

Camellia Times



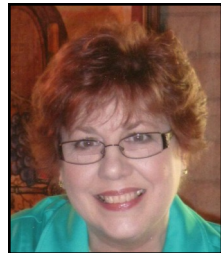
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MEETING DATE:

- **Monday,**
November 28th
- **7:00 p.m. sharp**
- **Lutheran Church**
1900 Potrero Way,
Sacramento



Hello Camellia Friends!

Fall is here. As I write this article, it is a very “blustery day in the hundred acre woods”. Some of the early blooming camellias are already open and adding lovely color to the beauty of this time of the year. It is so beautiful driving down the freeway and seeing the tops of the trees turning color.

Gary is busy putting new rock in the lath house. All of his plants are lined up in

PRESIDENT’S MESSAGE

our back yard. So fun to see all the tight buds, soon to be beautiful “prize” winning blooms. Amazing bud set on our camellias. Don’t forget to disbud.

Our November meeting should be very interesting. Don Lesmeister will be talking about camellia seeds and seedlings. Don is a very knowledgeable grower and an entertaining presenter.

Thank you to Don and Mary Bergamini for the beautiful presentation last month highlighting all

the winning blooms from the Northern California Show season. It really set the mood for a fantastic season this year.

I look forward to this camellia season with much joy and excitement. For me, it is not just the beautiful flowers but the wonderful people that also love the camellia and enrich my life.

Your Camellia friend,
Carol Schanz

“You don’t stop laughing because you grow old, you grow old because you stop laughing.”

Michael Pritchard

WE PICK OUR NEW BUTTON THIS MONTH!

Please be sure and attend this month’s camellia meeting! We will be voting on the button for our 2012 Camellia Show! It’s very important that you show up and vote! We have

some great entries this year...we may have to do two voting sessions if we get as many entries as I think we will. The first vote will be to narrow it down to six, then from there we will

pick the best three entries and decide on who gets first, second and third place. All of the entries will be displayed at our Camellia Show in March. Good luck to everyone who enters!

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NOVEMBER PROGRAM

This month we will be entertained by Don Lesmeister who will talk on camellia seeds and growing seedlings from them. As Carol said, Don is very knowledgeable on camellias and you will find his talk very interesting and informative. So come on over, visit with friends and sit and listen to Don talk about those seed pods.

Don't forget that we are voting on the button for our 2012 Camellia Show also. So two fun things to look forward to in November!

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 November meeting!



Through the Garden Gate—Jackie Randall

Jackie's Garden Gate participant this month will be Julie Vierra. She will share with you snapshots of her garden, plus give you some background on how she became a member.

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

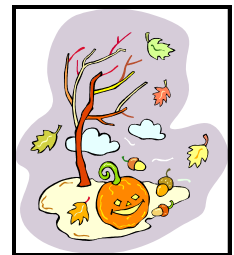
Monday, December 19th—Holiday Potluck & Fun

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: Pink Perfection
 Special: Princess Masako
 Regulars: Maroon and Gold
 Chie Tarumoto
 Royal Velvet
 Valley Knudsen
 Hot Stuff



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 MAIL;**
- **\$20 FOR SUSTAINING MEMBERSHIP.**

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



The deadline for applications is

MARCH 1, 2012

CAMELLIA CULTURE CORNER

BY DON LESMEISTER, OUR CULTURE GUY THIS MONTH!

November is one of the busiest months of the year for Camellia growers. The flower buds are appearing, so if you have plants which have set few or no buds, move them to a sunnier location if possible, and make another application of a low nitrogen winter fertilizer such as 0-10-10 or 2-10-10.

Also, make another review of your plants for disbudding. You probably will need to remove some new buds from Hybrids and many miniatures. They like to reset buds during the winter months.

Any seeds your plants may have need to be harvested. Peel the seeds from their pods and place them in an airtight jar with slightly damp peat or sphagnum moss. Place the jar in a window or on a hot water tank until they sprout, which will be 30-60 days.

Ants are placing aphid on the plant leaves and buds for their winter food. This damages both the leaves and flower buds, so fill a hand sprayer with any critter spray and keep available to kill these critters.

If you are going to do any "Gibbing", Turkey Day until Christmas is the best time.

Gibberellic Acid is available on E Bay in various quantities at several locations. One gram (less than \$10) will be enough for up to 500 buds. Plenty for most Camellia growers.

November and December are the excellent months to transplant Camellias in the ground to new locations. Be careful not to disturb the feeder roots (those nearest the ground). The lower roots can be disturbed, and the use of Vitamin B-1 will reduce most shock. Also it is a good time to

transplant container plants that need some severe root cleansing. Transplanting container plants which require little or no root disturbing can wait until after the flowers bloom.

Within the next couple of years, all of us will be on watering meters, so experiment with a mix that will require less watering, and therefore reduce costs. Several Commercial growers have been using a shredded bark entirely. It meets most of the Camellia requirements. I am experimenting with this bark by adding a considerable amount to my current mix. This product is available at one of the "Big Box" hardware stores for about \$4 for 2 Cubic Feet. Remember! When experimenting with anything new, try it on only a few plants first, if it works, you can then try it on all of your plants.

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!*

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## BUTTON CONTEST

This year we were fortunate enough to have Debbie Arrington do an article on our button contest in the Sacramento Bee! I have invited her to come and help us vote! Hopefully she will take us up on the offer! I have gotten great response from people in the community wanting to enter the contest! I can't wait to see how many entries arrive by the November 26th deadline. So be sure and come to our November 28th meeting to help vote for our 2012 button!

The theme this year is "Crazy for Camellias", so spread the word and if anyone wants an application or has any questions, please call Julie Vierra at 916-371-2174 or email at [j4sfgiants@sbcglobal.net](mailto:j4sfgiants@sbcglobal.net).

**DON'T FORGET THAT  
WE VOTE THIS  
MONTH!**



**BE SURE AND COME  
TO THE MEETING!  
YOUR VOTE COUNTS!**

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## 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 SIGN UP FOR THE CHRISTMAS POTLUCK!**

## 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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