



Gainesville Camellia Society

Affiliated with the American Camellia Society

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Editor: Anna Langford

September 2014

President's Message

Welcome back to another wonderful camellia season. I hope you're as excited as I am that the season is upon us! Buds are swelling, and some are even opening. If you have any open flowers, please bring them to the meeting.

On the day of our first meeting, several of us will be driving back home from the Atlantic Coast Camellia Society annual meeting in Litchfield Beach, South Carolina. We hope to have some interesting stories to tell about this first camellia get-together of the season. If you aren't familiar with the Atlantic Coast Camellia Society, we can talk about it at the meeting. I'll have a journal or two for you to look at.

Secretary Karen Peeples has suggested that we get a group together for a field trip to Massee Lane Gardens in Fort Valley, Georgia in February. I think this is a fantastic idea, and if there's enough interest, we'll firm up plans.

Make a list of any questions you have, and some of our local experts will be on hand to answer them. Don't be shy. For example, you might want tips on planting seeds, fertilizing, gibbing buds, etc. Being able to get answers to your camellia culture questions is part of what makes our club useful and meaningful. I look forward to seeing you at the meeting!

Patrick Andrews, President

A Message from the 2015 GCS Camellia Show Chairman

It's time to mark your calendars and plan to help with the organization and implementation of our annual show. Dates are Jan. 3-4, 2015. Once again the event will be held at Kanapaha Botanical Gardens. Some positions on the Show Committee have been filled, but there are still ample opportunities for all to participate and help out.

Contact me if you have an interest in a particular position, and I will try to accommodate you. We need help each year in setting up on Friday afternoon, Jan. 2nd, as well as with take-down on Sunday afternoon, Jan. 4th. The show is always a fun event, and your participation is important for the success of the GCS. More information will be forthcoming as we get closer to show time.

John Swanson, Show Chairman

Minutes for GCS Meeting - May 18 , 2014

Patrick Andrews welcomed members to our final 2013-2014 meeting. He thanked everyone for the tasty food they brought for the end-of-year potluck. He also thanked Dolly and Paul Warner for all their hard work over the years on the Hospitality Committee. Their organization and thoughtfulness are appreciated and will be greatly missed.

APPROVAL OF APRIL MEETING MINUTES There were no additions or corrections to the minutes. Minutes approved as submitted.

COMMITTEE REPORTS**TREASURER'S REPORT – Merry Reid**

Savings Account: \$7,167.20

Checking Account: \$1,511.69

Total Funds: \$8,678.89

Checks for \$500 each have been disbursed to Kanapaha Gardens and the American Camellia Society, and receipt has been confirmed.

KANAPAHA GARDENS – Irma Velez

Irma's report detailed the expenditures of the GCS \$500 donation by Kanapaha Gardens.

Also there was mention of new donated camellia plants that are currently in Kanapaha's greenhouse and will be planted this fall. There were also some trees that needed to be moved and poison ivy that has yet to be eradicated.

Applause was heard for the work that Irma Velez has done at Kanapaha Gardens.

OLD BUSINESS There was no old business.

INSTALLATION OF OFFICERS AND BOARD OF DIRECTOR MEMBERS

Present for the installation were Patrick Andrews, President; Merry Reid, Treasurer; Karen Peeples, Secretary; Nicki Whittaker and Bill Hayes, Board members.

Anna Langford administered the Charge of Office to each of the officers and board members.

NEW BUSINESS There was no new business.

Charles Simon brought some Scorpion pepper plants (along with growing instructions) to share with members. The plants were started in his lab and these were excess. Thank you, Charles.

Meeting adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

Karen Peeples, Secretary

John Swanson has compiled a list of camellias registered by Gainesville residents and those who live nearby and/or have a connection to GCS. He says that the list is probably incomplete and urges those with knowledge of other registrations to contact him with information.

(List last revised on 9/9/2014.)

Camellia Name	Originator	Year Registered
White Knight	Knight's Nursery	1953
Gladys Wilmot	Royal J. Wilmot	1962
Little Lady	S. M. Mixon	1964
Shelby Brothers	S. L. Brothers	1964
Ladell Brothers	S. L. Brothers	1965
Linda Brothers	S. L. Brothers	1965
Helen Plenn	Mrs. J. H. Hinterminster IV	1968
Helen Glenn	H. Hintermister	1970
Turner Davis	J. Hintermister	1980
Survivor	J. B. McFerrin	
My Nancy	H. W. Ramsey	1987
Grace Ward	J. B. McFerrin	1988
Omega Red	Jerry Hogsette	1994
Crazy Sue	W. Smith	1995
Dr. Judge	W. Smith	1995
Jackie D.	W. Smith	1995
Jenny D.	W. Smith	1995
Mary Ruth Smith	W. Smith	1995
Kathryn Bevis	Jerry Hogsette	1998
Otha Shaffer	Dr. Howard Smith	1999
Our Nancy	Dr. Howard Smith	1999
Christeline	Lionel Worthy	2004
Dakota Variegated	William Smith	2004
Jamar	Howard Smith	2004
Our Bill	Howard Smith	2004

Ruby Mathews	Julington	1970
Eventide	Ivan Mitchell (Melrose)	1987
Jo Cinda	Ivan Mitchell (Melrose)	1987
June Norman (R)	Jim Norman (Keystone Heights)	1989
Little Hooper	Ivan Mitchell (Melrose)	1993
Barbra Mitchell	Ivan Mitchell (Melrose)	1995
Jay Bird	Jay Ellis, Jr. (Keystone Heights)	1999
Jay Ellis	Jay Ellis, Jr. (Keystone Heights)	1999
Sandra Williams	Jay Ellis, Jr. (Keystone Heights)	2005
My Debbie	Jay Ellis (Keystone Heights)	2005
My Debbie Var.	Jay Ellis (Keystone Heights)	2005

Protocols - Hospitality Committee - Eleanor Thrasher, Chair

A reminder about our revised arrangement: Eleanor will circulate a sign-up sheet for members to select a meeting (September through May) at which that person will provide food or drinks. She will call to remind those in charge of refreshments before each meeting.

MONTHLY MEETINGS

(Remember: keep it simple. You are there to refresh, not to feed.)

The person bringing food will provide:

1. Light snacks for about 20-30 people
2. Tablecloth if desired
3. Paper plates or bowls
4. Plastic utensils
5. Paper napkins

The person supplying drinks will provide:

1. Beverages, such as tea, sodas, and/or fruit juice for about 20-30 people
2. Plastic or paper cups
3. Ice as needed, with container and scoop.

Everyone will help clean up.

Questions or suggestions? Please call Eleanor at 352-466-0054.

DATE	FOOD	DRINKS
September 21, 2014	Gerald & Anna Langford	Joel & Annette Schwiebert
October 19, 2014	Nancy & Al Collins	Nicki Whittaker
November 16, 2014	Merry Reid	Carter Wittman
December <u>?</u> , 2015 Holiday Party	Members bring a covered dish & wine, if desired; GCS provides meats and drinks	
January 18, 2015	Patrick Andrews & Bob Weidman	
February 15, 2015	*	Bill Hayes
March 15, 2015	Charles & Diane Simon	
April 19, 2015	*	*

May 17, 2015 Picnic	Members bring a covered dish & wine, if desired; GCS provides meats and drinks
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* Volunteers are still needed for the indicated dates.

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Board Members

Bruce Cavey Ruth Milton
Jay Ellis Roberta Parks
Bill Hayes Chuck Ritter
Jerry Hogsette Nicki Whittaker
Lee Kline

Program Chair, Irma Velez

Date: September 21, 2014

Program: "Bulbs/Geophytes for Planting Under and Between Camellias"

Speaker: Jonathan Lubar

Eleanor Thrasher, Refreshment Chair

(See schedule above)

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President's Message

Hello fellow camellia lovers. It's one of the most exciting months of the year – when camellias start to bloom all over! The sasanquas, while not yet in full bloom, are very colorful, and the japonicas that gibbed around Labor Day are open. The japonicas that open this time of year naturally are abloom as well – Arajishi, Early Woodville Red, Kiku-Toji, Daikagura, Early Autumn.

