

The Pensacola Camellia

September 2013



President's Message

I hope that everyone has had a nice Summer and that you all are ready for an exciting Fall / Winter Camellia season!! As I am sure you all know by now, this year from Dec. 11 thru Dec. 14, our City of Pensacola and our Pensacola Camellia Club will host the National Convention for the American Camellia Society. This is quite an honor for our City and for our Club! We will need help from all of the members of our club in order to put on the type of Convention that will make us proud and that I know we are capable of. Please volunteer to help with this great event for our club and our city. Planning has been under way for several months and I look forward to sharing more information with all of you at our scheduled meeting. As in years past our monthly meeting will be held at the Pensacola Garden Center on 9th Ave., Tue., Sept 17th, 2013 at 6:30 pm.

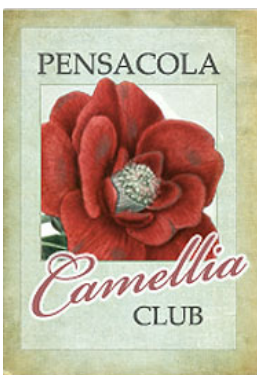
We have such a great year ahead of us. As mentioned above, our main focus from now till December 14 will be the A.C.S. national convention. In addition, we have our U.W.F. Garden that is getting more beautiful by the year. We have great plans at the Shade House for expansion. Our gibbing, fertilizer, grafting, air layering, propagation from seed and cuttings, and pest control programs are looking to be very informative. All in all we have a fun and busy schedule in the upcoming months.

We had a terrific "Camellia Club Social" a few weeks ago at the Piccadilly Cafeteria. I was very happy about the turnout (I counted 64 in attendance). Everyone was in such a great mood and it was uplifting to see so many happy faces and positive attitudes. The power and success of our Club is in its members! Speaking of members it was reported to me by Christi Hankins (our Membership chair) that we have over 240 members. I think this is terrific, and I would like for us to continue to grow! I kindly ask that all current members make an effort to bring in 2 or 3 new members between now and November 15. Membership in our club is an easy sell. We have a great club and a great story to tell. I feel certain with a little effort we can continue to grow our ranks. Just a reminder, many have already paid their dues of \$10 for the year. For those of you who have not, please pay Christi at our Sept. 17th scheduled meeting or mail to P.C.C. @ P.O. box 707, Pensacola, FL 32591.

My thanks go out to the great officers, board, foundation, and committee members that I work with. They make my role very enjoyable. I would also like to thank Winkie Rhea. Winkie is currently working with Doctor Vickers as understudy for the secretary's position.

Please read through the Newsletter, I think you will find it very informative. I am looking forward to a great A.C.S. convention in December, our first new blooms of the season in a few weeks, and seeing all of you at our meeting Tuesday, Sept. 17.

--- 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

Comber & Olsen Latest PCC Members To Register New Camellia Variety

BY F. Norman Vickers, PCC Secretary

Carol Comber and Gabriel "Ole" Olsen are the most recent members of Pensacola Camellia Club (PCC) to register a new camellia.

Carol's camellia, named Carol Katie, is a twelve year old chance seedling. It was named after a special family friend. Carol, a longtime Pensacola resident and PCC member, comes by her camellia interest naturally. Her late parents, John and Jean Comber were active in the camellia club and Jean was active with the American Camellia Society (ACS). Carol is active with the American Camellia Society and has served as membership representative for the International Camellia Society.

Gabriel "Ole" Olsen, 88, is a native of Mobile.



Carol Katie

His camellia, a first registry for him, is named Amy Doodle after a granddaughter. His camellia is a fifteen year old chance seedling. He settled in Pensacola after a career in the Air Force. He said that his family was in the nursery business in Mobile and he grafted his first camellia while still in grade-school. He estimates that he has about eighty camellias in his yard. He frequently air-layers camellias in order to give plants to friends, fellow club members and for sale by PCC.

Carol and Ole are in a long line of PCC members who have registered camellias with the American Camellia Society. There are over 100 varieties which have been registered by PCC members since it was formed in 1937. In recent years nurseryman and past PCC president John Davy has registered the following camellia varieties: Pop's Perfection, Lori Clevenger, Ruth McNair, Daddy Mac and Sporting Class. He says that he has a number of other varieties to register when he gets around to it. Dick Hooton registered Bette Anne last year and Skip Vogelsang registered Lundy's Legacy.



Amy Doodle

UWF Camellia Garden News



Carol Comber & Gabriel "Ole" Olsen

The University of West Florida camellia garden--an effort of the University, UWF Retired Employees Association and PCC—was dedicated in 2009. It has over 120 camellia varieties in the garden, of which over 70 are varieties originating with the local camellia club. Skip Vogelsang, PCC past-president under whose term the camellia garden was initiated, said, "We are justifiably proud of this accomplishment and the hard work which goes into keeping the gardens pristine. We will have the UWF camellia garden on our local tour schedule yearly and it will be one of the tour highlights during the national convention of the American Camellia Society December 11-14. Our annual camellia show, our 75th, will be the NATIONAL show this year. This

show, free to the public, will be held on Saturday December 14th at First Baptist Church in downtown Pensacola. For more info: pensacolacamellioclub.com or call Norman Vickers 850-484-9183.

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. As an incentive we are offering to our P.C.C. members a \$10 discount for early registration. 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. Pensacola Club members get an additional \$10 discount if they pay by Oct 1st ... only \$215. 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. Please pay the Pensacola Camellia club directly and we will forward the money on to A.C.S.



