

Middle Georgia Camellia Society

Calendar & Comments

Volume 2, Issue 5

April/May 2014

Annual Picnic & Auction



Saturday, May 17th

At the Freshwater Home on Church St. in Fort Valley

5:00 p.m. Social ~ 6:00 p.m. Auction ~ 7:00 p.m. Meal

BRING THE FOLLOWING:

- Picnic Food—Meat & Side Dish
- Auction Items—anything you think someone else wants!
- Lots of Money to Bid on Lots of Stuff!!
- A Fun-loving Spirit

(Call Brenda if you have questions 825-1406)

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FIELD DAY SET AT MASSEE LANE



SATURDAY, APRIL 5TH

8:30 a.m. Coffee & Donuts in the Pavilion

9:00 a.m. Spring Cleaning--Sun Trials Test Garden.

Bring rakes, gloves & willing spirit!

10:45 a.m. Program: "Camellias, A Southern Treasure" in the Auditorium of the Fetterman Building

General Information on Camellia, includes:

*History	*Variegation	*Flower forms/ colors
*Species	*Planting & Pests	*Question & Answer

11:45 a.m. Adjourn

(PLEASE LET US KNOW IF YOU PLAN TO ATTEND EITHER OF BOTH OF THESE OPPORTUNITIES SO THAT WE WILL KNOW HOW TO PREPARE. 825-1337 or 825-1406)

P.S. For you ladies who aren't too good at "garden work", plan to come to the gallery to clean silver—another great volunteer opportunity!

Care and Culture Corner

Prune plants that have now stopped blooming. Fertilize with 16-4-8. For a large plant (6' or higher), sprinkle 1 cup of fertilizer at the drip line. Water in the fertilizer after applying. If scale or insect problems are observed, spray with dormant oil. Now and through the summer water if two weeks pass without rain. Mulch plants with pine straw 2-4 inches. If you want to root cuttings, May through August is the best time to do so. Now is also an excellent time to put in practice the air layering techniques we learned from William at our March meeting. Thank you, William!



Welcome New Members

Jo Creel
Garfield and Rosa Fobbs
Samuel Hayerman and Kara Moore
Dan and Judy Moore
James and Linda Powell
Tommy and Brenda Rackley
Harriett Swann
Rick and Hannah Wallace
Rebecca Watson

BOARD MEETING

(Outgoing & Incoming Members)

SUNDAY, JUNE 1st, 2:00 PM

The Fetterman Gallery

Massee Lane Gardens

DATES TO REMEMBER

Work Day--Massee Lane April 5

Auction & Picnic May 17

Board Meeting June 1

Potluck Favorites.....*Incredible Peach Pie*

2 eggs	½ cup self-rising flour
½ cup milk	1 cup shredded coconut
½ cup light corn syrup	2 ½ cups chopped peaches
¼ cup melted butter	½ cup chopped pecans
¼ cup sugar	Nutmeg or cinnamon
1 teaspoon vanilla	

In large bowl beat eggs, add next 6 ingredients, mix until smooth. Stir in peaches and coconut. Pour into a greased and floured pie plate. Sprinkle generously with nutmeg or cinnamon. Top with pecans. Bake at 350 degrees for 40 to 50 minutes, or until custard is set. Let stand for a while before cutting. This pie makes its own crust and needs to set a while to make the crust firm.

Taken from "Head Table Cooks", 1982, submitted by Cheryl Thompson

Message from the President: "Thank You"

The Middle Georgia Camellia Society put on three wonderful camellia shows this past season. Planning and conducting that many involves a huge amount of work on the part of a large number of dedicated club members. Now that the show season is over for this year, I want to say thank you to all those who helped make the shows such a success.

Special thanks to Wilbur and Mary Rumph for hosting the event that kicked off the season. In October, they hosted a fabulous judges' reception and Low Country Boil at their beautiful home. The show at the Georgia National Fair the following day was chaired by Warren Thompson. Larry and Charlotte Collins hosted the next judges' reception in their home the evening before the Fall Camellia Show in November. Tommy Alden chaired that show which was held at the Byron Municipal Complex. The last show started with a judges' reception at The 1890's Retreat House, owned and beautifully restored by Ralph and Kathie Lambert. The Festival of Flowers Show, sponsored by Flint Energies, held in February at Massee Lane Gardens, was chaired by John Gamble. Elizabeth Scheibert, hospitality committee chair, and her committee members worked hard to make each of these events beautiful and great fun.

To those mentioned above and the many other hard working MGCS members not mentioned, many thanks.

Sandra Williams

FESTIVAL OF CAMELLIAS FLOWER SHOW

- Held February 22 - 23, 2014, in the Fetterman Building, Massee Lane Gardens, Fort Valley, Georgia
- Total Number of Blooms Exhibited: 1,132
- Number of Exhibitors: 37

Show Chair: John Gamble

Head Judge: John Newsome

Judges: Ron Wolfe, Fred Jones, Sandra Jones, Esther Lawrence, Gayle Lawrence, Anne Lynn, Max McKinney, Kyle Purvis, Chuck Ritter, Gene Seago, Sandra Seago, Jerry Selph, Carol Selph, Nancibeth Shealy, David Sheets, Anna Sheets, Sam Wellborn, Sandra Williams, Eileen Hart

