

OCALA CAMELLIA SOCIETY NEWSLETTER

Patrick Andrews, Editor **HAPPY ST. PATRICK'S DAY AND EASTER!** March 2016

NEXT MEETING SET FOR THURSDAY, MARCH 3, 2016

The next meeting of the Ocala Camellia Society will be on Thursday, March 3, 2016, at the Coldwell Banker/Ellison Realty Building at 2226 E. Silver Springs Blvd. in Ocala.

We will meet at 6:00 for our end-of-the-year potluck dinner and socializing.

We will elect officers at this meeting. The nominating committee submitted the following slate for election and installation at the March meeting:

President – Patrick Andrews;
Vice-President – Jill Reed;
Secretary – Marge Hendon;
Treasurer -- Laura Perdomo;
Directors:

Madeline Braisted,
Charlotte Bunyan,
Susan Dunn,
Ann Greenwood,
Charles Nichols,
Zlata Sabo,
Bob Weidman

The speaker will be Patricia Prade, a graduate student in Entomology/Nematology at the University of Florida. She will talk about integrated pest management (IPM) and biological controls.

The meeting will conclude with a plant auction and raffle to benefit the Ocala Camellia Society.

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE Patrick Andrews, President

It has been a fantastic camellia season, and continues to be. Here I sit in my office on February 26, looking out the window at camellia flowers smiling at me; in particular the Raspberry Flambé planted right outside my window. This very popular camellia hybrid is this month's raffle plant!

I don't recall having such fantastic weather for camellias. They show very little sign of letting up, and I only wish I had the time to attend the later camellia shows in Georgia. There are still a few coming up, the closest being in Columbus, GA, on March 5.

Our membership table was beautiful this year, and we were able to sign up seven new ACS members! This should put us in front to win the ACS Membership Table Contest this year. We were tied for first last year, but since we didn't sign up any ACS members, the prize went to another club. I can't imagine that any other club signed up more than we did. Note the picture of Marge Hendon signing up her sister and OCS member, Kathryn Sickling. We shall see.

Even though the upcoming meeting is the last one until September, we will be participating in the Master Gardeners Spring Festival on March 12 and 13 at the Marion County Ag Center. Please come out and help if you can

You won't want to miss the potluck dinner at the meeting. I look forward to seeing you there!

MINUTES OF THE FEBRUARY 4, 2016 MEETING
Marge Hendon, Secretary

Patrick Andrews, President, called the meeting to order at 7 p.m.

Our speaker, Gary D. Van Cleef, Apiary Inspection Supervisor with the FL Division of Plant Industry presented a program on camellias and bees.

Laura Perdomo made the motion to accept the Jan. meeting minutes, Bob Weidman second. Passed

Laura Perdomo gave the financial report of our camellia show.

Patrick Andrews gave an overall report of show. We had exhibiting judges that came from FL, AL, GA, and the Carolinas. We had a great response to our show. Jill Reed will call the Ocala Golf Club for our 2017 show, which will be the 4th Saturday in January.

A signup sheet was sent around for the Marion County Master Gardeners' Spring Festival March 12, 8-5 and March 13, 9-4. It will be held next to the Livestock Pavilion, 2232 NE Jacksonville Road, Ocala. All members are encouraged to help man our information tent. We will have a new banner/tablecloth to show who we are.

Susan Dunn said that OCS needs to work in our camellia garden at SSSP quarterly.

Susan Dunn presented the 2016-17 slate of officers:

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Patrick stated that he thought term limits were good.

Patrick Andrews and Bob Weidman gave a review of the ACS convention held in Charleston, SC.

Members need to be looking for a new meeting place.

Next meeting will be Potluck dinner.

Meeting was adjourned. Plant auction followed.

TREASURER'S REPORT

Laura Perdomo, Treasurer

March 2016 Treasurer's Report

Laura Perdomo

Starting Balance: \$6,455.85

Reporting on what happened at the February meeting

Read at the meeting in March

Description	In	Out	Check Number
From February Meeting:			
Plant Auction	\$ 74.00		
Plant Raffle	\$ 32.00		
Club plants sold by Bob and Patrick	\$ 725.00		
Dues	\$ 15.00		
Show Award Donations	\$ 60.00		
		\$47.50	213
Total from Meeting:	\$ 906.00	\$47.50	
Auction:			
Blue Danube	\$ 8.00		
White Empress	\$ 10.00		
Fran Mathis Var.	\$ 15.00		
Bobbie Fain	\$ 11.00		
Fire Dance	\$ 30.00		
Total	\$ 74.00		
Raffle:			
Mini Pink	\$ 32.00		
Dues			
L.T. and Suzanne Slaughter	\$ 15.00		