I missed the first show of the season at the Georgia National Fair in Perry, Georgia, as I was away on business, but came home to many beautiful blooms that could have gone to the show – Frank Houser, Royal Velvet Variegated, Deep Purple Dream, Autumn Twilight, Miss Bessie Beville, Georgia National Fair – to name a few. At least they're here for me to enjoy in the yard. I imagine some of our members won some (or many) awards at the Perry show.

The next show within driving distance is another Middle Georgia show, this time in Byron in November. It might be worth your while to drive up there to view the show, as there will be hundreds of flowers, and you can combine it with a trip to Massee Lane Gardens. I drove by the ACS headquarters this week and noticed that they have begun work on the front entrance to the main building. The plan is to park across Massee Lane and enter the building from the front, through the gift shop. Once this phase is complete, plans to begin work on the Silver "structure" will take shape. The plans I have seen proposed are all appropriate to honor Leon's wife, as was his original intention when he donated \$5+ million to the ACS. It will be visible across the courtyard when entering through the new front door.

I look forward to seeing everyone at the meeting this coming Sunday. I'm sure Irma has lined up a great program. If you have any flowers, bring them to share with others. See you at Kanapaha!

Patrick Andrews, President

Save the Date for a Delightful Excursion

Gainesville Camellia Society is planning a day trip by bus to Massee Lane Gardens on February 7, 2015. The cost is \$15 for GCS members and \$30 for non-members. There will be stops for lunch, dinner, and multiple rest stops. Contact Karen Peeples for details.

A Message from the 2015 GCS Camellia Show Chairman

Just a reminder that we need helpers for our annual show January 3rd & 4th, 2015, at Kanapaha Botanical Gardens. We also need assistance for Friday afternoon set-up and Sunday afternoon take-down. Contact me to volunteer.

John Swanson, Show Chairman

Minutes for GCS Meeting - September 21, 2014

The meeting began with a PowerPoint presentation on "Bulbs/Geophytes for Planting Under and Between Camellias" by our guest speaker, Jonathan Lubar. Jonathan is in charge of the Bulb Gardens at Kanapaha.

Patrick Andrews, who had just returned from the Atlantic Coast Camellia Society annual meeting, gave members a synopsis of the meeting.

There were no changes to the May minutes published in the newsletter. Bill Hayes moved to approve the minutes as published; seconded by Charles Simon. Approved

COMMITTEE REPORTS**TREASURER'S REPORT – Merry Reid**

Savings Account: \$7,168.41

Checking Account: \$543.48

Total Funds: \$7,711.89

2015 CAMELLIA SHOW

Patrick Andrews gave a status report for John Swanson who was traveling. John has compiled a list of camellias that have been registered with the ACS by local people and requested that members contact him if you know of others who should be included. Publicity contacts have been made with *Southern Living*, *The Florida Gardener* and the *Tioga Times* magazines.

OLD BUSINESS None**NEW BUSINESS**

DIRECTOR: Lee Kline has resigned her seat on the Board of Directors due to added responsibilities she has as president of the Rose Society.

GCS MEETING ANNOUNCEMENTS: Patrick Andrews noted our monthly meetings could be posted at events.gainesville.com. Karen Peebles will assume the responsibility of adding the GCS meetings to the Event Calendar.

Patrick Andrews presented the final list of the dates for the monthly meetings which has been confirmed by Kanapaha Gardens. Anna Langford was given a copy to place in the newsletter.

DAY TRIP TO MASSEE LANE GARDENS: Karen Peeples contacted Candies Coachworks and learned that their rate for a 28-passenger bus is \$875 for the day.

Patrick Andrews suggested that we go in February when the Festival of Camellias is held. There will be special activities the entire month. Massee Lane Gardens is willing to plan special activities for our group, and it may be possible to have Massee Lane prepare a box lunch at a nominal charge. Patrick Andrews and Bob Weidman will talk to Massee Lane about the availability of box lunches.

Ruth Melton moved that GCS plan a day trip to Massee Lane Gardens on February 7th and secure a bus, charging \$25 per attendee. Any balance due would be paid from the GCS treasury. Seconded by Bill Hayes and discussion followed.

Ruth then amended her motion to propose that GCS plan a day trip to Massee Lane Gardens on February 7th, arrange for a bus, and charge \$15 per attendee for GCS members and \$30 for non-GCS members, with the balance of the cost of the bus to be paid by GCS. Motion seconded by Bill Hayes and carried.

CALENDARS: The American Camellia Society 2015 calendars are available for purchase. Members may contact Merry Reid if they would like to combine individual orders as a group rather than GCS purchasing a supply for resale.

Meeting adjourned at 3:24 p.m.

Karen Peeples, Secretary

HOSTS FOR MONTHLY MEETINGS		
DATE	FOOD	DRINKS
October 19, 2014	Eleanor & John Thrasher	Nicki Whittaker
November 16, 2014	Merry Reid	Carter Wittman
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Jay Ellis	Roberta Parks
Bill Hayes	Chuck Ritter
Jerry Hogsette	Nicki Whittaker

Program Chair, Irma Velez

Date: October 19, 2014

Program: "A Pictorial Presentation of the ICS meeting from Portugal and Spain"

Speaker: John Swanson

Eleanor Thrasher, Refreshment Chair

(See schedule above)

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President's Message

Hello! Welcome to another fantastic camellia season. This is turning out to be a very good year for gorgeous blooms. The weather has been just right for blossoms to remain beautiful on the shrub for many days. We need rain, but rain is also the enemy of an open camellia flower.

I hope everyone is out enjoying their gardens and those of friends. If you are invited to someone's garden to see their camellias, take them up on it! You might find a camellia or two that you don't have that you'd like to add to your own garden, and you might also meet others with whom you have a lot in common.

Speaking of friends, if you are not friends with camellia fanciers on Facebook, you might want to get involved and "friend" some of your acquaintances to see what the buzz is all about. Gardeners from around the world share pictures of old camellias (antiques), camellias currently in favor, and new cultivars that aren't even registered yet. The camellia world has become much smaller with Facebook, and it's easier than ever to make friends or locate camellias you have been trying to find for years.

An exciting event coming up in late January 2015 is the American Camellia Society Annual Convention to be held in Tallahassee. The Tallahassee Camellia Club has arranged some fantastic tours, including one to Valdosta and Quitman to see the garden being dedicated to Hulyn and Janet Smith, the Betty Sheffield Memorial Garden in Quitman, GA, and the fantastic camellia garden created by Jerry and Carol Selph. There will also be tours of the greenhouse (and outdoor) gardens of Tallahassee camellia growers Randolph Maphis and Howard and Mary Rhodes. You won't want to miss this meeting!

I hope you're as enthusiastic about this camellia season as I am, and I look forward to seeing you at the upcoming meeting at Kanapaha on Sunday!

Patrick Andrews, President

Our best wishes for a speedy recovery to Bill & Linda Leucking and Al Collins as they recuperate.

Minutes for GCS Meeting - October 18, 2014

Patrick Andrews welcomed members and called attention to camellia blooms brought in by himself, Bob Weidman, John and Dinh Swanson. Patrick noted the “flower tree” display vase can be purchased from the ACS website.

APPROVAL OF SEPTEMBER MEETING MINUTES

Paul Warner moved to approve the minutes. Seconded by Charles Simon; approved.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

TREASURER’S REPORT – Merry Reid was unable to attend, but e-mailed her report to Patrick.

