

OCALA CAMELLIA SOCIETY

NEWSLETTER

Patrick Andrews, Editor

HAPPY VALENTINE'S DAY!

February 2013

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2013 OCALA CAMELLIA SHOW

The 2013 Ocala Camellia Show was a huge success. We had 27 judges, including 4 novice judges, all of whom brought flowers to our show. We were blessed with fantastic weather, and we estimate there were about 600 people who attended the show.

The show results are included at the end of this newsletter. You will see some familiar names, and also some that may not be familiar to you. We had several greenhouse growers at this year's show, and they brought some fantastic flowers for us to see. The advantage to growing camellias in a greenhouse is that they are protected from the elements – cold weather, rain, bees, etc. Consequently, they are able to bring some of the more desirable flowers, such as reticulatas. Freezing temperatures cause these flowers to slow down outdoors, but this is not a problem for greenhouse growers. See all the results on pages 4 and 5.

MINUTES OF THE JANUARY MEETING – by Madeline Braisted

The meeting began promptly at 7:15 after we sampled some really great refreshments! Minutes from the December meeting were accepted and seconded. The treasurer's report was given by Marge Hendon in Laura Perdomo's absence, showing a new balance of \$6,012.47.

Zlata gave the dates and times for the Prestige 55 presentations: January 15 at 5:00-6:30 at Monroe Auxilliary Center, and January 17 at 3:00-4:30 at the Collins Center, Timber Ridge. Our president thanked us for the money sent to the American Camellia Society in memory of her son. We were invited to the Zabo home and Camelia gardens on January 13 from 2:00-4:00 pm. for their Open House with lots of exciting refreshments. She announced that Patrick and Bob are having an open house the following Sunday afternoon, January 20.

Discussion followed about the upcoming camelia show on January 26 and 27. Marge explained all of the categories: volunteer requirements to help with the judges, flowers, etc. We then signed up and filled up the slots. Mary Closson will be unable to prepare breakfast refreshments due to surgery, so we all volunteered to help bring food. The highlight of the meeting followed.

Joe Sabo accompanied by a wonderful slide show explained how to propagate camellias from seeds. He plants 3 seeds in each pot of soil -- no problem with the cold weather. It takes about 3 years for the plant to bloom. What was astounding was the flowers – colors and size -- produced from these seeds. Nothing like the parent plant in so many cases. The diversity was truly astonishing. The meeting was adjourned at 8:30.

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SHOW RESULTS
2013 OCALA CAMELLIA SHOW
January 26-27, 2013
Pioneer Garden Club
Appleton Cultural Center Complex
4331 East Silver Springs Boulevard (SR 40)
Ocala, Florida
1000 Blooms Exhibited
600 Attendees
30 Exhibitors
4 New ACS Members

