



As the excitement builds for our upcoming show the weather is making it more difficult for those living North of I-10, wondering if they will have blooms for the show. Everyone had mentioned at the last meeting that they had blooms; we need you to bring your blooms to the show. Don't judge your blooms and think they are not good enough. Nature is unpredictable, the timing of when a bloom opens and weather condition impact the condition of the bloom on the day of the show. Hit or Miss!

Our show is part of the Christmas season therefore we will be collecting donations for 'Toys for Tots.' Please bring new unwrapped toys to our next meeting or a monetary donation and we will shop for you. The toys will be displayed on our awards table, let's make it impressive. The Marines will collect and distribute the toys to the needy children of Escambia County for Christmas. Any members needing help getting their gift donations to the December meeting can call the club number 850-780-0410 or email Louise Seitz at pensacolacamellia@gmail.com for assistance.

The longevity of this Club is based on member's participation and sharing of their time and skills that make our show one of the best. Please read through the newsletter to understand or refresh your memory of some of the tasks for the show that requires your help. There will be signup sheets at our next meeting Tuesday, Dec.10th. If this is your first show it is a great time to learn and flow with the process of bloom prep, placement, clerking, and enjoy interacting with other members, out of town exhibitors and general guests. When the public viewing begins at 1pm all of the work pays off as you see the many smiling faces that are amazed at the beauty of the Camellias. It will be a busy FUN day that you don't want to miss.



- Greg Taylor / President

You Can Do This... Come Learn and Have Fun!

Bring one or many blooms to the Dec 14th show between 7 and 10am to the Bloom Prep area. Friday's setup helpers will have placed trays, cups of various sizes and water pitchers, for you to prepare your blooms. You need to find the correct size cup for your bloom to sit above the cup to support the bloom.





VARIETY _____

ACCORDING TO THE S. C. C. S. NOMENCLATURE
 CIRCLE SIZE - MIN. - S - M - ML - L - VL
 CHEMICALLY TREATED YES NO

CLASS _____

NAME _____
 ADDRESS _____

1 st AWARD	2 nd AWARD	3 rd AWARD
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You will complete the correct entry card per the show rules that you will find below. To the left is a white card that most of us will be filling out for Unprotected Japonicas. The variety name of your bloom and size along with class must be completed. Bring your address labels to save time from writing your name, which is required on two locations of the entry card.

From there our 'Bloom Placement' volunteers will bring your blooms and entry card to the check in station where it will be reviewed for accuracy.



Next, it will be placed in the correct location by class and alphabetized by first letter of the camellia's name. Do not fear, there are more experienced members checking over the blooms for



placement accuracy before the judging begins.

At 10:30 the accredited ACS judges will work in teams with clerks and runners to assist. As a clerk and runner you can hear their discussion as they determine which blooms are worthy to move to the contention table/ head table. The runner will take bloom and entry card to that table. The judging will then continue around the contention table as final award decisions are made. Judging will be completed and the show opens for Public Viewing at 1pm.

Pensacola Camellia Club 86th Annual Camellia Show Dec 14th 2024
2024 Show Chairperson - Christi Hankins Judges Chairperson - Mack Thetford

Below are the Show Rules

1. This show is held in cooperation with the American Camellia Society (ACS). The ACS Show Rules and Regulations (eff. July 1, 2017) will apply, except as otherwise set out herein. The decision of the judges will be final.
2. Entries will be received Saturday, December 14, 2024, from **7 am to 10 am** with judging to follow at 10:30 am. The show will open to the public at 1 pm. Exhibitors will not place their own blooms. The show is open to any camellia grower.
3. Nomenclature authority: Chapter II, Section 3, ACS Show Rules and Regulations. Cultivars with multiple names will be entered under the preferred name in the current *Camellia Nomenclature*, published by the Southern California Camellia Society, its supplement or as listed on the ACS website. When a camellia variety is listed as "medium to large" it will be judged in the Medium to Large category, when listed as "small to medium" it will be judged in the smaller size category. *The only exception will be blooms registered as "miniature to small" which will be judged as small. Only blooms registered as "miniature" shall be judged as miniature. Unprotected blooms are those grown without man-made protection such as a greenhouse or shade cloth.*
4. ACS entry cards for classifying blooms will be available at the show and should be consistent with nomenclature authority as listed in Rule 3.

