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The 2008 Award of Merit from the Atlantic Coast Camellia Society is presented to JOHN NEWSOME

When John retired from the corporate world of General Electric Corporation, he was able to increase and expand his long love of camellias and bring his leadership skills to the camellia world.

For many years, John has shown outstanding support of the American Camellia Society, the Atlantic Coast Camellia Society and the North Georgia Camellia Society. John was a charter member of the ACCS and was President, 2007-2008. He has served the American Camellia Society in numerous committees and as Executive Committee member, Director-At-Large, State director, and chair of the Long Range Planning Committee. John has served as Show Chairman and President of the North Georgia Camellia society. John is well known along the Camellia Circuit as the "Head Judge" at numerous shows.

John has supported and presented informative programs to many Camellia societies and Garden Clubs and has always supported ACS with his honorariums. He is a long standing ACS Accredited Judge who always brings along award-winning blooms.

John is also known for growing and showing the most outstanding "Ville de Nantes" in the south.

The Award of Merit from the Atlantic coast Camellia Society is presented to John Newsome, one of the best known and dedicated individuals promoting the camellia throughout the country.



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Information Wanted!

We are compiling historical and current information on active Camellia Clubs and Societies and their Shows. Please send the following information to Richard Mims, 409 Groves St., Lugoff, SC 29078

Club or Society Name
Background/History of Club
Current President and Secretary
Contact address
Monthly meeting information (where, when, etc.)
Next Show Date(s)
Show Chairman and contact information

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Thank you!!!

President's Message by R. Glenn Capps

The camellia season is off to a great start although November has been unusually cold. Many records were broken with low temperatures in the Atlantic Coast region.

As I begin my 'run" as your 2009-2010 President I am asking that we all work together as a team. With all of us working together, being truthful with each other, and by giving me, your team captain, first chance to solve or delegate issues of the Atlantic Coast Camellia Society, I think we are in for a constructive two years.

I have heard and many of you have heard about American Camellia Society problems caused mostly by by-law changes made in the last two years by their Board of Directors. At this time, none of this is a problem for our Board. Unless something real "earth shaking" comes up we will take up any concerns about Atlantic Coast Camellia Society representation to ACS, invitations and such at our next Board of Directors Meeting this spring.

The Mid-Carolina Camellia Society has again invited the Board of Directors of the Atlantic



Coast Camellia Society to hold their Spring Meeting at their annual "Dutch" barbecue/picnic on Saturday, April 4, 2009 at the home of the Denton's in Columbia, SC. Please reserve that date on your calendar and make plans to attend from 2 – 6 p.m.. Please make our business decisions that "team" effort with your personal input.

We look forward to seeing each and everyone at the shows this spring. Fayetteville Society Members invite you to exhibit your camellia blooms and attend their show the first week-end in March (3-8-09) at Methodist University.

During my tenure as ACCS President, I want to be of assistance to any of you or your clubs. Please inform me of concerns that vou believe should be on the agenda at the Spring Board Meeting. (R. Glenn Capps: 910-323-Fax 910-323-9931: E-9891 mail sipco@infoline.net. Judy and I wish for each of you good health, happiness, and iov throughout the New Year.

Editor's Column: First Camellia Show in Fetterman Building at Massee Lane By Richard Mims

Massee Lane, that very special place tucked under and among massive pecans and pines, holds a special place in the hearts of camellia lovers. Emotions change a very short time after going through that special, picturesque town known as Fort Valley and following the train track toward Marshallville until the island silhouette with the tower is envisioned over on the starboard side. At that "Massee Lane, Home of the American Camellia Society" sign, a turn is made and after a bump over the tracks you have arrived on the "camellia island" which holds the treasures carefully buried there by a man who loved his garden and, over the past few decades, by men and women who also love this garden.

That lovely, shaded camellia garden, one of the finest in the world began with an act of God himself. A storm destroyed a pecan tree located in front of his overseer's house and Mr. Dave Strother replaced the pecan tree with a camellia. ¹

This very special benefactor designed this garden with huge planting areas separated with walks interspersed with millstones from the old grist mills that used to abound in middle Georgia.

At the annual meeting of A.C.S. in Sacramento in March 1966, Mr. Strother's generous offer was accepted of "130 acres of highly productive farm land with 20 acres of pecan trees in addition to the 7-acre garden plus \$25,000 toward construction of a headquarters building."²

After it became headquarters ofthe American Camellia Society, endowment donors and "hands-on" dedicated workers have made myriad contributions to Massee Lane. Notably among these donors are Lew and Annabelle Lundy Fetterman. Annabelle was the 23rd President of the American Camellia Society in 1987-1989 during which time the Annabelle Lundy Fetterman Educational Museum Building was constructed through family foundation.