Total Ending Balance: \$7,314.35

2016 OCALA CAMELLIA SHOW REPORT

Laura Perdomo, Treasurer

Finalized 2/22/16

2016 data

	Out	2015 data	2014 Data
Rental Space- Golf Course	\$ 750.00	\$ 750.00	\$ 795.00
Judges' Lunch	\$ 250.00	\$ 250.00	\$ 210.00
Entry Cards	\$ -	\$ 299.60	\$ 206.50
Table Rentals	\$ 487.60	\$ 487.60	\$ 434.60
Awards	\$ 920.00	\$ 960.00	\$ 860.00
Plants to Sell*	\$ 2,805.87	\$ 2,462.55	\$ 2,109.00
Breakfast Food	\$ 71.19	\$ 122.16	\$ 134.95
Bob Weidman for cups, water, etc.	\$ 48.45	\$ 37.57	\$ 64.29
Judges' Gifts	\$ 105.00	\$ 83.67	\$ -
Posters	\$ -	\$ 52.00	\$ -

Plants Sold	Total	Prior/After	At the show
2016	\$ 5,052.57	\$ 3,347.57	\$ 1,705.00
2015	\$ 5,025.00	\$ 3,350.00	\$ 1,675.00
2014	\$ 4,140.00	\$ 1,550.00	\$ 2,590.00

	2016 data	2015 data	(2014 data)
OCS Memberships	\$ 25.00	\$ 10.00	\$ 25.00
ACS Memberships (7 total)	\$ 90.00	\$ -	
Shirts	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 10.00
Calendar	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 15.00
Donations	\$ 15.00	\$ 72.00	\$ 64.00
Raffle	\$ 32.00		
Award Donations	\$ 400.00	\$ 510.00	\$ 610.00

raffle was in
2014 and
2015 data

	In	Out
Totals	\$ 5,614.57	\$ 5,438.11

The 2016 Show Profited \$176.46

The 2015 Show Profited \$111.85 \$ 5,617.00 \$ 5,505.15

The 2014 Show Profited: \$149.66 \$ 4,964.00 \$ 4,814.34

*Sales Plants:

County Line \$ 2,185.00

Jon's Nursery through L. Perdomo \$ 620.87

AUCTION AND RAFFLE PLANTS FOR MARCH MEETING

RASPBERRY FLAMBE VAR
(RAFFLE)



MISS LILLIAN

BLACK GOLD VAR.



SHIKIBU



ASTRO NOVA



DAWN LYNN



PICTURES FROM THE JANUARY 30, 2016 ANNUAL CAMELLIA SHOW

JUDGES JUDGING THE BEAUTIFUL FLOWERS ON THE CONTENTION TABLE



VISITORS ENJOYING THE BEAUTIFUL FLOWERS ON DISPLAY



MARGE SIGNING UP OUR NEWEST ACS MEMBER AT THE MEMBERSHIP TABLE



CAMELLIA CULTURE – SPRING AND SUMMER

GRAFTING: There is still plenty of time for grafting, although all grafting should be completed before new growth begins. Scions will keep in a sealed plastic bag in the refrigerator for three weeks or longer, so even if you aren't ready to graft immediately, cut your scions now, before they start to grow, and store them for later. Once the growth bud has begun to feather it is too late to be used as a scion.

SPRAYING: Spider mites and scale insects can still be a problem at this time a year, so keep a close eye out for them. Spider mites cause the leaf to appear bronze, particularly along the central rib, and can ruin the look of the foliage. Scale insects can be seen on the lower surface of leaves and result in yellowing and dropping of the leaves. You can spray with chemicals such as Orthene to control mites, but a better, more environmentally friendly solution would be to spray with insecticidal oil (such as Super Fine or Ultra Pure) or insecticidal soap. These oils and soaps kill mites and scales but be sure to coat both sides of the leaves, and do not spray during hot temperatures. Check with local camellia growers for other spraying tips and to find out what they spray with to control these insects.

PLANTING: You can still plant and move camellias, as they are still dormant. Potted camellias can be planted at any time of the year, but remember to water at least twice a week. 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.

MULCHING: Camellias should be mulched to help keep the roots cool and to help the soil retain water. Mulch also cuts down on the need to weed, while contributing to the organic content of your soil.

WATERING: Watering is extremely important during the blooming season, as flowers consist mostly of water, and during our usually dry spring, when camellias start to put on a major flush of growth. A well-watered plant will bloom much more freely and the flowers will be much larger if the plant is watered well. It is very important to water regularly during any dry periods. Camellias should receive a deep watering (1 inch) once a week. This is true year-round, but is more crucial during dry periods.

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FERTILIZING: It's time to start thinking about applying the first round of fertilizer to your camellias. You can use any fertilizer, but a Camellia, Azalea, Gardenia fertilizer is ideal. Be sure to spread the fertilizer out to the drip line. Many local camellia growers fertilize during the first week of April, the middle week of May, and the last week of June or first week of August. Other gardeners fertilize at the beginning of each season, so this would mean the first application would be in the latter part of March. Your last application of fertilizer should probably be in late August or early September, as fertilizing after this may cause camellias to grow again, and the new growth may not harden off before cold weather starts. Some growers like to apply a light application of a low-nitrogen fertilizer in the fall to stimulate root growth.