Savings Account - \$7,168.64

Checking Account - \$511.48

Total Funds - \$7,680.12

Bill Hayes completed the annual audit of the GCS Treasurer’s books and pronounced them in good order and well organized.

2015 CAMELLIA SHOW

Committee leaders have been assigned and preliminary preparations are ongoing.

John Swanson reported that an order for approximately 200 plants has been placed with County Line Nursery. He anticipates ordering another 100 plants from Mark Crawford in Valdosta. Bill Leucking is holding 70 plants that were obtained from Erinon Nursery in Leesburg. John has a list of available plants and if members would like to reserve plants pre-show, contact him.

OLD BUSINESS

Massee Lane Gardens Tour: Bob Weidman has been in touch with Stephanie Turner, MLG Events Coordinator. She said the gardens can provide admission to the gardens, lunch, and a horticulture lecture for \$10 for ACS members and \$15 for non-members.

Bob also said he has 6-7 Ocala members who expressed interest in participating in the trip.

The deposit for the bus has been send to Candies Coachworks.

NEW BUSINESS

The Christmas Luncheon will be on our regular meeting date, December 21.at Kanapaha Gardens, tentatively scheduled for 1pm. This is a potluck occasion with GCS providing the meat course.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

John Swanson said he spoke with a gentleman selling pine straw bales at the Farmers’ Market on Hwy 441 for \$3 a bale. His name is Josh, his phone number is 352-213-2389, and he will deliver.

Program: John Swanson presented a slide show of the ICS meeting in Portugal and Spain he and Dinh attended

Camellias for today’s auction were provided by Patrick Andrews, John Swanson and Bob Weidman.

The meeting adjourned at 3:25pm.

Karen Peeples, Secretary

Day Trip to Masee Lane Gardens in Ft Valley Ga February 7, 2015

Masee Lane Gardens has many attractions both in the gardens and in various structures. On a guided tour a horticulturist or one of their very knowledgeable volunteers will give a brief overview of Masee Lane Gardens and its features, history, etc., and show a 15-20 minute film depicting the origin of Masee Lane Gardens and the American Camellia Society.

The walk throughout the gardens typically takes 1-1 ½ hour. There are benches and two sets of restrooms in the gardens. The MLG plant nursery is open from October-April annually, and their website shows a plant inventory which is updated each week

The transportation cost (\$15 for GCS members and \$30 for non-members) must be paid by the January GCS meeting. The fee of \$10 for ACS members and \$15 for non-members, which includes admission, lunch, and guided tour, can be paid at MLG, via cash, check, or debit/credit card.

To reserve your seat contact Karen Peeples at ladypeeples@gmail.com.

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Program Chair, Irma Velez

Date: November 16, 2014

Program: "Judging at a camellia show; a mock show"
Anyone who has flowers, please bring them to the meeting.

Speaker: Irma Velez

Eleanor Thrasher, Refreshment Chair

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Picture it. The job starts on Sunday. It's not full-time, but it takes part of each day for the whole week. Then, when the week is almost over, you spend two to four hours completing paperwork. On the last day, you get up at 4:30am to make sure you will finish on time and travel to the location where you will meet with others who have spent the past week doing the same thing you have. That's right, this describes the week leading up to a camellia show for the camellia enthusiasts who participate in local (and some not-so-local) camellia shows.

The Valdosta Camellia Show was held on Saturday, December 6, and brought camellia hobbyists from as far away as North Carolina to the north and east, and Florida to the south and west. The big winner at this year's show was our own Chuck Ritter! His truly outstanding blooms took most of the outdoor-grown camellia awards.

The 2015 camellia shows start soon with our Gainesville show in early January and continue through early March. I encourage you to take flowers to some of these shows and experience the thrill of participating. The closest take place in Orlando, Ocala, and Tallahassee.

You might even want to become a camellia judge and take part in a totally different way. It's not difficult: you just need to judge as a novice at six camellia shows over a two- to five-year period, attend a short class, and pass a knowledge test. If anyone in the GCS is interested in becoming a novice judge, let me know, and we'll hold the judging school locally and get you on your way.

This is the time of year for all of us to slow down just a little and connect with friends and family. I look forward to being with all of you at the upcoming holiday meeting at 1:00 pm on Sunday, December 21, at Kanapaha. Bring a side dish or dessert, and bring a gag gift if you'd like to participate in the fun gift exchange. See you there!

Patrick Andrews, President

Remember: in January we will meet at the home of Patrick Andrews and Bob Weidman. See map in Jan. newsletter.

Minutes for GCS Meeting - November 16, 2014

Patrick Andrews called the meeting to order at 2:15 pm. There were no additions or corrections to the October minutes. Charles Simon moved to approve the October minutes as submitted. Seconded by John Swanson; and approved.

COMMITTEE REPORTS**TREASURER'S REPORT – Merry Reid**

Savings Account - \$7,168.82

Checking Account - \$609.48

Total Funds - \$7,778.30

OLD BUSINESS

GCS Workdays at Kanapaha Camellia/ Azalea garden: Irma Velez announced that she and the Master Gardeners meet each Wednesday from 1-4 pm to work in the gardens.

They planted 3 camellia plants recently and have several more waiting to be planted.

The group will be disbudding and gibbing beginning on November 19th, and this will continue until the end of December.

Workers will meet at the GCS bench in the gardens and should bring work gloves, garden trowels, snips, buckets, and knee pads if needed.

2015 Camellia Show: Plans are firming up. John Swanson passed around sheets for volunteers to sign-up to assist with hospitality, setup, tallying, teardown, etc.

There was discussion as to the pros and cons of using baby jars vs plastic cups for flower display. It was decided to have glass jars already filled with water and plastic cups available.

Lee Kline will coordinate with the Garden Club for camellia display arrangements.

Jerry Hogsette is setting up the list of judges.

John will contact show coordinators to schedule a show planning meeting for early December.

Bill Hayes went over the functions of show clerks and circulated a sign-up sheet for those interested in clerking during the show. Irma Velez said that 8 master gardeners have signed up to help with clerking.

Karen Peebles reported on publicity contacts that had been made the past month.

Jerry and Harriet Hogsette have again graciously agreed to host the traditional Judges' and GCS helpers' dinner on Friday evening, January 2, 2015. Jerry suggests arrival in the 5-5:30 pm range, as folks who wish to look around his garden are most welcome to do so. Please bring a covered dish, dessert, etc., to share.

Volunteers are still needed to help with plant sales, hospitality, education, membership recruiting set-up on Friday afternoon before the show, and take-down on Sunday afternoon. Let John Swanson know of your availability and the time you prefer to assist at 352-672-2644 or johnbssquaredetc@gmail.com.

PLANTS ORDERED TO SELL AT THE JANUARY 2015 GCS SHOW PLANT SALE

Any GCS member who wishes to reserve a plant or plants should contact John Swanson with their list at 352-672-2644 or johnbssquaredetc@gmail.com to reserve the desired plants.

