

The Pensacola Camellia



October 2016 Newsletter of the Pensacola Camellia Club—established 1937

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President's Message – Christi Hankins

We had our first bloom at the UWF Camellia Garden, a Camellia Sinensis.



It was discovered during our great workday at UWF. LeAnna Brennan, Alan McMillan, and I met with Howard Reddy of UWF earlier this week to discuss breaking ground on the improvements in the near future. We hope to have an email out to you with the details soon.

LeAnna will be presenting on harvesting air layers at our October meeting on the 18th. We will follow up that meeting with a work day at the Shade House on the 22d to harvest and pot up our air layers from our spring efforts. I have been sneaking peeks on the ones I have at home and cannot wait to get them in soil! The roots look great and I am hoping for a successful harvest.

Thanks to Louise Seitz, our Camellian of the Month for September. Louise edits and publishes our newsletter every month, attends board meetings, and has worked with Norman and Lynn to get our roster ready to publish.

Congratulations to John Davy and Panhandle Growers for being recognized as the 2016 Santa Rosa County Farm Family of the Year.

See you soon,

Christi



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Meetings & Programs

Tuesday, Oct 18th

Garden Center 1850 N. Ninth Ave

With 6:30pm social/ refreshment

follow by program at 7:00 pm.

Can you come at 6:00 pm and help us set up for the meeting? Lynn & Jerri would appreciate table set up.

Program for the night;

- LeAnna Brennan: “Harvesting and care for your air-layered camellias.”
- Dick Hooton : “Not all Camellias are Equal.”
- We would like to hear from you on future programs that interest you. Send your ideas to Mack Thetford [http://www.thetfordm@gmail.com](mailto:www.thetfordm@gmail.com)

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.

October 1st Work Day at the UWF Camellia Garden

What a beautiful day we had for pulling weeds, picking up fallen branches, pruning, general cleaning of the area, spraying and inventory. We had a nice group of PCC members along with UWF retired members working together and completing the task in 2 hours. The path for the future walkway is cleared and ready for the next phase of the project.

The following photos provided by Louise Seitz



Tom Henderson weeding.



Truman and Debbie Brown pruning.



Rita Perling cleaning up.



Skip Vogelsang taking inventory



Dick Hooton shovel ready.



Christi Hankins pruning

Many Thanks to everyone who came and helped on this work day!

The following photo provided by Skip Vogelsang





At the September meeting Skip Vogelsang gave history and detail of how to gib your camellia buds for large earlier blooms to an audience of approximately 70 persons.

Photo by Norman Vickers

2016- 2017 Gibbing Schedule for Camellia Shows near Pensacola

This schedule is an approximation based upon an average time between the application of the gibberellic acid and blooming of about 6 weeks, bracketed with applications a week earlier or later. Thus, there are three application dates for each show. For example, if you gib 2 blooms on each plant at each application, you would have gibbed a total of 6 blooms on that plant --- and with luck maybe 1 of them will open in time for that show. The estimated time is for an average japonica plant in moderate shade and under normal Pensacola weather conditions.

	Show Date	1 st Application 7 weeks before	2 nd Application 6 weeks before	3 rd Application 5 weeks before
Boston, Georgia	11/5/16	9/17/16	9/24/16	10/1/16
Ft. Walton Bch	11/12/16	9/24/16	10/1/16	10/8/16
Gulfport/Biloxi	11/19/16	10/1/16	10/8/16	10/15/16
Slidell (Ozone)	12/3/16	10/15/16	10/22/16	10/29/16
Pensacola	12/10/16	10/22/16	10/29/16	11/5/16
Covington (Northshore)/ Tallahasee	1/7/17	11/19/16	11/26/16	12/5/16
Mobile	1/21/17	12/3/16	12/10/16	12/17/16
Metairie (New Orleans)	1/28/17	12/10/16	12/17/16	12/24/16
Brookhaven	2/4/17	12/17/16	12/24/16	12/31/16
Baton Rouge/	2/11/17	12/24/16	12/31/16	1/7/17

There is no fixed time for the gib to take effect, and many factors will affect the time. Early blooming varieties usually bloom more quickly and late blooming varieties usually take longer; some take much longer. More mature buds will bloom sooner than less mature ones. Reticulatas normally average a longer time to bloom than do japonicas. Plants in full sun may also bloom sooner. Of course, abnormally warm weather will accelerate blooming, while heavy freezes and colder conditions will delay blooming.



Roger Vinson spoke about growing camellias from seed. He also brought example of seeds varying widely in size and appearance. This photo by Norman Vickers shows him standing by potted seedlings after one year of growth to three years.

Photo below, Roger is bagging some seeds and sprouts in the background as John Davy explains how nursery people raise camellia from seed on a commercial basis. They develop fast growing camellia for landscapers' usage.



October 4th 2016

CONGRATULATIONS to John Davy!

2016 Santa Rosa County Farm Family of the Year was awarded to John Davy and Glen Strange, owners of Panhandle Growers. They built the business from the roots up, a part-time endeavor to one with 35 employees, 100,000 plus trees to 230 developers, landscapers and local nurseries in a territory from New Orleans to Birmingham to Tallahassee.

Photo by Norman Vickers

Open the following links for more information on John's award.

<http://www.pnj.com/picture-gallery/news/2016/10/04/photos-panhandle-growers-sr-farm-family-of-the-year/91563100/>

Mark your Calendar to support our future projects;

Saturday, October 22nd - Shade House

- Starting at 9:00 am till Noon we will pot the air-layers that we harvest from various gardens.
- Minor shade house clean up work.
- Bring your gloves and water bottles.

Orders for Botanical Name Tags

- Skip Vogelsang will be taking purchase orders from anyone wishing to buy botanical identification tags for their yard.
- **Please see attached** order form and return to the October meeting with your plants name.

Saturday, in February - Judges School

- Would you be interested in a 1 day class 9:00 am till 3:00 pm to learn how judges see the difference between blooms?
- We would need to hear from you to determine if there is enough interest for this class by December 1st.
- Please contact Dick Hooton at bdhooton@cox.net or Roger Vinson at www.Roger_Vinson@fnd.uscourts.gov to reserve your spot.

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.

Here is your chance to get high quality 4x6 **Botanical Garden** signs just like the ones we have installed at the UWF Camellia Garden. They look especially nice in highly visible areas of your garden or yard.



The cost will be \$17.25 each (including stakes and hardware) if we order more than 50 signs. We have 35 orders. So if you are interested act quickly by submitting your list of camellias --- all we need is the Camellia name and the other info will be added for you ---- so easy.

Order 1 or 100 no minimum order.

Camellia Names:

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1. _____
 2. _____
 3. _____
 4. _____
 5. _____
 6. _____
 7. _____
 8. _____
 9. _____
 10. _____

Return to Skip Vogelsang 4760 Shannon Pl, Pensacola 32504 or email to Lbv3rd@gmail.com no later than October 21, 2016.
Make checks payable to Pensacola Camellia Club.

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.