PRUNING: There is plenty of time to prune, but it is best to prune before growth has begun in earnest. Prune for shape, to limit the size, and to produce new growth for next season's flower buds. Be sure to remove dead wood. You may wish to seal large cuts with a commercial tree sealer. After pruning one plant, sanitize your clippers with a mild bleach solution before pruning another plant.

AIR LAYERING: Air layering can be done at any time where temperatures remain above freezing. Some people air layer as early as February, but many wait until May, when the parent plants are actively growing and the bark peels away easily. Air layers done in May are generally ready to harvest by August and September, and on into the fall for some slower-rooting varieties.

CUTTINGS: Cuttings are generally taken during the summer, around June or July, when they will root quite readily. Reticulatas are the hardest to root (and many varieties won't root from cuttings at all), so it's a safer bet to stick with japonicas and non-reticulata hybrids. Take cuttings with about four leaves; snip off the lower two leaves and cut the others in half. Trim the base just below a leaf axil, dip it in a rooting hormone, and insert the cutting into a small pot filled with a moist, sandy potting medium. You may want to put the pot in a plastic bag (to keep the air around the cutting humid) and place in a shaded spot. Check the bag regularly and add water when needed. The roots don't develop immediately, but they should form within 4-6 weeks on some varieties, longer on others. Cuttings can be taken at other times of the year, too, but rooting takes longer.

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September 1, 2016

October 6, 2016

November 3, 2016

December 1, 2016

January 5, 2017

January 28, 2017, Annual Camellia Show,
Ocala Golf Club

February 2, 2017

March 2, 2017

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Please make your check payable to Ocala Camellia Society and send to: Laura Perdomo, Treasurer, Ocala Camellia Society, 11960 NE 52nd Place Road Silver Springs, FL 34488.

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Patrick Andrews, Editor

HAPPY VALENTINE'S DAY!

February 2016

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The meeting will conclude with a plant auction to benefit the Ocala Camellia Society. See the pictures on page two of this newsletter!

MINUTES OF THE JANUARY 8, 2016 MEETING

Marge Hendon, Secretary

Patrick Andrews, President, called the meeting to order at 7 p.m.

Susan Dunn made the motion to accept the minutes from the December OCA meeting, Second by Laura Perdomo.

Laura Perdomo read the treasurer's report.

Susan Dunn reported on the upcoming workday at Silver Springs State Park, January 10, 2016. We will plant, weed the camellia beds, and trim existing camellias. The public is invited to come and learn more about camellias. Time is expected to be from 1-2:30.

(Minutes continued)

Zlata Sabo talked about the publicity for the upcoming show on January 30, 2016.

Patrick invited all to attend the Gainesville Camellia Society's show at Kanapaha Gardens. There will be free admission to those showing camellias. He invited all to attend ACS convention. Finally, a party will be held at Patrick and Bobs, January 31, 1:00.

Jill will email a flyer to our members for our show. Please post around town. Also, "like us" on Facebook.

Patrick talked about helping at the show, with both man-power and sponsoring of awards. Party Time will deliver tables for show, around 12:30. We will again try for the best ACS membership table. The judges will receive an African Violet plant for judging the show.

Eileen Ferguson, who recently passed away, was remembered by Patrick.

Due to the growth of OCS we need to start looking for a larger place to meet. Please be on the lookout and bring suggestions.

Susan, head of the nominating committee, said officers can keep their positions for two years, and this is the first year for most. If any members would like to be a Director, please let Susan know.

Our speaker, Marge Hendon, spoke on A Dozen Don'ts When Showing Camellias.

Auction and Adjourned at 8:45.

CAMELLIAS IN THIS MONTH'S AUCTION

BLUE DANUBE



WHITE EMPRESS



FRAN MATHIS VARIEGATED



BOBBIE FAIN



FIRE DANCE



MINI PINK (RAFFLE PLANT)



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GIBBING: You can still gib blooms to make sure you have blooms to enter into specific shows this winter. Gibbing is the process of removing the growth bud next to a flower bud and filling the "cup" with a drop of gibberellic acid. This causes the remaining flower bud to swell and bloom much earlier than it normally would, and in most cases the flower is much larger. Be sure not to gib more than one or two buds on small bushes, if at all. You can order a gib on the web; just Google Progibb.

DISBUDDING: Continue disbudding if you find more than one bud at the tips of branches to ensure that the remaining bud will open larger and more beautiful.

UPCOMING ACS COOPERATIVE SHOWS AND EVENTS IN 2016

OCALA, FL, Ocala Camellia Society, 1/30/2016, at Ocala Golf Club, 3130 E. Silver Springs Blvd, Patrick Andrews, 352-595-3365, patrickandrews@att.net

QUITMAN, GA, Quitman Garden Club, 2/6-7/2016, at Brooks County Extension Office, 400 East Courtland Avenue, Nancibeth Shealy, (229) 263-8661, nursenbs@windstream.net

THOMASVILLE, GA, Wiregrass Camellia Society, 2/13/2016, at Trinity Anglican Church, 3250 West Jackson Street, Annelle Lauder, (229) 226-7398, alauder@rose.net

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January 30, 2016, Ocala Golf Club

(Note that the show is one week later than usual to avoid a conflict with the ACS Convention in Charleston)

February 4, 2016, Coldwell Banker Building

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HAPPY NEW YEAR!

