



Gainesville Camellia Society

Affiliated with the American Camellia Society

Editor: Anna Langford

April 2025

President's Message



Ellen Daniel Red Fringed

Greetings.

Spring has sprung. New growth has pushed most of the remaining flower buds off. In our yard we went from hundreds of blooms last week to just a few this week.

Spring is a crucial time for maintenance of your Camellia plants. There is an excellent article or guide in the ACS journal written by Brenda Litchfield titled Camellia Care for spring. We will share handouts for anyone that is not a member of the ACS. I highly recommend this article for new growers and seasoned growers alike .

Look forward to seeing everyone on Sunday, April 13th.

Jay Ellis, President

Minutes for GCS Meeting March 16, 2025

Meeting started at 2:12pm. Called to order by Jay Ellis.

Jay applauded the GCS members, stating “be proud of what this club has done.” Referencing the ACS National Convention and the wildly successful January show.

Old Business

Jill Reid (old business) discussed how difficult it is to mail awards to winners. Central Florida show has the shower's write down name and address--consider doing this for next year.



Charlean, variegated



Terry Gilley, variegated

Joann Theodore discussed using a digital form for registering for the blooms, but many members stated they don't use the computer or their phone for such purposes. The Membership directory was discussed again, Cat Spurgeon is working on this, as well as the website for a central point of access for names and contact information. Jerry Hogsette discussed methods in the past that included postcards used to be mailed out, asking if they were coming to the show.

Treasurer's Report:

Checking	\$10,279
Savings	<u>13,531</u>
Total	\$23,810

A motion was made and seconded to accept the Treasurer's report and passed.

Jerry Hogsette reminded everybody that the Kanapaha show is next weekend, volunteers have signed up--thanked members for completing the list. Told everybody that if you have to pay to get in, the club can pay to reimburse you. Great event to join and see what is available.

Jay Ellis adjourned the meeting for John Swanson to discuss new board members.

John Swanson discussed the new board members:

Debbie Ellis, President

Charles Simon, 1st VP and Shows

Wally Belgard, 2nd VP and Programs

Cat Spurgeon, Secretary

Merry Reid, Treasurer

10 board members:

Jay Ellis, Ron Stevens, Rick Davis, Irma Velez, Jerry Hogsette, Sanford Porter, Deborah Engquist, Jill Reid, Phil Leilich, Carter Brenneman, Charlie Rye.



Ruby Davidson

John Swanson has scheduled April 25th as the “Air Layering Day”. It will take place at his home, from 9am to noon. It includes a potluck lunch. He will provide the meats and beverages, please bring a side or dessert.

Next announcement: Wilmot is having their plant sale April 4-5. We donated 50 camellias to their plant sale; announcements have been emailed regarding what cultivars are available for pre-sale. John is a board member of the ACS, and his 2nd tour finishes in June. If anyone is interested in looking to replace and serve this three year term, contact John and see about getting the proper forms.

April 13th is our next meeting due to the Easter holiday.



Tama Peacock

Educational Program

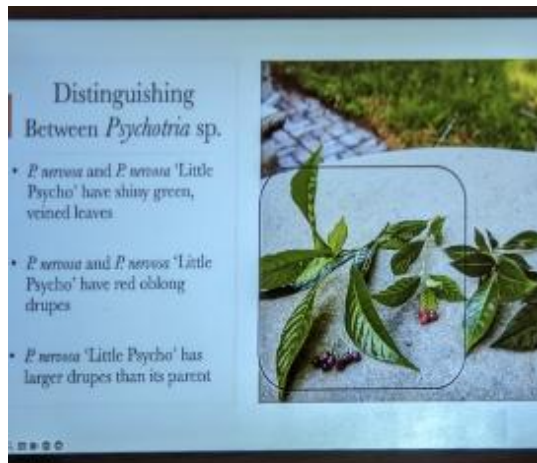
Dr. Sanford Porter introduced Dr. Teagan Young from the UF Environmental Horticulture program. She works in the broad area of Urban Forests.

Dr. Teagan Young

(teagan.young@ufl.edu) presented her previously defended and passed thesis: "Wild Coffee, Landscape, and Urban Forest." It is in the process of being published. She inquires into tree species and how they adapt to urban environments. Her presentation discussed the Environmental Horticulture Department at UF and everything they offer as far as courses and extension offices.



Wild coffee grows in part sun/full shade areas. Dr Young attempted to do a cutting propagation of 4 coffee species. Seed propagation is very difficult. Her research goal was to find the best ways of cutting propagation to bring for potential commercial sales.



Native distribution is all over the state. Note: we have 5 cultivars that grow in Florida. Used talc rooting hormone #8 and #16 (for difficult to root plants) by Hormex. Used a 6:3:1 (bark: Canadian peat:perlite) used at UF for their propagation. The results showed that they all rooted even the control group (sans hormone). Nurseries like to see at least 80%. 87-100% rooting achieved for cuttings treated with auxin. Auxin led to more rooting quality in all cultivars. Using #16 (16000 was burning the plants). #8 had the best results between the two. They looked at #5 (5000) as the "way to go" she said, it's cheaper, and #8 is only for difficult to root plants. So with #5 you'll receive the best bang for your buck and benefits.

She also teaches Landscape Design, with Dr. Gail Hansen. Dr. Young discussed the perspective of warm and cool colors. Do not pair pink with red. Pink is used to brighten up shady areas. It brightens up the area. Use yellow for a focal point in your landscape. Yellow is also used as a distraction aid. Greens are calming, and useful for blending and making your landscape look more cohesive. Blue is difficult to find in native plants, it pairs well with yellow and orange. It is the #1 preferred plant by people and insects. High contrast with green in shade. Purple symbolizes power, royalty and knowledge...it adds weight and texture. White brings out true hues of colors, brightens a shady spot.



Sultana



Last section of lecture: Dr Ryan Klein, Forester, works at The Tree Unit off Williston Road, near the Bee unit. They have sections of experiments to determine how different tree suppliers grow their trees. Investigating root systems among concrete barriers, parking lots. Composts and bio charts. Tree diapers, like a donut, can be recharged by 1" of rain over 6 weeks or so.