CERTIFICATES

Gold Certificate (unprotected): 80 Blue Ribbons, Jerry & Carol Selph

Silver Certificate (unprotected): 76 Blue Ribbons, Chuck & Bev Ritter

Gold Certificate (protected): 34 Blue Ribbons, Randolph & Marilyn Maphis

Silver Certificate (protected): 26 Blue Ribbons, Howard & Mary Rhodes

OUTSTANDING BLOOM CERTIFICATES

Best Bloom In Show 'Helen Bower Var.', Howard & Mary Rhodes

C. japonica unprotected untreated:

Lg/VLg: 'Nuccio's Bella Rossa', Howard & Mary Rhodes

RU: 'Roberta Hardison', Eileen Hart

Md: 'Bev Ritter', Chuck & Bev Ritter

RU: 'Sea Foam', Cheng Lee

Sm: 'Takanini Var.', William & Linda Nichols

RU: 'Grace Albritton', Charles & Donna Nichols

C. japonica unprotected treated:

Lg/VLg: 'Pirate's Gold Var.', Chuck & Bev Ritter

RU: 'Camille', Cheng Lee

Md: 'Midnight Magic Var.', Jerry & Carol Selph

RU: 'Ville de Nantes', Howard & Mary Rhodes

Sm: 'Tudor Baby Var.', Cheng Lee

RU: 'Black Gold', Chuck & Bev Ritter

C. japonica protected:

Lg/VLg: 'Oscar B. Elmer Var.', Randolph & Marilyn Maphis

RU: 'Madge Rouse', Randolph & Marilyn Maphis

Md: 'Midnight Magic Var.', Randolph & Marilyn Maphis

RU: 'Grand Marshal Var.', Howard & Mary Rhodes

Sm: 'Jackie D.', Howard & Mary Rhodes

RU: 'Dahlonge', Howard & Mary Rhodes

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

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

RU: 'Pleasant Memories', Jerry & Carol Selph

Sm/Md: 'Mary O'Donnell', Charles & Donna Nichols

RU: 'Crimson Candles', William & Linda Nichols

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

Lg/VLg: 'Frank Houser', Kyle Purvis

RU: 'Pat Pinkerton', Chuck & Bev Ritter

Sm/Md: 'Black Lace Peony Var.', Clayton & Nedra Mathis

RU: 'Black Lace', Cheng Lee

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

Lg/VLg: 'Sir Robert Muldoon Var.', Howard & Mary Rhodes

RU: 'Marilyn Maphis', Randolph & Marilyn Maphis

Sm/Md: 'Mary O'Donnell', Howard & Mary Rhodes

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

Lg/VLg: 'Mona Jury', Cheng Lee

RU: 'Mona Jury Var.', Howard & Mary Rhodes

Sm/Md: 'Punkin', Chuck & Bev Ritter

RU: 'Buttons 'n Bows', William & Linda Nichols

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

Lg/VLg: 'Mona Jury Var.', Clayton & Nedra Mathis

RU: 'Tom Perkins', Chuck & Bev Ritter

Sm/Md: 'Spring Daze', Jerry & Carol Selph

RU: 'Buttons 'n Bows', Jerry & Carol Selph

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

Lg/VLg: 'James S. Reeve', Howard & Mary Rhodes

RU: 'Kagirohi', Randolph & Marilyn Maphis

Sm/Md: 'Spring Daze', Howard & Mary Rhodes

Best Miniature unprotected:

BB: 'Man Size', Chuck & Bev Ritter

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

Best Miniature protected:

BB: 'Sweet Jane', Randolph & Marilyn Maphis

RU: 'Fircone Var.', Howard & Mary Rhodes

Best White Bloom Unprotected - Annie Drake Award: 'Sea Foam', Chuck & Bev Ritter

Best White Bloom Protected: 'White Porcelain', Randolph & Marilyn Maphis

Best sasanqua, vernalis & hiemalis

BB: 'Star Above Star', Charles & Donna Nichols

RU: 'Egao', Jerry & Carol Selph

All other species

BB: 'C. nitidissima', Chuck & Bev Ritter

Best Seedling: 'HS #75', Randolph & Marilyn Maphis

Best Sport Bloom: 'Sport of Magic City', Chuck & Bev Ritter

TRAYS

Tray of Three-same variety unprotected:

BB: 'Spring Daze', Chuck & Bev Ritter

Tray of Three-same variety protected:

BB: 'Cherries Jubilee Var.', Randolph & Marilyn Maphis

Tray of Five-different varieties protected:

BB: 'Mixed', Cheng Lee

Tray of Five-different varieties protected:

BB: 'Mixed', Randolph & Marilyn Maphis

Best Novice Bloom:

BB 'Frank Houser', Pei-Lin LaBonte

RU 'Elegans Supreme', Gwynne Pealer

Club Members and Marion County Residents

Best Small Local Bloom: 'Ellen Daniel', Patrick Andrews & Bob Weidman

Best Medium Local Bloom: 'Jean Clere', Charles & Donna Nichols

Best Large Local Bloom: 'Stephanie Stanley', Patrick Andrews & Bob Weidman

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HAPPY NEW YEAR!

