



Happy Summer Everyone! We hope you are all staying cool and having a wonderful summer. I have to admit, I'm looking forward to autumn and the weather cooling off. When the days are getting shorter, I can feel fall coming!

I want to give special thanks to all of the volunteers who helped make our Picnic a success. Especially, to the person who brought the banana pudding! I also want to give an apology to Skip who sat at my table. I think he missed out on the deviled eggs because we were last in the line. *(Skip would like a deviled egg contest at our September meeting).*

The Gulf Coast Camellia Society's conference, which is October 13th - 15th is being hosted by the Northshore Camellia Society. The meeting will be held at the Courtyard Marriot in Covington, Louisiana. Last year's conference was in Mobile where we had meetings at Mobile Botanical Gardens and at Bellingrath Gardens. It was a big success and the plant auction offered many "hard to find" varieties. The following pages include the GCCS Conference agenda and registration information for you to attend. We will have hard copies at the September 19th meeting too. Registration deadline is October 3rd.

Dr. David Creech from Stephen F. Austin State University (SFA) will be giving a presentation on "Climate Resilient Camellias for the 21st Century Gulf South." SFA Gardens has a large camellia garden with over 200 varieties. Melinda and I toured the gardens in April. I am looking forward to his presentation to learn which varieties are thriving in East Texas.

Now it is time to get down to business. The goal for each and every one of us is to have a winning bloom in the December show. I have already started "de-budding". I will start gibbing on October 21th. We will have gib available for members at the September and October meetings.

- Greg Taylor President



2023 Gulf Coast Camellia Society Convention

When: October 13-15, 2023 **Where:** Covington, LA

Event Locations: Marriott Courtyard Covington & Summerhill

GCCS Block Reservations - \$139/night – Block held till 4:00pm Sept. 13th

Friday, October 13, 2023

2:00pm Board of Directors Meeting – Marriott Courtyard Covington – Bayou Room

5:30pm - Wine & Beer Reception – Marriott Courtyard – Oak & Cypress Room

6:00 – 9:30pm - Buffet Dinner & Part 1 Plant Auction – Marriott Courtyard – Oak & Cypress Room

Saturday, October 14, 2023

7:00am – Breakfast served – Marriott Courtyard Covington – Oak & Cypress Room

9:00am – GCCS Business Meeting – Marriott Courtyard – Oak & Cypress Room

9:30am – Mimosa and Bloody Mary's – Marriott Courtyard Covington – Courtyard

10:00am – Plant Auction Part 2 – Marriott Courtyard Covington – Oak & Cypress Room

12:30pm – Jazz Lunch on the lawn – Home of Meg & Hunter Charbonnet – Gardens to tour ***Directions to be provided at Registration Desk***

3:00pm – International Camellias Congress in Italy – Gardens & Villas

Speaker – Hunter Charbonnet

3:30pm – Early Camellias in Louisiana

Speakers – Drs. Wayne Stromeyer & Trent James

4:30pm – Silent Auction Closes

5:30pm – Cocktail Reception – Marriott Courtyard – Oak & Cypress Room

6:30pm – President's Banquet

7:30pm – Climate Resilient Camellias for a 21st Century Gulf South – What thrived, died, or survived given the challenges of climate change

Speaker – Dr. David Creech

Note: Please email Jim Campbell, rivercamellia@bellsouth.net, the items and/or plants you plan to provide GCCS for the auctions – All items must be in Oak & Cypress Room by 5:00pm Friday Oct. 13th. Winners must pay by cash, check, or credit card at the end of each auction.

2023 Gulf Coast Camellia Society Conference

October 13th and 14th, 2023 at Courtyard by Marriott in Covington, LA

Deadline for registration is October 3rd, 2023

1. Registration: No charge - the GCCS Board has waived the \$30 registration fee

2. Full weekend:

Number @ \$175 each _____ Total = \$ _____

3. Friday Night Dinner: Seafood Buffet:

Number @ \$75 each _____ Total = \$ _____

4. Saturday Continental Breakfast:

Number @ \$20 each _____ Total = \$ _____

5. Saturday Lunch at The Charbonnet's Home:

FREE

6. Saturday Night Banquet:

Number @ \$100 each _____ Total = \$ _____

7. Dues for GCCS: Number of years _____

Total = \$ _____

(single=\$15/yr.; couple= \$20/yr.)(Lifetime:single=\$200; couple=\$240)

Due's year is October 1st thru September 30th

8. Contribution to *The CAMELLIAN* Fund:

\$ _____

Dues cover less than 50% of the cost of publishing *The Camellian*.

9. Raffle Tickets: Ann Ruth 14" Platter of Sawada's Dream Total = \$ _____

& a Ryobi Electric Trimmer Tickets are \$5 each or 3 for \$10.

Total Enclosed = \$ _____

Name(s): _____

Address: _____

Phone: _____ email: _____

Mail form and check payable to "GCCS" by Wednesday, October 4, 2023

to: Jason Dean, 11020 Cody Lane, Picayune, MS 39466

Welcome Back Picnic

What an exciting group of members came to our August 15th 'Welcome Back Picnic.' We had plenty of chicken, sides, desserts and drinks to feed the 95 guests that evening. By the way our leftovers were donated to the homeless shelter.