<u>From County Line Nursery</u>			
<u>Japonicas</u>			
Adolphe Audusson	4	Pirate's Gold V.	3
Special		Prof. Charles Sargent	2
Bart Colbert V.	3	Rachel Tarpy	2
Black Magic	3	Rena Swick V.	3
Bob Hope	2	R.L. Wheeler V.	3
Bobby Fain V.	3	Roberta Hardison	2
Can Can	2	Royal Velvet	3
Charlie Bettes	2	Sea Foam	3
Cherries Jubilee	4	Show Time	3
Clown	2	Something Beautiful	2
Dahlonaga	2	Swan Lake	2
Debutante	2	Tinsie	3
Dick Hardison	2	Tomorrow Park Hill	2
Donckelarii	2	Tomorrow V.	3
Edna Bass V.	3	Touchdown	2
Extravaganza	2	William Forest Bray	2
Fashionata	2	William Forest Bray V.	2
Georgia National	2		
Fair		<u>Reticulatas</u>	
Gunsmoke	2	Arcadia	1
Hawaii	2	Crimson Candles	2
Helen Bower V.	2	Dr. Clifford Parks	3
Herme	3	Francie L.	2
High Hat	3	Frank Houser V.	5
Jean's	2	George Firth	3
Unsurpassable		Pleasant Memories	3
Kickoff	2	Ruta Hagmann	2
Kramer's Supreme	3		
Lady Clare V.	2	<u>Hybrids</u>	
Lady Laura	3	Betty Ridley V.	3
Little Babe V.	2	Blue Danube	3
Man Size	3	Cile Mitchell	3
Marie Bracey	2	Elsie Jury	1
Mark Chason	3	Kagirohi	2
Maroon & Gold	2	Rose Bouquet	2
Mary Agnes Patin	2	Taylor's Perfection	3
Mathotiana	3	Cinnamon Cindy	2
Mercury Supreme	3	Cinnamon Scentsation	2
Midnight Magic	2	Fragrant Joy	2
Moonlight Bay	2	Hallstone Spicey	3
Mrs Baldwin	3		
Wood Supreme		<u>Sasanquas</u>	
Nina Avery	2	Alabama Beauty	3
Nuccio's Cameo	3	Leslie Ann	3
		Our Linda	3
		Rainbow	3
		Yuletide	4

<u>From Loch Laurel Nursery</u>			
Ack-Scent	3	Happy Birthday	3
Alcyone Ostberg	3	Happy Birthday V.	3
Allie Gordy	3	Henry Parrish	3
Anita	3	Jackie D.	2
Ave Maria	3	Kubal Kain Supreme	2
Bev Piet's Smile	3	Lauren Tudor Pink	3
Borom's Gem V.	3	Lauren Tudor Pink V.	3
Brenda Beach	3	Maroon & Gold	3
Brother Rose V.	3	Pink Perfection	3
Buttons & Bows	3	Star Above Star	3
Camille	3	Roberta Hardison	3
Carol Humphreys V.	2	Q-Ball	2
Charlotte Blount V.	3	Royal Velvet V.	3
Deep Secret	3	Paul Haskee V.	3
Dick Hardison	3	Nita McRae	3
Don Mac	3	Stephanie Stanley V.	3
Dr. Ed Porubsky	3	Sweetie Pie	3
Dragon Fireball	3	Wendy V.	3

<u>From Erinon Nursery</u>			
Bonanza	3	Georgia Natl. Fair	5
Anne Blair Brown	5	High Fragrance	13
Apple Blossom	5	Glenn's Orbit	3
Bobby Fain	6	Elegans	2
Bobby Fain V.	2	Frank Houser	8
Camille	1	Nuccio's Gem	2
Camille V.	11	Royal Velvet	3
Chief Arnold	13	Unknown	8
Crane's Feather	3		

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Massee Lane Gardens Trip – The ACS has changed the 2015 national meeting to Tallahassee, and this necessitated that the Quitman, GA, show move to February 7th. Some of our GCS members will attend that show as will ACS staff.

Patrick asked members if they would like to change our trip to the 14th and make this in lieu of our February monthly meeting. Everyone agreed with the suggestion.

Patrick will check with ACS about the date change, and Karen will check with the transportation company to make sure the 14th is available.

Karen passed around a sheet to sign up for a box lunch, if desired. Choices include chicken salad, turkey & cheese, ham & cheese, and vegan sandwiches. Karen moved that GCS pay for a box lunch for the driver of the tour bus. Seconded by Anna Langford, and approved

Day Trip to Massee Lane Gardens in Ft Valley Ga on February 14, 2015

Massee Lane Gardens has many attractions both in the gardens and in various structures. On a guided tour a horticulturist will give a brief overview of Massee Lane Gardens and its features, history, etc., and show a 15-20 minute film depicting the origin of Massee Lane Gardens and the American Camellia Society.

The walk throughout the gardens typically takes 1-1 ½ hour. There are benches and two sets of restrooms in the gardens. The MLG plant nursery is open from October-April annually, and their website shows a plant inventory which is updated each week

The transportation cost (\$15 for GCS members and \$30 for non-members) must be paid by the January GCS meeting. The fee of \$10 for ACS members and \$15 for non-members, which includes admission, lunch, and guided tour, can be paid at MLG, via cash, check, or debit/credit card. To reserve your seat contact Karen Peeples at ladypeeples@gmail.com.

NEW BUSINESS

It was announced that GCS member Mary Lee Arnold passed away. John Thrasher moved that we send \$25 to the American Camellia Society in memory of Ms. Arnold. Approved.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Melrose Friends of the Library A fundraiser will be hosted by Chuck and Bev Ritter on December 14, 2014. The \$5 admission charge will include a tour of his gardens, refreshments, and plants for sale. He and Bev will send out an announcement with the open house details.

Camellias for today's plant auction were provided by Patrick Andrews, John Swanson and Bob Weidman. Gerald Langford brought scorpion peppers to share. Joel and Annette Schwiebert brought Formosa lily seeds to share.

Karen Peeples, Secretary

(Note: to avoid unwieldy repetition in this newsletter, Anna Langford modified the minutes by inserting several announcements that are pertinent.)

GCS HOLIDAY POTLUCK PARTY

December 21st at 1pm in our usual meeting room at Kanapaha Gardens

Meat will be provided by GCS, with John and Dinh Swanson bringing the turkey and Jerry and Harriet Hogsette bringing the ham. Partygoers are asked to bring side dishes, appetizers, or desserts to round out the menu and wine to share if you wish. We will have our usual gag gift exchange - the sillier, the better.

Hosts/Hostesses for Holiday Party Tables

Eleanor and John Thrasher
Lee Kline
Anna and Gerald Langford
Karen Peeples
Merry Reid
Dinh and John Swanson
Annette and Joel Schwiebert
Irma Velez



Reminder - each Host/Hostess will provide the following for a table of six:
table decoration, tablecloth, napkins, cutlery, plates and cups.

HOSTS FOR MONTHLY MEETINGS		
DATE	FOOD	DRINKS
December 21, 2014 Holiday Party	Members bring a covered dish & wine, if desired; GCS provides meats and drinks	
January 18, 2015	Patrick Andrews & Bob Weidman	
February 15, 2015	This month's meeting will be replaced by a day trip to Massee Lane Gardens on Saturday, February 14.	
March 15, 2015	Charles & Diane Simon	
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Bill Hayes	Chuck Ritter
Jerry Hogsette	Nicki Whittaker

Program Chair, Irma Velez

Date: December 21, 2014

Program: Annual Holiday Party

Party will begin at: 1pm

Eleanor Thrasher, Refreshment Chair (See schedule above)

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President's Message

What a fantastic camellia show we had this year! The perfect weather and excellent publicity drew people to Kanapaha Botanical Gardens, and our camellia show was the icing on the cake. We had terrific attendance, with crowds admiring the flowers all day Saturday and Sunday. That's what it's all about – that, and the heat of competition between exhibitors. At every show, every exhibitor tries to outshine all the others, resulting in an amazing assortment of outstanding blooms for the rest of us to enjoy.

Coming up on February 14th is the GCS field trip to Massee Lane Gardens. Those of us who signed up for the trip (all of the seats on the bus may already be filled) are very excited, and so are the staff at Massee Lane Gardens. They love it when ACS members (and potential ACS members) visit the gardens so they can show off all the hard work they do throughout the year. The gardens are in great shape, and the camellias should be in full bloom when we visit.