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We will meet at 6:30 for refreshments and socializing, and the regular meeting will begin at 7:00 p.m. A guest speaker has not been announced as of this writing. The main focus of the meeting will be on getting ready for our annual camellia show, which will be at the Pioneer Garden Club on Saturday, January 26, from 2 p.m. to 5 p.m., and Sunday, January 27, from 12 p.m. to 4 p.m. Setup will be Friday, January 25, so please show up around 2:00 or 3:00 p.m. to help get the building set up to receive flowers. Those who help out will be treated to pizza when we are finished on Friday afternoon.

The meeting will conclude with a plant auction to benefit the Ocala Camellia Society. Please bring any plants or gift items you would like to donate for the auction to the meeting.

DUES AND AWARD SPONSORSHIP REMINDERS

If you have not paid your current year's dues, please pay them before the show to help defray the costs of the show.

Some members have already signed up to sponsor awards for the upcoming show, but we still have quite a few unsponsored prizes. Please dig deep in your pockets to sponsor at least one prize at \$15. Send your contribution, with a note that it is for prize sponsorship(s), to Laura Perdomo, Treasurer, Ocala Camellia Society, 11960 NE 52nd Place Road, Silver Springs, FL 34488, or give it to her at the upcoming meeting.

MINUTES OF THE DECEMBER MEETING

By Madeline Braisted, Secretary

After a wonderful Holiday potluck dinner the Dec. meeting began at 7:15. Zlata thanked everyone for the cards and condolences. Minutes from the November meeting were approved. The Treasurer's report published in the newsletter was discussed and clarified. Thirteen ACS calendars are left for purchase by our members

There was no old business. Under new business, Patrick Andrews discussed the January camellia show and asked for volunteers for setup, cleanup, clerking, placement, and plant sales, and for award sponsors. Regarding publicity, Patrick had sent out a flier for members to distribute around town. Patrick suggested that someone else be show chairman next year to help bring fresh ideas. He suggested that we consider adding a second vice-president as an officer, where the second vice-president would be program chairman and the first vice-president would be show chairman. Members will consider this for possible vote at a later date.

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The program followed. The members divided into 4 groups, headed by Patrick Andrews, Bob Weidman, Marge Hendon, and Charles Nichols. We learned a great deal about flower judging as we moved to each group. This was a great educational idea and one that was truly needed and appreciated. The meeting was adjourned at 8:30, followed by the plant auction.

YOU ARE INVITED TO OUR ELEVENTH ANNUAL CAMELLIA OPEN HOUSE

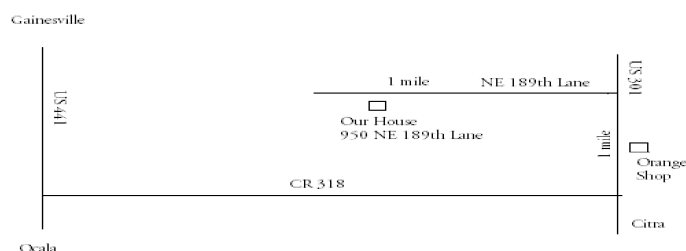
Please join us on Sunday, January 20, 2013, at 1:00 p.m., for the eleventh annual tour of our Camellia and other gardens -- rain or shine! We are constantly planting new cultivars and other types of plants, so there are plenty of new plants and flowers to see. This is also a chance to get first choice of the camellia plants that will be sold at our upcoming show. The japonicas and hybrids are \$25, and the reticulatas are \$35. We will be hosting the Ocala Camellia Society, the Gainesville Camellia Society (meeting at 2 p.m.), and other gardening friends. Delicious refreshments will be served.

Our address is 950 NE 189th Lane, Citra, FL.

From Gainesville: Go south on US 441, go east on CR318, and then left on NE 10th Avenue. Follow the paved road around (it changes name three times in a few short blocks) until the pavement ends. Take a sharp right onto NE 189th Lane (dirt road), and our house is the third on the right (you will pass a tall Red Cedar hedge).