January 2016

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The meeting will begin at 6:30 p.m. with light refreshments. Marge Hendon will give a presentation about preparing blooms for showing. We will also review the final details of our upcoming camellia show, and the meeting will conclude with a plant auction to benefit the Ocala Camellia Society.

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

What a fantastic flowering season it has been so far! My only worry is that many camellias will be finished flowering by the time our annual camellia show takes place. I'm sure there will be plenty, though, as we have quite a few judges lined up to come to our show, both outdoor growers and greenhouse growers.

What's amazing about this year's blooming season, with all the warm weather, is that many camellias are opening multiple flowers all at once. In cold weather, it seems like they open here and there.

We are excited to invite you all to our annual Camellia Open House on Sunday, January 31, the day after our show. We will be walking through the garden all afternoon, and there will be plenty of food and drink (wine, beer, sodas, etc.). The invitation with directions to our place appears in this newsletter.

We will tie up any loose ends about the show at the upcoming meeting, and we will have some great camellias to auction. See you there!

MINUTES FROM DECEMBER 3, 2015

By Marge Hendon, Secretary

The OCS had its annual holiday covered dish dinner, which started at 6:00, followed by the meeting which began promptly at 7:00.

Jill Reed introduced our speaker, Jo Leyte-Vidal. She spoke on "Building Healthy Soil".

The November minutes were approved, as printed in the newsletter. The treasurer's report was read, balance for November was \$6,080.89.

The Gordy estate sale provided the center piece for the evening's dinner table, which many members made comments about.

Pioneer Garden club will have four designs at the camellia show in January, but they will not be judged. Clipboards, with show jobs, were positioned at the front of the room for members to sign up where they thought they would be of help, at our Jan. 30 shows.

In October, Silver Springs State Park found John and Susan Dunn cleaning the ginger out of the camellia garden. Suggestions are encouraged on how to improve the Silver Springs' camellia garden. We need to work on language for a SSSP camellia garden interpretive panel. The panel can have three hundred words or less. If members would like to go to SSSP to work in the gardens, just let the gate know that you are there to work. Jeff Kneisley, 236-7156, is our SS contact.

New Business:

Jan. 10 at 1 p.m. there will be a workshop at Silver Springs.

We will try to win the ACS membership table contest again this year, at our show. Laura Perdomo will buy 100 camellias for our show.

Patrick gave a big "thank you" to those who brought a dish for dinner. Jill Reed, John and Janice will bring refreshments for January.

Auction concluded the evening.

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Auction:

Junior Prom	\$ 12.00	
Henry E. Huntington	\$ 19.00	
Betty Ridley Var.	\$ 18.00	
Night Fall	\$ 16.00	
Happy Holidays	\$ 18.00	
Deep Secret	\$ 17.00	
Total	\$ 100.00	

Raffle:

Mrs. D.W. Davis Descanso	\$ 33.00
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Dues

Mary Closson
Marge Hendon

AWARD SPONSORS NEEDED

We still need sponsors for some of the flower awards for the upcoming camellia show. Please consider signing up for one or more, either at the January meeting or by mail. Each prize is \$20.

CAMELLIA WORKSHOP AT SSSP

The Ocala Camellia Society is sponsoring a camellia workshop at the camellia garden in Silver Springs State Park on Sunday, January 10, 2016, at 1 p.m. Plan to attend if you want to learn more about pruning, preparing plants for producing show-winning blooms, and general camellia care and culture.

PLANTS TO BE AUCTION AT THE JANUARY 7, 2016 MEETING

SENRITSU-KO



LANDON WATERS



BEV PIET'S SMILE



CAMILLE (Raffle Plant)



ELEGANS CHAMPAGNE



HAPPY TIMES



You Are Invited to Our Fourteenth Annual Camellia Open House

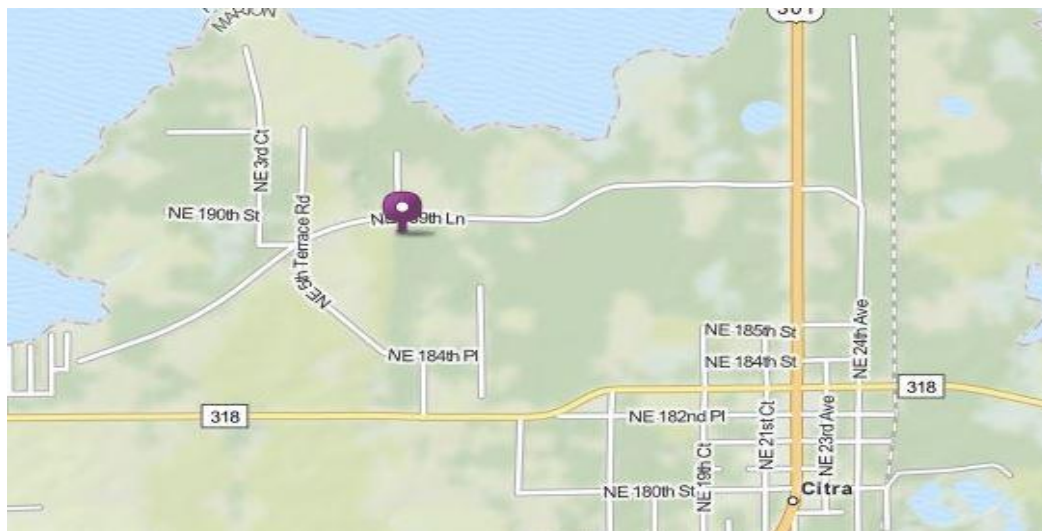
Please join Bob and Patrick on Sunday, January 31, 2016, at 1:00 p.m., for the fourteenth annual tour of our Camellia and other gardens -- rain or shine! We are constantly planting new cultivars and other types of plants, so there are plenty of new plants and flowers to see. We'll have plenty of delicious food and refreshments, so come hungry!