Camellia lovers have enjoyed the use of the Fetterman Building for over two decades. It not only serves to display the fabulous Boehm and other porcelain collections but also as a five-star meeting and banquet room.

This year (2008) for the first time the porcelains were the "warm up" for the major attraction. Hundreds of fabulous camellia blooms lined tables in a fantastic display. The only damper on the occasion was that Lew and Annabelle were not present to participate in and enjoy the lovely blooms and camaraderie.

Annabelle, as all of us greenhouse camellia growers know, produces many of the finest and most fabulous blooms in the world. Seldom does she enter a show without winning a major award. Perfection is her forte.

¹"A Man and His Garden" by Harriet Hentz Houser, *The ACS Yearbook*, 1964, pgs. 1-10.

²"A Home of Our Own" by Joseph H. Pyron, *The ACS Yearbook*, 1945, pgs. 1-3.



We are missing you at camellia shows. We want you and your family to know that we share your pain from the untimely death by accident of your beloved son, Lew, Jr.

We are happy that Lew, Sr. is now handling his medical problems and sincerely hope and trust for daily improvement. We love you and look forward to the days we will be back together talking that camellia talk.

We want you to know that had your excellent flowers been entered in the first show held in the beautiful Annabelle Lundy Fetterman building that your family so generously gave us located at the American Camellia Society headquarters, that your name would have undoubtedly appeared in place of a few of us who are listed on the show report.

Sincerely and with Love Atlantic Coast Camellia Society Members



Middle Georgia Camellia Society

November 8 - 9, 2008

Fetterman Building, Massee Lane Gardens, Fort Valley, GA Show Chairman - Billy Davidson 439 Blooms Displayed 100

Attendees 28 Exhibitors 2 ACS Memberships Sold

CERTIFICATES

Best Bloom in Show open:

Joe Nuccio Chuck & Bev Ritter

Best Bloom in Show prot.:

Valentine Day Richard & Katherine Mims

Gold Certificate: Chuck & Bev Ritter

Silver Certificate: Richard& Katherine Mims OUTSTANDING BLOOM CERTIFICATES

C. japonica open:

Lg/VLg:ShowtimeEsther LawrenceMd:Elaine's BettyEsther Lawrence

Sm: Brooke Ron & Elizabeth Wolfe

C. japonica prot.:

Lg/VLg:Edna Bass Var.Tommy & Brenda AldenMd:Elaine's BettySteve & Gayle LawrenceSm:Something Beautiful Buck & Tyler Mizzell

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

VLg: Frank Houser Var. Chuck & Bev Ritter
Lg: Valentine Day Geary & Bonnie Serpas
Md: Betty Ridley Var. Chuck & Bev Ritter

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

VLg: Pleasant Memories Richard & Katherine Mims Lg: Steve & Gayle Lawrence Md: Betty Ridley Buck & Tyler Mizzell

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

Lg:Phil Piet PinkChuck & Bev RitterMd:Mona Jury Var.Chuck & Bev RitterSm:PunkinChuck & Bev Ritter

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

Lg:Mona Jury Var.Steve & Gayle LawrenceMd:Julie Var.Steve & Gayle LawrenceSm:Buttons 'N BowsSteve & Gayle Lawrence

Best Miniature open:

Fircone Var. Chuck & Bev Ritter

Best Miniature prot.:

Fluerette Tommy & Brenda Alden

Best Novice Bloom - LG:

Donckelarii Christine Collins **Best Seedling or Mutant:** Billy Roberts

C. sasanqua or other species:

Bonanza Tommy & Brenda Alden

Best White Bloom open:

Pope John XXIII Cheryl & Warren Thompson

Best White Bloom prot.:

Ruffian Richard & Katherine Mims

Best Ville de Nantes: Chuck & Bev Ritter **Best Kay Berridge**: Chuck & Bev Ritter

Tray of Three, same variety, open:

Kiku-Toji Chuck & Bev Ritter

Tray of Three, same variety, prot.:

Grand Marshall Var. Steve & Gayle Lawrence

Our thanks to Richard Buggeln for keeping the ACS Show Reports up-to-date on the American Camellia Society Website http://www.camellias-acs.com



Joe Nuccio
Best Bloom in Show Open
Chuck & Bev Ritter



Valentine Day
Best Bloom in Show Protected
Richard & Katherine Mims

A TRIBUTE TO TWO OF OUR CAMELLIA GREATS PAUL DAHLEN AND HAYWOOD CURLEE

Funerals were held recently for two stalwarts in our camellia hobby. Both Paul Dahlen and Haywood Curlee have left unique remembrances for all of us who knew them.