I look forward to seeing everyone at our camellia open house for the January meeting. (Directions are included at the end of this newsletter.) We usually have over 60 friends and fellow gardeners at this annual party, and everyone is welcome to arrive at noon or after. We'll have plenty of food and drink. Many camellias will be in bloom, so we can enjoy the outdoors (rain or shine) until 3pm, at which time GCS members will gather for our January meeting. See you on the 18th!

Patrick Andrews, President

Many thanks to all who helped make our 2015 Camellia Show a success. Participation from GCS members was extensive and made operations go smoothly. Over 1060 people attended, and we had a total of 1145 blooms. Suggestions for improving the show are welcome and will help guide those in charge of the 2016 show.

Sincerely, John and Dinh Swanson

Minutes for GCS Meeting - December 21, 2014

Members enjoyed our annual Christmas potluck luncheon. Patrick Andrews and Eleanor Thrasher thanked members who brought the delicious food and those who decorated the tables so creatively.

Patrick Andrews called the business portion of the meeting to order. There were no corrections to the November minutes. Approval of the minutes was moved by Charles Simon; seconded by Jerry Hogsette; and approved.

Merry Reid reported a total balance of \$3,369.43: \$1,700.43 in checking; \$1,669.00 in savings. Most of the show expenses have been paid and the \$700 to Kanapaha for our annual room rental has been paid also.

OLD BUSINESS

January GCS Camellia Show - John Swanson held a meeting last Monday with show coordinators to finalize plans. Plants are to be moved from Bill Hayes's home to Kanapaha next week. Show setup will begin Friday at 2pm, and volunteers are encouraged to come and help with setup. Jerry Hogsette will host a potluck reception for judges and volunteers Friday evening with an opportunity to tour his camellia gardens. The Begonia Circle will provide camellia flower displays for the show.

Paul Warner asked about member sponsorship toward show awards. Members should contact John Swanson regarding sponsorship.

Denis Whittaker moved that for the 2016 show, the Gainesville Camellia Society reduce the prize award from \$25 to \$20. Seconded by Debbie Ellis. Approved with one negative vote.

Kanapaha Camellia Azalea garden – Irma Velez and the Master Gardeners have been gibbing plants in the garden for the past 3 weeks. Kanapaha has given over what was once the bonsai garden to GCS and Irma asked for plant recommendations, preferably early bloomers to bring attention to the camellia gardens.

Massee Lane Gardens Tour – William Khoury, Operations Manager, will be giving the tour of the gardens. The tour will begin with a video about the American Camellia Society, and Mr. Khoury will take as much time as we want for our group to go through the gardens. There are only 12 seats remaining on the bus. (Update: as of Jan. 11, only one seat is still available.)

February GCS meeting

At the November meeting, members recommended considering the Massee Lane Gardens tour as the February meeting. Today, Bob Weidman moved that we keep the February meeting as scheduled. Patrick Andrews called for the vote and members approved keeping the February meeting as scheduled on February 15th at 2pm at Kanapaha.

NEW BUSINESS

Kanapaha Spring Festival, March 21 & 22, 2015 – Irma Velez circulated a sign-up sheet for volunteers to staff the GCS information booth.

January GCS meeting – Patrick Andrews and Bob Weidman will host the meeting at their home in Citra. Refreshments and garden enjoyment will begin at noon, with the GCS business meeting beginning at 3pm.

The Nominating Committee for next year's officers will be selected at the January meeting.

Health Updates – Chuck Ritter's back surgery went well. Bill and Linda Leucking are still recovering. Al Collins's health continues to improve.

Following the business meeting, everyone participated in the crazy gift exchange and plant auction. Camellias for today's auction were provided by Patrick Andrews, Jerry Hogsette, John Swanson, and Bob Weidman. Jay Ellis brought some of his blooms to display, and members were welcome to take them home after the meeting.

The meeting adjourned at 3:30pm.

Karen Peeples, Secretary

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Program Chair, Irma Velez

Date: January 18, 2015

Program: Open House at Patrick Andrews and Bob Weidman's

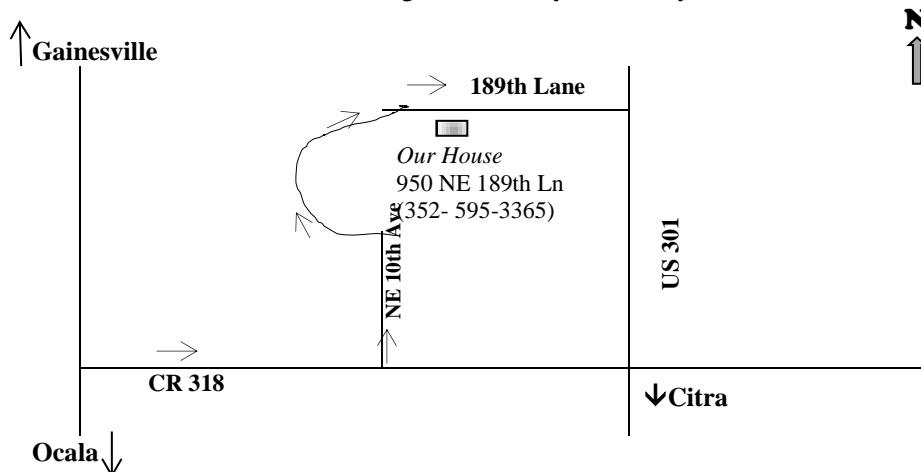
Socializing & strolling through the camellias begins at noon; GCS meeting begins at 3pm

Eleanor Thrasher, Refreshment Chair (See schedule above)

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Directions to Patrick Andrews's & Bob Weidman's house: 950 NE 189th Lane, Citra, FL
352- 595-3365

From Gainesville: Go south on US 441; turn east onto CR318 and go for about 4 miles; turn left (north) on NE 10th Avenue. Follow the paved road around (it changes name three times in a few short blocks) until the pavement ends. Take a sharp right onto NE 189th Lane (dirt road). Our house is the third on the right, just after a tall Red Cedar hedge. The house is white with dark green trim. Be sure to wear comfortable clothes and walking shoes. See you Sunday!





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President's Message

With the Gainesville show and most of the other camellia shows behind us, it's time to sit back and enjoy the multitude of flowers in our gardens, and to get our gardens ready for spring! This is a fantastic time of year in our part of Florida. We can still expect plenty of cool weather, but we also have the early flowering plants such as redbuds, dogwoods, azaleas, and Japanese magnolias. Plus we still have at least another month of camellia blooms. It doesn't get any better than this.

It's also time to think about adding more plants to our gardens, whether they be camellias, other shrubs, perennials, annuals, or trees. The Spring Garden Festival at Kanapaha Botanical Gardens is a great place to start. Plan on helping out at the Gainesville Camellia Society booth at the festival in March, and you can enjoy the rest of the festival at your leisure. Don't forget about our local nurseries, either. They order their plants based on what they know people want to grow, and they offer great specials this time of year.

Even if you are one of the lucky 28 members who will be visiting Masee Lane Gardens on Valentine's Day (the day before the meeting), join us at the upcoming meeting on February 15th. See you on Sunday!

Patrick Andrews, President

Masee Lane Gardens Trip

This Saturday, February 14th, those of us who are signed up for the excursion will meet at the RTS bus stop behind (south end of) the Oaks Mall. Our transport, from Candie's Coach-works, will begin loading at 7:30am and depart at 8am. When we get to the Gardens, there a \$5 fee for anyone not a member of the ACS. If you signed up for lunch at the Gardens, remember to bring your \$10. For any questions, contact Karen Peebles at ladypeeples@gmail.com or 352-359-4854.

Minutes for GCS Meeting - January 18, 2015

Patrick Andrews called the meeting to order at 3:15pm. Since Karen Peeples was delayed, Patrick asked Anna Langford to take minutes. There being no corrections to the minutes of the December meeting, Paul Warner moved to accept the minutes, seconded by Bill Hayes, and approved by members.

