



Hello fellow Camellia enthusiasts.

How nice to step out in the morning to feel the chill of the first days of fall. I really enjoy seeing the first flowers of the season and walk through the camellias each morning to see which plants are flowering. I have heard great reviews from club members about the program this past month and want to thank everyone for their contributions and commitments to the club.

While attending the plant production conference in Orlando last month I had the opportunity to see the Camellia Azaleas we learned about from Mark Crawford. How exciting to see hundreds of the plants in production. Even more exciting was seeing one of the plants in flower. I could not pass up the opportunity to ham it up in front of the camera and share the experience with you.

We have had very productive board meetings this season and you will see many activities presented in the newsletter. We are very diverse and involved club and are forever improving our programs and projects. This is why we continue to grow and maintain our membership. Your leadership is forever looking for ways you can participate and learn new aspects of camellia culture. One of the upcoming opportunities is to volunteer to coordinate or participate in the care and maintenance of the camellia garden at the Garden Club building. Please reach out to a board member if you would like to volunteer to be involved and we will introduce you to others willing to participate.

These next two months will be dedicated to preparing for and supporting the 87th Annual Pensacola Camellia Club Show at UWF. Please consider volunteering and learning more about the many aspects of a Camellia Show and find an opportunity to learn more about the many other club members who will be volunteering next to you. The volunteer opportunities do not require prior experience.

I would be remiss to not encourage each one of you to bring a flower to the show this year. You are all eligible to show your flowers and can enter any of the categories. Is this your first show? We look forward to assisting you with your entries and have a robust NOVICE category for those of you who do not want to compete against those with more experience. Please plan to come and enjoy the excitement of showing your flowers!

Mack Thetford / PCC President



Camellia Camaraderie – Louise Seitz

What a wonderful day we had for potting over 600 airlayers with 33 members who enjoy playing in dirt. Correction, soil, as John Davy reminded me that morning. The club purchased from **Panhandle Growers, Inc.** 12 yards of camellia potting soil and fertilizer which was delivered by John. Thank you John!

We tried something new this year as suggested by Dave McAferty; keeping the plants in alphabetical order as we harvested them. Melinda Taylor was excited for this idea and labeled buckets and patiently arranged the harvest by their designated bucket on Friday.

On Saturday members unwrapped the foiled air layers, passed them on to the potters in an orderly fashion, which then proceeded to Lee Vanderpool and Skip Vogelsang for pruning and inspection. Skip came well prepared with a cordless hand pruner, we all might want one of those! Next the potted air layers were carted, or driven to the 'New Roger Vinson' shade house. There our mastermind, Dave, had methodically pre-arranged spacing for the placement of each plant in its alphabetical order. Brian Donor assisted in controlling the delivery of plants as Dave hustled back and forth with each plant. Which according to Trumin, Dave's tireless efforts saved the club from having another work day that would have been for the sole purpose of organizing these newly potted plants. GREAT JOB BY EVERYONE !

Ellen Milo, had her camera out for some action shots which you can view on the website under About Us/ Photo Gallery. Along with all of our other events photos. Enjoy!



It was a very productive day for the club; with care these plants will provide income when they go to the market in October of 2026. Feel free to assist Trumin with some care for these plants. You can find him out there most Monday mornings but call first.



Can you volunteer for an hour at the **Great Gulfcoast Arts Festival**, this Friday November 7th through Sunday November 9th at Seville Square?

As I mentioned at the October meeting we have an exciting opportunity to share information about Pensacola Camellia Club and our 87th Annual Camellia Show with the public at the Great Gulfcoast Art Festival. Thanks to member, Maria Rosasco, for getting us visibility at this major Pensacola event and John Davy for his generous donation of 21 sasanqua plants (L.A. Lady, Leslie Ann, Rosamarie and Shi-Shi Gashira) as a fund raiser for the GGAF.

Come find these beautiful sasanqua camellias on display this weekend. When you attend please take your photo by our camellias or show signs and post on face book or forward to pensacolacamellia@gmail.com for us to share. It is a fun way to show your excitement for Camellias and the Club.



Below is the list of who has volunteers to attend the auction table to accept bids for the camellias but more importantly to explain who and what the Pensacola Camellia Club is all about. There will be handouts of club information at the table to assist you.

GGAF/PCC - Camellia Silent Auction			
Time	Nov. 7 th Friday	Nov. 8 th Saturday	Nov. 9 th Sunday
9-10a	Leanne S.	Brenda C.	Debbie B.
10-11a	Carolyn P.	Debbie B.	Debbie B.
11-12p	Ellen M.	Carolyn W.	Melissa C.
12-1p	Ginger B.	Lerrisa R.	
1-2p	Patsy T.		
2-3p	Pat. S.		Auction Over
3-4p	Pat S.		Auction Over
4-5p			Auction Over

You can still sign up to represent the club for which day and time you prefer by contacting Maria at 850-516-2247 or Louise prior to the event at 850-780-0410.

Visit <https://www.ggaf.org> for more information on this event.




Nov. 7-9th - Great Gulfcoast Art Festival at Seville Square. Hours are 9-5 on Friday & Saturday and Sunday 9-2pm. As mentioned above we are asking you to volunteer to represent the club at the auction table for a few hours on any of the days of the festival.

Saturday Nov. 8th – UWF Camellia Garden Work Day starting at 9:00am. We will be gibbing and general cleaning up of the garden. This year it is important to gib the garden so there will be blooms for our guest that attend the show. We will provide the gib.