Paul worked and retired in Aiken, SC. Paul was a greenhouse grower and pioneered the growth and exhibition of the huge reticulata hybrids. His *Mouchang* was a persistent winner. He was very active in ACS, ACCS and the Aiken Society. Paul and his wife, Marie, served as ACS accredited judges for many years and donated much time as speakers and writers for camellia publications.

Haywood worked and retired in Orangeburg, SC. The May, 2008 *Atlantic Coast Camellias* featured Haywood and his wife, Mary Edna. Haywood carved from the swamp of the Edisto River one of the most beautiful camellia gardens ever. He was the head judge at shows throughout the southeast for many years and always got the attention of the judges with a hard rap on a table with his pocket knife.

We will miss these great friends and mentors. We send our sincere condolences to their widows, Marie Dahlen and Mary Edna Curlee.

A Typical Camellia Society

By James Dickson

Taking a look at the Aiken Camellia Society, one finds a vibrant group of enthusiasts who are always looking for some way to support the world of camellias while helping others to love them too.

This group never misses an opportunity to publicly talk about how our lovely flower can be part of anyone's personal landscape with a minimum of effort. Of course we are also quick to point out there are many, many tricks of the trade to enhance one's chances of having a bloom that rivals all competition. Yes, we have old wives' tales as to how you grow bigger & better blooms; & then occasionally we offer tried & true forms of camellia growing enhancements that many readers of this article already know. For the most part, we just enjoy "talking camellias." gives us & our listeners something nice to discuss that never ceases to lighten one's heart when sheer beauty t h e magnificently colored blooms come to mind.

This group of Central Savannah River Camellia lovers generally delivers 12-15 talks per year. We host two Camellia Shows (one ACS sanctioned & one educational show), & conduct

various field expeditions on grafting & air layering. Along with six organized meetings each year (October thru March), we have additional social activities starting with a fall picnic which sets in motion the schedule for the upcoming camellia season. Work already publicity & completed on pre-planning for the show & the yearly meeting programs has been established & published. bers of the Aiken Camellia Society have an ongoing supporting involvement with two municipal gardens providing expertise as needed in the camellia sections of both gardens.

In support of the national & regional camellia organizations, the Aiken group has furnished individuals to serve in various capacities over the years. In line with our heritage, we hope to continue providing assistance to both of the larger organizations for years to come.

It is our desire to increase membership by starting locally at our own grass roots level by encouraging involvement in Atlantic Coast Camellia Society & American Camellia Society. We want to go on record acknowledging our support to both organizations. We realize that surrounding one's

self with like enthusiasts will result in a sharing of knowledge that is good for both parties. Thus we see it to our own benefit to be progressive at the local, regional & national organization levels.

Surely, by continually maintaining a strong and vibrant local organization, we will

strengthen the foundation of any organizations with which we are affiliated. Needless to say, we hope that by taking a proactive position in the world of camellias, we can in our own way make it easier for people in our community as well as readers of this article to enjoy the flower we have all come to love.

The Aiken Camellia Club

By Janet S. Burns, Aiken, SC

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The phoenix lived for five or six centuries, was consumed by its own act in fire, and rose refreshed and youthful from the ashes. The Aiken Camellia Club could be likened to the mythical bird in that the members see the club as going on forever constantly refreshed by their love for camellias. The club rose, not from fire, but from flood on April 15, 1969 when all its records were swept away. Not one soggy page was retrieved.

However, Walter Plunkett remembers the beginning of the club in the early 1950's when Mrs. Betty Fletcher was elected first president. Frampton Durban was the treasurer, and Walter Plunkett was the secretary. The first show chairman was John Gaver. The roster of the Garden Club of Aiken doubled as the

membership of the Aiken Camellia Club. Grace Woodhead, who worked on the first show, still shepherds the clerks which makes her the holder of some kind of record. At the first show, Walter and Frampton collected 50 cents from each visitor since there was no sponsor.

During the years since the, Farmers and Merchants Bank has become our financial godfather and a most generous one they are. The contributions have gone up 100% as the cost of living and of putting on show have risen. We are surely grateful to the Farmers and Merchants Bank.

Aiken awakened to camellias in the 1920's when local growers gained valuable experience at the expense of wealthy winter residents. George Owens recalls that he was on a continuous search for the largest camellia plants he could find for the winter people.



Caroline Gimmy prepares for Aiken Show.