WHITE CARDS: Unprotected Japonicas with Class Number

GREEN CARDS: Protected Japonicas with Class Number

YELLOW CARDS: All Retics with Class Number

BLUE CARDS: All Non-Retic Hybrids with Class Number

RED CARDS: Species and Sports or Mutations with Class Number

PINK CARDS: Seedlings with Class Number

NOVICE/STUDENT: White cards marked in accordance with Rule 10b & Class# .

5. Each entry will be eligible for only one award.
6. Only judges and authorized persons will be permitted in the exhibition area during judging. Judges may decide not to award ribbons if certain varieties deemed to be below show quality.
7. All blooms entered must be grown by the exhibitor, and the plant must be in the exhibitor's possession at least thirty days prior to the show. All blooms become the property of the Pensacola Camellia Club and will be disposed of by the show committee.
8. Each container/cup must have only 1 bloom and must show either one or two leaves, except for sprays which will be entered in accordance with Rule 11. For seedling and sport entries, two blooms may be entered under one card in order to assist judges in evaluating the bloom.
9. Novice/Student:
 - a) Open to exhibitors who have not won more than 3 awards at the head table of any camellia show.
 - b) Special white entry cards shall be marked "Novice" and available at the show, or the exhibitor may write "Novice" on a regular white entry card.
 - c) Only known (named) blooms grown unprotected may be entered in this class.
 - d) Awards will be given for size categories and not species or variety.
 - e) If warranted, a Best Novice/Student Bloom may be considered for any of the Special Awards, (subject to Rule 6).
11. Sprays:
 - a) The spray of buds or blooms on one stem should be no taller than 8 inches above the top of the container provided at the show. There is no limit as to the number of buds, leaves or blooms.
 - b) The category is open to all species and varieties either protected or unprotected.

SHOW AWARDS

DIVISION I: UNPROTECTED

CLASS #1: Japonicas (White card and class #)

- 1- Very Large - Best Bloom and Runner-up
- 1 - Large - Best Bloom and Runner-up
- 1 – Medium/ Large - Best Bloom and Runner-up
- 1 – Medium – Best Bloom and Runner-up
- 1 - Small - Best Bloom and Runner-up
- 1 - Miniature - Best Bloom and Runner-up, *Blanche Olsen Memorial*
- 1 - White - Best Bloom ?

CLASS #3: Reticulatas (Yellow card with class #)

- 3 - Very Large - Best Bloom and Runner-up, *Roger Vinson Award*
- 3 - Large - Best Bloom and Runner-up
- 3 – Medium/ Large - Best Bloom and Runner-up
- 3 – Medium or Small – Best Bloom and Runner-up

CLASS #4: Non-Reticulata Hybrids (Blue card with class #)

- 4 - Very Large or Large - Best Bloom and Runner-up
- 4 – Medium/ Large - Best Bloom and Runner-up
- 4 – Medium - Best Bloom and Runner-up
- 4 - Small or Miniature - Best Bloom and Runner-up

CLASS #6, 7, 8, and 9: Tray of Three (Designated color with class #)

- 6 -Japonica Same Variety - Best Tray (White card with class #)
Charles and Jeane Earnest Award
- 7 - Reticulata Same Variety - Best Tray (Yellow card with class #)
- 8 - Non-Reticulata Hybrids - Best Tray (Blue card with class #)
- 9 - Any Combination - Best Tray (White card with class #)

CLASS #10: Best Five Flags Variety (White card with class #)

- 10 - Best Unprotected Pensacola Variety, *Hooton Family Memorial Award*

DIVISION II. PROTECTED

CLASS #11: Japonicas (Green card and class #)