Patrick then welcomed the new members who attended the meeting. Our new members (signed up at the show or at this meeting) are: Laurie Alwine, Diane Biernacki, Rosemary Cortez, Mary Fullerton, Tara Grill, Mary Lynn Jamison, Lucille Little, Pat Moore, Gale Pierce, Lou Powers, Barby Rainwater, Alice Rhoton-Vlasque, Peter Sanford, Lois Solly, Belle Turner, Lora Veras, Margaret Wagener, and Eileen & Ken Wagner.

COMMITTEE REPORTS and OLD BUSINESS**TREASURER'S REPORT** – Merry Reid

Savings Account	\$9448.35
Checking Account	\$1669.08
Total Funds	\$11,117.43

Merry reported that she still has about \$1800 to pay out in prize money. After that expense, net profit from the show came to about \$3000. The camellia plant raffle brought in about \$200.

CAMELLIA SHOW REPORT - John Swanson

John thanked a long list of people whose hard work made the show such a success. He highlighted the contributions each person made.

Charles Simon offered several suggestions for improvements to the 2016 show, and John asked that anyone with ideas email him so that he can pass the suggestions on to next year's show chairman. Charles further announced that his company has offered to pay for printing and lamination of pictures to identify each camellia variety we are selling. John said the show committee will take this up.

The winner of the local award was announced, and the trophy was presented by Dinh Swanson to John Thrasher for his entry of "Lipstick".

MASSEE LANE GARDENS EXCURSION - Karen Peeples

Karen reported that the 28 seats on the bus are sold out. The Candie's Coachworks bus will be at the RTS bus stop behind the Oaks Mall (south of the access road - near Macy's). Boarding will begin at 7:30am with departure at 8am.

KANAPAHA GARDENS SPRING FESTIVAL - MARCH 21 & 22, 2015 - Irma Velez

Irma advised that she has need of more volunteers for the GSC information booth during the festival. There are still four open time slots (two people per time slot). Any volunteer who is new to camellias will be paired with a knowledgeable veteran camellia grower.

Since she will be unable to be at the festival following knee surgery, Irma said that Jerry Hogsette will stand in to oversee GCS festival activities.

NEW BUSINESSFUTURE GCS CAMELLIA SHOW DATES

2016 - The first weekend in January falls on the 2nd and 3rd, meaning that we would have to set up on New Year's Day. The second weekend will be in conflict with the Tallahassee show.

2017 - The first weekend in January after New Year's falls on the 7th and 8th and may conflict with the Tallahassee show again.

Jerry Hogsette moved, seconded by John Swanson, that we hold the shows for 2016 and 2017 on the second weekend of January.

In the ensuing discussion, it was pointed out that moving to the third weekend in January would conflict with the Orlando show. Moving the date back to November in future years was presented as a possibility. Competitors would have to get flowers ready. The objection was raised that non-member local townsfolk would not be likely to know about gibbing and would not have blooms available that early. In October, both the Georgia and South Carolina National shows are scheduled. The first weekend in November is not taken. Changing the date for future shows can be addressed at a later time.

Jerry Hogsette called for the question. The motion to hold 2016 and 2017 shows on the second weekend of January passed unanimously.

NOMINATING COMMITTEE

Patrick announced his choice of those who will put together a slate of candidates for election of 2015/2016 GCS Officers. Bill Hayes will chair the committee, and other members will be John Thrasher and Ruth Milton.

PROPOSAL FOR NEW COMMITTEE

Anna Langford presented the idea of having someone call and send a card from GCS to members who are ill, have surgery, and the like. Dolly Warner was appointed as the "GCS Ambassador of Kindness". When she phones someone, she will ask if they wish to have their status published in our newsletter. Please contact her at 352-378-3781 or paulanddolly@hotmail.com.

The meeting adjourned at 3:55pm.

Anna Langford, sitting in for Karen Peeples, Secretary

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Looking For Your Very Own GCS Shirt???

Take any shirt you have purchased (from Penney's, Lands' End, etc.) to Westside T-Shirt Company at 4445 SW 35th Terrace, Suite 210; phone 352-375-4263. They have the GCS logo and can embroider it on your shirt or other garment. The cost to embroider the logo on a shirt is \$6. They are very helpful if you have questions about the clothing you want them put the logo on.

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Program Chair, Irma Velez

Date: February 15, 2015

Program: "A Demonstration of Air Layering for Beginners"

(Note: you don't *have* to be a beginner to listen to this presentation.)

Speaker: Jerry Hogsette

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President's Message

What a fantastic camellia season this has been! The mild winter has let all the buds open to their full potential. This is perhaps the best blooming season I've seen in my garden. The *reticulatas* are stunning at this time of year, especially Frank Houser. No wonder this flower has such a grand reputation and appeal. The *japonicas* and hybrids are still going strong as well, and we can enjoy the later blooming varieties such as Sun Song and James S. Reeve.

The Kanapaha Spring Festival is coming up very soon – on March 21st and 22nd, the weekend after our meeting. I hope everyone will volunteer to spend at least a little time at the GCS booth as we invite local gardeners to join our club. We have so much to offer – knowledge, expertise, friendship. If we communicate this to festival-goers, some are sure to be interested in joining us. Make it your goal to sign up at least one new member yourself.

This is such an exciting time of year, with our gardens waking up and everything blooming. I encourage you to get out and enjoy every moment with a song in your heart. Get those gardens growing again! See you at the meeting this Sunday.

Patrick Andrews, President

MASSEE LANE GARDENS EXCURSION FEBRUARY 14, 2015



Leaving Gainesville at the crack of dawn



Karen Peebles; Diane & Charles Simon



John & Dinh Swanson;
William Khoury, ACS; Celeste Richard, ACS,



Dolly Warner; Annette & Joel Schwiebert



Listening to William Khoury

Minutes for GCS Meeting - February 18, 2015

Patrick Andrews called the meeting to order and welcomed new members and guests: Pat Moore, Barb Rainwater, Lori Alwine, Laura Davis and Hawser Pierce.

The January minutes read that there was a \$3,000 profit from the annual Camellia Show, but Merry Reid noted the minutes should read a \$3,000 profit from the annual Camellia Show *before distribution of prize monies*. Jeanne Earnest moved to approve the amended minutes; seconded by Joel Schwiebert; and approved by members.

COMMITTEE REPORTS**TREASURER'S REPORT** – Merry Reid

The prize money has been distributed and all show expenses have been paid. Merry Reid estimates a profit of approximately \$1,900.

Savings Account \$1,669.12

Checking Account \$8,183.27

Total Funds \$9,852.39

Merry advised that she purchased 10 nomenclature books while at Massee Lane Gardens yesterday.

NOMINATING COMMITTEE

Patrick Andrews presented the Nominating Committee's 2015 slate of officers:

President: John Swanson

1st Vice President: Irma Velez

2nd Vice President & Program Chairman: Joel Schwiebert

Secretary: Karen Peoples

Treasurer: Merry Reid

Directors: Patrick Andrews, Bruce Cavey, Jay Ellis, Jerry Hogsette, Roberta Parks, Chuck Ritter, Charles Simon, and Nicki Whittaker.

Retiring Directors: Bill Hayes and Ruth Melton

There were no nominations from the floor. Jerry Hogsette moved to close nominations; seconded by Bill Hayes. Jerry Hogsette moved to confirm the slate of nominations; seconded by Jeanne Earnest; approved.

The election of 2015-2016 officers and directors will be held during the April meeting, with installation of officers during the May meeting.

OLD BUSINESS

The Massee Lane Gardens bus trip took place on Saturday and several members gave very positive reviews of the trip. The day was beautiful and the staff of Massee Lane Gardens provided a wonderful experience, thoroughly enjoyed by everyone who attended.