Dr Young discussed Urban Planning and how 10-20 tree species are used -- we will see the decline of many here in north central Florida: winged elms, red maples, and sweet gums. Due to range contraction. USDA the temperatures and movement of pests will cause the decline of these trees. Problem: limited species availability--barriers to urban tree selection, poor nursery stock quality. Industry professionals prefer climate-resilient trees (hardiness, low maintenance, drought tolerance). Gainesville is the most favorable site due to 97% survival due to moderate temps and precipitation. Sweet acacia exhibited highest survival (87%) with adaptability and flexibility for range expansion.

Dr Young provided resources which include the following links:

Florida Friendly Landscaping Bee Gardens:

<https://ffl.ifas.ufl.edu/resources/apps/bee-gardens/>

Florida Bee Garden App:

<https://ffl.ifas.ufl.edu/bees/>

Florida Friendly Landscaping program:

<https://ffl.ifas.ufl.edu/>

Program ended at 3:26pm

Cat Spurgeon, Secretary



Sawada's Dream

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		<i>Food</i>	<i>Drinks</i>
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Air Layering Day

Air layering day will be on April 25th from 9am-12 noon (approximately) A pot luck lunch will be ready to eat at about 12 or a little after. Meat and drinks will be provided by the host. Participant should bring a side dish, salad, or dessert.

Attached to the newsletter are lists of supplies needed and varieties that will be available to air layer.

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Monthly Meeting of the Gainesville Camellia Society

Date: Sunday, April 13, 2025

Place: Kanapaha Botanical Gardens

Program: “Stories and History of the Gainesville Camellia Society” by Jerry Hogsette

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President's Message



Gigantea

Greetings!

As we enter the end of the blooming season, some of the varieties have been the best we have ever seen. New growth is starting to emerge, meaning it's time for fertilizing, pruning, and spraying for scale & red spider.

If you have any plants left in containers, it's time to get them in the ground if they're well rooted. If not, make sure they are well taken care of over the summer and then plant in the fall.

Kanapaha Spring Festival is 3/22 & 3/23. If you are volunteering, after your time slot be sure to check out the vendor booths.

Looking forward to seeing everyone Sunday, March 16th, at 2 pm. Note that our meeting date for next month has been changed to April 13th to avoid conflicting with Easter Sunday.

Jay Ellis, President

Minutes for GCS Meeting February 16, 2024

GCS President Jay Ellis opened the meeting at 2:10 p.m. and welcomed new member Leeann Shearouse. Leeann just moved to our area and will be opening a tropical and garden nursery business in Alachua specializing in Camellias and Azaleas. She made her last camellia purchase at Nuccio's nursery in California the day before the fire. She told us that Tom Nuccio is now living in a nursing home and Jim Nuccio is living with his wife. All of their buildings burned down and there will be no more mail order sales, only sales from the remaining stock at their California site.



Charlean, variegated



Nuccio's Gem

Old Business

A motion was made and seconded to accept the January 2025 meeting minutes and passed.

New Business

Treasurer's Report by Merry Reid.

Checking account \$10,208

Savings account \$14,335

Total \$24,543

A motion was made and seconded to accept the Treasurer's report and passed. Charles Simon reminded everyone that we sequester \$14,000 to put on the next Camellia Show and Plant Sale, and we have another \$2,000 in recurring expenses for the meeting room rental and Camellia Garden upkeep.

This leaves us \$8,500 for our sustained philanthropic giving to Wilmot Botanical Gardens, Kanapaha Botanical Gardens, UF-IFAS ornamental horticulture students, the American Camellia Society and Grow Hub.

John Swanson sent around a signup sheet for booth-bunnies at the Kanapaha Spring Plant Sale. The sale will take place the weekend of March 23-24, 2025. Our information table will be inside the main building. Charles Simon said he will donate a “Garden Party” camellia plant in a five gallon pot for the raffle.



Dixie Knight Supreme



Lady Vansittart

Jay Ellis announced the results from the nominating committee for next year’s slate of officers and Board members.

OFFICERS

Debbie Ellis	President
Charles Simon	First Vice President (show chair)
Wally Bellgard	Second Vice President (program chair)
Secretary	Cat Spurgeon
Treasurer	Merry Reid

BOARD MEMBERS

Jay Ellis	Deborah Engquist
Ron (Steve) Stevens	Jill Reed
Rick Davis	Phil Lekicht
Irma Velez	Carter Brenneman
Jerry Hogsette	

Officers and Board Members serve for two years. Charles Simon said that these are basically voluntary positions and that any member who has been with the GCS for one full season or more can be nominated to these positions before elections are held next month.

Educational Program

Ms. Sally Layendecker, Vice President of the Ocala Camellia Society, was our guest lecturer. Sally is a Master Gardener and retired school teacher. Her talk was on “Everything camellia” and was filled with a wealth of information, starting with the story of the beginning of the use of the camellia leaves to make tea in ancient China. She gave a summary of the history of the spread of tea (*Camellia Sinensis*) cultivation around the world and the simultaneous spread of other more beautiful *Camellia* cultivars.



Sweet Emily Kate



Mabel Bryant Strawberry

She described the diseases and pests of camellias and referred members to the website of the University of Florida Institute of Food and Agricultural Sciences (UF-IFAS), which has detailed descriptions of each problem and treatment protocols.

She detailed some of the history and uses of camellias in fashion, religion and literature, as well as some of the symbolism. For example, white camellias are considered bad luck or death in Japan. Pink camellias are for friends and red camellias mean love.

Sally brought handouts on camellia identification, flower waxing, the IFAS article on pests, diseases and treatments, and a feeding program called the “Ultimate Camellia Diet”. This program includes nine suggested “foods” applied at appropriate times throughout the year and is reprinted below.