August 20th PCC Meeting

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.

New Nomenclature Books Have Arrived

Anyone who intends to enter blooms in ACS adjudicated camellia shows needs one as some of the rules and classifications have changed. Price to be announced. \$20 or slightly less. Will be available at the Tuesday, Sep. 17 PCC meeting at Garden Center. Social time begins at 6:30.

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

PCC BOARD MEETING MINUTES TRYON LIBRARY 6:00 PM. TUESDAY SEPTEMBER 3

Called to order at 6:00 p.m. by Pres. Paul Bruno- welcome all. Introduce Winkie Rhea as understudy for Secretary Vickers. Explained the newsletter editor Mark Erwin unable to attend because of business commitment.

REPORTS:

- **Review Picnic at John Davy's home:** Bruno expressed thanks for wonderful hospitality at the Davy Home. All agreed. It is hoped that picnic can be at Davy's home again next May.
- **Review August dinner meeting:** Bruno & others--64 attendees. Vinson, Vogelsang & Hooton gave overviews of convention plans, tours, plant sales, camellia show. Bruno reported that wait-staff was helpful and tips by some of our members were light. He gave extra \$40 tip to staff from evening receipts. Motion made to reimburse Bruno \$40 by PCC. MSP: unanimous approval.
- **Treasurer's report:** T. Morris, Lyford and Vogelsang. See attached reports. We were over budget, in part related to \$600 spent last year for vests for camellia show. It was noted that these will be used for several years, so that if amortized over several year period, it would have reflected in less of loss. Later in the meeting several budgetary questions arose and are included here for clarity. Hooton said that because we now have access to land on which shade house occupies, there will be expenses related to power, water, and upkeep. Perhaps additional storage space needs be built to accommodate club's supplies related to the Camellia show. Vogelsang reported that riding mower and standard power mowers have been moved from UWF Camellia Garden to Seville Power for servicing before being moved to the Shade House area. Also later in the meeting, Sherman brought up the question of expenses of our truck and whether leasing on an as-needed basis would be less expensive. Bruno asked Sherman and Vogelsang to confer and bring facts and recommendations to next board meeting.
- **Membership:** Christi Hankins reported that we now have 245 members, not all paid up for this year, yet. Bruno urged efforts to recruit new members, especially in this ACS Convention/Show year.
- **Foundation:** Roger Vinson reported balance at \$59, 922.

- **Program:** Sandra Sherman-As detailed at summer workshop and at this meeting. Sept- Promote ACS convention- gibbing, disbudding by Hooton and Vogelsang. Planting seed-John Davy. Also camellia photo display by Vogelsang. (Sherman reported her power-point project was broken so other arrangements need be made.) Oct. harvesting air layers. Vogelsang and Hooton talk about camellia show. Emphasize new camellia varieties. Nov- name nominating committee. Skip Vogelsang presents entire program devoted to Camellia Show. Dec: First Tuesday 12/3. Read nominating committee report. Discuss last-minute planning and details for convention and camellia show. T. Morris has reserved Garden Center for this first Tuesday meeting.
- **Newsletter:** In Mark Erwin's absence. Bruno said he'd be working with Mark for a quality product.
- **Website:** Bill Lyford reported that Aeiko Mitchell, website maven, is doing a good job fulfilling our requests. Sherman brought up fact that photo and names of officers of PCC on ACS website are several years old. Lyford will contact ACS about updating PCC section on ACS website.
- **PR:** Norman Vickers reported that we've had good press so far. Idea for stickers for rear window of automobiles would be great promotion for our ACS Convention/Show. Vote authorizing expenditure not to exceed \$200 was made. He emphasized need details of speakers for ACS convention for press. Can't get press release out until we have some specific details!
- **UWF Garden:** Skip Vogelsang reported that we'd need workday Friday & Sat Oct 4-5, 9-11 a.m. should do it. Would need additional help in gibbing at UWF Garden. Has sprayed for dollar-weed and it seems to be effective.
- **Plant sales-Levin project:** Dick Hooton reported that there would need to be a work-day at the Shade house at time TBA. Some discussion about Mr. Levin's naming a camellia after his late wife. Hooton, Bruno & Gene Rosenbaum to get together with Mr. Levin.

OLD BUSINESS:

- **PLANS FOR UPCOMING ACS CONVENTION AND NATIONAL CAMELLIA SHOW:** R. Vinson, Vogelsang, Hooton & others discussed judges dinner, Friday night, for those judges & spouses who came to judge show but didn't register for ACS convention. Moved, seconded, passed: offer 50% discount to judges & spouses who don't register for ACS convention. Passed motion to invite Mayor Hayward to greet judges and workers at 10:15 a.m. at ACS Camellia Show. Hooton and Vinson to coordinate with mayor's office.

NEW BUSINESS:

- Announce Gulf Coast Camellia Society mtg. Mon-Tues Oct14-16-Spanish Fort, AL Congratulations Gabriel "Ole" Olsen and Carol Comber-newly registered camellias. Vickers will work up a press release emphasizing new camellia registrations, including those of Hooton, Davy and Vogelsang. Also to mention upcoming ACS Convention & Show.

BRIEF COMMENTS: ideas, suggestions, topics for next meeting "For the good of PCC" Various comments: emphasize more Pensacola variety camellias for our members-Joan Blanchard. Sherman: PCC membership in Friends of the Gardens of NW FL. Moved, seconded, passed--\$50 for organizational membership. Other comments and action were reported within the text above.

Adjourned at 7:20 p.m.

/s/ F. Norman Vickers, Secretary

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