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*Diddy's Pink Organdie* is a beautiful rose form double to formal double that was introduced by Dr. H. G. Mealing in North Augusta, South Carolina, in 1953. It is dawn pink, shading to a lighter pink outer with white margins.

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# It's Time to Gib

By Libby Waldkirch  
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Wilmington, North Carolina

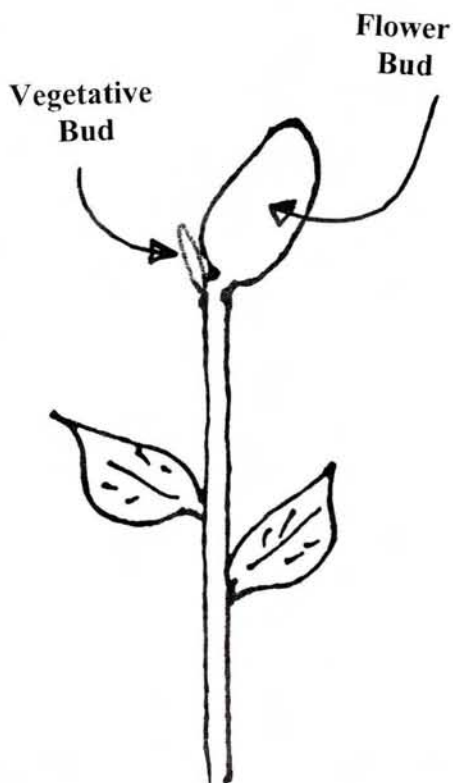
From the  
Tidewater Camellia Club Handbook  
Edited and Submitted by  
Ogle Hess

In late summer and early fall you should check your camellias bushes for plump and round flower buds, which have a small vegetative bud next to it. Twist out this vegetative bud, leaving a small cup.

Place one drop of Gibberellic Acid solution into this cup. This makes the bush blossom early and the blooms are usually larger. Gib three flower buds on each bush every other week or so. You will have plants that bloom earlier and longer.

Here are some additional facts on Gibbing:

1. Gibberellic Acid is available from the American Camellia Society. The address is 100 Massee Lane, Fort Valley, Georgia 33103. The cost of gib is \$10.00 plus \$1.50 for postage.



**Figure #1: A standard Camellia stem with an enlarged flower bud and a slimmer, pointed vegetative bud (left side).**

2. Bloom time, after gibbing, will vary with different camellia species and is also dependent upon temperatures, both before and after gibbing. Also, timing can depend upon the size of bud gibbed.
3. The average time for blooming, after gibbing, ranges from 30-90 days, with 60 days being the average. This depends upon the factors listed above. The size of the flowers will, on the average, be 20% to 25% larger.