- A. Apply high-grade granular acid food
- B. Stern's Miracle-Gro Muracid
- C. Apply super-phosphate to soil now
- D. Apply generous amount of Black Kow cow manure
- E. Apply cottonseed meal
- F. Apply Ironite
- G. Apply soapy water, hose-end shower
- H. Sprinkle sulfur lightly
- I. Epsom salts now

*Omega**Ruta Hagmann*

After blooming in:

March-April	A, B, C, D, H
May	B, C, E, G, I
June	A, B, G
July	B, D
August	B, C, F, I
September	A, B, G
October	B, D, G

Be sure to read the directions on each product twice and follow them closely. A terrific inoculated soil amendment called "Command" is made in Newberry, Florida by *LifeSoils* and costs \$18/40-lb. bag. Fifty pound bags of cottonseed meal can be purchased for \$14 each from *West End Milling Company* at 700 W Screven Street in Quitman, Georgia.

Charles Simon, Secretary

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April Kiss

Greetings!

As we near the conclusion of our blooming season here in North Florida there are still a lot of good, show quality blooms out there. For many the next few weeks is the preferred time to graft. It's also a good time for pruning and fertilization to get plants ready for a wonderful first cycle of new growth.

Jerry Hogsette is looking for volunteers for the GCS booth at the Kanapaha Spring Festival on March 22 & 23. This is a wonderful way for newer members to be involved in our club. Anna Langford will be looking for sponsors for tables for our season ending barbecue & meeting in May.

Looking forward to seeing everyone this Sunday!

Jay Ellis, President

Minutes for GCS Meeting January 19, 2024

GCS President Jay Ellis opened the meeting at 2:09 p.m. and welcomed everyone, including eight new members. Jay announced that our 2025 Show featured 1,188 blooms on display and was spectacular overall!

Old Business

A motion was made and seconded to accept the December, 2024 meeting minutes and passed.



Esther Smith

New Business

Debbie Ellis gave the Treasurer's Report for Merry Reid.

Checking account \$17,541

Savings account \$9,289

Total \$26,830

A motion was made and seconded to accept the Treasurer's report and passed.

Charles Simon gave a summary of the American Camellia Society (ACS) convention events which included four cocktail hours, four breakfasts, three luncheons, two dinner banquets, three lectures and trips to the Florida Museum of Natural History, Wilmot Botanical Gardens, Kanapaha Botanical Gardens and Silver Springs State Park. Each event occurred on schedule and without interruption, due to the work of many GCS volunteers and the excellent host for each event.



Frank Houser variegated

Charles found a small note from long time ACS member, Patty Perkins (Patricia Lordsdale Perkins) tucked into his coat pocket sometime after the end of the convention. He read the following out loud:

“Dr. Simon and crew,

Oh my goodness what a delightful convention. Every detail meticulously planned, super fellowship, amazing food and fabulous activities.

What fun! All lectures and educational programs have energized us to take our common enthusiasm for camellias to a new level.

Thank you, thank you ever so much. Your hard work is much appreciated. We have your sauce and jam to take home to continue our ACS 2025 adventure.

Warmly,

Patty”



Jean Clare



Lucille Jernigan

Charles said this note had JoAnne and Alex Theodore’s names all over it! These folks made sure every food event was “meticulously” crafted and exquisitely decorated and presented. They provided theme colored (pink!) tablecloths and napkins, lace tablecloth overlays, exquisitely crafted drift wood centerpieces with fresh camellia blooms, ample high quality foods at the luncheons and cocktail hours, and all necessary accoutrements for each event. The presentations were expertly arranged and Charles received many compliments regarding the organizational efficiency of these events. Many thanks to JoAnne and Alex, and high praise from the conventioners!

Charles thanked Dr. Cat Spurgeon for her contributions securing all printed matter, including the convention program, name tags, canvas bags, tourist guides and T-shirts, and for guiding us in the convention process, in which she has extensive experience.

Cat dramatically increased the GCS online presence on Facebook and even did live casts from the plant sale. On Sunday she told her viewers that GCS was out of plants but they could have another chance to purchase Camellia plants when Wilmot Gardens has their annual Spring Plant sale. Cat did her live casts from her “Free coffee and cocoa tent” at the plant sale, which was a very popular spot in the 40°F weather! Many thanks for many contributions go to Cat.



Kay Berridge



Big Beauty

Another outstanding contribution to the convention was made by Dr. Craig Tisher. He arranged our picnic lunch at Wilmot Gardens and led everyone on a guided tour of the Gardens. This tour was especially appreciated by the participants. Dr. Tisher also gave a lecture on the History of Wilmot Gardens and contributed a story to the Convention Program.

The 2025 ACS Convention Program has been highly praised by all recipients for its beautiful layout and coloring as well as the quality and content of its stories, all produced by GCS members and guest lecturers. The layout was done voluntarily by a University of Central Florida student and daughter of GCS member Dr. Sanford Porter, Ms. Lorissa Porter, as part of her required curricula. This layout is nothing short of spectacular and has received high praise from all recipients. Many thanks to Lorissa for her excellent work!

Dr. Simon reported that the nearly thirty thousand dollars in convention expenses were all covered by convention income except for \$600. This small amount will be obtained from the Annual GCS gift of \$1500 to the ACS.

At his point the meeting was interrupted by Cat Spurgeon as she presented an appreciation “plaque” in the form of an embossed stainless steel shovel to Charles Simon for his work making the convention a success. Charles thanked Cat and everyone who helped make the ACS Convention enjoyable. He told us that ACS President Dennis Hart wrote to him in an email and said that he felt 2025 was “the best ACS convention ever”.



Adolphe Audusson



Blaze of Glory

Valerie Malkemes told everyone that the Los Angeles Times reported that Nuccio’s Nursery in California lost two houses and other buildings to the fires and some plants. Most plants survived as of reporting time. There were some reports on Facebook that the plants were watered using tanker trucks since there is no power on site.

Rick Davis then reported on this year’s plant sale. We started out with 870 plants and after presales placed 820 plants on the sales lot. This year Kanapaha had marked off the entire oval within the road way so the plants were set up around the perimeter. This allowed easy access and flow for the first time.