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).

From Ocala: Go north on US 301 to intersection with CR 318 in Citra, go west on CR 318 about a mile, and then right 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).

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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December 2015

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The next meeting of the Ocala Camellia Society will be on Thursday, December 3, 2015, at the Coldwell Banker/Ellison Realty Building at 2226 E. Silver Springs Blvd. in Ocala.

The special holiday meeting will begin at **6:00 p.m.**, and you will want to get there on time since it's the annual Holiday Potluck dinner. Meat and beverages will be supplied, so bring a side dish or a dessert.

Our guest speaker is Jo Leyte-Vidal. Jo is a retired high school science teacher and coordinator with 37 years of service. She is a resident of Marion County for 43 years, a Master Gardener for 12 years, and a professional landscape painter. Jo humorously considers herself an "obsessive compulsive" organic gardener who maintains a 50' by 50' vegetable garden, and has a passion for the study of soils.

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

See you there!

NEED FOR SHOW AWARD SPONSORS!

Giving awards for winning blooms at our annual camellia show is very expensive, and each year we appeal to our members to give generously to sponsor awards so the club doesn't have to foot the entire bill. We will have a sign-up sheet at the upcoming meeting, and I encourage you to sponsor at least one award, if not more. Each award is \$20.

We will also have sign-up sheets for other chores at the show, including set-up, tear-down, placement, clerking for the judges, and being there during the show to answer questions. I encourage all of our members to participate. You'll have fun, and you'll learn a lot!

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Patrick Andrews, President

Merry Christmas everyone!

What a great time of year. The outdoor temperature has cooled a little, and many of our camellias have started to bloom. They sure would benefit from some much-needed rain, though.

Bob Weidman and I just finished planting over 130 camellias in our newest camellia bed. It's getting harder to find areas to plant, but there always seems to be that perfect place to plant more. This last garden took a year to prepare, as we had to get help clearing it, and then we had to clear it of weeds and vines.

Check out the camellia plants we're bringing to this month's meeting for the auction. One camellia we have been asked about many times in the past is Mrs. D. W. Davis Descanso, so we are bringing one as this month's raffle plant. This flower is a sport of Mrs. D. W. Davis that was discovered at Descanso Gardens in southern California.

The meeting this month is our annual holiday potluck dinner, and I can't wait to taste all the wonderful dishes that our members bring. The club is providing meat, so we just have to bring side dishes and desserts.

Please bring flowers if you have any to share at the meeting. It's a great way for others to learn about flowers they may not have.

I look forward to seeing you next Thursday night!

Minutes from November 5, 2015 Ocala Camellia Society meeting

Marge Hendon, Secretary

The meeting began promptly at 7:00.

The treasurer's report was read.

The Gordy estate sale was discussed. We will probably not be able to tour the property, unless we are at the sale or at the home during an open house.

Pioneer Garden club will have designs at the camellia show in January, but they will not be judged.
Zlata Sabo has sent membership and meeting information to the papers.

If OCS has plants left over from our show, Laura Perdomo will sell them at the farmers' market on the square. Prior to our show, she will inform the public of membership, our meeting time and place, and our show. Laura needs to send updated membership list to Patrick.

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We need to work on language for a SSSP camellia garden interpretive panel. The panel can have three hundred words or less. OCS will purchase the frame material and a couple of benches for the camellia garden. If members would like to go to SSSP to work in the gardens, just let the gate know that you are there to work.

Jill Reed made the motion to buy a brick at Wilmot gardens in Gainesville, seconded by Zlata. The motion was passed. Jill will take care of the details.

New Business:

Jan. 10 there will be a workshop at Silver Springs.

We will try to win the ACS membership table contest again this year, at our show.

Joe Sabo, our evening's speaker, taught us all how to relocate camellia bushes. He made it look so easy. Patrick gave a big "thank you" to those who brought refreshments. All are to bring a covered dish for the holiday meal in December.

Auction concluded the evening.

