BUSINESS:

- The ACS calendars have been ordered. T Morris has paid for these with her credit card. The club needs to use the \$200 award to pay for the calendars. Somehow T has to be reimbursed, if the charge has already gone through.

- PCC needs to push for new ACS members. We want to win the contest again this year!

- Sandra Sherman suggest that the Nov program start with a short, 10 minute, business meeting and then the program dedicated to the ACS convention / show. Brennan added that the demonstration of how to clerk be shown. Guiding members through the steps was helpful for last year's show.

Meeting adjourned at 7:00 p.m.
Winkie Rhea, assistant to Dr. Vickers



Dick Hooton discussed disbudding and gibbing camellias for larger, earlier blooms at September PCC membership meeting. Photos: Norman Vickers

PCC MEMBERSHIP MEETING MINUTES

GARDEN CENTER 6:30 PM. TUESDAY SEPTEMBER 17

- **6:30 P.M. Social Time.** President Bruno welcomed all to use the time to--encourage membership sign up—pay dues; sign up for ACS convention; buy raffle tickets; Purchase gib. Purchase new nomenclature books@ \$20. He also mentioned ACS membership contest and showed recent ACS journals. Delicious and attractive refreshments by Jerri Smith and her team were enjoyed.

- **7:00 p.m. – Welcome by President Paul Bruno.** He introduced our recent member James Martin owner of Gulfside Landscaping. Mr. Martin told about attorney Fred Levin’s project of building a center for meetings on Tanglewood Dr. This will involve planting some special and rare camellias on the grounds as well as other attractive plants. Mr. Martin presented a check for \$2,000 to the club for use in preparation for the coming ACS convention and National Camellia Show this December. (Applause) Also our PCC member Charlyne Kilpatrick presented a donation for \$250 toward the ACS Convention/show. (More applause)

- **Program:** Skip Vogelsang presented a power-point presentation of exquisite photos of prize-winning camellias. Dick Hooton gave a brief demonstration disbudding and gibbing camellia blooms for earlier and larger blooms. John Davy discussed planting seeds for producing camellia plants, and, it is hoped, for some new cultivars.

- There followed a short break to accomplish some of the tasks which President Bruno had suggested as well to purchase raffle tickets.

Program resumed and Pres. Bruno led us in recitation of purposes of the Pensacola Camellia Club:

- **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 and**
- **To recognize those individuals who have enhanced the camellia in our society**
- **Then Bruno added his own coda: To have some fun!**

- **Brief reports —**

- **Membership:** Christi Hankins reported three new members tonight for a total of 249 members. New members are: Rita Perling, Jamshid Kholdi and Suzanne West.

- **Treasurer’s report:** T. Morris reported balance \$8,839.50 at end of August and currently 8,806.96. By board decision, the \$200 award for winning last year’s club membership contest will be used for purchase of lovely ACS 2014 calendars for sale to our membership.

- **Newsletter:** President Bruno commented on newsletter in absence of Editor Mark Erwin (out of town on business). All agreed that current newsletter quality is excellent.

- **New Camellia Registrations:** Bruno congratulated Carol Comber and Gabriel “Ole” Olsen as most recent PCC members to register new camellias—other recent registries by Hooton, Vogelsang, Davy etc. -- over 100 by Pensacola Camellia Club members since beginning of club in 1937.

- **Roger Vinson gave an update on convention:** Will need lots of volunteers with help multiple tasks—hospitality, tours, camellia show. He mentioned that early registration for ACS convention ends October 1st. **Early registration** is \$225 and PCC gives an additional \$10 supplement to early registration for PCC members **is only \$215** but one must go through PCC to do it.
- **ACS Membership contest:** Membership in ACS—new members only or those previous members not active for past 3 years—is reduced at \$15/year. For this one gets 4 quarterly journals, a year-book, reduced prices through ACS store PLUS free or reduced admission prices to botanical gardens, a significant bargain. One may join through ACS website or through PCC. More to follow.
- **Sponsor letter:** Bruno has sponsorship letter available for seeking donations for support of the ACS convention. Also he has **business-card** print out available for recruiting new members. Both were available at meeting and also on request from him.
- **Windshield sticker promoting ACS Convention/Show and PCC:** Board voted to produce non-obtrusive sticker for auto back windshield. It will be fashioned so that the convention portion can be removed leaving the PCC promotion intact. These should be available soon at minimal or no cost to recipient.
- **Work Day at Shade House Sat Oct 5:** beginning 9 a.m. Hooton promises you'll be home in time for TV football. He also has a list of one-year grafts from Baton Rouge Camellia Club @ \$35.
- **Harvest air-layers: Saturday October 19.** LeAnna Brennan will have more details for us before next membership meeting.

There was plant auction and raffle with happy winners. Chuck Fosha won auction for the Camellia species plant.

Business concluded and meeting adjourned at 8:15.

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



John Davy discusses planting camellia seed. In foreground are Dr. Reid Leonard and son, Leland Leonard. Photos: Norman Vickers



James Martin presents \$2,000 check to President Paul Bruno from attorney Fred Levin in support of the upcoming ACS convention and National Camellia Show.

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

ANNUAL REPORT FOR 2012 Pensacola Camellia Club Foundation, Inc.

The Pensacola Camellia Club Foundation is a Florida not-for-profit corporation registered with the Internal Revenue Service (ID No. 03-0384090). The Foundation's primary purpose is to help support the Pensacola Camellia Club, its annual Camellia Show, and its other activities. It has received a determination letter from the Internal Revenue Service in which it is recognized as:

(a) Exempt from federal income taxation under Section 501(a) of the Internal Revenue Code because it qualifies as a 501(c)(3) organization;

(b) Qualified to receive charitable contributions and bequests which are deductible for federal income, estate, and gift tax purposes; and

(c) Not required to file an annual income tax return (Form 990) as long as its annual gross receipts do not exceed \$25,000.

In addition, the Foundation has a Sales and Use Tax Exemption from the Florida Department of Revenue (No. 85-8012510865C-5), valid through 12/31/2017, which allows tax-exempt purchases in the State of Florida.

The funds held in the Foundation are the result of the generosity and foresight of our Club's members and friends.

During 2012, the Foundation received income as interest and dividends totalling \$2,081.90.

The amount of the donations (excluding those for the UWF Camellia Garden) received during 2012 was \$130.00.

The Foundation's investment assets as of December 31, 2011, totaled \$49,618.34. Its investment assets as of December 31, 2012, totaled \$56,364.74, an increase of \$6,746.40. Of this, \$1,185.00 is designated for the UWF Camellia Garden. The Foundation also holds title to the red 1995 Chevrolet pickup truck used by the club and donated by Ole Olsen, and the lease for the Club's shade house.

Respectfully submitted,



Roger Vinson, Chairman
Jack O'Donnell
Richard Hooton
Chuck Fosha, Trustees