Jerry Hogsette gave an update on the Kanapaha Spring Festival March 21 and 22 and circulated a sign-up sheet for individuals to man the Gainesville Camellia Society booth during the show.

John Swanson advised that the plants from Erinon Nursery that were being cared for by the Leuckings have been moved to Jerry Hogsette's gardens. In addition to caring for the GCS plants, Bill Leucking was able to sell some of them and turned in the proceeds to the Treasurer. The plants in two-gallon pots are in good condition and will be available for our 2016 camellia show. An inventory is being compiled of these plants.

NEW BUSINESSEPCOT FESTIVAL

Celeste Richard, ACS, emailed camellia societies in Florida sharing an invitation from Epcot at Disneyworld to participate in their annual International Flower and Garden Festival. A Disney representative who attended a show in Lakeland was impressed with the beauty of camellias. The Epcot festival runs from March 4th through May 17th, and in her email, Celeste suggested weekends for each of the Florida camellia groups. Gainesville Camellia Society was assigned the weekend of April 24-26 from 9 am to 4 pm.

Epcot will provide a show table, banner, and any printed materials the groups may require, at no charge to the club. There will be one or two members at the table, but they would not have to spend the entire seven hours at the display. Attendees will be provided private parking and a day pass for a future Epcot visit.

Anna Langford moved that the Gainesville Camellia Society accept Celeste Richard's invitation and participate in the Epcot show; seconded by Jerry Hogsette and approved by members. Karen Peebles was nominated to provide oversight of the GCS presentation. Patrick Andrews will notify Celeste Richard that GCS will participate in the Epcot Festival.

2016 and 2017 ANNUAL CAMELLIA SHOWS

Chuck Ritter brought up the conflict about our decision to move the GCS annual show to the second weekend in January due to the New Year's weekend falling on the first weekend in January.

Having our show at the same time as the Tallahassee show will likely result in fewer participants, since people who normally participate in both shows would have to

choose between the two. There may also be a problem recruiting judges for both shows.

As a solution, Chuck suggested moving the GCS show to the third weekend in November. The show in Byron, Georgia, is held the second weekend in November, but there are no other shows near us on the third weekend. The November date would require advance preparation by potential exhibitors, who would have to begin gibbing their plants in time for the show.

Irma Velez will check with Kanapaha Gardens to see if the third weekend in November would be available, in the event we want to move to that date. She will let Chuck Ritter know as soon as possible, as he will attend a show next week and have an opportunity to talk with other growers about the date change.

PROGRAM

Jerry Hogsette brought a sampling of flowers that are blooming at the North Florida Regional Medical Center camellia garden. He and Patrick Andrews also brought flowers from their own gardens.

Our auction included both plants and miscellaneous books on growing camellias.

Program Topic: Air Layering of Plants

Jerry Hogsette gave a short introduction on the air layering of plants followed by a hands-on demonstration on a live camellia bush on the grounds of Kanapaha.

Karen Peeples, Secretary

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Program Chair, Irma Velez

Date: March 15, 2015

Program: "How to Bonsai a Camellia"

Speaker: Jay Beckenbach from the Gainesville Bonsai Society

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President's Message

Spring is here -- ready or not! The warm weather is always welcome, and the new flush of growth on all the shrubs and trees gives us hope of a bright future. But the chores! How they multiply this time of year! I'm late in fertilizing this season, but I figure it's better late than never. Our camellias are already leafing out, with the promise of lots of buds for next blooming season.

I had to miss last month's meeting, and was sorry I couldn't join in congratulating the new slate of officers who will take office on July 1. Congratulations to all!

This month we need to finalize the date for next year's GCS Camellia Show. It was suggested at earlier meetings that we hold our show later than usual to avoid the New Year's holiday weekend and to avoid conflicting with the Tallahassee show, but no final decision has been made. The two remaining options are 1) keep the date as voted on in March, which would move the show to January 9th and 10th, 2016. This would avoid having our show so close to the New Year's holiday but would conflict with the Tallahassee show that same weekend. Or 2) we can move our show date to the second weekend in February.

If you have an opinion one way or the other, please come to the meeting to discuss it and to vote on the issue. If you can't attend, feel free to email me (patrickandrews@att.net) and I will share your views with those at the meeting.

Happy gardening! See you at the meeting this Sunday, April 12th.

Patrick Andrews, President

Minutes for GCS Meeting - March 15, 2015

Irma Velez, presiding over the meeting due to the absence of Patrick Andrews and John Swanson, called the meeting to order at 2:10pm. She welcomed new members and guests Harley Smith, Tara Gill, and Margaret Wagner. There were no additions or corrections to the February minutes, and Jerry Hogsette moved to approve the minutes as published; seconded by Charles Simon; approved.

TREASURER'S REPORT – Merry Reid

Savings Account \$1,669.16

Checking Account \$7,546.84

Merry reported a final profit of \$2,157.48 from our 2015 Camellia Show.

OLD BUSINESS

The GCS April meeting has been changed to April 12, 2015, instead of the 19th due to a conflict with Kanapaha Gardens.

All slots for the Kanapaha Spring Festival have been filled for manning the GCS booth. Jerry Hogsette will be at the entrance on Saturday morning with the passes and location of the booth.

Irma Velez checked with Kanapaha regarding changing the 2016 GCS show date to November 2015, but the date was not available. After discussion Irma was asked to go back to Kanapaha to check the availability of the second weekend in February. She noted that this date is available. It was also noted that January 2016 has 5 weekends, and perhaps the fifth weekend would be workable. Because many of the members who show flowers were not at today's meeting, Irma will check further on the alternate dates, and the discussion will continue at the April meeting.

Karen Peeples advised that she had received a copy of an e-mail that John Swanson had received from Celeste Richard stating that the American Camellia Society had declined Epcot's invitation to participate in their annual International Flower and Garden festival. Celeste said it was too short notice for the Florida clubs to be able to participate.

Election of Officers. John Thrasher moved to approve the entire slate of officers and board members as tendered by the Nominating Committee at the February meeting. The motion was seconded by Charles Simon and passed by all members. Installation of officers will take place at the May GCS meeting, and new officers will assume their responsibilities on July 1.

NEW BUSINESS

Irma Velez asked Merry Reid to compile a list of new GCS members so that we could continue with the mentoring program begun last year. Anyone willing to mentor a new member should contact Merry Reid.

Charles Simon presented examples of a camellia fact sheet and the Tioga Times PR article which his son had laminated for use at the annual camellia show. Members indicated this was an excellent idea. It was suggested that we include information sheets on the different camellia forms. Irma noted that the Lakeland show had descriptions of the different species and terminologies used at shows.

The business meeting adjourned at 2:35 pm.

Jerry Hogsette provided the plants for the plant auction.

PROGRAM

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President's Message

Spring is here -- ready or not! The warm weather is always welcome, and the new flush of growth on all the shrubs and trees gives us hope of a bright future. But the chores! How they multiply this time of year! I'm late in fertilizing this season, but I figure it's better late than never. Our camellias are already leafing out, with the promise of lots of buds for next blooming season.

I had to miss last month's meeting, and was sorry I couldn't join in congratulating the new slate of officers who will take office on July 1. Congratulations to all!

This month we need to finalize the date for next year's GCS Camellia Show. It was suggested at earlier meetings that we hold our show later than usual to avoid the New Year's holiday weekend and to avoid conflicting with the Tallahassee show, but no final decision has been made. The two remaining options are 1) keep the date as voted on in March, which would move the show to January 9th and 10th, 2016. This would avoid having our show so close to the New Year's holiday but would conflict with the Tallahassee show that same weekend. Or 2) we can move our show date to the second weekend in February.