We have learned much from the fine programs ferreted out by various vice-presidents. the These have included flower arranging, fertilizing, temperature control, bare rooting, gibbing, preparing and taking blooms to shows, botany, landscaping, workshops, panels, mulching, soil sampling, sanitation, grafting, judging, plant problems, debudding, and show manners. Kinship is felt with the American Camellia Society. We planned a trip to Massee Lane in 1970 which was wiped out by cold, but we tried again in 1971 and reached there safely for a beautiful experience.

Mini-shows were begun in October 1972, in answer to a desire to do something for the community and bring in new members.

The camellias are simply arranged on a color basis and it is stressed that winning is beyond anyone. Here you may win silver and be bitten by the tenacious camellia bug at the from same time Letters exhibitions have described the as carefully January shows detailed, held at a place well defined by signs, providing full glasses on dry trays, and as distributing trophies promptly. We have had as many as 3,864 blooms in a show viewed by 6,000 visitors. By-products of the shows are getting new information, unbounded opportunities to make friends, and gaining sympathetic ears for your troubles. The first show in Aiken was held in the home of Mrs. Phelps, then in the Municipal Auditorium, and now in the Kennedy Junior High School.

A successful show depends upon goodness-good variety, good quality of blooms, good weather, and good crowds. It is wise to follow the consistent winners home to see what they do. Talk to your plants and threaten them if necessary.

The Aiken Club has established a camellia garden in Hoplands in honor of Mr. and Mrs. Mellette who were early camellia enthusiasts when just about a dozen varieties of the plants were known here.

Several members have been honored by election to offices in

the State and National Camellia Societies among whom are Pearle Cooper Moon, Tom Evans, Paul Dahlen, and Bill Robertson.

Marie Dahlen discharged the duty of purchasing and distributing the show awards for six years. She even raised most of the money to buy them. Marie upgraded the quality of the prizes which has been appreciated by the winners. By 1976, she was ready to drop her mantle on other shoulders, first offering to coach her successor in the paths of her genius.

Boy Scouts and the Aiken High School horticultural class with its leaders have given strong support at our shows.

If any area needs torrential rain, it should ask our club to hold a meeting there. We do much better than Indian rain dancers!

Our members have come out de-

spite tornado warnings and once a pea-soup fog plus illness prevented our speaker's coming, but the meeting went on merrily by batting questions and answers back and forth.

Camellia growing seems to develop healthy appetites which are always appeased by delicious refreshments at each meeting. The last one in March is covered dish supper. The actual occasion exceeds the anticipation we feel each year and as one member declared. "Our club is a group that has more fun than anybody!" To do our best, we look for the best in everyone.

With the enthusiasm and know-how generated by the Aiken Camellia Club, maybe one of us will produce the first yellow or blue camellia! We'd be terribly pleased but not surprised.



Middle Georgia Camellia Society

October 11 - 12, 2008 Georgia National Fairgrounds, Perry, GA

Show Chairman - Warren Thompson

330 Blooms Displayed, 5000 Attendees, 20 Exhibitors

CERTIFICATES

Gold Certificate: Chuck & Bev Ritter Silver Certificate: Howard & Mary Rhodes OUTSTANDING BLOOM CERTIFICATES

Best in Show open: Candy Apple Cheng H. Lee, DVM

Best in Show prot.: Delores Edwards Var. Richard & Katherine Mims

C. japonica open:

Lg:Mathotiana SupremeEsther LawrenceMd:Grand Marshall Var.Chuck & Bev RitterSm:BrookeChuck & Bev Ritter

C. japonica prot.:

Lg:Edna BassHoward & Mary RhodesMd:Grand Marshall Var.Howard & Mary RhodesSm:Kiku-TojiBuck & Tyler Mizzell

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

VLg:Tango Var.Esther LawrenceLg:Tango Var.Esther LawrenceMd:Betty RidleyChuck & Bev Ritter

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

VLg:Ruta HagmannBuck & Tyler MizzellMd:Crimson CandlesRichard & Katherine Mims

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

Lg: *Mona Jury Var.* Chuck & Bev Ritter

Md: Water Lily Eileen Hart Sm: Punkin Eileen Hart

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

Lg:Mona Jury Var.Steve & Gayle LawrenceMd:High FragranceSteve & Gayle LawrenceBest Miniature open:Fircone Var.Chuck & Bev RitterBest Miniature prot.:TinsieHoward & Mary RhodesBest White Bloom:Lucille JerniganHoward & Mary Rhodes