December 2015 Treasurer's Report
Laura Perdomo, Treasurer

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Laura Perdomo

Starting Balance: \$5819.89

Reporting on what happened at the November meeting

Read at the meeting in December

Description	In	Out	Check Number
From November Meeting:			
Plant Auction	\$ 76.00		
Plant Raffle	\$ 15.00		
Wilmot Gardens		\$100.00	
Club plants sold by Bob and Patrick	\$ 270.00		
Totals	\$ 361.00	\$100.00	

Ending Balance: \$6080.89

Auction:

Imagination	\$ 13.00
Elegans Splendor	\$ 19.00
Bobbie Fain	\$ 19.00
Adalyn	\$ 10.00
Satsuma Kurenai	\$ 15.00
Total	\$ 76.00

Raffle:

Grape Soda	\$ 15.00
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CAMELLIAS IN THIS MONTH'S AUCTION

MRS. D.W. DAVIS DESCANSO (raffle)



HENRY E. HUNTINGTON

NIGHTFALL



MORE AUCTION PLANTS

JUNIOR PROM



BETTY RIDLEY VAR.



DEEP SECRET



HAPPY HOLIDAYS



IN MEMORY OF LILLIAN GORDY

The name of this beautiful flower is “Lillian Gordy.” Lillian passed away this year before she was able to register it with the American Camellia Society, but members of the Ocala Camellia Society will make sure it is registered according to her wishes. Lillian was waiting one more year to make sure the blooms are consistent, and this season fulfills this ACS requirement. There is no more fitting bloom than this to name in Lillian’s honor. She was a wonderful, gracious Southern lady, and she will live on in our memories through this flower. “Lillian Gordy” is a **very** early bloomer, starting at the end of September/beginning of October, and continuing on into December and January. It blooms even earlier than her previously registered “Early Autumn,” which has taken the camellia world by storm. This flower is not yet available, but will hopefully be available soon.



CAMELLIA CULTURE – WINTER

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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Plan to be at the meeting on Thursday and give Joe a big welcome. As usual, the meeting will end with a plant auction to benefit the Ocala Camellia Society and help defray the cost of the annual camellia show. See page two of this newsletter for pictures of the plants that will be auctioned. If you have any items you want to donate for the auction, by all means bring them in. Someone may want to do their Christmas shopping at the meeting.

REMINDER

Because the American Camellia Society Annual Convention is being held on our usual show date (fourth weekend in January), our January camellia show will be on Saturday, January 30, 2015.

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

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Ahhhh. Cooler weather. It sure makes working out in the camellias a lot more pleasant! I have to admit that I haven't done as much work with them this year as in other years, as work has kept me way too busy. I do disbud plants as I walk through the garden, though, and make a mental note of which branches need to come off once flowering is over.

I love this time of year, too, because you start seeing familiar faces and hearing familiar voices as people start talking about their gardens and flowers. Old and new friends get reacquainted at camellia shows, camellia meetings, and garden visits.

I would like to encourage all of our members to attend at least part of the American Camellia Society annual convention in Charleston, South Carolina, from January 19 through the 23rd. They have lined up a lot of excursions and garden visits, including two plantations, the old garden of Parker Conner (who always gave the Gordys a run for their money at camellia shows), and the tea (Camellia sinensis) plantation near Charleston. To top it all off, the hotel they have chosen is an outstanding "boutique" hotel – the Francis Marion Hotel – within walking distance of most of the old part of Charleston. You can get all of the information, including registration forms, on the American Camellia Society web site.

See you at the upcoming meeting!

CAMELLIAS IN THIS MONTH'S AUCTION

GRAPE SODA (raffle)



ELEGANS SPLENDOR



IMAGINATION



BOBBIE FAIN



SATSUMA KURENAI



ADALYN



CAMELLIA CULTURE – LATE SUMMER AND EARLY FALL

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COLLECTING AND PLANTING SEEDS: Some of your camellia seeds have probably already matured, but you can continue to collect and plant fresh seed through September. Place the seeds immediately in moist vermiculite or other soilless mix, and cover with plastic wrap until they sprout, at which time you can plant them in pots.

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DUES REMINDER

Hopefully you have already paid your dues for the 2015-2016 year. If not, you can fill out the membership renewal form on page 5 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.

(continued in the next column)

CURRENT LIST OF AVAILABLE PLANTS

(Contact Bob Weidman if interested in purchasing any before the show)

JAPONICAS

- 2 Alba Plena
- 1 Amazing Graces
- 1 Ann Blair Brown Var.
- 1 Betty Foy Sanders
- 2 Black Magic
- 3 Bob Hope
- 2 Brooke
- 1 Camille
- 1 Campari
- 2 Can Can
- 1 Carter's Sunburst
- 2 Dick Hardison
- 2 Don-Mac.
- 1 Early Autumn
- 2 Esther Smith
- 2 Fran Mathis Var.
- 1 Grace Albritton
- 2 Herme
- 2 Kiku-Toji
- 2 Lady Laura
- 1 Lauren Tudor
- 1 Magic City

