

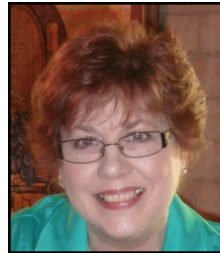
Camellia Times



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Season's Greetings!

This is such a beautiful time of the year! Autumn leaves are lining the streets in preparation for the winter weather. Holiday lights, busy shoppers, cheerful holiday music fill the air with excitement and anxious moments. Let us not forget what is really important this time of the year, family and friends. Take time to relax and enjoy the beauty around us. Our camellias are starting to bloom and it is like they are small holiday packages bursting open to celebrate this time of the year.

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

As I gaze out my living room window, I can already see large buds about to burst with color on our Francie L. My next door neighbor's sasanqua bush is just covered with sweet fragrant pink blossoms. As I drive down streets looking at the holiday lights, the beautiful blooming camellias bring an additional smile to my face.

It is time to start preparation for the camellia shows starting soon. Our monthly bloom competition at our monthly meets will be starting in January.

Everyone is welcome to bring your flowers to the meetings. Bloom competition at our meetings will continue for February and March. The person with the most points will be awarded a prize at the April Luncheon. Good luck to all.

I wish you and yours a joyful and peaceful holiday season!



MEETING DATE:

- Monday, December 19th
- **6:30 p.m. sharp**
- Lutheran Church
1900 Potrero Way, Sacramento

Be sure to check out our website www.camelliasocietyofsacramento.org. It has been given a new look for the New Year!

HAPPY HOLIDAYS TO EVERYONE!

Don't forget our holiday potluck! It starts at **6:30** p.m. this month. If you signed up at our two previous meetings, please don't forget to bring your dish to the meeting!! We are counting on all of you so we have a wonderful

spread! We will also have Santa and a gift exchange if you want to participate. Please do not spend more than \$15. Between celebrating the holidays with our camellia friends and the good food, raffle (which includes table

decoration ornaments) we will have a wonderful meeting! See you there!



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DECEMBER PROGRAM—**6:30 P.M. THIS MONTH ONLY!**

We will have our first Christmas pot luck in a long time! Some of you “old timers” will remember when we used to do this a long time ago at the Shepard Arts and Garden building. If you signed up at our two previous meetings and you have forgotten what you signed up for, please call Julie at 371-2174 and she will remind you!

We will also have “Santa” visiting us to help with the Christmas gift exchange.

If we can manage to get the button winners to the meeting, we will do that too! It’s fun to see a face with our very special artists who we voted for at the November meeting.

We have received a limited number of Camellia-Azalea plants from Nuccio’s this year. The price is \$35 per two gallon plant. See Gary at the December meeting!



Through the Garden Gate—Jackie Randall

*The Garden Gate is taking a hiatus this month.
January Illa Collin will be our guest garden!*

MEETING DATES FOR 2011-2012

Monday, October 24th—Don Bergamini on 2010 Winners

Monday, November 28th—Don Lesmeister talking on how to grow camellias from seeds

Monday, December 19th—Holiday Potluck & Fun

Monday, January 23rd—How to Get Ready for the Show by Don Lesmeister

Monday, February 27th—Mini-Show & YOU be the Judge

Monday, March 26th—End of Year Program by Julie, LuAnn & Cindy

Saturday, April 28th (End of Year Luncheon)—Installation of Officers, Silent Auction, Plant Raffle & much more!



PLANT RAFFLE FOR OCTOBER

Door Prize: Kramer’s Supreme
Special: Nuccio’s Bella Rosa Crinkled
Regulars: Red Devil
Betty Foy Sanders
Royal Velvet Var.
Frank Houser Var.



Gary will have our plant list from Nuccio’s at the January meeting. These are the plants we sell at our Show. Members get a discount!



Regular tickets are \$1 or 6 for \$5

Special plant tickets are \$2 each



DUES ARE NOW DUE AND PAYABLE. THIS YEAR THEY WILL BE:

- \$10 FOR NEWS-LETTER TO BE SENT E-MAIL;
- \$15 FOR SENDING NEWSLETTER VIA SNAIL MAIL;
- \$20 FOR SUSTAINING MEMBERSHIP.

IF YOU ARE A NEW MEMBER AND PAID AT OUR SHOW, YOUR DUES WILL NOT CHANGE THIS YEAR.

Membership applications are on our website. Just print out and send to Arlene!



The deadline for scholarship applications is:

MARCH 1, 2012

**CAMELLIA CULTURE CORNER
BY RON MORRISON, OUR GUEST CULTURE GUY!**

Well, here it is early April and I'm writing an article on culture for the December newsletter. Why not, we've had rain, hail, and wind this past week.

What does April have to do with December you ask? Well, we are disbudding, pruning, fertilizing and watering.

Now in December we need to pay attention to watering, especially if the plants are covered, because developing blooms takes an

enormous amount of water, so don't let them dry out.

Next we need to disbud, especially if there are two buds back to back. Carefully twist off the bud that would be facing up and save the bud **facing down**. Take off at least 30 percent of the buds on the plant. This gives the remaining buds a chance to develop into larger flowers. While disbudding, now is the time if you haven't already started, to apply Gib.

Finally you should look over the plants for crowding and crossing branches and prune out the excess so developing blooms can grow without interference.