C. sasanqua (& related species): Steve & Gayle Lawrence
Tray of Three, same variety, open: Chuck & Bev Ritter
Tray of Three, same variety, prot.: Tyler & Buck Mizzell
Tray of Five, different varieties: Cheng H. Lee, DVM

Seedling Mutant: Chuck & Bev Ritter

Sm: *Kiku-Toji* J. D. Thomerson

Mid-Carolina Camellia Society

October 17 - 18, 2008 South Carolina State Fair, Columbia, SC Show Chairmen - Oliver & Tyler Mizzell 398 Blooms Displayed, 10,000 Attendees, 27 Exhibitors,

3 New ACS Members

CERTIFICATES

Gold Certificate: Chuck & Bev Ritter Silver Certificate: Buck & Tyler Mizzell

OUTSTANDING BLOOM CERTIFICATES

C. japonica open:

Lg/VLg: Edna Bass Var. Geary & Bonnie Serpas Md: Anita Miles & Brenda Beach Sm: Chuck & Bev Ritter Brooke

C. japonica prot.:

Lg/VLg: Edna Bass Richard & Katherine Mims Md: Aspasia MacArthur **Buck & Tyler Mizzell** Sm: Kiku-Toji **Buck & Tyler Mizzell**

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

Chuck & Bev Ritter Tango Var.

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

Ruta Haggman Richard & Katherine Mims

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

Punkin Chuck & Bev Ritter

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

Delores Edwards Buck & Tyler Mizzell

Best Miniature: Buttermint Richard & Katherine Mims

Best White Bloom open:

Dorothy Chester Chuck & Bev Ritter

Best White Bloom prot.:

Finlandia **Buck & Tyler Mizzell**

Best Seedling: Tep 10 Ed & Lou Powers

C. sasangua (& related species):

Best: Leslie Ann Miles & Brenda Beach

LOCAL AWARDS Best Blooms Grown in Midlands of South

Carolina open: In Honor of Richard and Katherine Mims

Cardinal Richelieu Bill & Joyce Supplee

Bill & Joyce Supplee Best Large: Marie Bracev Janice Lockhart **Best Medium:** Morning Glow **Best Small:** Pink Perfection Tom & Peggy Camp

Grand Strand Camellia Society

November 1 - 2, 2008

Murrells Inlet Presbyterian Church, Murrells Inlet, SC Show Chairman - Mack McKinnon 328 Blooms Displayed, 350 Attendees, 35 Exhibitors

CERTIFICATES

Gold Certificate (open): Chuck & Bev Ritter Gold Certificate (prot.): Buck & Tyler Mizzell OUTSTANDING BLOOM CERTIFICATES

Best japonica Bloom in Show open - Neal Cox Memorial Award:

Georgia National Fair Bob & Jean Williams

Best japonica Bloom in Show prot. – Lucille Vanderbilt Pate Award:

Edna Bass Var. Buck & Tyler Mizzell

C. japonica open:

Lg/VLg:Lauren TudorMiles & Brenda BeachMd:Ester SmithEd & Lou PowersSm:BrookeChuck & Bev RitterBest Novice open:White SasanquaDottie BrumleyBest "local" Bloom open:DazzlerJack & Patsy Cundiff

Best White Bloom open: Lucille Jernigan Chuck & Bev Ritter

C. japonica prot.:

Lg/VLg:Lauren TudorBuck & Tyler MizzellMd:SeafoamRichard & Katherine MimsSm:Grace AlbrittonAnn & Mack McKinnonBest White Bloom prot.:Mary Alice CoxMack & Ann McKinnon

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

Frank Houser Chuck & Bev Ritter

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

Ruta Hagmann Buck & Tyler Mizzell

 $C.\ hybrid\ (w/no\ retic\ parent)\ open:$

Punkin Chuck & Bev Ritter

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

Cile Mitchell

Best Miniature: Fircone Var.

Best Seedling: HS-55912

Chuck & Bev Ritter

Chuck & Bev Ritter

C. sasanqua (& related species):

Best: Leslie Ann Miles & Brenda Beach

Best Mutant Bloom: Georgia National Fair Miles & Brenda Beach

Pre-1900 prot.: *Mathotiana* Chuck & Bev Ritter

Virginia Camellia Society

November 1, 2008 Baker Hall, Norfolk Botanical Garden, Norfolk, Virginia

Show Chairmen - Larry Barlow & Doug & Sally Simon 128 Blooms Displayed, 60 Attendees, 25 Exhibitors

CERTIFICATES

Gold Certificate: Lawrence Barlow **Silver Certificate:** Winston Gouldin

OUTSTANDING BLOOM CERTIFICATES C. japonica:

Lg: Lady Clare Richard & Betty Gail Buggeln

Md:October AffairLawrence BarlowSm:Les MarburyWinston Gouldin

C. hybrid (w/no retic parent):

Joe Nuccio Robert Black

C. sasanqua (& related species):

Marie Kirk Winston Gouldin

Best White Bloom:

Sea Foam Winston Gouldin

Best Seedling & Mutants:

El Gouldin Winston Gouldin

Best Novice Bloom:

Jean May B. Perry

Tray of Three, same variety:

Marie Kirk Winston Gouldin

Tray of Five, different varieties:

Snow Flurry, Kanjiro, Autumn Delight, Our Linda, Winter's Star Lawrence Barlow



Federated Garden Clubs of Waycross

November 15, 2008 Waycross, Georgia Show Chairman - Jean Terry 212 Blooms Displayed, 52 Attendees

CERTIFICATES

Gold Certificate: Cheng H. Lee, DVM

Silver Certificate: Neil Nevin

Best Bloom in Show - SunTrust Bank of Southeast Georgia Award:

Helen Bower Cheng H. Lee, DVM

OUTSTANDING BLOOM CERTIFICATES

C. japonica open:

Lg/VLg: *Melissa Ann* Cheng H. Lee, DVM

Md: Grand Marshall Chuck Ritter

Sm: Jackie D Cheng H. Lee, DVM

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

Larry Piet Cheng H. Lee, DVM

C. hybrid (w/no retic parent) open or prot.:

Tom's Perkins Cheng H. Lee, DVM

Best Miniature open:

Little Slam Cheng H. Lee, DVM

Best White Bloom open:

Nuccio's Gem Neil Nevin

C. sansaqua: Mini Noyak Patti King Tray of Three, same variety, open:

Joe Nuccio Cheng H. Lee, DVM

Tray of Five, different varieties, open:

Various Cheng H. Lee, DVM

LOCAL AWARDS C. japonica open:

Early Autumn Terry Dillard

Best White Bloom open:

Ivory Tower Terry Dillard

Tray of Three, same variety, open:

Mathotiana Terry Dillard

Albany Men's Garden Club

December 6, 2008 Albany Mall, Albany GA Show Chairman - Walt Albritton 364 Blooms Displayed, 16 Exhibitors

CERTIFICATES

Gold Certificate: Chuck & Bev Ritter
Silver Certificate: Mary & Howard Rhodes
OUTSTANDING BLOOM CERTIFICATES

Best Bloom in Show:

Helen Bower Var. Chuck & Bev Ritter

C. japonica open:

Lg/VLg:Lauren TudorEsther LawrenceMd:Magic CityEsther LawrenceSm:Something BeautifulChuck & Bev Ritter

C. japonica prot.:

Lg/VLg:Edna BassSteve & Gayle LawrenceMd:Magic CityCheryl & Warren ThompsonSm:KittySteve & Gayle Lawrence

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

Hall's Pride Var. Chuck & Bev Ritter

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

Valentine Day Steve & Gayle Lawrence

C. hybrid (w/no retic parent):

Julie Var. Howard & Mary Rhodes

Best Miniature:

Just Darling Chuck & Bev Ritter

C. sasanqua (& related species):

Yuletide Stewart A. Tomlinson

Best White Bloom:

Melissa Anne Howard & Mary Rhodes

Best Seedling:

Some Beautiful Steve & Gayle Lawrence

Tray of Three same variety:

Emmett Barnes Cheryl & Warren Thompson

Best Bloom By Men's Garden Club:

Alba Plena Frank Wilson

Camellia Society of North Florida December 6, 2008

Mandarin Garden Club 2892 Loretto Road, Jacksonville, FL Show Chairman - Pamela Mattis 479 Blooms Displayed, 20 Exhibitors

CERTIFICATES: Gold (open): Cheng Lee; Silver (open): John Rumbach; Gold (protected): Richard & Katherine Mims; Silver

(protected): Buck & Tyler Mizzell

OUTSTANDING BLOOM CERTIFICATES

C. japonica treated open:

Lg/VLg:Rena SwickBill & Nancy FaltaMd:Magic CityJohn RumbachSm:Kay BerridgeCheng Lee

C. japonica open:

Lg/VLg:Nuccio's Bella Rossa Chang LeeMd:Queen DianaCheng LeeSm:Kiku-Toji RedJohn Rumbach

C. japonica protected:

Lg/VLg:Lauren TudorBuck & Tyler MizzellMd:Sea FoamBuck & Tyler MizzellSm:Black Tie VarRichard & Katherine Mims