Novices: Barbara Davidson, William Khoury, David Williams, Nan Johnson



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WINNERS

SWEEPSTAKES

Gold Certificate: Jerry & Carol Selph

Silver Certificate: Chuck & Bev Ritter

Best Bloom in Show unprotected: 'Pat Pinkerton' Chuck & Bev Ritter

Best Bloom in Show protected: 'Linda Carol' Steve & Gayle Lawrence

OUTSTANDING BLOOM CERTIFICATES

C. japonica unprotected Lg/VLg: 'Terry Gilley Variegated' Gene & Sandra Seago

C. japonica unprotected Md: 'Dixie Night Supreme' Jerry & Carol Selph

C. japonica unprotected Sm: 'Red Hots' Jerry & Carol Selph

C. japonica protected Lg/VLg: 'Veiled Beauty' John T. Newsome

C. japonica protected Md: 'Eleanor Martin Supreme' Mickey & Mary Moore

C. japonica protected Sm: 'Ellen Daniel' John T. Newsome

C. reticulata (Inc. hybrids w/retic parent) unprotected VLg: 'Ray Gentry' Chuck & Bev Ritter

C. reticulata (Inc. hybrids w/retic parent) unprotected Lg: 'W. P. Gilley' Fred & Sandra Jones

C. reticulata (Inc. hybrids w/retic parent) unprotected Md: 'Professor John L. Spencer Variegated' Chuck & Bev Ritter

C. reticulata (Inc. hybrids w/retic parent)

protected VLg: 'Bill Goertz Variegated' Jerry & Carol Selph

C. reticulata (Inc. hybrids w/retic parent) protected Lg: 'Renegade' Jerry & Carol Selph

C. reticulata (Inc. hybrids w/retic parent) protected Md: 'TitleTown USA' John T. Newsome

C. hybrid (w/no retic parent) unprotected Lg/VLg: 'Tom Perkins' Chuck & Bev Ritter

C. hybrid (w/no retic parent) unprotected Md: 'Dancing Blaze' Jerry & Carol Selph

C. hybrid (w/no retic parent) unprotected Sm: 'Freedom Bell' Esther Lawrence

C. hybrid (w/no retic parent) protected Lg/VLg: 'Mona Jury Variegated' Steve & Gayle Lawrence

C. hybrid (w/no retic parent) protected Md: 'Pink Dahlia' John T. Newsome

C. hybrid (w/no retic parent) protected Sm: 'Spring Daze' Steve & Gayle Lawrence

Best Miniature (any species) unprotected: 'Pearl's Pet' Chuck & Bev Ritter

Best Miniature (any species) protected: 'Lemon Drop' John T. Newsome

Best Sasanqua: 'Star Above Star' Jerry & Carol Selph

Best Seedling or Sport: Mark Crawford

Best White Bloom unprotected: 'Leila Gibson' Chuck & Bev Ritter

Best White Bloom protected: 'Charlie Bettes' Julia Leisenring

Best Bloom Grown by Someone Living in Flint Energies Area:

'Grand Slam Variegated' Barbara Davidson

People's Choice Award: 'Pink Dahlia' John T. Newsome
Best Novice 'Grand Slam Variegated' Franklin & Kitty Lofton
TRAYS

Tray of Three (same variety)

unprotected: 'Royal Velvet Variegated' Gene/Sandra Seago

protected: 'Julie Variegated' John T. Newsome

COURT OF HONOR

1. 'Helen Bower Variegated' John T. Newsome

2. 'Lee Roy Smith' Chuck & Bev Ritter

3. 'Royal Velvet' Kyle Purvis

4. 'Valentine Day Variegated' Clayton & Nedra Mathis

5. 'Elaine's Betty Pink' Chuck & Bev Ritter

6. 'Howard Rhodes' Jerry & Carol Selph

7. 'Raspberry Flambé' John T. Newsome

8. 'Little Babe Variegated' Steve & Gayle Lawrence

9. 'Willard Scott' John T. Newsome

10. 'Mackenzie Green' John T. Newsome

GARDEN TOUR AT THE HARDEN HOME

(Article to follow under separate cover.)





Featured Bloom.....

C. Japonica 'SEA FOAM'

SEA FOAM

White. Medium to large formal double. Vigorous upright growth. Late season bloom.

GROWER NOTES:

A terrific formal white. The plant is fast growing & trouble free. A regular winner at shows.

BEST IN SHOW-FEBRUARY



Best Bloom in Show unprotected:
'Pat Pinkerton' Chuck & Bev Ritter

BEST IN SHOW-FEBRUARY



Best Bloom in Show protected:
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Bloom competition will be Saturday morning. The show will be open to the public Saturday, 1—5 p.m. and Sunday, 1—4 p.m.

Be ready to cheerfully accept your assignment when called!



SHOW

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BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING

SUNDAY, FEB. 9TH, 2:00 PM

The Fetterman Gallery

Massee Lane Gardens

Welcome New Members

Kevin Bowman	Macon, GA
Sandra Lee	Perry, GA
Kimela Olensky	Macon, GA
John & Elaine Park	Byron, GA
Marla Stripling	Marshallville, GA
John & Kathi Shawhan	Kathleen, GA

Festival of Camellias at the Gardens

The Festival of Camellias is a month long celebration of the camellia bloom held in February each year at Massee Lane Gardens, Historic Headquarters of the American Camellia Society. Thousands of camellias in all varieties, sizes and colors are at the peak of their blooming season.

Special guided tours and boxed lunches are available by appointment. Please call toll-free at 877/422-6355 to schedule your visit today.

Visit americancamellias.org for full listing of scheduled activities.

Care and Culture Corner

February: Late in the month is a good time to begin grafting and air-layering. Continue picking up those dead blooms.

March: A prime time for Grafting* and Air-Layering* and pruning plants that have stopped blooming. Also a good time to capture your blooms with a photo!