Several hundred plants sold during the first hour as ACS conventioners flocked to the sales lot and were allowed to purchase plants one hour earlier than the general public. (Charles noted that this access to the massive plant sale was always a part of the convention draw to Gainesville.) By the end of Saturday all of the plants were sold.

Charles Simon mentioned that the margins for the five growers who provided plants to the GCS sale were about \$1200 for Jay Ellis, about \$2300 for Jerry Hogsette, about \$3500 each for Loch Laurel and County Line nurseries, and over \$8,000 for John Swanson plants.



Coral Pink



Dixie Knight Supreme

Jill Reed reminded everyone that the Ocala Camellia Society Show and plant sale is next weekend, January 25 and 26, 2025 at the Fort King Presbyterian Church in Ocala. Brian Dick will be the head judge. Everyone is welcome to enter blooms from 7:00-10:00 a.m. on Saturday the 25th.

Charles Simon noted that several new members had not received a free Camellia plant since we sold completely out. He presented one plant to a new member and promised that all other new members would receive a free plant in the near future.

Educational Program

After a brief auction Jay Ellis introduced Sanford Porter who presented a lecture on how to photograph Camellias using various cameras, lenses and techniques. He showed examples of each trial and the best conditions that he found in each circumstance.

Deborah Enquist then presented a demonstration on air layering. She prefers to cut the outer layer of bark using a small knife, then peel away the inch of bark between the cuts using a pair of standard pliers. She then applies root hormone to the area and wraps damp moss around followed by a double layer wrap of aluminum foil, shiny side in, ending in a seam that faces downward and tightly twisted upper and lower ends. Finally, electrical tape is wrapped around the top of the foil ending on the upper plant branch to keep excess water out.

Charles Simon, Secretary



Paradise Smile

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Ferris Wheel

Greetings.

What an outstanding, wonderful show we had, with 1189 blooms exhibited. We have been to hundreds of shows over the years and I believe this was the smoothest run show I have been a part of.

I would like to thank show person Debbie Ellis for the hard work that she put into getting the pieces to work like a well-oiled machine and the volunteers who made success possible.

Congratulations and great thanks to Charles Simon and his army for all of the hard work that they poured into the most successful National Convention in recent memory. There have been many accolades and praises for our club for an excellent show and the convention that our club hosted.

For the second year in a row Wally Belgard won the plant raffle. This year was a Miss Lillian. Rumor has it that the deck was stacked in his favor. LOL !!

See everyone at the January meeting on the 19th at 2pm in the other meeting room.

Jay Ellis, President



Doris Ellis

Minutes for GCS Meeting December 15, 2024

Business Meeting

Jay Ellis, GCS President, opened the business meeting at 1:40 PM and welcomed everyone. This being our annual Christmas party, the business meeting was abbreviated.

Old Business

The November 2024 minutes were accepted.

New Business

Treasurer's report for December, 2024 by Merry Reid

Checking: \$1,000

Savings: 10,580

Total: \$11,580



Lady Ruth Ritter

*Punkin*

Charles also introduced Marge Hendon, President of the Ocala Camellia Society (OCS), who will be calling all volunteers the night before their duty time to remind them. Marge took the opportunity to invite GCS judges to the OCS show at the end of January.

Sanford Porter told us that the survey of Camellia plants at Kanapaha was nearly complete. He needs 200 large metal ID tags for the plants. Placards will eventually be placed in front of each plant. He needs some volunteers to help with this effort.

Cat Spurgeon announced that the GCS has an updated Facebook page that is getting a lot of traffic. Cat also brought the newly designed GCS t-shirts that were awesome!

We then shared an excellent meal and gag-gift exchange hosted by a duly appointed representative of Santa Claus.

Charles Simon, Secretary

Rick Davis passed around a signup sheet for help with the plant sale. Debbie Ellis also passed around a signup sheet for help with the show. Merry Reid needs some help at the show information desk. Jay Ellis reminded everyone that there would be several new categories for blooms entered by local growers.

Craig Tisher announced that Wilmot Botanical Gardens would have a new Director, Jim Stribling, starting January 1, 2025. Jim is eminently qualified to fill this position.

Charles Simon reported that all of the volunteer time slots for help with the ACS National Convention were filled. Any additional helpers will be welcomed. He asked all participants present to meet after the festivities to plan activities.

*Ray Gentry*

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New GCS Shirts

Gainesville Camellia Society has official shirts available in two styles: Polo (light blue) and regular t-shirt (stone blue and white). Sizes available range from Small to 3XL for both styles. The cost for either shirt style is \$20. Please contact Cat Spurgeon at acsgville@gmail.com or 321.615.2229 to get yours ordered.



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Some Photos from the Show, Sale, and Convention



Best Bloom in Show, Unprotected
J.D. Thomerson

Best Bloom, Novice category
Phil Leilich



Kanapaha Botanical Gardens is now on the ACS American Camellia Trail. Presentation to Alexis Goodman by John Swanson, Rick Davis, and Sanford Porter.

Customers being assisted at the Plant Sale.



Silver Springs excursion, ACS Convention.

Keynote Speaker J.D. Thomerson at the ACS Convention Banquet.



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If you have some photos you would like to share of your camellias, but are not on social media sites, consider sending them to Cat Spurgeon and she will get them posted for you. Ensure you include the variety and/or cultivar, if you have a short story regarding the camellia, you are invited to include that as well. The purpose of this is to create awareness of the local varieties that our members are growing. This also helps with getting more people interested and involved with identifying the camellias in their yard and around town. Contact Cat at acsgrville@gmail.com or 321.615.2229 for more information or to submit your photos.

Program for January meeting

The air layering demonstration will be given by Deborah Engquist. Sanford Porter will make up a limited number of practice air layering supply kits including foil, tape, root grow, moss, etc. Please call or text him if you want to reserve a kit (246-8336).

Sanford will also be giving a presentation on camellia photography. Please let him know if you have a few camellia photos he could share (sdporter22@gmail.com) or photography questions you would like him to address.



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Monthly Meeting of the Gainesville Camellia Society

Date: Sunday, December 19, 2025
Place: Kanapaha Botanical Gardens
Program: Camellia Photography and Air Layering

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December 2024

President's Message



Merry Christmas

Greetings to all.