- 11- Very Large or Large - Best Bloom
- 11 - Medium or Small- Best Bloom
- 11 - Miniature - Best Bloom

CLASS #13: Reticulatas (Yellow card and class #)

- 13 - Very Large or Large- Best Bloom
- 13 – Medium or Small - Best Bloom

CLASS #14: Non-Reticulata Hybrids (Blue card with class #)

- 14 - Large or Very Large - Best Bloom
- 14 - Medium or Small - Best Bloom
- 14 - Miniature - Best Bloom

CLASS #16 and 19: Tray of Three (Green card with class #)

- 16 - Same Variety - Best Tray
- 19 - Any Combination - Best Tray (Green card with class #)

DIVISION III: SPECIES SEEDLINGS, SPORTS/MUTATIONS, SPRAYS, AND HERITAGE (Designated color with class #)

CLASS #20: Species (Red card with class #)

- 20 - Best Bloom

CLASS #21: Seedlings (Pink card with class #)

- 21 - Large or Very Large - Best Bloom
- 21 - Medium or Smaller - Best Bloom

CLASS #22: Sports or Mutations (Red card with class #)

- 22 - Best Bloom

CLASS #23: Sprays (White card with class #)

- 23 - Best Spray

CLASS # 24: Heritage (pre 1937) (White card with class #)

- 24 - Best Bloom,

DIVISION IV: NOVICE/STUDENT

CLASS #25: Novice (White card marked “Novice,” and class #)

- 25 - Very Large - Best Bloom
- 25 - Large - Best Bloom
- 25 – Medium/ Large - Best Bloom
- 25 – Medium – Best Bloom
- 25 - Small - Best Bloom
- 25 - Miniature - Best Bloom
- 25 – Tray of Three – Same variety – Best Tray
- 25 - Tray of Three - Any combination- Best Tray

OTHER Special Awards

John R. and Jean Comber Memorial – Best in Show Unprotected

John Edwards Memorial – Best in Show Protected

Alma Jordan Memorial – Best Unprotected Pink Perfection

Don and Peggy Applegate Memorial – Best Peggy’s Blush

Best White Bloom – Both Unprotected and Protected

Sweepstakes and Runner-up - Both Unprotected and Protected

Ever Hear of a Tomato Camellia? By Sharon Maloney

I make my own compost and spread it around my camellias a couple of times a year. Evidently, there were some tomato seeds remaining in the compost that matured and grew up through this japonica camellia Finlandia. As you can see, the tomatoes have grown intertwined in the camellia branches and are taller than the camellia itself. Alternatively, it looks like it is decorated for Christmas. Now for some roasted tomatoes!

The Finlandia bloom is happy too.





Tuesday Dec. 10th – General Meeting: Christi Hankins/ Show Chairperson presenting “Where Your Help is Needed for Our Camellia Show.” We will finalize all jobs for setup and the show. Location: [Garden Center](#), 6:30pm for social, 7:00 pm program. *Please bring in your toy donation for “Toys for Tots” that we will use in place of show prizes for our December Camellia Show winners.*



Friday Dec. 13th – Show Set Up at Jean & Paul Amos Performance Studio located at 1000 College Boulevard. (They are located across from the Pensacola International Airport, on the corner of College Blvd. and 9th Ave.) Shade House at noon to load show supplies will proceed to the Amos Performance Center, with an estimated arrival time of 1:30- 2pm to unload and set up.

Saturday Dec. 14th – Pensacola Camellia Club 86th Annual Camellia Show & Plant Sales Location: Jean & Paul Amos Performance Studio 1000 College Blvd, Exhibitors start time is 7:00am – 10:00am; Judging begins at 10:30am – 1:00pm, Open to the Public to enjoy all of the blooms 1:00pm – 4:00pm.

Saturday Dec. 21st – Work Day Help. We will be moving the 512 potted plants from Panhandle Growers, Inc. to the Shade House. We will need your help unloading at the Shade House at 10am. But first, send everyone you know to the show to buy plants so we have room in the Shade House for them.

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.