Great Time in Pensacola



This handsome group of folks represented the Middle Georgia Camellia Society at the annual ACS Convention in Pensacola In December. The welcome reception was at the home of former ACS president, Roger Vinson. We spent two days seeing the sights of the city, enjoying delicious food, visiting with special "Camellia Friends" enjoying the flower show and participating in the educational sessions. A very busy, but delightful time!!

DATES TO REMEMBER

Quitman Show	February 1
Board Meeting	February 9
Columbus Show	February 15
Judges Reception	February 21
"Flower Show"	February 22-23
Membership Meeting	March 20
Work Day--Massee Lane	April 5
Auction & Picnic	May 17
Board Meeting	June 1

Potluck Favorites.....Pretzel Delights

*Small Pretzels *Rolo candies *Toasted pecan halves

1. Heat oven to 350. Line cookie sheet with parchment paper.
 2. Place pretzel on paper, top with Rolo. 3. Bake 3-5 min.
- Remove from oven-top with pecan half. Cool completely. Enjoy

Notes to the Club.....

Dear MGCS,

- I, and the rest of the Davidsons, want to thank you for the gift you gave to the American Camellia Society in Billy's memory. He always enjoyed being with his "Camellia Friends" and growing and sharing the flower he loved. Thanks for your continued prayers. Barbara
- The family of Wyman J. Priester, Jr. acknowledges with deep appreciation your kind expression of sympathy.
- Thank you so much for the donation you made to the American Camellia Society in memory of Carl. He so loved his "Camellia Gardens"! Also sharing cuttings was his great pleasure. Thank you again for your generosity. Susanna

Message from the President: Camellia Society Involvement

Of the many reasons to be involved in a camellia society, learning the technical details of growing camellias, sharing your blooms, and fellowship stand out in my mind.

Most members want to learn how to grow healthy camellias and produce beautiful blooms. Many want to enter their blooms in shows. Some want to become an accredited judge. As a novice judge, I have personally very much enjoyed going to shows in Valdosta, Columbus, and Aiken; specifically, learning from experts who are major growers and experienced judges, making new friends, and seeing how different shows are run. I dare say, the best part of it all is visiting. Whatever your reason for membership, it's wonderful to have you in the Middle Georgia Camellia Society.

Participation in meetings, workshops, and shows helps each of us grow in our knowledge of camellias, and helps strengthen our club. If you have friends who might have an interest in camellias, please invite them to come to the show at Massee Lane on February 22 and 23. Membership forms will be available, and what a deal it is at \$10 for a membership. Life membership for \$100 is even better.

I hope to see you at the judges' reception on February 21.

Sandra Williams

"JUST FOR FUN"

CAMELLIA SEARCH

(See how many camellias you can find in this story.)

From a spring fling to an October affair, why it's enough to make maidens blush! So ladies, find that dreamboat (or maybe your sugar daddy) and guys be sure to have a rose bouquet in hand for that adorable sweetheart and let's kick off the "Festival of Camellias" with a good old rebel yell. Look close for that special treasure, maybe pirate's gold or a king's ransom or even a Nuccio's jewel, gem or pearl. Mind your manners, though, there'll be ladies present—Clare, Eva, Kay and Laura, as well as Marie Bracey, Betty Sheffield and Edna Bass. There might even be royalty there if Prince Eugene Napoleon should desire to attend with his debutante at his side.

With camellias in bloom, every city can be a magic city and you can even stir in a little of that old black magic till the midnight magic hour. The anticipation has built up and its now showtime in our camellia world!

<u>Score</u>	25 or more	A	"Old Pro"
	20 – 24	B	"Up and Comer"
	15 – 19	C	"Novice or Senile"
	Less than 15		Study your nomenclature!

**Sonic Sounds Dulcimer Club perform for
MGCS at the December Christmas Party**



ANNUAL BUSINESS MEETING

Thursday, March 20th, 6 p.m.

Fetterman Gallery at Massee Lane Gardens

Catered by Donna Matthews

RESERVATIONS REQUIRED

Spinach Salad

Parmesan Chicken

*Roasted Potatoes Green Beans Squash
Casserole*

Rolls

Chocolate Delight

Coffee/Tea

\$17.50/each

Make Reservations by March 10th

**Phone 825-1406 or Email
brendabalden@gmail.com**

January Meeting Report

Approximately 40 members gathered at the Golden Corral in Centerville for our first meeting of the new year including one of our newest members, Kimela Olensky.

Following a brief business session, John Gamble presented a program on "Preparing Blooms for Show". John was quite informative as well as entertaining.





Featured Bloom.....

C. Reticulata '**DR. DAN NATHAN SUPREME**'

Pink with florescent sheen. Very large semi-double. Vigorous open upright growth. Mid to late season bloom.

SPECIAL NOTE:

Introduced in 1991 by hybridizer Marvin Jernigan and named for long-time friend & local camellia enthusiast and ACS supporter. Dr. Dan was an active member of the **Middle Georgia Camellia Society**. A fantastic bloom, but unfortunately it has proven so far to be difficult to root so plants are limited. Grafts well.



MY FRIEND, MARVIN

"MGCS has been blessed to have had in our membership two of the best camellia hybridizers of the modern era. They were Dr. Walter Homeyer of Macon and his protégé, Marvin Jernigan of Warner Robins. This is about my friend Marvin."

By Tommy Alden

Marvin Jernigan was a very unassuming man who had a vast wealth of information on a wide range of horticultural topics and he was always willing to share this information to anyone who asked him.