Camellia blooming season is upon us. As final preparations for our show and the ACS convention are taking shape, this is our chance to shine in the Camellia world.

Weather is always a challenge during our show season. Our lows have run from 30-36 degrees all week long with a light frost but no apparent damage to blooms or buds. We will hope for the best! Also, it has been very dry so it's very important to keep plants well-watered for better blooms.

Don't forget we have Local Awards for Best Local Bloom, Best Formal Double, Best Variegated, Best Large/Very Large, Best Small/Medium, Best Miniature. Mark your card with a big X to identify it as a Local Bloom.

Last but not least, our December meeting and Christmas Party is this Sunday, December 15th, at 1:00 - an hour earlier than usual. Please bring your favorite covered dish. Meats will be provided by John Swanson and Jerry Hogsette. Don't forget to bring a gag gift for the gift exchange. I look forward to seeing all of you this Sunday!

Cheers.

Jay Ellis, President



CM Wilson, variegated

Minutes for GCS Meeting November 17, 2024

Business Meeting

Jay Ellis, GCS President, opened the business meeting at 2:13 PM and welcomed everyone. He reminded everyone that this year's Show is dedicated to Anna and Gerald Langford in recognition for all that they've done, and continue to do, for the Gainesville Camellia Society (GCS). Jay then told the group that the "Old Goat", Gerald Langford, had passed recently. He made a motion for GCS to donate \$200 to the American Camellia Society (ACS) in memory of Gerald. The motion was immediately seconded and passed unanimously.



Lindsey

*Empress*

Old Business

The October 2024 minutes were accepted.

New Business

Treasurer's report for November 2024 by Merry Reid

Checking: \$5,502

Savings: 10,580

Total: \$16,082

Charles Simon gave a summary of activities planned for the ACS National Convention and described personnel and food needs. He passed around signup sheets for volunteers by time slot and event.

Debbie Ellis reported that there were still openings for help with the Show. She passed a signup sheet and reminded everyone to consider joining in the fun!

After the lecture on Bloom Preparation (see below), Debbie described the new Show Award categories that GCS is introducing this year. There will be a local award for the best bloom by a GCS member. Members should put an X on the back of their registration card to compete. There will also be an additional tray of three with the requirement that they be small, medium and large blooms of different varieties.

Debbie then reminded us that next month's meeting will be our **ANNUAL CHRISTMAS PARTY** with **POTLUCK DISHES** and **GAG GIFTS!**

*Enchanted Evening*

*Anita*

Charles said that Santa Claus himself (or a duly appointed representative) would be handing out the gag gifts along with his faithful assistant, Amy Elf.

Debbie passed another signup sheet and verbally recruited five volunteers to prepare 6-8 place settings and centerpieces for tables at the party.

Jerry Hogsette announced that Brian Dick from the Lakeland Camellia Society will be this year's Head Judge.

Educational Program

Jay Ellis gave a demonstration on bloom preparation for the Show. He advised picking the blossom just before its peak and in the early morning. Rules require 0-2 leaves on a bloom. Wait until it's dry and then spray lightly two times with Clear Life, or a similar product. This is available at Florist shops and online.

Be sure to spray the top and bottom thoroughly, then place the bloom in water (small jars or pics) with a little sugar, or bloom food available at Florist shops and online.

Jay demonstrated his spraying technique on a variety of spectacular blooms from his garden. He reminded us to be sure the bloom is dry before spraying. He places wet blooms in front of a gentle fan breeze until they're dry.

Put the prepared blooms in a box or container and use fluffy fiberfill in between them. He showed us an example of a completed container of prepared blooms with fiberfill. Keep the blooms in a refrigerator at about 40°F until the morning of the Show, and then transport cold in coolers to the bloom preparation area of the Show.

*Dautel's Supreme*

*Marie Bracey*

Jerry Hogsette continued the lecture by describing how to fill out the bloom entry cards. You can use stick on address labels and look up the name of your bloom in the Registry to determine its category. He showed several examples of cards and allowed everyone to examine them.

The meeting was adjourned.

Charles Simon, Secretary

<i>Date and place of meeting</i>		<i>Refreshments</i>	
		<i>Food</i>	<i>Drinks</i>
12/15/2024	Kanapaha Botanical Gardens	Christmas Party – Potluck	Anna Langford
1/19/2025	Kanapaha Botanical Gardens	Katherine Davies & Julie Conn	Amy & Phil Puccio
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It's Party time!

We're having our annual Christmas gathering for this month's meeting. We'll gather at 1 pm to socialize and have a glass of good cheer. Bring wine if you like. Anna Langford will provide the usual tea and soft drinks. Then we'll sit down to eat at 2 pm. Jerry Hogsette and John Swanson are bringing ham and turkey, and the rest of us are to bring a side dish, salad, or dessert.

After the meal, we'll have a short business meeting to finalize plans for the January show, sale, and convention. This will be followed by the gag gift exchange that is always so much fun. Items are usually inexpensive, odd, humorous, or even related to camellia gardening. FUN. And the givers remain anonymous.

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Date: Sunday, December 15, 2024
Place: Kanapaha Botanical Gardens
Program: Christmas Party – socializing at 1pm, meal at 2pm

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President's Message



Alice Creighton

Greetings,

Here it is mid November already. Today, November 10th, we are having our first rain since Milton. As of 2:30 pm there has been about 1/2 inch. Blooms will be a-popping!

On a sad note, "Old Goat" Gerald Langford has passed away. He and Anna have done so much for our club. Our prayers go out for Anna and family. I am proud to call him my friend!

There are still positions open for our show - please see Debbie for details. There are also openings for the convention - see Charles. Don't forget to register for the different events during the convention week. Also remember to register for the hotel if you are planning on staying there during the convention.

Now is the time for gibbing for our show, as there are several new categories and cash prizes for local growers.

This month's program will be: how to fill out entry cards for the show and training for various jobs in the show. We will also have a demonstration of preparing your flowers for the show.

