



Wiregrass Camellia Society

October 13, 2019

Meeting Date: October 13, Sunday

Time: 4:00 p.m.

**Place: Brooks County Museum and
Cultural Center**

Program: Photographing Camellias

With Stephanie Smith

**Hosts: Susan and Harlie Bodine and
Betty Harrison**

Bring: A covered dish and a friend

The Quitman Skillet Festival will be Saturday October 19th from 9am to 4pm. We will be selling camellias there. We would appreciate any help. We will have a sign up list for time slots at our meeting, Sunday October 13th at the Brooks County Historical Museum and Cultural Center in Quitman. We will also be selling them at the Boston Camellia Show.

I want to send a big thank you to Patti Niewoehner for picking up these plants in Byron and to Xavier De Santiago for delivering them to the Boston Show and caring them in the interim.

Work has already begun on the Boston Show. It will be at Boston First Baptist Church on Main Street November 2nd and 3rd. The Judges' reception will be Friday night, November 1st at AgPro headquarters on Highway 84 in Boston. The event will begin at 5:30 with supper being served at 6:30. I am encouraging all Wiregrass members to attend. If you are a sponsor of an award or are planning to work at the show, the club will provide your dinner. If you are unable to help, we ask that you pay \$20 per plate. Please contact Patti Niewoehner or Susan Bodine if you plan to attend. We need a

President's Message

SANDRA JONES

Our first meeting, September 15th got us started off right! We all enjoyed the program by J. D. Thomerson on "Exciting New and Overlooked Camellias Varieties", especially the "Must Have" suggestions. Many were on the list we have to sell this year.

head count for the caterers. The Clerk Chairman, Bob Gaines, and the Placement Chairman, Susan Young, will be contacting you for assistance on their committees. We will also need help serving lunch on Saturday, setting up Friday morning, and taking down Sunday afternoon and I will have signup sheets at the meeting.

We have four awards that do not have sponsors. Two are the Silver Sweepstakes Awards for the protected and unprotected. The other two are for the Best Betty Sheffield Bloom and the Best Pink Perfection Bloom. These are \$250 each and you can name the award for yourself or to honor someone. Please contact me if you are interested.

This sounds like a lot of work, but it is MORE FUN! You will be amazed what you can learn by participating in putting a

show together and being in the middle of it!

Jerry Selph has another very interesting and educational program planned for our meeting. Please try and come. You will enjoy it!

We hope to see you this Sunday October 13th at the Brooks County Historical Museum and Cultural Center! Don't forget, bring a covered dish and a friend! Our hosts are Susan and Harlie Bodine and Betty Harrison. Please email or text Susan and let her know what you plan to bring. SEE YOU SUNDAY!

Sandra Jones, President

Skillet Festival Scenes





Jerry's Camellia Tips

November Camellia Activity

The November time of year usually involves cool nights, lower than normal humidities, warm afternoons, and breezy afternoons and nights. All are exceptionally good growing conditions for spider mites. Be on the lookout for red-purple spider mites. Spider mites grow huge populations in very short order. Spray oil can still be safely used to control them.

We also usually have our first killing freeze around November 15th. Be prepared to cover any tender vegetation and prepare your camellias in advance with a good deep watering prior to the frost-freeze event. Speaking of watering, remember that a camellia flower is over 90% water. The more water available (within reason) the larger the flower will be. So water deeply at least twice weekly if you wish to present large beautiful flowers at the Boston and Quitman shows.