- 2 Man Size
- 1 Margaret Davis
- 2 Marie Bracey
- 3 Mathotiana (Rubra)
- 2 Melissa Anne
- 1 Miss Bessie Beville
- 1 Miss Charleston Var.
- 1 Moonlight Bay
- 1 Peggy's Blush
- 2 Pink Perfection
- 1 Royal Velvet
- 1 Royal Velvet Var.
- 3 Sea Foam
- 1 Springhead Gem
- 1 Swan Lake
- 1 Takanini
- 1 Tama-No-Ura
- 1 Tar Baby Var.
- 2 Tomorrow Park Hill
- 1 Tomorrow's Dawn Bessie
- 1 Tudor Baby
- 1 White By The Gate
- 1 White Empress

RETICULATAS

- 3 Betty Jean Daugherty
- 1 Dr. Clifford Parks
- 1 Fanny Louise Maphis
- 4 Frank Houser
- 3 Frank Houser Var.
- 1 Nita McRae
- 1 Pleasant Memories
- 1 Titledown USA
- 1 Sara Paul
- 1 Valentine Day

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- 2 Blue Danube
- 1 Dream Boat
- 1 Punkin
- 2 Buttons 'n Bows
- 4 Taylor's Perfection

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Plan to be at the meeting on Thursday and give Craig a big welcome. See you there!

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

By Patrick Andrews

It's so exciting to see the camellias starting to bloom once again! More and more of the sasanquas are showing color. The sasanquas are often overlooked, with people opting for the larger cousins that bloom later in the season (japonicas). This is a shame, because sasanquas not only put on a fantastic show of color, but they are also beautiful landscape plants. In addition, they are great screens and hedges.

Some of the japonicas are also showing color. The earliest are Arajishi and Early Woodville Red, but Kiku-Toji is not far behind. Right after them will be Early Autumn, developed by the late Clarence and Lillian Gordy of Ocala, and the newest, as yet unregistered, "Lillian Gordy."

I'm writing this while cruising in the Mediterranean. I'm sad that I won't be able to make it to the meeting, but quickly get over that feeling when I look out at the sea and dream of what I'll see at the next port.

The talk at the upcoming meeting about Wilmot Gardens in Gainesville will be fascinating. If you have not visited this garden, plan to do so. While there aren't as many camellias as there were when Mr. Wilmot planted it, they are interspersed through the garden. The garden has a new role, which you will hear about at the meeting. Enjoy your camellias!

CAMELLIAS IN THIS MONTH'S AUCTION

BEV PIET'S SMILE



DRAGON FIREBALL



BLUE RIDGE SUNSET



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MINUTES OF THE SEPTEMBER 2015 MEETING

Marge Hendon, Secretary

President Patrick Andrews called the first meeting of the OCS to order at 7:05. There were twenty-eight members in attendance. The meeting was held at the Coldwell Banker/Ellison Realty Building, 2226 E. Silver Springs Blvd., Ocala Fl. Our speaker, Eileen Hart, Tampa, spoke on the basics of growing camellias. The minutes to the March 5, 2015 OCS meeting were corrected, our show date is January 30, 2015, and approved.

New members: Pat Hamblin, Janice Ray, and Nancy Young were introduced.

Patrick announced that Donna and Charles Nichols' son, Bryan, was in a serious car accident and is in ICU, so they would be unable to attend meeting. Lillian Gordy passed away on 9/1/15. A check will be sent to ACS in her memory.

Our ending bank balance was \$6,412.89.

The secretary now has the most recent copy of the by-laws and constitution of OCS.

Committees were reviewed: Annual Camellia Show, Patrick Andrews Chairman, Programs for meetings, Jill Reed Chairman, Membership Laura Perdomo Chairman, and there is a need for a finance committee Chairman.

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Special Committees: Silver Springs State Park, Susan Dunn, Master Gardener Spring Festival, Don, Bob, and Laura will work on this committee.

OCS gives a big "thank you", to Bob, Zlata, and Marge, for September's refreshments.

OCS will have a cleanup day at Silver Springs State Park on September 26, 2015 and a Presentation Day on Oct. 17. Patrick and Bob have donated trees to be planted within the camellia garden at SSSP. All members and friends are invited to come and enjoy the park. Any camellias planted at SSSP need to have historical significance. OCS members, Jim and Ester Smith, grew many of the plants that were originally planted at SSSP.

Our 2015 show's membership table won second place in ACS's contest. Thank you, Donna Nichols, for your photos which were placed on posters at table.

Our October meeting will have us learning about a gem in the middle of UF's health centers, Wilmot Gardens. Our guest speaker will be UF's College of Medicine Dean, Craig Tisher.

Patrick Andrews adjourned the meeting at 8:20.

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NEWSLETTER

Patrick Andrews, Editor

WELCOME BACK!

SEPTEMBER 2015

FIRST MEETING OF THE SEASON SET FOR THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 3, 2015

The first meeting of the Ocala Camellia Society 2015-2016 season will be on Thursday, September 3, 2015, at our new location: the Coldwell Banker/Ellison Realty Building at 2226 E. Silver Springs Blvd. in Ocala.