I look forward to seeing you all Sunday, November 17th, at 2pm.

Jay Ellis, President



Barbara Colbert

Minutes for GCS Meeting October 13, 2024

Business Meeting

Jay Ellis, GCS President, opened the business meeting at 2:17 PM and welcomed everyone. There were no visitors at this meeting.

Old Business

A correction to the 9/15/24 minutes was made by Charles Simon to add Wilmot Gardens as the recipient for the 30 plants valued at \$1500.



Bart Colbert, Variegated

*Yuletide*

Charles Simon reported that plans for the ACS National Convention have been completed and attendees are currently registering. He invited all members to consider registering for the full convention, or for individual events listed in the convention schedule. The ACS website has a link to the schedule and event costs, which are also appended to these minutes.

Charles also mentioned that people interested in helping at the convention can sign up next month for time slots and events. He said they will also need help with adding homemade Florida goodies to the bags, and with preparing snacks for the cocktail hours.

New Business

Treasurer's report for October, 2024 by Merry Reid.

Checking:	\$11,703
Savings:	<u>10,579</u>
Total:	\$22,282

Debbie Ellis reported that the tables for the 2025 Show have been ordered, and work has begun on assembling goodie bags for the judges. Debbie also told us that GCS t-shirts and polos will be available for purchase and she hopes all Show participants will wear one. She passed around a sheet for people to sign up to be clerks at the Show and to provide food and drinks for the rest of our meetings, and to purchase shirts. She'll have examples of the shirts at the next meeting.

*Ville de Nantes*

*Whoopee*

We'll also need people to attend the registration desk and serve as bartenders and servers (cleaners) at the cocktail hours and the picnic lunch. He encouraged everyone to send him their personal 'Camellia story', even a paragraph or two with pictures if you like. These will be published in the convention program. Charles also needs help with producing this program and creating the printer's layout.

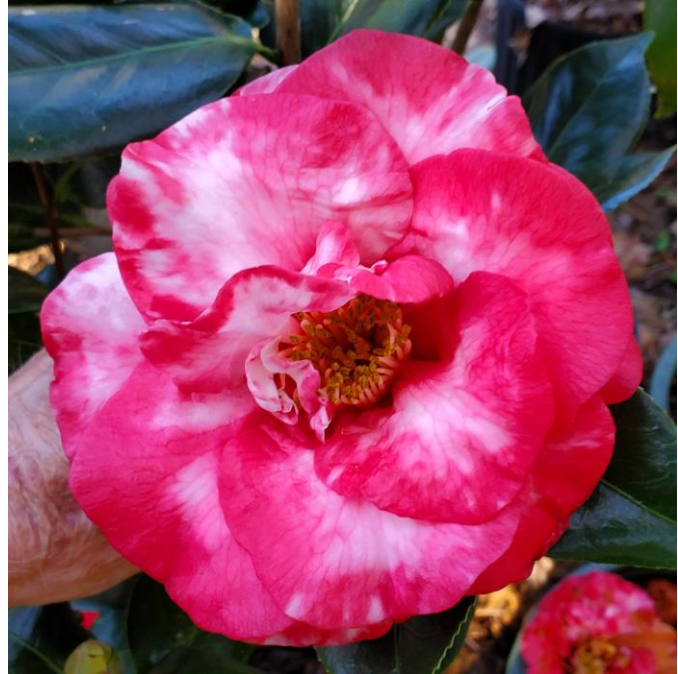
Educational Program

Dr. Sanford Porter introduced Dr. Kevin Korus, a plant pathologist with the University of Florida Institute of Food and Agricultural Sciences (UF-IFAS). Dr. Korus spoke to us about plant diseases with emphasis on camellia plants. He defined a disease as any condition that prevents a plant from realizing its maximum potential. There are abiotic diseases, or conditions, caused by environmental stress like too much or too little sunlight, too much or too little water, from chemical exposures such as over fertilizing or nutrient deficiency from under fertilizing. Then there are biotic diseases caused by micro and macroscopic organisms such as molds, bacteria, nematodes, mites and other 'bugs'.

*Faith*

Dr. Korus spoke at length about each biotic disease and passed out a full color handout describing these diseases and their treatments. The article is available online at the UF IFAS extension as circular ENH1294.

Charles Simon, Secretary



Dr Cy Echols

APPENDIX TO THE MINUTES: INDIVIDUAL ACS CONVENTION EVENT COSTS
JANUARY 2-5, 2025

<u>Thursday</u> open-bar cocktail hour (Free to volunteer helpers.)	\$20
<u>Friday</u> tour of UF Butterfly Garden	\$15
<u>Friday</u> picnic lunch at Wilmot Gardens (Free to volunteer helpers.)	\$25
<u>Friday</u> Lecture at the Hilton	Free
<u>Friday</u> open-bar cocktail hours:	\$20
<u>Friday</u> Judges Banquet at the Hilton	\$85
<u>Saturday</u> Judges Luncheon at Kanapaha	\$30
<u>Saturday</u> Lecture at the Hilton	Free
<u>Saturday</u> open-bar cocktail hour (Free to volunteer helpers.)	\$20
<u>Sunday</u> trip to Silver Springs with luncheon	\$65
<u>Sunday</u> open-bar cocktail hour (Free to volunteer helpers.)	\$20
<u>Sunday</u> Plant Auction	Free
<u>Sunday</u> Members meeting	Free
<u>Sunday</u> Farewell Banquet at the Hilton	\$85
Full registration for all events	\$335

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Date: Sunday, November 17, 20224
Place: Kanapaha Botanical Gardens
Program: “A Practice Camellia Show” Please bring 1-3 flowers to enter.

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President's Message



El Rojo

Another Camellia season is upon us. A few varieties are blooming for us now Early Autumn, Kiki Toji , Debbie Ellis , Rubra , Gene's Autumn Fire various Sasanquas . As I write this on Sunday the 6th it's raining and we're wondering how Milton is going to affect our state. Prayers go out to those in its path and to all those who are recovering from Helene.