I began my nursery in 1986 and it wasn't long after that Marvin and I developed a fast friendship. I always looked forward to seeing Marvin drive up in his old blue pick-up, usually with a camellia or two in the back he wanted me to have. He said he was getting too old to look after all his plants and thought I might give them a home. Just recently I counted 45 camellias growing in my yard and adjacent areas that were given to me by Marvin. Named varieties you may know: 'Show Time', 'E.G. Waterhouse', 'Valentine's Day', 'Tomorrow Park Hill', 'Miss Bessie Beville' and many others. He encouraged me to take all the cuttings I wanted from any of the camellias growing in his yard, which I did. I would constantly bombard him with questions and he would patiently give me the answers. He demonstrated to me how to hybridize camellias even though his hands were no longer as steady as they were when he was actively hybridizing camellias and native azaleas. In turn, I would bring him potting soil and when his old sprayer would no longer work, Travis and I would take our sprayer over and spray his camellias. I would have to say that Marvin Jernigan is the reason I am growing camellias today!

The beautiful *c. reticulata* pictured above was hybridized by Marvin Jernigan and named for his friend and fellow MGCS member, Dr. Dan Nathan. Marvin registered a number of camellias but his favorite might be the one he named for the love of his life, his witty and fun-loving wife, Ruth--the *c. reticulata* 'Ruth Jernigan'. Marvin suddenly passed away on March 8, 2002, and on that day the camellia world lost a valuable friend.



IN MEMORY OF "MR. FRANK"

Middle Georgia Camellia Society has lost another long-time member with the death of Frank Jamison on Friday, January 24, 2014. Frank and Margaret were very active members of MGCS and ACS. It was not unusual for several Head Table Blooms to come from their Fort Valley greenhouse when they were actively showing blooms. Our heartfelt sympathy goes to Margaret and family. TA

(Cards can be sent to 606 Westview Dr., Fort Valley, GA 31030)

**ATTENTION!
HELP NEEDED!**

Mark your calendars for **April 5th** for a short Saturday morning **clean-up in the Sun Trial Garden at Masee Lane**. Bring rakes, gloves and willing spirits.

Needed: light pruning, a little weeding, fertilizing and re-mulching with pine straw raked up from under adjacent pines. Begin at 9:00 a.m. in the Sun Trial Area.

"JUDGING RETICULATAS IN AIKEN, SC"



the 1890's retreat house



A Unique Learning & Cultural Center to gather for a retreat, craft retreat, conference or Seminar at the 1890's Retreat House located in the National Everett Square Historic District in the City of Fort Valley, Peach County, Georgia.

Overnight Accommodations
Available

117 Anderson Avenue
Fort Valley, GA. 31030

178-825-3420



JUDGES' RECEPTION

Friday, February 21st

The 1890's Retreat House

117 Anderson Avenue

Fort Valley, GA

Members please bring

heavy hors d'orveres

with a Cajun Flair

6:00 p.m.

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Over 1000 Blooms at the Fall Camellia Show

The 41st annual Fall Flower show was held November 8, 9 and 10. As usual, everyone had a great time at the home of The Collins's in Byron. The food was delicious and the fellowship was fantastic. It is always good to have our out of town guests with us. I believe we had a record number of Society members involved and working the show on Saturday. It is always great to see a group of people coming together for a common cause—the love of a beautiful flower! More people even came back on Sunday to help break down. If you are member of MGCS and didn't witness the outstanding display of beauty, then shame on you! There were over 1000 spectacular blooms. Special thanks to all those who helped in any way. Just think—we get to do it all again in February.

(See show results on page 4.)

WELCOME NEW MEMBERS

Dawit Aberra & Mismak Mettaferia
Len & Beth Gregor
Sandy Kusuda
Mary Cay McCullough
Quin Nolan & Kathy Hoskins
Wes & Jill Peavy
Mary Pinson
Tim Youngquist

NOTICE

If you have worn or taken your name badge home, please dig it out and wear it to the next meeting. Every time we print a new one for you it costs the club money.

Thanks to all who have expressed condolences during this difficult time.

Barbara Davidson

Remembering our President

"Ours is not to question why...." (Alfred Lord Tennyson)
How can one do that? Why does a young man who gives back to others, loves his God and appreciates the wonders of God's handiwork, die so young? I don't know, but I do know this—I am thankful that my path crossed that of Billy Davidson. I will fondly remember my hug from Billy at the Fall Flower Show in Byron. Frank Freshwater said it well in his interview with Claire Houser-Dodd for the Leader Tribune, "Billy was the kindest and most caring individual I have ever known...."

Seeing the empty seat at church, waiting on a phone call or an Email with information for the newsletter or membership correspondence, knowing he won't be at the February flower show helping with whatever needs to be done....these are just a few of things that just are not right in my world right now. Barbara and Sis—know that we love you. May God Bless you and give you peace!

Know, too, that I will only say this once---"War Eagle!"

Submitted by Brenda Alden

American Camellia Society New Member Special Continues

ACS is again offering a 50% discount to all local club members for membership in the ACS. This offer is good until 12/31/13 so take advantage now!

Care and Culture Corner

Continue to Gibb. It's not too late to use gibb on your camellia buds to speed up bloom time (also you get larger size blooms). The closer the flower bud is to the normal bloom time, the quicker the gibb will work. Why wait until February to enjoy your camellias. Gibb now and have blooms for Christmas! Gibb is available from MGCS for a \$5 donation. Contact Tommy Alden, 825-1337 for more information.