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The house is white with dark green trim. Be sure to wear comfortable clothes and walking shoes. We hope to see you! Bob Weidman and Patrick Andrews. 352-595-3365



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Tallahassee, FL, 1/12-13/13, Camellia and Garden Club of Tallahassee, Randolph Maphis, 850-878-3872

Orlando, FL, 1/19-20/13, Camellia Society of Central Florida, Charlie Russ, 352-227-8011

Ocala, FL, 1/26-27/13, Ocala Camellia Society, Patrick Andrews, 352-595-3365

Napa, CA, 2/2/13, Napa Valley Camellia Society in conjunction with the American Camellia Society Annual Convention, Carol Schanz, 916-447-1969

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This is our annual Holiday Potluck Dinner meeting, so we will meet for dinner at 6:00 p.m., and the regular meeting will begin at 7:00 p.m. Bring your favorite dish to share, savory or sweet. We probably need more savory dishes than we do desserts.

We have a great activity planned for everyone at the meeting. We will all know more about flowers and what makes a flower good or excellent by the end of the meeting. We will all get hands-on experience in judging flowers, and it will be a lot of fun.

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LEE AND LINDA SANDERS HOLIDAY OPEN HOUSE

Everyone is invited to Lee and Linda Sanders' Christmas Open House on Sunday, December 2, 2012, from 2 to 5 p.m. Their address is 7918 SW 103 Loop, Ocala, FL (Hidden Lake), phone 352-351-9210. Directions: Take SR 200 west to SW 80th Ave. Turn left and go 1 mile. Turn left on 103rd St. Rd. and go 0.5 mile. Turn left on 74th Tr (Hidden Lake). After 0.4 mile, turn left on 103rd Loop (third street on left), and theirs is the seventh house on the right (peach color with tile roof). Call if you get lost – 352-351-9210.

MINUTES OF THE NOVEMBER 1ST MEETING

by Madeline Braisted, Secretary

Our Nov. 1, 2012 meeting began at 7 p.m. Susan Dunn chaired the meeting since president Zlata Sabo was unable to attend the meeting. Patrick Andrews introduced our speaker for the evening, Matthew Israel from ACS headquarters at Massee Lane Gardens in Fort Valley, Georgia. Matthew described his work as the Operations Manager for the ACS, including procuring new signage for the camellia plants with metal stakes, refurbishing the greenhouses, major improvements to the Camellia House (former horticulturist resident), and the Japanese Gardens. The formal gardens were cleaned up, a new parking lot was created, and planting of the species garden in the West field was started. Matthew brought a PowerPoint program with pictures to accompany his talk. Truly major accomplishments over a two-year span!

Marge explained that Zlata and Joe had a family death that week and Linda made a motion to donate \$25 for a memorial for their son, Jonathan Sabo. Patrick moved to accept the minutes from the October meeting as published in the newsletter; Nita Marsyla seconded the motion. Laura Perdomo gave the treasurer's report, showing a balance of \$6,683.55.

A letter from Prestige 55 was read regarding presentations. The dates we will be giving camellia presentations are Tuesday, January 15, from 5:00-6:30 and Thursday, January 17 from 5:00-6:30. The new ACS camellia calendar was displayed, and the cost to members is \$13.00. They can be purchased at the upcoming meeting. Patrick explained that show planning is moving forward and everything is falling into place. It was announced that we will have our annual pot luck dinner at the December meeting, which will begin at 6 p.m. Everyone thanked those who brought snacks to the meeting. Linda Sanders announced that she will host a Christmas Open House on Sunday, December 2, from 2 to 5 p.m.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:30, followed by an auction of eight beautiful camellia plants donated by Bob Weidman, Patrick Andrews, and Lawanda Packard.

SHOW PRIZE AWARD DONATIONS NEEDED

We need award sponsors for our upcoming show, and so far very few people have signed up. Please dig deep in your pockets to sponsor at least one prize at \$20. You can give your contribution to Laura Perdomo at the upcoming meetings – either December 6, or January 3, or send your contribution, with a note that it is for prize sponsorship(s), to Laura Perdomo, Treasurer, Ocala Camellia Society, 11960 NE 52nd Place Road, Silver Springs, FL 34488.