Showchair Debbie Ellis will be passing out sign up sheets for positions to be filled for our show.. We will also be taking orders for Polo or T -Shirts. These are nice for the show and especially this year we will have the National Convention. They will be \$20.00 apiece. Charles Simon our convention chair will be talking about slots to be filled.

This month's program features disbudding & gibbing of blooms. Looking forward to seeing everyone Sunday, October 13th.

Jay Ellis, President



C. Roseaflora

Minutes for GCS Meeting September 15, 2024

Business Meeting

Jay Ellis, GCS President, opened the business meeting at 2:07 PM and welcomed everyone. Jay announced that the business meeting would be kept short to allow our loquacious educational speaker to have more time.

Old Business

A correction to the Board meetings was made to reflect the decision of the Board to eliminate protected blooms from completion. With this correction, a motion was made and passed to accept the September 2024.



Joan Holden



Coral Delight

New Business

There was no Treasurer's report for September, 2024. The latest treasurer's report is for April 2024 by Merry Reid.

Checking: \$11,934

Savings: 10,579

Total: \$22,513

John Swanson told everyone that the Atlantic Coast Camelia Society would have their annual convention on September 30- October 1, 2024 and all are invited. John and Charles Simon will make the trip together.

Charles Simon brought up for a general vote the 2024 GCS donation list that the board approved. The following donations were approved with the stated stipulations unanimously by the 32 GCS members present:

\$500 to Grow Hub to be used for the Camellia Garden under the direction of Amy Puccio.

\$2000 to Kanapaha Botanical Gardens for the care of the Camellia Garden and other uses.

\$3000 unrestricted scholarship to the University of Florida Institute for Agricultural Sciences (UF/IFAS) Horticultural graduate students with the requirement to have one or more students present their research at a GCS meeting.

\$1500 to the American Camellia Society, to be used to cover ACS National Convention costs if needed.

\$1500 worth of 2-3 gallon Camellia plants (~50 plants).

Charles Simon, Secretary



Esther Smith

The meeting was adjourned at 2:27 PM AND Dr. Sanford Porter introduced our guest speaker, JD Thomerson.

JD regaled us with his Camellia Story, which started out, like many of us, with the purchase of a property with mature Camellia plants, and the subsequent purchase, planting and killing of eight lovely Camellia plants! JD went to a Camellia Society meeting and later learned from Hulyn Smith that he had planted them too deep, a common mistake. From that point on Hulyn lead JD by the hand, literally, to meetings and shows, and then he was HOOKED!

JD's lecture was on the ways to propagate Camellias from Seed. He brought dozens of seeds to give away and showed a simple method of germinating them by enclosing them in a bed of moist sphagnum moss in a Ziploc bag. Place the bag on a warm surface, like to top of your freezer, and in 2-3 months the seeds will sprout and grow some roots. We were very receptive of this simple, low maintenance method of sprouting Camellia seedlings and many members took seeds home after the lecture.

Photos of flowers are from the garden of John Swanson.

Charges to Members for Convention Activities

Board meeting, general meeting, lectures and plant auction: no charge

Breakfast at the Hilton can be purchased by non-guests for \$25.

Thursday Presidents Reception and other cocktail hours-open bar: \$25

Friday picnic lunch at Wilmot Gardens: \$30

Friday Judges Banquet: \$85

Saturday Judges Luncheon at Kanapaha: \$30

Sunday Luncheon at Silver Springs, including entrance fee and boat tour: \$65

Sunday Farewell Banquet: \$85

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Date: Sunday, October 13, 2024

Place: Kanapaha Botanical Gardens

Program: “The Biology of Plant Pathology” by Dr. Kevin Korus, UF Extension Service, followed by a short hands on presentation by Jay Ellis about gibbing camellia flowers.

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President's Message



El Rojo

Greetings! What a wonderful year for growing camellias. New growth like I have never seen before! Seed pods are mostly gone. If you didn't collect them in August, the squirrels probably beat you to them.

Disbudding and gibbing now will give you earlier and larger blooms. Some growers like to fertilize in September.

GCS has the honor of hosting the Annual American Camellia Society Convention in conjunction with our annual show this year. Charles Simon has done a wonderful job of organizing the convention. Show Chair Debbie Ellis will be passing out sign-up sheets for various positions for our show.

Sanford Porter has lined up some wonderful and entertaining speakers for the new camellia season starting with J.D. Thomerson from Valdosta, GA. Be prepared for an entertaining program.

October's meeting date has been changed to October 13th due to a scheduling conflict with Kanapaha.

As many of you know, Gerald (Old Goat) Langford is not doing well. He and Anna have done so much for our club. Please keep them in your prayers.

Looking forward to seeing everyone Sunday September 20th at 2:00.

Jay Ellis, President



C. Roseaflora

Minutes for GCS Board Meeting July 21, 2024

GCS President Jay Ellis called the meeting to order at 1:15 pm. All Board members and officers were present.

Jay said the October meeting this year will be held on the 13th due to a schedule conflict with Kanapaha.

Debbie Ellis, Show Chair, stated that the rental tables were ordered and cost \$763. This year we will eliminate the "protected" category due to the lack of greenhouse completion in our region. Protected and unprotected blooms will compete in the same fields. That lowers the cash prize total to \$1,220.

We will add two new categories to encourage local competition: Best local formal double and best plate of three. This will increase the cash prize total to about \$1,400.



Borom's Gem

*Hawaii*

Charles Simon mentioned that the judges' luncheon cost will be covered by the ACS convention. So the total Show cost for rental tables, cash prizes, lunch for the workers and judges goody bags will be about \$3,000.

Charles said that we'll spend about \$8000 on plants and fertilizer and we should gross about \$20,000 from plant sales if all goes well. That should leave us about \$8,000 to \$9,000 for operational expenses and philanthropic giving.

Sanford Porter suggested we set up a savings/investment program to build up a reserve for future expenses and charitable donations. We could start with ~\$2,000 and add a similar amount each year up to ~\$20,000.

Sanford also said that he would contact IFAS and make it clear that GCS expects one or more students to present talks on their respective research projects at one of our meetings.