Potluck Favorites.....Olive Salad

- 1 (32 oz.) jar broken green unstuffed olives
- 6 garlic cloves, minced
- 2 (3 ¼ oz.) jars marinated cocktail onions, drained
- 4 celery stalks, thinly sliced
- 1 (4 oz.) jar chopped pimentos, drained
- 2 tbsp. chopped capers, drained
- 1 tbsp. dried oregano
- 1 tsp. finely ground black pepper
- 3 tbsp. red-wine or balsamic vinegar
- 1/3 cup olive oil

Drain olives; reserve 3 tbsp. brine. In a med bowl, combine olives, garlic, onions, celery, pimentos and capers. In a small bowl, whisk reserved olive brine, oregano, pepper and vinegar until combined. Add olive oil in a slow, steady stream, whisking constantly. Pour dressing over salad; toss. Spoon into a jar with a tight-fitting lid. Refrigerate until served or up to 3 weeks. Serve at room temperature. Makes about 5 cups.

This dish was a hit at the Judges Reception at the Collins home earlier this month. Thanks to Greg Holmes for sharing!

DATES TO REMEMBER

Christmas Party	December 5
Valdosta Show	December 7
ACS Annual Meeting	December 11-15
Tallahassee Show	January 11
Meeting-Golden Corral	January 16
Aiken Show	January 18
Board Meeting	February 9
Columbus Show	February 15
"Flint Show"	February 21-23



Look forward to seeing all who made
timely reservations for our

CHRISTMAS PARTY

Thursday, December 5, 2013

6 PM Social ~ 7 PM Dinner

Annabelle Fetterman Bldg. @ Massee Lane

Catered by Michelle Allen

Entertainment

provided by

"Sonic Sounds"

Dulcimer Club

NEEDED:

One Facebook fanatic who can manage a Facebook presence for MGCS. This would be another form of communication to help keep our membership abreast of what is going on with our club. Please contact Brenda Alden if you are interested in being involved in this manner. Also, if we have any webmasters out there, it would really be nice to have a Middle Georgia Camellia Society webpage. Put your talents to work for MGCS today! Thanks.

See Sandee Davis Khoury at the December Meeting to get your 2014 Camellia Calendar

Calendars are also available for pickup at
Real Estate South
201 W. White Road
Byron
478/320-5551

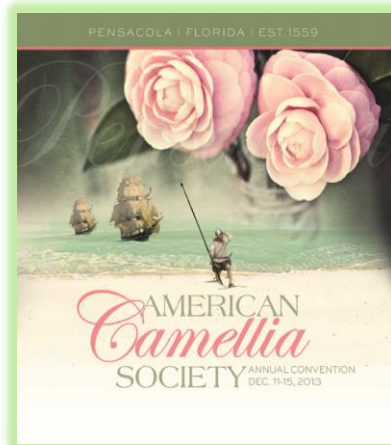
Congratulations to Mike & Brenda Gilstrap. Geneva "Neva" Newell Gilstrap was born November 1.



Neva with Nana and Granddaddy

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An informative Annual Meeting and Convention is scheduled for December 11 through 15 at the Hampton Inn located in Pensacola Beach, Florida. Pensacola is home to America's oldest Camellia Club, founded in 1937.

The Hampton Inn and Hilton Hotel are located adjacent to each other, within walking distance of local attractions and restaurants. Register @ www.americancamellias.com



Featured Bloom

YULETIDE

Late blooming 'sasanqua', red, small, single. Often blooms are available at Christmas. Smaller, compact grower.

"FESTIVAL OF CAMELLIAS" FLOWER SHOW SCHEDULED FOR FEB. 21, 22, 23

Mark your calendar now for the F.O.C. Flower Show weekend. The festivities begin Friday evening at 6 PM with our Judges Reception at The 1890's Retreat House*, 117 Anderson Ave. in Fort Valley. Club members will be providing heavy hors d'oeuvres and desserts.

John Gamble is Show Chairman. Volunteers are needed to carry out a variety of jobs. A catered barbecue lunch will be served to our judges following the flower judging.

Be ready to cheerfully accept your assignment when called!

**Personal Note: Ralph and Kathie Lambert have been busy for the past two years renovating The 1890's House and furnishing it with period furniture. The house is available for retreats, conferences and classes/workshops. It sleeps 10 and has five full baths. For more information contact Ralph and Kathie at 478/825-3420*

FALL SHOW RESULTS

November 9-10, 2013
Byron Municipal Complex
Show Chairman - Tommy Alden
1009 Blooms Exhibited~200 Attendees~25 Exhibitors

CERTIFICATES

Gold Certificate: 148 Blue Ribbons, Jerry & Carol Selph

Silver Certificate: 94 Blue Ribbons, Fred & Sandra Jones

OUTSTANDING BLOOM CERTIFICATES

Best Bloom in Show: **Unprotected:** 'Miss Charleston V.', Geary & Bonnie Serpas; **Protected:** 'Dr. Clifford Parks V.', Randolph & Marilyn Maphis