Our member, Bill Walters, is always out at events with Jenny Weber to present the Milton's 'Butterflies in Motion' Wagon. I had asked him to share it with the members as a surprise treat for us and our younger visitors. John Davy brought another surprise of potted sinensis seeds, aka tea plants, from UWF Camellia Garden for members to take home. Ellen Vinson contributed some of Roger's colorful ACS magazines for members to take home to enjoy. Thank you members for bringing friends tonight, they were warmly welcomed which resulted in 4 new members to start the 2023-2024 season. The new members are; Jason Hall, Briana Murdock, Cheryl Poche and Debbie Watts. We hope to see you and all of our members at the September 19th meeting. – Louise Seitz



We love to hear your camellia stories and / or photos about what you enjoy about camellias or PCC's events. Please submit to Louise Seitz at pensacolacamellia@gmail.com by the 1st of the month for it to be included in the newsletter.

Upcoming Events

Tuesday Sept. 19th – General Meeting program, Louise Seitz to present, “Plant Tags & Camellia Forms meets Bingo, What? Location: [Garden Center](#), 1850 N. 9th Ave, Pensacola. Feel free to bring a treat to share for social at 6:30pm, program at 7:00pm.

At the meeting, we like to **WELCOME NEW MEMBERS** by asking them to wear the **Red** outlined name tag so our members know to greet you and introduce themselves. A new member is anyone that joined in Dec. 2022 – Nov. of 2023.

New members, by attending the meeting your name will be included in a ‘**New Members ONLY Raffle**’ for a camellia plant. This is for only new members, be sure to attend to increase your collection of camellias for your yard.

We also have a camellia plants raffle for everyone to participate, raffle tickets are sold at a price of \$1.00 per chance or \$5.00 for 6 chances. See Lee Vanderpool to purchase your raffle tickets, the proceeds support our club meetings.

Sunday Sept 24th – Members Only Camellia Plant Sales. We would like our members to have first choice from our inventory before we sell at public outings. Come to the Shade House, address is 3279 Pine Forest Rd, Cantonment, (just north of 9mile road), from 3pm till 6:30pm. Prior to the sale, review our [inventory](#) information on the Pensacola Camellia Club’s website to assist you with your selection. There will be **NO** pre-ordering or reserving plants before the sale. We accept cash, check, and for a fee credit card.

To participate your membership dues must be paid. Contact Debbie Brown at 850-375-6043 if you have questions about your membership before the sale.

Saturday Sept. 30th – [UWF Camellia Garden](#) Work Day starting at 9am. We will be doing general cleaning of the garden, weeds, branches, etc. Remember your gloves, trash bags and water bottles.

While you are at the garden come see the new memorial bricks that were recently added by members and friends.



Tuesday Oct. 17th – **General meeting**- Program: “Getting Your Camellias Ready for Show,” to include a demo on potting air-layers and gibbing. You will need to ‘gib’ 7 weeks prior to our show date (1st application Oct 21st) to have your camellias ready to produce blooms for our *December 9th show*. Location: [Garden Center](#), 6:30pm for social, 7:00 pm program.

Saturday Oct. 21st – **ALL HANDS NEEDED! This is a very BIG and Important Work Day at the [Shade House](#) starting at 9:00am.** We will be potting our harvested air layers, spraying camellias, fertilizing, and general clean up. There are over 500 air layers that will need to be potted that morning. Please bring your pruners, gloves and water bottles.

Following are 2 New Events for PPC.



Saturday Oct 14th - Pensacola Camellia Club will be selling plants at Navy Point, 315 Sunset Ave, Pensacola and promoting upcoming events from 9am – 3pm. If you can help between 8:30am – 3pm please call Louise at 850-780-0410.

Did you know that UWF offer a continuing education program called, Leisure Learning for adults over 55? Click [here](#) to visit their website and learn more about their programs. The Club is included in their catalog with a class on **November 9th** presented by Skip Vogelsang, let your friends know about this opportunity to learn about Camellias.



EVENT SPOTLIGHT:

Growing Camellias 101

Pensacola has a long history of camellia growers as demonstrated by the thousands of beautiful heritage specimens throughout the area. Learn about their history, care, propagation, unique characteristics, various forms, colors and sizes from two of the most prominent camellia connoisseurs in the Pensacola Camellia Club. Once you find out how easy they are to grow and why they are so popular, you will be growing them too! The class will be taught by Skip Vogelsang who registered with the American Camellia Society, Lundy’s Legacy, in memory of the late Pensacola Camellia Club President T.E. Lundy. The Camellia Club 85th Annual Show and Plant Sale takes place on Dec. 9 at the WSRE Amos Studio, 1000 College Blvd. Conference Center.

9-Nov | Thu 10:00 AM - 11:15 AM | \$15

Instructor: Skip Vogelsang

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