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED FOR VARIOUS SHOW DUTIES

We need as many helpers as possible to put on our show on January 26 and 27. The various duties include: setup on Friday afternoon (including placement of table cloths and filling cups with water), teardown on Sunday at 3:30 (emptying cups, throwing away flowers, folding table cloths, etc.), placement helpers to place flowers on tables (must have a steady hand), judge clerks (to mark award winners and take flowers to the contention table), plant sales, and to be on hand during both days of the show to answer questions and recruit new club members. Please contact Patrick Andrews at the meeting and sign up on one of the sign-up sheets, or by phone to indicate how you would like to help.

ATLANTIC COAST CAMELLIA SOCIETY

The Atlantic Coast Camellia Society is a regional camellia society, affiliated with the American Camellia Society, and serves the states all along the Atlantic Seaboard from Virginia down to Florida.

All Florida camellia society members are welcome to join the Atlantic Coast Camellia Society. Contact Patrick Andrews if you would like more information on how to join the ACCS. Patrick is the second vice-president, and is also the membership committee chair.

Dues are currently \$15 and will remain that next year for individuals, but for couples it is going up to \$25. Now is a good time to join so couples can still join for \$15.

The benefits of membership in ACCS are the wonderful magazine they publish, and the friendships made between camellia lovers all over the southeast at the annual meeting.

JOIN THE ACS FOR HALF-PRICE

If you have never been a member of ACS and would like to join, NOW is the perfect time. From now until December 31, ACS is offering one-half price memberships -- \$15 -- to new members who have never been a member of ACS before but who are members of a local club. You need to use a specific order form, and can either pick one up at the meeting in December, or I can email one to you. You must use the special product code "LCD2012."

ACS CALENDARS AVAILABLE

ACS published their first-ever calendar for 2013. Each month has a fantastic painting of a camellia flower. You will be impressed at the beauty of this calendar. We still have 13 available, so plan to pick some up at our upcoming meeting on December 6 -- for you and some to give away as gifts. When they're gone, they're gone!

A REASON TO PLANT CAMELLIA SEEDS!

One of the most exciting aspects of growing camellias is planting some seeds, watching the plants grow, and then seeing them bloom for the first time. While many seedlings are not unique and really not worthy of registering, some are truly outstanding, and these are destined to become the new "must have" camellias for all serious camellia growers. Local growers Clarence "Gordy" and Lillian Gordy have produced some of the most exciting blooms to come along in years. This picture is one of their newer discoveries that is being considered for registration.



CAMELLIA CULTURE -- WINTER

(Continued from the previous column)

PLANTING: This is the best time of year to plant camellias. They are dormant now, so they won't be putting on leaf growth. The roots, however, will continue to grow all winter. You may want to add a little Super Triple Phosphate fertilizer to the hole when planting, but don't overdo it. This fertilize promotes root growth but not leaf growth. Be sure to plant them above the soil level to allow for settling. Never plant a camellia at a level lower than it is growing in the pot. Keep newly planted camellias well watered.

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Tallahassee, FL, 1/12-13/13, Camellia and Garden Club of Tallahassee, Randolph Maphis, 850-878-3872

Orlando, FL, 1/19-20/13, Camellia Society of Central Florida, Charlie Russ, 352-227-8011

Ocala, FL, 1/26-27/13, Ocala Camellia Society, Patrick Andrews, 352-595-3365

Quitman, GA, 2/2/13, Quitman Garden Club, Nancibeth Shealy, (229) 263-8661

Tampa, FL, 2/9/13, Tampa Bay Area Camellia Society, Eileen Hart, 813-920-2987

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TREASURER'S REPORT by Laura Perdomo NOVEMBER 2012

Starting with: \$6683.55

Description	In	Out	Total
Plant Auction	\$99.00		
Dues	\$50.00		
Calendar Sales	\$172.00		
			\$321.00
ACS Calendars		\$250.00	
Speaker Hotel Fees		\$82.08	
County Line Plants		\$1,026.00	
			\$1,358.08
Total Inflows	\$321.00		
Total Outflows		\$1,358.08	
Net Total for the Period		(\$1,037.08)	

New Balance: \$5646.47

People that paid their dues from November:

Mary Closson
Laura Perdomo
Donna and Charles Nichols
Anita and Husband

OCALA CAMELLIA SOCIETY NEWSLETTER

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We will meet for refreshments at 6:30 p.m., and the regular meeting will begin at 7:00 p.m. Light refreshments will be provided, but feel free to bring whatever finger food item you want to share.