C. japonica unprotected:

Lg/VLg: 'Lauren Tudor Pink V.', J. D. & Kay Thomerson

RU: 'Helen Bower V.', Jerry & Carol Selph

Md: 'Lady Kay', Geary & Bonnie Serpas

RU: 'Tama Glitters', Clayton & Nedra Mathis

Sm: 'Little Babe V.', Fred & Sandra Jones

RU: 'Brooke', J. D. & Kay Thomerson

C. japonica protected:

Lg/VLg: 'Edna Bass, V.', Buck & Tyler Mizzell

RU: 'Lauren Tudor', Buck & Tyler Mizzell

Md: 'Elaine's Betty', Randolph & Marilyn Maphis

RU: 'Mary Edna Curlee', Steve & Gayle Lawrence

Sm: 'Pink Perfection', Buck & Tyler Mizzell

RU: 'Jackie D.', Buck & Tyler Mizzell

C. reticulata unprotected:

VLg: 'Frank Houser V.', Jerry & Carol Selph

RU: 'Frank Houser', Chuck & Bev Ritter

Lg: 'Valentine's Day', Esther Lawrence

RU: 'Tango V.', Chuck & Bev Ritter

Md: 'Lady Ruth Ritter', Chuck & Bev Ritter

RU: 'June Norman', Chuck & Bev Ritter

C. reticulata protected:

VLg: 'Pleasant Memories', Buck & Tyler Mizzell

RU: 'Pleasant Memories V.', Randolph & Marilyn Maphis

Lg: 'Tango Var.', Buck & Tyler Mizzell

RU: 'Valentine Day V.', Randolph & Marilyn Maphis

C. hybrid (w/no retic parent) unprotected:

Lg/VLg: 'Delores Edwards', Jerry & Carol Selph

RU: 'Mona Jury V.', Clayton & Nedra Mathis

Sm/Md: 'Julie V.', J. D. & Kay Thomerson

RU: 'Punkin', Chuck & Bev Ritter

C. hybrid (w/no retic parent) protected:

Lg/VLg: 'Cile Mitchell', Buck & Tyler Mizzell

RU: 'Delores Edwards', Randolph & Marilyn Maphis

Sm/Md: 'Julia', Buck & Tyler Mizzell

RU: 'Debbie', Buck & Tyler Mizzell

Best Miniature protected or unprotected:

BB: 'Tootsie', Kyle Purvis

RU: 'Buttermint', Fred & Sandra Jones

TRAY OF THREE

unprotected: 'Emmett Barnes', Warren & Cheryl Thompson

protected: 'Georgia National Fair', Randolph & Marilyn Maphis

Best Species grown Protected or Unprotected 'Star Above Star', Jerry & Carol Selph

Best Sasanqua or Hiemalis 'Midnight Ruby', Ron & Elizabeth Wolfe

Best Seedling/Sport 'Kiku-Toji Red', Geary & Bonnie Serpas

Best White Bloom unprotected: 'Dorothy Chester', Jerry & Carol Selph

Best White Bloom protected: 'Melissa Anne', Buck & Tyler Mizzell

NOVICE

Lg/VLg: 'Drama Girl Var.', Gregory Holmes

Md: 'Dr. Tinsley', Gregory Holmes

Sm: 'Pink Perfection', Gregory Holmes

OTHER AWARDS

Best Ville de Nantes "Dave Strother Award" 'Ville de Nantes', J. D. & Kay Thomerson



MEMBERSHIP MEETING SCHEDULED FOR JANUARY 16TH

Our January meeting will again be held at the Golden Corral at 2924 Watson Blvd in Centerville. Coming from the west on Watson Blvd, turn left on Galleria Mall Dr., a main entrance into the mall.

Please join us at 6:30. We will visit their buffet and pay individually. Following our meal, there will be a short business meeting and John Gamble will present a program on "How to Show Blooms".

No reservation is required.

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Preston Phillips
Connie Rainey
Grady Stokes
David Williams
Bonnie Wirsing

"Fair Show" Weekend

Message from Cheryl and Elizabeth: "We want to thank all of the wonderful volunteers who helped with the Low Country Boil on Friday. Because we had such great help, we were able to get everything set up in record time and everything went so smoothly. Everyone who cut up sausage, squeezed lemons, tied utensils and napkins, set up, cleaned and decorated tables and weighed shrimp-thank you so much! ...and just think, in 12 more months, we can do it all again. This is a great group of people to work with." Show results can be found on page 4. Thanks to all those who helped with placement, clerking, running and all the other tasks that go into making a successful show.



REMINDER!

Membership Dues should be paid by

OCTOBER 15TH

In order to continue receiving MGCS
communications

BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING

SUNDAY, NOV. 3rd, 2:30 PM

ST. ANDREWS EPISCOPAL PARISH HOUSE

FORT VALLEY

Welcome New & Rejoining Members

Ken & Sharron Asbury	Byron, GA
Mark & Debra Ballard	Macon, GA
Rosa Bennett	Macon, GA
Lark Bennett	Macon, GA
Oliver & Anne Bowman	Hollywood, SC
Tom & Tricia Dietrich	Milledgeville, GA
Philip & Catherine Hathcuk	Perry, GA
William & Kathy Horne	Conyers, GA
Gary & Earlene Gordon	Warner Robins, GA
Henry & Mary Royal	Elko, GA
David Sternisa & Patricia Byrne	Sharpsburg, GA
Dennis & Mary Beth Swearingen	Reynolds, GA
Broadus & Melinda Willingham	Macon, GA

American Camellia Society

New Member Special Continues

ACS is again offering a 50% discount to all local club members for membership in the ACS. This offer is good until 12/31/13 so take advantage now!

Care and Culture Corner

See our President's message for fertilization tips. Also, go to americancamellias.org for an article on "Camellia Fertilization".

Check air-layers. Transfer to pots for 1 year.

New Records Set at ACCS

Several MGCS members were among the crowd of attendees at this year's Atlantic Coast Camellia Society's Annual Meeting.



Jim Smelley was presented the Award of Merit by ACCS President, Jim Dickson.

In addition to the good food, good fellowship and auction, J. D. Thomerson and Randolph Maphis presented an outstanding educational program on "Hybridizing & Genealogy". J.D. shared much of what he learned from a special friend, Hulyn Smith.

Guest speakers for the banquet were Howard and Mary Rhodes. They shared about their trip to China.