That's all for now
FFFFFFFolks...
Ron



LAST NOTICE FOR ANNUAL DUES

Many of our members have paid their 2011-2012 dues. If you are one of our members who has **NOT** yet paid your dues, they are now **over due!**

Please remit your checks, payable to the **Camellia Society of Sacramento**

Send to Arlene Morrison
2712 Ripon Court
Sacramento, CA 95826

There's More to Christmas...

**There's more, much more to Christmas
Than candle-light and cheer;
It's the spirit of sweet friendship
That brightens all the year;
It's thoughtfulness and kindness,
It's hope reborn again.
For peace, for understanding
And for goodwill to men!**

THIS 'N THAT

A new publication from the Southern California Camellia Society will be available for purchase at our meetings beginning in October. "Sun Camellias" is all about those fall blooming camellias "Sasanquas". The cost is \$10.00. It's an outstanding publication. See Gary at the meeting.

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**2012 Rosalie Yee College Scholarship**

**The 2012 Rosalie Yee College Scholarship application will be available at our October through February meetings. The deadline is March 1, 2012. See Gary or Carol**

**UPCOMING SHOW DATES—  
2012 NORTHERN CALIFORNIA SHOW SCHEDULE  
MARK YOUR CALENDARS!**

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|---------------|----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| February 4    | <i>Napa Camellia Society Show</i><br>Napa Senior Center, 1500 Jefferson Street, Napa, CA<br>Contact: Nancy McGowan-Russell, 707-545-7546                                               |
| February 11   | <b><i>Open—No Show</i></b>                                                                                                                                                             |
| February 18   | <i>San Francisco Peninsula Camellia Society Show</i><br>CAB Community Activities Building, 1400 Roosevelt Avenue<br>Redwood City, CA<br>Contact: Linda Kancev, 650-574-1220            |
| February 25   | <i>Camellia Society of Santa Clara County Show</i><br>Community Recreation Center, 969 Kiely Blvd., Santa Clara, CA<br>Contact: John Mendoza, 408-249-5696                             |
| March 3 & 4   | <i>Camellia Society of Sacramento Show</i><br>Memorial Auditorium, 1515 J Street, Sacramento, CA<br>Contact: Carol Schanz, 916-447-1969 or Don Lesmeister, 916-967- 8420               |
| March 10      | <i>Northern California Camellia Society Show</i><br>First Baptist Church, 2336 Buena Vista Ave., Walnut Creek, CA<br>Contact: Don Bergamini, 925-229-0775 or Bob Ehrhart, 925-937-0188 |
| March 17 & 18 | <i>Camellia Society of Modesto Show</i><br>Ernest & Julio Gallo Administrative Building,, Modesto, CA<br>Contact: Pete Warner, 209-576-0831 or Tony Miranda, 209-526-2197              |
| March 24      | <b><i>Open-No Show</i></b>                                                                                                                                                             |
| March 31      | <i>Mini Show, Broadway Plaza, Walnut Creek, CA</i><br>Contact: Don Bergamini, 925-229-0775 or Bob Ehrhart, 925-937-0188                                                                |



*We want to thank the students from Will C. Wood for their continued support to our Society on Set-Up Day before our Show. They helped wherever they were needed in a polite and energetic manner. Their continued voluntary community service to our club is invaluable. Thanks also to Patrick and Irene Moore for their hard work cleaning our Show trays. What a job!*

## BUTTON CONTEST WINNERS!

Wow, what a great bunch of entries we had! It was really hard just picking the top 20 of the 50 entries we received...The membership did a great job of voting twice to come up with our winner, Joanne Tsukamoto, from the pocket area of Sacramento! She embodied the theme wonderfully and the buttons will be available at our December meeting! Joanne and the 2nd place winner (Julie Sutherland) and 3rd place winner (Karen Booth) will be at our December meeting so that we can put a face to the entries! So be sure to show up and welcome our winners...hopefully they will enter again next year!



2ND PLACE



1ST PLACE



3RD PLACE

Sorry, these pictures do not do justice to the beautiful entries

## PHOTO CONTEST



*Start looking around for some camellia shots for our Show! The categories this year are:*

1. Best Single Camellia
2. Best Camellia(s) in a landscape
3. Best Camellia(s) with a child or pet in the photo
4. Best Camellia(s) with adult(s) in the photo
5. Humorous Camellia photo

*Jackie Randall will be going over contest rules at our meetings.*





*Hostess Help*

*If you can help with the monthly snacks, please see Susanne Dell at our meetings or give her a call at 916-474-0356! Thanks!*

**DON'T FORGET TO BRING YOUR FAVORITE DISH WITH YOU**

**TO OUR DECEMBER POTLUCK! *THE MEETING STARTS AT 6:30!***

**BOARD MEETING DATES**

**ALL MEMBERS ARE WELCOME TO ATTEND!**

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|------------------|---------------------------|
| October 4, 2011  | LuAnn Watkins             |
| November 1, 2011 | Gary & Carol Schanz       |
| December 6, 2011 | Don & Joan Lesmeister     |
| January 3, 2012  | Helmuth & Leone Wildemann |
| February 7, 2012 | Ron & Arlene Morrison     |
| March 6, 2012    | Julie Vierra              |
| April 3, 2012    | Bob & Joanne Logan        |



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POEM CONTEST FOR 2012



Once again we will have our poem contest. Pen a poem and give it to one of the board members. He/she will give it to the people who will be judging the poem contest. At the April Luncheon we will announce the winner.

Newsletter Information

Articles for the Camellia Times are due at the board meeting date, the first Tuesday of every month. If you have questions or ideas, please just call or email me.

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