Our guest speaker, Matthew Israel, was born and raised in Macon, GA. He attended the University of Georgia with a degree in Landscape Architecture. After graduation he worked at the UGA State Botanical Gardens in Athens, GA, and also for the University doing landscape maintenance. Matthew also worked in construction in Atlanta, where he was Regional Manager for Roper Construction. After moving back to Macon, Matthew started doing freelance residential garden design. It was during this time he began volunteering for NewTown Macon, a non-profit group focusing on the revitalization of Downtown Macon. In lieu of payment, the president of NewTown Macon said he would send his portfolio and resume out. Within a week he received a phone call from ACS and was working at Massee Lane only a few days later. Matthew has been Operations Manager for ACS and Massee Lane Gardens for almost 2 years now. He still volunteers at NewTown where they are working out the design of the site where the original Camellia Gardens of the Camellia Society began.

The meeting will conclude with a plant auction to benefit the Ocala Camellia Society. Please bring any plants you would like to donate for the auction to the meeting.

MINUTES OF THE OCTOBER 4th MEETING by Laura Perdomo

Zlata Sabo welcomed everyone and called the meeting to order at 6:45 PM. The minutes from the September meeting were approved. Madeline Braisted volunteered to be secretary. Patrick Andrews motioned for her to become secretary. Linda Sanders seconded. Everyone approved. Marge Hendon nominated Susan Dunn to be Vice President. Joe Sabo seconded. Everyone approved.

Marge Hendon volunteered to take the membership list and call all the people with the last names of A-H. Donna DiSclafani said she will call I-M. Linda Sanders said she would call N-Z, but she needs a list of people from Patrick Andrews. Patrick said he will send a membership list out to everyone.

OCS will be participating in Prestige 55 in January. Tuesday, January 15th, 2013: 5:00-6:30 at the Auxiliary Conference Center by the hospital, and Thursday, January 17th, 2013: 3:00-4:30 at the Collins Center. Patrick will present, but we need people to help and also bring flowers to show people.

The club will purchase 25 calendars from ACS for the 2013 year.

We need volunteers for the January show. We should get blooms to put with the plants for sale if anyone has any extra blooms so people know what they are buying. Patrick mentioned adding some new categories for club members like small, medium, large tray of three, 9 boutonnières, etc.

Joe Sabo has a neighbor giving away 8 established bushes. You have to dig them up, but they are free.

Zlata said we should have a night where we invite and honor a grower, maybe with a certificate or an honorary membership.

Our speaker for this evening had cancelled. The meeting concluded with a plant auction with plants donated by Patrick Andrews and Bob Weidman.

CAMELLIA CULTURE -- LATE SUMMER AND EARLY FALL

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Oct. 2012

Laura Perdomo

Description	In	Out	Total
Plant Sales	\$72.00		
Dues	\$140.00		
			\$212.00
Total Inflows	\$212.00		
Total Outflows		0	
Net Total for the Period	\$212.00		

New Balance: \$6683.55

People that paid their dues from October:

Andrews, Patrick
Braisted, Frank and Madeline
Disclafani, Donna
Dunn, Susan
Gordy, Clarence and Lillian
Greenwood, Ann and Richard
LaClair, Donald and Joan
Sabo, Zlata and Joe
Sanders, Linda
Shaefer, John and Abigail
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OCALA CAMELLIA SOCIETY

NEWSLETTER

Patrick Andrews, Editor

October 2012

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Tom Brantley will be our guest speaker, and his talk will be about bonsai. Tom Brantley has been involved with Bonsai since 1972. His brother teaches horticulture and brought home a book on bonsai. Tom was hooked ever since. He studied with John Naka, who was the premier Bonsai Master of this century. John Naka has a display at the National Arboretum in Washington, D.C.