DATES TO REMEMBER

"Byron Show"	November 8-10
Christmas Party	December 5
ACS Annual Meeting	December 11-15
Meeting-Golden Corral	January 16
"Flint Show"	February 21-23

Potluck Favorites.....Asian Slaw

- In zip lock bag, combine 1 large head Napa cabbage, shredded and 5 whole green onions, sliced thin
- Prepare "Crunchies" by combining 3 packages Ramen noodles, crushed (discard flavor packets); $\frac{3}{4}$ cup sliced almonds, toasted; $\frac{1}{2}$ cup sesame seeds
- Prepare "Dressing" by combining 1 cup oil; 1 cup sugar; $\frac{1}{2}$ apple cider vinegar; 2 tsp. soy sauce. Shake well.
- When ready to serve, mix together veggies, crunchies and dressing.

This dish was prepared by Joan Couch for our September Chicken-Que this year. Several asked for her recipe. Enjoy!

Message from the President

Thanks to all who made the September kickoff so successful. We have a really good bunch of people who always step up and make things happen. Now is the time to start thinking about fertilization. Use a balanced fertilizer like 10-10-10 in moderate amounts around the drip line of mature plants. Be very careful with young plants, they only need an ounce or so scattered in the root zone. For those of us who have "Pink Perfection", be especially judicious in the use of fertilizer, as this variety cannot tolerate very much. Keep gibbing and let us look forward to a great season! *Billy*

FALL FLOWER SHOW SCHEDULED FOR NOV. 8, 9, 10

Mark your calendar now for the Fall Flower Show weekend. The festivities begin Friday evening at 6 PM with our Judges Reception at the historic home of Mayor Larry and Charlotte Collins on West Heritage Blvd. in Byron. Club members will be providing heavy hors d'oeuvres and desserts.

We will begin accepting blooms for the flower show at 7:30 AM on Saturday. Volunteers are needed to carry out a variety of jobs. Lunch will be served to our judges following flower judging. A chili bar will again be prepared by club members for our visitor's enjoyment.

Be ready to cheerfully accept your assignment when called!

2nd Annual Camellia Calendar

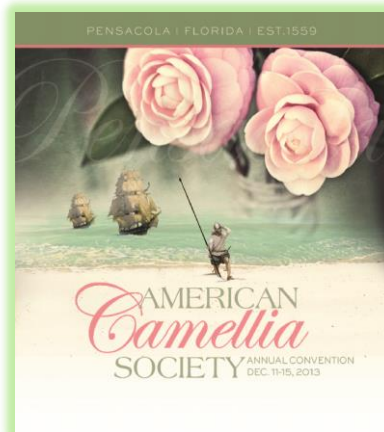
The American Camellia Society is excited to announce the 2014 camellia wall calendar! The calendar will feature exquisite blooms by legendary camellia breeders such as William Ackerman, Jerry Conrad, Paul Gilley, Clarence Gordy, Walter Homeyer, Marvin Jernigan, Jack Mandarich, Frank Pursel, Elaine Smelley and Hulyn Smith.

MGCS has ordered 25 of these beautiful calendars. Our club will be selling them at a discounted rate of \$11 each.

**Contact Sandee Davis Khoury at
478/320-5551 today to reserve yours,
quantities are limited!**

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An informative Annual Meeting and Convention is scheduled for December 11 through 15 at the Hampton Inn located in Pensacola Beach, Florida. Pensacola is home to America's oldest Camellia Club, founded in 1937.

The Hampton Inn and Hilton Hotel are located adjacent to each other, within walking distance of local attractions and restaurants.



Featured Bloom

DAIKAGURA

Bright rose pink splotted white. Med to large peony form. Slow compact growth. Early bloom

Sun Trial Garden Update

If you haven't had a chance to visit the joint ACS-MGCS Sun Trials area, please do so during the blooming season. So far all of the plants have made it through the summer without a single loss, although the deer did prune a couple pretty severely! My observation is that the plants have established themselves and new growth has occurred. I was surprised that none appeared to be noticeably "off color". I guess I was expecting that some would be more yellow than green, but that doesn't appear to be the case. Bud set is good on many of the varieties so we should expect to have a good bloom in the Trial Garden in the next several months.

There is some weeding that needs attention, so look for a notice about a work morning in the Gardens soon.

Tommy

**Georgia National Fair
Miller-Murphy-Howard Building
401 Larry Walker Parkway
Perry, Georgia
Show Chairman - Warren Thompson
527 Blooms
1000+ Attendees
18 Exhibitors**