Best Miniature: Fircone Var. John Rumbach C. reticulata (Inc. hybrids w/retic parent) open:

VLg: Valentine Day Var. Patrick Andrews & Bob Weidman

Lg: Betty Ridley Bill & Nancy Falta **C. reticulata (Inc. hybrids w/retic parent) protected**:

Best: Valentine Day Richard & Katherine Mims

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

Lg/VLg: James S. Reeve Patrick Andrews & Bob Weidman

Sm/Md: Joe Nuccio Cheng Lee

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

Best: Cile Mitchell Buck & Tyler Mizzell

C. sasanqua (& related species):

Best:Star Above StarJohn RumbachBest Seedling:F1 (japonica)John RumbachBest Mutant Bloom:DebutanteEthelia PerryBest White Bloom:Mary Alice CoxJohn RumbachBest Pre 1900 Bloom:Kiku-TojiJohn Rumbach

Valdosta Camellia Society

December 13, 2008 Elk's Lodge, West US 84, Valdosta, GA Show Chairman - Mark Crawford

1065 Blooms Displayed, 125 Attendees, 32 Exhibitors

CERTIFICATES

Gold Certificate: Chuck & Bev Ritter Silver Certificate: Howard & Mary Rhodes OUTSTANDING BLOOM CERTIFICATES

Best Bloom in Show - The First State Bank Award

Tango Var. Steve & Gayle Lawrence

C. japonica open:

Lg/VLg: Royal Velvet Chuck & Bev Ritter **Md:** Carol Humphrey Var. Patrick Andrews & Bob Weidman

Sm: Little Babe Var. Chuck & Bev Ritter Best White Bloom: Melissa Anne Bob & Gail Reese

C. japonica prot.:

Lg/VLg:ShowtimeSteve & Gayle LawrenceMd:Tar BabyHoward & Mary RhodesSm:Little Babe Var.Buck & Tyler MizzellBest White Bloom:RuffianRichard & Katherine Mims

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

Lg/VLg: Valentine Day Var. Bob & Gail Reese

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

Lg/VLg:Ruta HagmannBuck & Tyler MizzellMd:Betty Ridley Var.Richard & Katherine Mims

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

Lg:Phil PietChuck & Bev RitterMd:JuliaChuck & Bev Ritter

Sm: Punkin Eileen Hart

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

Lg:Cile MitchellBuck & Tyler MizzellMd:Raspberry FlambeHoward & Mary RhodesSm:Buttons N BowsSteve & Gayle LawrenceBest Miniature treated open:Fircone Var.Chuck & Bev RitterBest Miniature treated prot.:Man SizeHoward & Mary Rhodes

Best Seedling: Seedling #2056 Randolph Maphis **Best Mutant:** Showtime Chuck & Bey Ritter

C. sasanqua (& related species): Midnight Ruby Sue Powers

Best Camellia Registered 5 Years or Less:

Ray Gentry Chuck & Bev Ritter

Best Pre-1900 Camellia Variety: Sweetie Vera Voncille Williams

Scenes from the ACCS Convention September 2008 Magnolia Plantation and Gardens









ACS Awards for Membership – We need YOUR help

ACS membership trend over the years is the following

1961: 7,550 1970: 6,250 1980: 4,800 1990: 2,961 2004: 2,750 2007: 2,058

Each of us gets ONE new member = 4, 116 members - Double membership! Each of us gets TWO new members = 6, 174 members - Triple membership! Each show gets 10 new members = 500 new members

(Think Christmas, birthday, anniversary, mother's/father's day, secretary's day, boss's day, or any day.)



Show Dates Winter 2009

January

- January 10-11 GAINSVILLE, FL, Gainesville Camellia Society, Oaks Mall, Jerry Hogsette (352) 871-5325, jhogset@bellsouth.net
- January 10-11 TALLAHASSEE, FL, Camellia & Garden Club of Tallahassee, Doyle Connor Administration Building. Stewart Tomlinson (850) 402-9201, stomlins@usgs.gov
- January 17-18 AIKEN, SC, Aiken Camellia Society, Aiken Mall, Jim Dickson & Lee Poe (803) 279-9451, cjdickson@bellsouth.net
- January 24 CHARLESTON, SC, Coastal Carolina Camellia Society, Citadel Mall, Miles Beach (843) 345-3453, milesbeach@comcast.net
- January 24-25 OCALA, FL, Ocala Camellia Society, Pioneer Garden Club, Patrick Andrews (352) 595-3365, Patrickandrews@att.net
- January 31 LAKELAND, FL, Lakeland Camellia Society, North Lakeland Presbyterian Church, John Shirah (863) 858-3789, nursery@aol.com