He has also studied with other wonderful instructors through the years. Tom was one of the founding members of the Marion Bonsai Society, and he is their president at this time.

In late March and early April the Marion Bonsai Society will have a Bonsai exhibit at On Top of the World. They would like to invite everyone to go and see the exhibit.

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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Welcome back for another exiting year of socializing and learning, as we explore new and old ways to make our camellia gardens beautiful. Joe and I have already found a few blooms in our yard and can't wait for the enjoyment and pleasure we all experience, as our gardens begin to put out magnificent flowers that will soon grace our homes.

We are thankful, for all of you, faithful members of the Ocala Camellia Society. And we are already making plans that will help increase our membership. Our Club is given an opportunity to present two lectures to the members of the Prestige 55 program, which is 26,404 members strong. This will be a wonderful opportunity to introduce our club to other camellia lovers in our community who do not know about us.

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We are in search of a new secretary and a vice-president for our club. Please think of who would be the best person to fill these positions that were vacated last summer due to resignations. This needs to be done in our next meeting.

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MINUTES OF THE SEPTEMBER MEETING by Laura Perdomo

The meeting was called to order on September 6th, 2012 by Zlata Sabo, the Ocala Camellia Society President. She welcomed everyone to our new year and was excited to be our new president. The refreshments provided by Marge Hendon and Zlata Sabo were delicious and enjoyed by all. Abigail Schaefer resigned as Vice President and John Schaefer resigned as Treasurer by written letter to Zlata. Zlata read the minutes from the last March meeting and the Treasurer's Report sent by John Schaefer. The minutes and the treasurer's report were approved as read.

Joe Sabo motioned for Laura Perdomo to become Treasurer. Ann Greenwood seconded. The position of Secretary is still vacant.

A brief discussion was held on how to get new members to join. Zlata mentioned the OCS getting involved in giving a lecture with information about care of camellias to Prestige 55. This could help attract more members. Marge Hendon said to just invite someone to come with you.

Our program was a wonderful slideshow with music Zlata put together of camellias blooming in her own garden. The pictures and plants were amazing.

The September meeting adjourned and a plant auction was held afterward to benefit the club, with plants donated by Patrick Andrews and Bob Weidman.

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TREASURER'S REPORT

By Laura Perdomo

Sept. 2012

Laura Perdomo

			Starting with \$6,373.55
Description	In	Out	Total
Plant Sales and Dues	\$98.00		\$6,471.55
Total Inflows	\$98.00		
Total Outflows		0	
Net Total for the Period	\$98.00		

New Balance: \$6471.55

DUES REMINDER

Hopefully you have already paid your dues for the 2012-2013 year. If not, you can fill out the membership renewal form on page 4 of this newsletter and send it with your check to Laura Perdomo, Treasurer, at the address on the membership form, or pay her at the next meeting.

NEW!!!

AMERICAN CAMELLIA SOCIETY CALENDARS

ACS is excited to announce its first ever camellia wall calendar for 2013! They are taking preorders now through October 15, 2012. The regular price of the 2013 calendar is \$12.95 each. ACS members are eligible for their 10% discount and Clubs/Societies are eligible for their 25% discount (minimum order of 25). **Our club will be putting an order together at the upcoming meeting.**

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ATLANTIC COAST CAMELLIA SOCIETY

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All Florida camellia society members are welcome to join the Atlantic Coast Camellia Society, and those Florida members in attendance were very warmly welcomed at this year's meeting. Contact Patrick Andrews if you would like more information on how to join the ACCS. Patrick was just elected as second vice-president, and is also the membership committee chair.

Dues are currently \$15 and will remain that next year for individuals, but for couples it is going up to \$25. Now is a good time to join so you can still get the \$15 membership for couples.

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