SWEEPSTAKES

Gold Certificate: 106 Blue Ribbons, Fred & Sandra Jones

Silver Certificate: 68 Blue Ribbons, Jerry & Carol Selph

OUTSTANDING BLOOM CERTIFICATES

Best Bloom in Show unprotected: 'Anita', Jerry & Carol Selph

Best Bloom in Show Protected 'Massee Lane Var.', Tommy & Brenda Alden

Best Georgia National Fair

BB: 'Georgia National Fair', Chuck & Bev Ritter

C. japonica unprotected:

Lg/VLg: 'Carter's Sunburst Blush', Valdosta Garden Club

RU: 'Moonlight Bay', Jerry & Carol Selph

Md: 'Koku-Ryu' (Black Dragon), Fred & Sandra Jones

RU: 'Grand Marshall Var.', Chuck & Bev Ritter

Sm: 'Black Gold', Fred & Sandra Jones

RU: 'Kiku-Toji', Jerry & Carol Selph

C. japonica protected:

Lg/VLg: 'Lauren Tudor Pink', Randolph & Marilyn Maphis

RU: 'Laura Walker', Richard Mims

Md: 'Early Autumn', John Newsome

RU: 'Miss Bessie Beville', Tommy & Brenda Alden

Sm: 'Little Babe Var.', Steve & Gayle Lawrence

RU: 'Brooke', John Newsome

C. reticulata (Inc. hybrids w/retic parent) unprotected:

Lg/VLg: 'Frank Houser Var.', Chuck & Bev Ritter

RU: 'Dr. Clifford Parks', Fred & Sandra Jones

C. hybrid (w/no retic parent) unprotected:

Lg: 'Polaris', Fred & Sandra Jones

RU: 'Mona Jury', Chuck & Bev Ritter

Md: 'Julia', Valdosta Garden Club

Sm: 'Punkin', Chuck & Bev Ritter

C. hybrid (w/no retic parent) protected:

Lg: 'Delores Edwards', John Newsome

RU: 'Mona Jury', Steve & Gayle Lawrence

Sm: 'Punkin', Tommy & Brenda Alden

Best Miniature unprotected:

BB: 'Fircone Var.', Chuck & Bev Ritter

RU: 'Fluerette Var.', Ron & Elizabeth Wolfe

Best Miniature protected:

BB: 'Man Size', Steve & Gayle Lawrence

Best White Bloom

BB: 'K. Sawada', Fred & Sandra Jones

RU: 'Mary Alice Cox', Chuck & Bev Ritter

Best Sasanqua (and related species): 'Leslie Ann', Tommy & Brenda Alden

Best Seedling/Sport: 'Seedling', Chuck & Bev Ritter

TRAYS

Tray of Three-same variety unprotected: 'Pink Perfection', Chuck & Bev Ritter

Tray of Three-same variety protected: 'Dragon Fireball', Howard & Mary Rhodes

Tray of Five-different varieties: 5 Beautiful Blooms, Chuck & Bev Ritter



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YEAR-END PICNIC AND AUCTION DEEMED HUGE SUCCESS

Thanks again to Connie and Frank Freshwater for hosting our annual "picnic" and auction. Everyone enjoyed delicious food and wonderful fellowship.

Following the social hour, the meal, and some browsing around viewing all the "trophies" in the Freshwater home we proceeded to the porch for the auction. And what an auction it was!

Auction items donated by club members sold to the highest bidder. The auction proved to be a very profitable event in that we collected record proceeds from the event.

Thanks so much to all who participated by bringing items to be auctioned as well as to those who "bid high!"

Auction Fun with Auctioneer John Gamble



DON'T MISS OUT—RENEW YOUR MEMBERSHIP TODAY!

September 1st marks the beginning of a new camellia year. Dues for the 2013-14 season are due by October 15th. Dues are still \$10 per person or couple and flower show sponsorships are available for \$25 each. To renew your membership for this year please complete the Renewal Form included with this newsletter and bring it, along with your check to our next meeting or mail it to our Membership Chair/Vice-President **Sandra Williams at PO Box 67, Roberta GA 31078**

KICK-OFF CHICKEN-QUE Saturday, September 14th

MGCS kicks off the 2013-14 season with our annual Chicken Que on Saturday, September 14th. The entire meal will be provided for a cost of \$8.00 each. Bring potential members. (Guests eat free!)

- 5:00 PM Garden Tours/Workshops
- 6:00 PM Social Time
- 6:45 PM Meal

Gibberellic Acid will be available at the meeting just in case you need some to get started gibbing.

BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING

SUNDAY, AUGUST 11TH, 2:30 PM

ST. ANDREWS EPISCOPAL PARISH HOUSE

FORT VALLEY



Don't forget to
visit the Sun
Trials Garden

Care and Culture Corner

It's too late to prune. You'll cut off bloom buds. In early September, begin gibbing. Gib 1 or 2 bloom buds per plant. Treat weekly through November. Begin debudding, leaving one bud on the terminal end of the branch.

Camellia, Azalea

This specie of camellia was discovered in a small remote location in China and is reported to bloom continuously. Here, it typically blooms in July/August.



This photo was taken at County Line Nursery on August 1st. Hybridizers are trying to cross this specie with other species, hoping to achieve an everblooming camellia.

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Message from the President

I am looking forward to a great Camellia year. Last year was terrific. Our membership numbers improved and our attendance did as well. We had three fantastic flower shows with lots of help. Thanks to everyone for working together. Let's make this year even better. *Billy*

Potluck Favorites.....Clam Chowder

2 (6 oz.) cans chopped clams	1 c. chopped onions
1 c. chopped celery	2 c. chopped red potatoes
1 ½ sticks butter	¾ c. flour
1 ½ tsp. salt	1 ½ tsp. sugar
1 tsp. black pepper	1 qt. Half & Half

Drain clams, reserving liquid. Combine vegetables in lg. kettle. Pour in reserved clam liquid and enough water to cover veggies. Bring to a boil, reduce heat to medium low. Whisk in flour. Add salt, sugar, pepper and half-and-half to vegetable mixture and stir. Add the clams. Stir. Return to boil; reduce heat. Stir in flour mixture. Simmer until thick, stirring occasionally. Continue to simmer for a total of about 3-40 minutes. Yields about 10 svgs

On a Personal Note..... During a recent trip to visit her daughter in Las Vegas, MGCS & ACS member, Sheila Feightner, visited Huntington Gardens near Pasadena, CA, and Nuccio's Nursery at Altadena, CA, where Tom Nuccio gave her a personal tour. When she answered his question of how many camellias she had, he responded with "You have it real bad!" That was before she placed her order for three more plants. Sheila recommends this as a place to visit if you love camellias or azaleas. *(Thanks Harold)*

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