February

February 6-7 - DOUGLAS, GA, City of Douglas and Master Gardeners Association of South. Georgia, Central Plaza, Douglas, Clayton Mathis, (912) 384-5456, mathis27@hotmail.com

- February 14-15 COLUMBIA, SC, Mid-Carolina Camellia Society, Midtown Mall at Forest Acres, Richard Mims, (803) 438-9741, rkmimsis@bellsouth.net
- February 21 PINEHURST, NC, Sandhills Camellia Society, TBD, Terry Clark, (910) 295-1817, ntclark@ncrr.com
- February 21-22 ATLANTA, GA, The North Georgia Camellia Society/Atlanta Camellia Show, Atlanta Botanical Garden, John Newsome, (404) 355-4478, newsomecawthon@aol.com
- February 28 WILMINGTON, NC, Tidewater Camellia Club, Arab Shrine Club Building, 4510 South College Road, Matt Hunter, (910) 392-1803, mhunter@cape-fear.net
- February 28-31 MACON, GA, Middle Georgia Camellia Society, Macon Mall, John Gamble, (478) 825-3749, Jsgamble@valleycabletv.com

March

- March 7 FAYETTEVILLE, NC, Fayetteville Camellia Club, Methodist University, Judy Dewar, (910) 868-5405, jandjdewar@aol.com
- March 14 RALEIGH, NC, Triangle Camellia Society, J.C.Raulston Arboretum, Lou Bryant, (919) 467-6876, mlbryant@mindspring.com
- March 14-15 CHARLOTTE, NC, Charlotte Camellia Society, 3/14-3/15/2009, Black Lion Store in Pineville, Nell Palmer, (704) 366-8599, jrysp2601@hotmail.com
- March 28 NORFOLK, VA, Virginia Camellia Society, Spring Camellia Show and Plant Sale, Rose Garden Hall, Norfolk Botanical Garden, 6700 Azalea Garden Road, Doug & Sally Simon, (757) 625-0374, simon2ofus@aol.com

Recipe CornerBy Richard Mims

After a year including a hot, arid summer, of pruning, fertilizing, and watering, camellia plants flourished. In late August and September, flowers buds were treated each week in hopes of having that special flower for the show at the South Carolina State Fair. As the flowers opened in all their colorful glory, they were carefully packed and refrigerated to be opened upon arrival at the show.

The flowers were carefully entered and the judges began the process of choosing the winners. While the flowers through their perfections were making their way to the head table, Sharon Brogden and her crew of wonderful cooks were setting up a fabulous "pot-luck" luncheon in the back room.

After judging, our members, judges, and exhibitors were invited to eat. Even the persons who work in our building and at the fair gate we enter were invited.

The dessert table was especially interesting. Brownies, cobblers, pies, and cakes.

One special cake caught everyone's eyes and exuded an aroma no one could resist. There wasn't even a crumb left at the end of the meal. Irma Raines had baked that pound cake with the "teasing aroma" that was just different from any we had tasted. We asked her for the recipe and here it is!



Marijane's Cream Cheese Pound Cake

1 stick Butter

2 sticks Margerine

1 8 oz. Philadelphia Cream Cheese (original — do not use reduced fat or fat free — only original!)

3 cups Sugar

3 cups Plain Flour, sifted

6 eggs, room temperature

1 T Vanilla Extract

2 t Lemon Extract

1 t Almond Extract

2 t coconut extract

1 T Happy Home imitation Coconut Flavoring

1 cup flaked coconut (chopped very fine)

Cream butter, oleo, cream cheese, and sugar Beat 2-3 minutes with an electric mixer <u>until creamy</u>. Add eggs, 1 at a time, beating each until weel combined.

Add flour, a little at a time to the butter mixture, beating at low speed just until blended after each addition. Stir in flavorings. Pour into a tubed or Bundt pan coated with Bakers Joy and cook about 1 1/2 hours at 300-325 degrees. The temp and time will depend on your oven Keep checking and don't let it brown too fast or it won't be done in the middle. I used a long tooth pick to check mine.

Cool in pan on a wire rack 10 to 15 minutes; remove from pan, and let cool completely on wire rack. * Glaze3 while hot.

* Make a glaze of 1 1/4 c confectioner's sugar, 2 T milk, and flavorings and spoon over the cake while hot. I used lemon and coconut for the Coconut Pound Cake Glaze. You can also make a Lemon Pound Cake using same directions, but don't use the coconut.



Judging in the new Fetterman Building at Massee Lane.