NEW – Saturday Nov. 15th – Will have the Shade House gates open 9-12 to sell Camellias. Address is 3279 Pine Forest Rd, Cantonment, FL. Come early and shop for those gifts you need to purchase.

Tuesday Nov. 18th – Club meeting – Program: Jane Benson, Kristin DeReuil and Christi Hankins present ‘**Dry Run of Show Blooms.**’ Location: [Garden Center](#), 6:30pm social, 7:00pm program. Tonight you might be going home with;

	<p>Buttons 'n Bows Species: Non-reticulata Hybrid - C.x Williamsii Color: Light Pink Shading Deeper At Edge Form: Formal Double With Curved And Fluted Petals Size: Small</p>		<p>Bev Piet's Smile Species: Japonica Color: Dark Red And White With Yellow Anthers And Light Pink/white Filaments Form: Semidouble To Peony Form Size: Medium To Large</p>
	<p>Hallstone Spicy Species: Non-reticulata Hybrid Color: Bright Pink Form: Peony Form Size: Small</p>		<p>Rox Cowley Species: Japonica Color: White to cream suffused with pink blotches or specks, yellow anthers specks Form: Full Peony Size: Medium <i>Pensacola Variety</i></p>

 Please bring in your toy donation for “Toys for Tots” or make a donation and we will shop for you, [donate here](#). The toys donations are in place of show prizes for our December Camellia Show winners.

NEW – Saturday Nov. 29th – Will have the Shade House gates open 9-12 to sell Camellias. Address is 3279 Pine Forest Rd, Cantonment, FL. Come early and shop for those gifts you need to purchase.

Learn How to Compete with Your Camellia Blooms! - Kristin DeReuil

Whether you're a first-time grower or a seasoned exhibitor, join us for an exciting and informative **Pensacola Camellia Club Meeting** where we will dive into the fascinating world of **camellia bloom competitions!**

Come to the November 18th General Membership meeting where our featured presentation, **“How to Enter Blooms into Competition,”** is designed to demystify the process for novice participants and provide valuable tips for experienced exhibitors. You'll learn how to select your best blooms, prepare them for display, and understand what judges are looking for in a bloom.

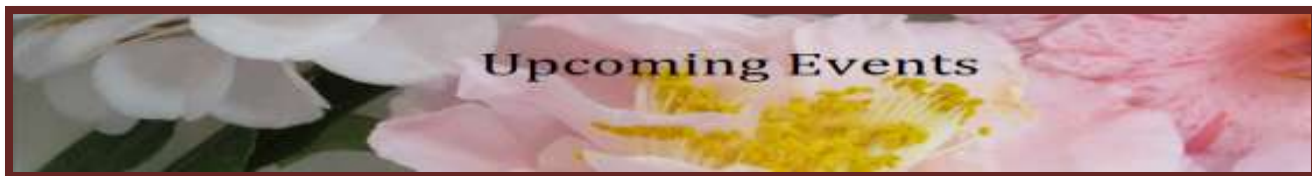
This is a wonderful opportunity to enhance your skills, ask questions, and build confidence—whether you're preparing for your first show or aiming to take home another blue ribbon.

Novice participants: Blooms entered in the Novice Category are eligible to go to the Head Table. Imagine the thrill of your first ever entry winning Best of Show!!

All members and guests are welcome! Bring your curiosity—and blooms! This is intended to be a hands-on experience. **Everyone** bring blooms to the meeting as we will have stations set up to help you practice.

Don't miss this chance to connect with fellow camellia enthusiasts, share stories, and get inspired for the upcoming show season.

PS: To encourage you to bring a bloom tonight we will give you 1 ticket for a chance to take home a camellia mentioned above. You will need to see Louise with your bloom to get a ticket.



Saturday Dec. 6th – Pensacola Camellia Club at [Palafox Market](#) selling camellias and promoting upcoming events. If you can help between 8:00am -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!

Tuesday Dec. 9th – **Club 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. 12th – **Show set up** at University of West Florida Conference Center located at 11000 University Boulevard starting at **5pm- 7pm**. First, we meet at the Shade House to load show supplies and plants in the daylight hours.

Saturday Dec. 13th – **Pensacola Camellia Club 87th Annual Camellia Show, & Garden Tour & Plant Sales** at UWF Conference Center located at 11000 University Boulevard.

Exhibitors start time is 6:30am – 10:00am; Judging begins at 10:30am – 1:00pm, Open to the Public to enjoy all of the blooms 1:00pm – 4:00pm. Guests are encouraged to walk over to the UWF Camellia Garden before or after the show to enjoy these blooms. At 4pm all of the blooms may go home with you bring containers to pack up and share with the neighbors.

Once again our October meeting was filled with many generous treats contributed by our members. Cindi McDonald was asked to share her recipe for her Easy Peasy Pecan Cobbler for you to enjoy at home.

Cindi's EasyPeasy Pecan Cobbler

Preheat oven at 350 degrees, Buttered 9x13 glass baking dish.

Ingredients:

4 large eggs,
2 cups of well-cleaned chopped Pecans,
1/2cup of Maple syrup,
1/2cup of Light corn syrup,
1 cup of Brown sugar-packed,
1 Stick (=1/2c.) salted butter melted,
1 teaspoon of Vanilla extract

Directions:

Blend the ingredients and pour into the buttered glass pan. Sprinkled over the pecan mixture
1 box of moist yellow cake mix,
Take 1 stick (=1/2c) of frozen unsalted butter and grate or thinly slice evenly over the dry cake mix.
Add 1 ½ cup of boiling water and gently pour over the top of the buttered dry cake mix.
Bake 45-55 minutes until golden