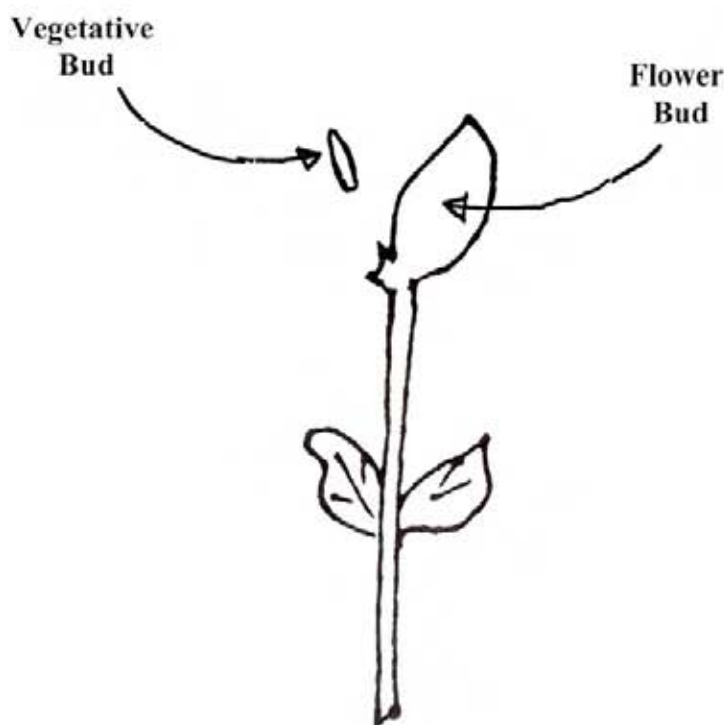
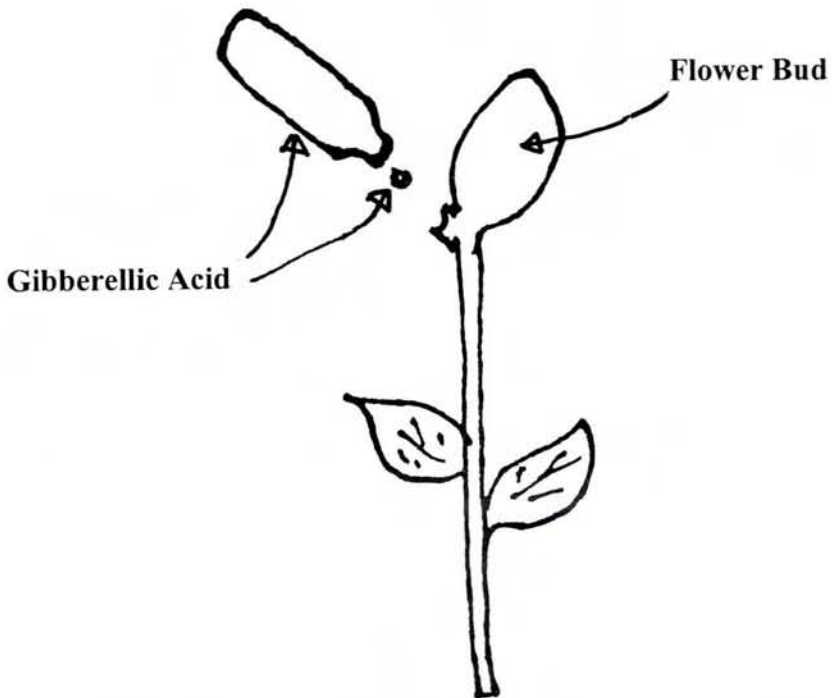


Figure #2: A Camellia stem with the vegetative bud (detached on the left) removed, leaving a small concave cup.

**Figure #3: A drop of Gibberellic Acid is being dropped into the cup that was left behind when the vegetative bud was removed.**



4. Some flowers change color from gibbing. For instance, Mathotiana blooms will have more blue color. But, the bloom size is greater.
5. The best quality blooms occur only if gibbing is part of good plant care. Fertilizing, spraying, pinching buds and pruning are necessary.
6. The best time for heavy gibbing in our area is approximately 40-60 days prior to the target show date. Gibbing too early can cause blooms to open just about freezing time. This will affect the quality of the blooms.
7. The new Gibberellic Acid, available from the American Camellia Society, is easily soluble in water. This avoids complicated procedures which were previously required for mixing the solution.





Ogle Hess has been a leader in the Tidewater Camellia Club for many years. He is pictured here with Paul Dahlene of the Aiken Camellia club.

Ogle has prepared a loose-leaf notebook for each member of the Tidewater Camellia Club (Wilmington, N.C.) that includes articles by various club members on important Camellia topics.

Articles include information on gibbing, fertilizing, grafting, planting, air layering, pruning, rooting, disbudding and greenhouse growing techniques. A copy of this notebook is given, free of charge, to each new members who wants to learn about

the culture of Camellias.

Ogle has kindly offered to allow us to reprint these articles in the ACCS Journal for several years. I am sure that if you have read the journal you have seen these timely articles. We extend our sincere thanks to Ogle for allowing this, and to the members of the Tidewater Camellia Club for writing these excellent articles.

What a grand idea the club notebook is. Wouldn't it help in recruiting for your club, and help have a better understanding of cultural techniques for the beginners in your club, to cover the major topics of Camellia culture in a notebook.

# Editor's Column

by Jim Darden  
Clinton, North Carolina

It is with a certain degree of sadness that I must tell you that this is the final issue of Atlantic Coast Camellias with "yours truly" as editor. As I announced in the last issue, I am retiring the editorship on January 1, 2003.

I have enjoyed working for the good of the ACCS during my ten years as editor. Through the many hours of writing, editing, cutting and pasting, etc., my only hope has been that I could, in this small way, help the society and further the cause of camellias. I hope the journal has done that.

