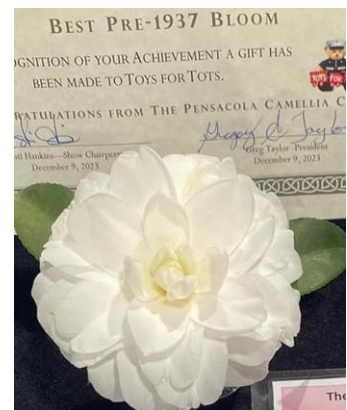




What a fun Show it was for our members and especially for **Bill Walter** who won the **Best Unprotected Bloom** with his 'Show Time.' How fitting the name of the bloom for the prize.

Show Chairperson, Christi Hankins found a sure winner with 'Alba Plena' for Best Heritage Pre 1937. This award is dedicated in honor of the late Col. Richard (Dick) Hooton.





John Davy happily accepted Bette Hooton's \$100.00 award which she provided for the Five Flags Variety which is in Honor of her F-I-L, Richard Hooton. John's registered 'Daddy Mac', named after his grandfather came through again. Nothing like keeping it in the PCC family.

The food provided by members for the morning was greatly appreciated by all, and the catered lunch from Publix worked extremely well. Thank you to our kitchen volunteers:

Wanda Smith, Sharon Maloney, Melissa Taylor and Michele Duval.



Kathy Casey was so excited that her bloom, 'Fairy Blush,' won Best Miniature in the Novice division along with Brianna Murdock winning Tray of Three combination.

Debbie Brown recorded 37 visitors are now members of Pensacola Camellia Club and ACS.

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We sold 175 plants at the show this year.



Thank you Elizabeth Fleischhauer, Ellen Mio and Louise Seitz for taking photos and sharing on our website.

<https://pensacolacamellioclub.com/photo-galleries/>.

Here is a list of our 2023 Show winning PCC Members in the Unprotected Division.

Award	Winner	Bloom Name
Best in Show Unprotected	Bill Walter	Show Time
Japonica Medium		Black Magic
Best Sport		Daddy Mac Sport
Sweepstakes	Paul Bruno	31 Blue Ribbons
Japonica Miniature Runner Up		Fir Cone Variegated
Reticulatas Very Large		Pleasant Memories
Reticulatas Very Large RU		Al Gunn Variegated
Non-Retic Hybrids Medium RU		Dancing Blaze
Non –Retic Hybrid Small – Med		Spring Daze
Non- Retic Hybrid Small –Med RU		Night Rider
Non-Retic Hybrids Large RU	John Davy	Cile Mitchell
Five Flags		Daddy Mac
Seedling Large		Gypsy Dancer
Seedling Med-small		#2018-#037
Reticulatas -Med/Sm RU	Jim DeReuil/ Kristin Bennett	Adrienne Boueres
Japonica Tray of 3 Same		Ferris Wheel
Sprays		Leslie Ann
Japonica Large RU	Richard Freeman	Rosea Superba
Japonica Best White	Christi Hankins	Kirsti Leigh
Heritage pre-1937		Alba Plena
Reticulatas Large RU	Alan McMillian	Hulyn Smith
Japonica Small RU	Greg Taylor	Miss Lillian
Reticulatas Medium-small		Crimson Candles
Species RU		Strawberry Limeade
Non-Retic Hybrids Large	Ellen Vinson	Phil Piet
Non-Retic Hybrids Medium	Skip Vogelsang	Julia
NOVICES		
Best Miniature	Kathy Casey	Fairy Blush
Tray of Three Combination	Brianna Murdock	L.A. Lady and more

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 Jan. 16th – General Meeting: ‘Grafting Camellias For That Hard to Propagate Reticulata That You Must Have.’ Location: [Garden Center](#), (1850 N. 9th Avenue, Pensacola) 6:30pm for social, 7:00 pm program.

At the meeting, we would like to **WELCOME our 51 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 Nov. 2023 – Nov. of 2024. New members, by attending the meeting your name will be included in a ‘**New Members ONLY Raffle**’ for a camellia plant. We also have a camellia plants raffle for everyone to participate, raffle tickets are a \$1.00 per chance or \$5.00 for 6 chances. See Lee Vanderpool to purchase your raffle tickets, the proceeds support our club meetings.

Saturday Jan 27th – Pensacola Camellia Club at [Palafox Market](#) **selling camellias and promoting upcoming events**. If you can help between 8:30am -2:00pm please contact Louise at 850-780-0410. Please bring a chair, dress for the weather and we will greet the shoppers with camellias and smiles!

Wednesday Jan. 31st ‘Salute to the Winter Rose, Camellias’ at V. Paul’s @4pm. All gardeners & Camellia lovers, come join us from 4:30- 6pm for a conversation about the care of camellias. Happy Hour prices on wine to salute the Winter Rose. Bring your blooms for identification or to match your wine to the bloom.

A Message from: Greg Taylor / President

I hope you have a wonderful Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year. Thank you all for your help at our annual show. Congratulations to the winners and good luck next time for the losers.

The “John Edwards Calendar of Camellia Care” has us doing the following:

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.

Now that many of you have purchased camellias this fall, it is time to get them into the ground. Now that January is around the corner, I have 8 weeks of attending upcoming shows to look forward to. If you are considering attending other shows then I would suggest you start with our neighbors in Mobile. You should be able to pick some

blooms and get them into the show on Saturday, January 20th by 10am. If you are a judge come and enjoy the Friday night's dinner, it's a good time to learn from other clubs.

January Camellia Show Calendar includes the following for you to attend.

North Shore Camellia Club (Covington) January 7

Tallahassee Camellia Club January 13

Mobile Camellia Club January 20

Greenville Camellia Club January 27

New Orleans camellia Club January 27

Did anyone notice the creatures on the Bonsai presentation?

Thank you, Pierre Kaufke and Peggy DeArmon for providing your display and humor.



Jane Benson and Louise Seitz added a silver display of UWF Camellia Blooms to attract visitors for our tour on

Feb 25th,
2024.



What a view of excitement and wonder from above the Amos Studio.



Smiling judges are easy to find among these pretties. We had 39 judges and 7 novice judges reviewing the 860 bloom entries. Once the judging is complete many start the drive home which makes it hard to get photos of the winners and their blooms.

Alex Hinson of Quincy, Florida pointed out his winning, 'Orchid Princess.' Alex attended as a judge and exhibitor with the help of his granddaughter to spend the day at our show. Thank you to everyone who traveled here to make our show a great event for everyone who loves Camellias and those that are just meeting them for the first time.



The show is a benefit to the community due to your purchases for the Marine Corps Toys for Tots collection that is distributed to the children of Escambia County. We are thankful for the Marines who came to pick these up from the show.