Light refreshments will be served at 6:30, and the meeting will begin at 7:00. Vice-President and Program Chair Jill Reed has arranged for Eileen Hart, from Tampa, to come speak to us about the basics of growing camellias. You won't want to miss this! We will conclude the meeting with an auction of five beautiful camellias: *Elegans Supreme*, *Royal Velvet*, *Silver Triumph*, *C.M. Gordy* (named for the late local camellia grower extraordinaire and friend to many of us), and *Lady Van Sittart*.

SILVER SPRINGS STATE PARK

As cooler weather arrives we will continue working on the camellia garden at Silver Springs State Park. We still have a few camellias to plant in the garden, as well as other complementary plants. Bob Weidman and I have a nice specimen of the new "Jim Smith" camellia to plant, which will join the "Esther Smith" already in the garden. Jim gave so much to the camellia community. We will also be working with park officials to procure a sign and a bench for the camellia garden.

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

By Patrick Andrews

It has been a beautiful summer, with plenty of rain and sunshine to help our camellias grow. Most people are reporting bigger than usual buds, and more of them. Many people are reporting that their sasanquas are already blooming, as are some of the early blooming japonicas, such as Arajishi.

I am honored to be your president for the upcoming season. It's always a pleasure to be with all of the good friends I have made over the years to talk about camellia gardening and other common interests.

I want to encourage everyone to bring a friend or two to our meetings. They will love it, and we would love to have more gardening friends. Remember when you invite them to tell them that we welcome everyone, from beginners to experts. When it comes to appreciating flowers, no one is any better at it than anyone else.

By inviting friends and increasing our membership we ensure that our club will continue to be vibrant. Some clubs around the country have become inactive, mainly because the membership did not actively recruit new members. To further our efforts in recruiting new members, I will have some ideas at the upcoming meeting, and I ask that you come with some ideas to share as well.

I hope everyone will show up at this first meeting of the season. See you there!

SOME NEW CAMELLIA REGISTRATIONS FROM LILLIAN GORDY

Lillian has been busy this year, registering flowers for herself and others. Two that come to mind are the beautiful red flower she named in honor of local camellia grower and nurseryman Jim Smith. Another is a beautiful little flower she gave to her long-time friend, Jim Smelley, to name, and he chose Burgundy Rose.

JIM SMITH



BURGUNDY ROSE



THE CAMELLIA GARDEN AT SILVER SPRINGS STATE PARK



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by Donna DiSclafani, Acting Secretary

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Minutes of February meeting were approved.

Treasurer's Report: Laura Perdomo

1. Last month's balance \$6887.82.
2. Made \$83.00 in auction.
3. Added \$20.00 in additional award money.
4. Dues--- \$25.00.
5. Raffle--- \$15.00.
6. Paid speaker \$50.00
7. Ending balance of \$6490.82
8. A profit for the January show of \$111.85

Old Business:

1. Thank you to Patrick for the newsletter every month and for the picture from the January Show. Thanks also to Donna Nichols for the Show pictures.
2. A nice day was had at Silver Springs sprucing up the camellia bed there. It is really beginning to look nice; thanks to Jill Reed for taking the pictures. \$500.00 has been approved for an informational sign for the camellia bed at the park. It is on hold until the park gets official approval for its installation.
3. Master Gardener's Spring Festival is on March 14th and 15th. Several members have signed up to work at the Camellia Table. The focus will be to attract new members as well as educate the public about camellias. More ACS brochures are needed for the table. The sign---up sheet was passed around as a reminder to those who have volunteered.

4. Review of Nominating Committee's Slate of Officers for Vote:

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The slate was elected by unanimous vote.

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New Business:

1. An email was received from Celeste Richard, Executive Director of ACS. It stated that an opportunity was available for Florida camellia societies to join in at the Epcot Show in April. There was not enough notice to organize the camellia clubs so ACS decided to cancel. The ACS would like to plan for next year with the possibility of us attending. It may not be possible to have flowers to show but would be a good chance for education and good PR.

2. Zlata asked if there was interest in presenting again at the Prestige 55 meetings. She will gather more information to share and if anyone is interested contact Zlata.

Program: Bob and Patrick provided a demonstration on air layering camellias to make new plants identical to the original. A great program!

The meeting was adjourned at 8:30 pm and was followed by the plant auction.

TREASURER'S REPORT by Laura Perdomo, Treasurer

September 2015 Treasurer's Report

Laura Perdomo

Starting Balance: \$6940.82

Reporting on what happened in March and summer

Read at the meeting in September

Description	In	Out	Check Number
From March Meeting:			
Plant Auction	\$70.00		
Raffle	\$25.00		
From Summer:			
Storage Facility		\$559.68	181
Patrick Andrews- printing reimbursement		\$43.25	182
American Camellia Society- electronic membership		\$20.00	183
Totals	\$95.00	\$622.93	

Ending Balance: \$6412.89

Auction:

Happy Times	\$22.00
Alcyone Ostberg	\$12.00
Volcano	\$11.00
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