



Hello Pensacola Camellia Club members and fellow Camellia Enthusiasts,

As I walked through the many potted camellia grafts and seedlings in my backyard this hot July I was surprised with an open flower on a potted *Camellia Japonica* air layer. You can imagine my excitement of seeing this flower at this time of year. Upon closer inspection I found two more well developed buds and have enjoyed one of those flowers this week as I prepare this address. Excitement quickly changed to disappointment when I reached for the shiny metal tag to see the name of this mystery plant and discovered the name was no longer visible from the “permanent” marker and the letters were not impressed on the metal. This wonderful gift from a fellow Camellia enthusiast this past fall has become a new obsession. I simply must know the name of the plant and from whom I received it!! Are you the Camellian responsible for my manic moments?



Obsession is a great word to define the relationship many of us have with our camellias. I am excited to begin this Camellia season with an opportunity to work with a group of friends and new acquaintances with a similar level of obsession to achieve the purpose of the Pensacola Camellia Club! Our June planning meeting was a tremendous success and we have many opportunities for our club members and guests to enjoy over this next year.

Please join us this August for an evening of fellowship, education, encouragement, and an exciting presentation of a T Morris Pensacola Camellia Club scholarship to a very deserving PSC student! This will be our first opportunity to award the scholarship to a PSC student and you will want to be there to share this Camellia experience.

We will also introduce your club officers and committee chairs and provide you with a brief explanation of our plans and goals for the upcoming year. We are very anxious to have you find your special place with the club and want to make sure everyone is familiar with the many opportunities the club can offer.

Please join your fellow club members at our **August 19th meeting** “To foster and maintain an interest in Camellias and their culture”. Please also take the opportunity to connect with a PCC member who has not attended a meeting in some time and offer them a ride or drag (invite) one of your coworkers or friends who was excited to see your camellia flowers last year to our next meeting. There is always enough room for one more Camellia and one more member...



Mack Thetford / PCC President

The following email was sent out on August 1st,

Hello PCC Members,

The Pensacola Camellia Club season starts with a Welcome Back Indoor Picnic on Tuesday August 19th at the Garden Center, 1850 N. 9th Avenue at 6pm. Please **RSVP** with the total number attending including yourself to this email or call Louise at 850-

780-0410 **by August 17th**. We need a head count for the club to order the main entree. If your last name starts with A-M please bring a side dish and if your last name starts with M-Z bring a dessert item to share with members. Social is at 6pm, dinner buffet at 6:30pm.



If you are available on the day of the picnic at **5pm** we would appreciate any help with **setting up tables and chairs** and afterwards with cleaning up. Again, reply to this email to let Louise know she can count on your help.

We greatly appreciate our Club Members,

Your PCC Officers and Board Members

Website Updates –Louise Seitz

If you have not visited our website I encourage you to view these changes there, www.pensacolacamellioclub.com.

- Right away you will see our '87th Annual Camellia Show' announced. This year the show will be back at UWF Conference Center to include a visit of the UWF Camellia Garden. (Will need your help gibbing the garden.)
- Go to the '**Event Calendar**' page, mark PCC dates on your personal calendar to fully enjoy the camaraderie with our Club members as we share camellia tips.
- To assist with the '**Toy's for Tots**' donations you can now make a donation online, the funds go directly to our tax exempt foundation account. This will help those that do not like to shop to make a donation online and members will do the shopping. The toys are a replacement to crystal show prizes.
- We will have business cards available for members at our meetings to share with other Camellia Enthusiasts that you meet. This year I have included a QR code for the purpose of directing people to our website. If you have never used a QR code you will need to go to your 'setting' on your cell phone, under 'Camera', turn on 'Scan QR Codes' for this to work. Below is the backside of our card for you to practice on.

Established in 1937

December 13th, 2025
87th Annual Camellia Show & Plant Sales
at University of West Florida Conference Center
11000 University Pkwy, Pensacola, FL





February 22nd, 2026
University of West Florida Camellia Garden Tour,
Pruning & Air Layering Demos along with
Camellia Plant Sales 12-4pm

Camellia Plant Sales at all of our events or call
for an appointment, Trumin Brown at
850.375.4541 or email: trumin.brown@att.net

Camellia Tips by John Davy (copied from PCC face book group page, Aug 1st, 2025)

Hey PCC members, now is the time to apply a low rate of fertilizer to your camellia plants to enhance your fall and winter blooms. A 4-1-2 ratio NPK is a good bet without a soil sample. It's early August and your plants still have 10-12 weeks of growing season remaining.

Flower buds are already formed so avoid pruning other than minor inside pruning to 'open the plants up' or pruning to remove any dead wood.

It's time to begin disbudding. Disbudding, leaving a single flower bud per stem will reward you with larger, more show- worthy blooms. Do not disbud sasanquas or most small blooming hybrids.

Make sure your plants are watered during dry spells.

See y'all soon – John Davy

SHADE HOUSE UPDATE – photos provided by Trumin Brown.

John Davy is with the delivery of gravel for our flooring of Judge Roger Vinson shade house and John Mate driving the bobcat to spread the gravel.