If you have an opinion one way or the other, please come to the meeting to discuss it and to vote on the issue. If you can't attend, feel free to email me (patrickandrews@att.net) and I will share your views with those at the meeting.

Happy gardening! See you at the meeting this Sunday, April 12th.

Patrick Andrews, President

Minutes for GCS Meeting - March 15, 2015

Irma Velez, presiding over the meeting due to the absence of Patrick Andrews and John Swanson, called the meeting to order at 2:10pm. She welcomed new members and guests Harley Smith, Tara Gill, and Margaret Wagner. There were no additions or corrections to the February minutes, and Jerry Hogsette moved to approve the minutes as published; seconded by Charles Simon; approved.

TREASURER'S REPORT – Merry Reid

Savings Account \$1,669.16

Checking Account \$7,546.84

Merry reported a final profit of \$2,157.48 from our 2015 Camellia Show.

OLD BUSINESS

The GCS April meeting has been changed to April 12, 2015, instead of the 19th due to a conflict with Kanapaha Gardens.

All slots for the Kanapaha Spring Festival have been filled for manning the GCS booth. Jerry Hogsette will be at the entrance on Saturday morning with the passes and location of the booth.

Irma Velez checked with Kanapaha regarding changing the 2016 GCS show date to November 2015, but the date was not available. After discussion Irma was asked to go back to Kanapaha to check the availability of the second weekend in February. She noted that this date is available. It was also noted that January 2016 has 5 weekends, and perhaps the fifth weekend would be workable. Because many of the members who show flowers were not at today's meeting, Irma will check further on the alternate dates, and the discussion will continue at the April meeting.

Karen Peeples advised that she had received a copy of an e-mail that John Swanson had received from Celeste Richard stating that the American Camellia Society had declined Epcot's invitation to participate in their annual International Flower and Garden festival. Celeste said it was too short notice for the Florida clubs to be able to participate.

Election of Officers. John Thrasher moved to approve the entire slate of officers and board members as tendered by the Nominating Committee at the February meeting. The motion was seconded by Charles Simon and passed by all members. Installation of officers will take place at the May GCS meeting, and new officers will assume their responsibilities on July 1.

NEW BUSINESS

Irma Velez asked Merry Reid to compile a list of new GCS members so that we could continue with the mentoring program begun last year. Anyone willing to mentor a new member should contact Merry Reid.

Charles Simon presented examples of a camellia fact sheet and the Tioga Times PR article which his son had laminated for use at the annual camellia show. Members indicated this was an excellent idea. It was suggested that we include information sheets on the different camellia forms. Irma noted that the Lakeland show had descriptions of the different species and terminologies used at shows.

The business meeting adjourned at 2:35 pm.

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As I walked through my garden last week, I still saw a few camellia flowers: *In the Pink*, *Junior Prom*, *Jack Mandarin*, *Gordy seedling #250*, and even a bud on *Adolphe Audusson*! Of course, much more noticeable was the exuberant growth on all of the shrubs in the garden. This has been a fantastic growing season, and, frankly, I'm already thinking about all the pruning I will have to do next spring. I was a little late in fertilizing this year, but the camellias seem to have forgiven me. They grew just as well as if I had fed them in March.

I've been on a couple of camellia-related trips this spring. I headed up to Masee Lane Gardens recently for a meeting of the Strategic Planning Committee to iron out some details about how to get clubs more active in ACS, and I appreciated all the hard work that the ACS staff has put into the garden. I also attended the planning meeting for the Atlantic Coast Camellia Society (as first vice-president) and met with old and new friends on the ACCS board, as well as members of the mid-Carolina Camellia Society. I saw a few familiar faces: Chuck and Bev Ritter, the representatives from Florida; John and Dinh Swanson, historians for the ACCS; and Jerry and Carol Selph, the representatives from Georgia. What a great group of people! If you are not a member of the Atlantic Coast Camellia Society, I urge you to join. These camellia lovers from all over the east coast – from Maryland to Florida -- meet once a year on the third weekend in September, lately in Litchfield Beach just south of Myrtle Beach, South Carolina. It's a great way to kick off the camellia season. If you're interested, check them out at www.atlanticcoastcamelliasociety.org.

I look forward to seeing everyone at the last meeting of this year – our potluck dinner at Kanapaha Botanical Gardens – and my last meeting as president of the Gainesville Camellia Society. I have enjoyed being your president and am honored that you have allowed me to serve in this capacity. Remember to bring your favorite side dish or dessert, and you can also bring wine or beer for yourself or to share. See you there!

Patrick Andrews, President

Minutes for GCS Meeting - April 12, 2015

The meeting was called to order by President Patrick Andrews, who welcomed new members. He thanked John and Dinh Swanson and Ruth Milton for providing today's refreshments.

Patrick asked if there were any additions or corrections to the minutes of the March meeting. (The minutes are published in the monthly newsletter which is sent to members via e-mail. If anyone does not receive the newsletter, please contact Merry Reid so that she can update the membership records.) Jerry Hogsette moved to accept the minutes as published; seconded by Bill Hayes; approved.

John Swanson gave a summary of his and Dinh's recent "Road Scholar Program" trip to Cuba.

TREASURER'S REPORT – Merry Reid

Savings Account - \$1,669.21

Checking Account - \$7,627.84

Total Funds - \$9,297.05

OLD BUSINESS

Kanapaha Gardens Spring Festival – Irma Velez reported on the festival activity. Apparently the application forms were not received by Kanapaha and our table placement was not in a high visibility area. Even so, all members who signed up to man the booth were there. We made \$36 on the plant raffle and signed up one new member.

January 2016 show date - This issue came up for discussion. Anna Langford made a motion to change the 2016 show to the second weekend in February; seconded by Bill Hayes. Irma Velez noted that she is the show chairman for 2016 and she will be out of town for the first 2 weeks in February. Kanapaha Gardens is available for those dates. After discussion, Patrick Andrews called for the vote; yea's 8; nay's 12; motion did not pass. The 2016 Camellia Show will be held the second weekend in January, as voted at a previous meeting.

Camellia Plants previously held by Bill Leucking are now located at Jerry Hogsette's. John Swanson will email a list of available plants and prices to members, and Jerry will handle sale of the plants.

NEW BUSINESS

2015-2016 Board of Directors - Roberta Parks contacted Patrick Andrews to advise that she will not be able to serve as a director for the coming year. While we still have an appropriate number of directors, Patrick encouraged members to consider serving as a director and contact him if interested.

Facebook page for the Gainesville Camellia Society - Bruce Cavey's wife, Annette, has offered to set up a Facebook page for GCS. It was noted that the Lakeland club has a Facebook page and that is how the Disney rep learned of their show last year. Members discussed the having a Facebook page and Bob Weidman suggested Bruce or Annette come to a meeting to explain how this would work. Patrick will invite them to the May meeting.

Camellia Posters for Plant Sales - Charles Simon has completed the presentation pages for next year's plant sale and will bring a flash drive to the next meeting to show images of the posters so that these can be reviewed by members for any additions or corrections. Irma Velez will bring the projector to the meeting.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Charles Simon brought tomato, eggplant, and sweet pepper seedlings for members to take home.

Our May 17th meeting will be the GCS annual potluck. Patrick will contact Eleanor Thrasher to arrange for the meat dish, refreshments, and table preparation. Members are to bring a salad, vegetables or dessert. Irma Velez, Dinh Swanson, Anna Langford, Tara Gill, along with Eleanor Thrasher, volunteered to handle table setup, using a theme of "Spring".

PROGRAM

Program Topic: Pruning of Camellias

Speaker: Irma Velez

Irma Velez brought in one of her camellia bushes and demonstrated proper pruning techniques.

Karen Peebles, Secretary

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Spring Picnic and May Business Meeting

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