Alex and Joanne Theodore volunteered to contact a florist for advice on how to display Camellia blooms, which we would like to have for the ACS convention rooms and hotel lobby.

The group suggested that we dedicate this year's Show to Gerald (Old Goat) and Anna Langford. There was unanimous approval from those present. We hope to devote next year's Show to Chuck and Bev Ritter.

John Swanson will talk with Alex about having Kanapaha join the Camellia Trail, and also ask her to present a talk at a GCS meeting this year.

*Fragrant Joy*

*Evening Glow Pearl*

John also reported that ACS lowered the cost for new Camellia plant registration from \$150 to \$50 per plant, and added a new “Memorial” category that can be included in individual shows.

Cat Spurgeon volunteered to take charge of the GCS website and member list. Everyone welcomed this.

Several members mentioned a luncheon restaurant in the UF art museum called “The Camellia” that we should go see for fun.

*Gilley 144**Florence Stratton*

John Swanson invited everyone to come to the ACS Board meeting and General Assembly meeting on January 3, 2025 in the Hilton UF Convention Center. There is no charge for these events. He said there’s usually a good participation in ACS national conventions from the Atlantic Coast (ACCS) and the Gulf Coast (GCCS) Camellia Societies. The ACCS will have their annual convention on September 30 to October 1, 2024, and the GCCS will have their annual convention on October 18-19, 2024.

Jerry Hogsette reported that he Master Gardeners will have another sale on October 19, 2024, from 9:00 am to 4:00 pm. GCS can have a table at the venue for \$25 and can sell Camellia plants and keep the proceeds. We may try this with some club-generated plants.

The following recipients and amounts for philanthropic giving will be presented to the full membership at the September 2024 meeting for discussion. After any changes, a vote will be called for approval or denial.

UF Horticulture, Ornamental Sciences for
unrestricted use by graduate students: \$3,000
Knapaha Botanical Gardens: \$2,000
American Camellia Society: \$1,500
Wilmot Botanical Gardens: 50 Camellia
plants for their spring sale (equal to \$1,500)
Grow Hub Camellia Garden: \$500

The Board meeting was adjourned at 2:48
pm.

Charles Simon, Secretary



Gigantea

Minutes for GCS Meeting May 19, 2024

The meeting was called to order at 1:30 pm
by our President, Jay Ellis. This was an
abbreviated meeting as it was the end of the
year party. There was no educational
lecture.

Old Business

A motion was made and seconded to accept
the April 2024 minutes. The motion passed.

New Business

The May 2024 Treasurer's report was
presented by Merry Reid.

Checking: \$12,099

Savings: 10,579

Total: \$22,678



Joan Holden



Coral Delight

Charles said he would ask for volunteers to staff the convention and to help transport people to Silver Springs in vans or 6-passenger cars. A list of time slots and events will be published in the September Newsletter.

John Swanson reminded everyone about the great benefits gained from membership in the ACS, including free admission to over a hundred botanical gardens across the nation.

The GCS officers elected during the April, 2024 meeting were installed by John Swanson.

The meeting was adjourned at 1:50PM.

Charles Simon, Secretary

A motion was made and seconded to accept the Treasurer's report. The motion passed

Anna Langford announced that she was stepping down from the GCS Hospitality Chair and asked for volunteers to replace her. Valerie Malkemes said she would be glad to take over, so Valerie will be the new Hospitality Chair.

Charles Simon described the American Camellia Society (ACS) convention schedule and costs. The event should pay for itself through registration fees, a plant auction, advertisements and the Alachua County tourism bureau. We will also withhold any donation funds slated for the ACS until after the convention in case they're needed for convention expenses.



Esther Smith

Photos of flowers are from the garden of John Swanson.

Charges to Members for Convention Activities

Board meeting, general meeting, lectures and plant auction: no charge
 Breakfast at the Hilton can be purchased by non-guests for \$25.
 Thursday Presidents Reception and other cocktail hours-open bar: \$25
 Friday picnic lunch at Wilmot Gardens: \$30
 Friday Judges Banquet: \$85
 Saturday Judges Luncheon at Kanapaha: \$30
 Sunday Luncheon at Silver Springs, including entrance fee and boat tour: \$65
 Sunday Farewell Banquet: \$85

<i>Date and place of meeting</i>		<i>Refreshments</i>	
		<i>Food</i>	<i>Drinks</i>
9/15/2024	Kanapaha Botanical Gardens	Valerie Malkemes	Valerie Malkemes
10/13/2024	Kanapaha Botanical Gardens		
11/17/2024	Kanapaha Botanical Gardens		
12/15/2024	Kanapaha Botanical Gardens	Volunteers needed	Volunteers needed
1/19/2025	Kanapaha Botanical Gardens		
2/16/2025	Kanapaha Botanical Gardens		
3/16/2025	Kanapaha Botanical Gardens		
4/20/2025	Kanapaha Botanical Gardens		
5/18/2025	Kanapaha Botanical Gardens		

Dues

The annual dues for Gainesville Camellia Society are due at this time. The amount is \$15 for an individual or \$20 for a couple. Please mail a check for your dues to the Treasurer:

Merry Reid
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has joined social media!***

Search “Gainesville Camellia Society” to find our Facebook page. There you will find photos, tips on growing camellias, special activities, announcements of future meetings and guest speakers. “LIKE” us on Facebook to receive GSC updates, and tell your friends about our Facebook page.



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President: Jay Ellis
 1st VP & Show Chair: Debbie Ellis
 2nd VP & Program Chair: Committee
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 Secretary: Charles Simon

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 Bill Hayes
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 Diane Simon
 Ron Stevens
 Irma Velez

Monthly Meeting of the Gainesville Camellia Society

Date: Sunday, September 15, 20224
Place: Kanapaha Botanical Gardens
Program: Talk by J.D. Thomerson of Valdosta, GA

The Gainesville Camellia Society meets at 2 pm on the third Sunday of each month from September through May at Kanapaha Botanical Gardens. Any changes to meeting dates, times, or venues are posted in this newsletter.