Next year will be exciting for me. As you know, I will retire from my teaching position at Sampson Community College on January 1. Actually I will still be teaching half time at the college while in retirement, a custom commonly referred to here in North Carolina as "double dipping."

The other half of my time, if I can avoid the long "honeymoon" list that Mary Nell is already preparing for me, will be devoted to my nursery and travel business. I have been an azalea grower for many years and hope to expand that business.

Some of you have gotten a bro-



chure on the travel business that Dr. Bruce Williams, of Wilmington, and I are planning for 2003. We hope to initiate a tour company, which will allow Americans to travel to England, Scotland, France and Ireland, visiting a good mix of gardens and historic sites. We are really excited about next year's trips.

In May we will visit England for ten days. We will spend three nights each in London, Bath and Hastings. The gardens at Wisley, Sissinghurst and Kew, among others, will be teeming with Camellias during May. Toss in Stonehenge, Bath, the



Hastings battlefield and the Chelsea Flower Show, and this trip will be hard to beat.

Then in June we will begin in England with three days in London before journeying on to Canterbury. From there we cross the channel and visit the Normandy battlefields and view the Bayeux Tapestry. We will stop at Monet's Garden on the way to Paris, where we finish up the ten-day trip.

In July our destination will be Ireland. Having traveled there for ten days this past July, I can tell you that the "Emerald Island" is everything you have heard that it is. First it's three days in Dublin, then

on to Powerscourt, Glendalough, Waterford Crystal, Fota Arboretum, the Dingle Peninsula and Bunratty Castle before flying out of Shannon. I can't wait to go back to Ireland.

So, between teaching, growing and traveling, I am afraid that my schedule will be even more hectic than before. But, I intend to enjoy it all, and I would love to have some of my Camellia friends come along. If you didn't get a brochure, or would like another, please contact me at (910) 592-1424, [jbdarden@intrstar.net](mailto:jbdarden@intrstar.net), or the address in the front of this issue. Best wishes to everyone in the ACCS. I will be seeing you in lots of camellia shows.

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*Camellia ladies having fun at the Myrtle Beach meeting –  
Left to right, Sally Simon, Mary Dell Darden and Lu Powers.*

Darden

# Camellias in January and February

By Ray Bond  
Dallas Texas

January is in the middle of the blooming season for camellias and the middle of the cold season for the nursery industry. These events are mutually exclusive for most other flowering plants. Care should be taken so that your blooms can have a chance to survive. A very cold December or January may damage buds and plants, particularly if grown outside.

## Mulch and Water

Mulch and water are the keys to plant survival in winter. Be sure your camellias are well mulched. Several inches up the trunk will not hurt in the winter. This will keep the roots warm and prevent loss of moisture as well as access to oxygen. Oxygen in the root area is essential to good camellia culture. In fact, air in the area of the roots is one of the most important, frequently overlooked, factors in successful camellia culture. You have probably noticed surface roots around the trunk. The plant needs air and these roots are the first to get it. Never cover these roots with soil! Tight clay soils and dense



mulches can be counter productive to good camellia health.

Blooms are composed of up to 90% water. Some plants may need extra water to support their blooms, particularly if allowed to bloom profusely. Extra water is also a good protection from cold weather, if applied a day or two prior to the onset of the cold.

## Horticultural Considerations

If you believe the cold weather has killed a favorite (planted in the

ground) camellia, do not dig it up and throw it away! Cut it off at ground level. Seal the stump with a good water-based plant wound sealer. Place a pine (needle or bark "nugget") mulch around and over the stump. Odds are very great that the plant will come back from the roots if the root system is strong and relatively undamaged.

Avoid petroleum-based plant wound sealers because they tend to retard healing and may damage the plant. An excellent, inexpensive, readily available material for plant wound sealing is Elmer's School Glue. Put a dab on a plant wound and let it dry. After the glue dries, it forms a good, lasting seal for the wound. It prevents the incursion of insects and

disease and is not as messy as asphalt wound paints. The glue is hardly visible when dry.

I have been asked if camellia plants can be moved in the winter blooming season. Yes, go ahead and do it; but is not the optimum time. Best for transplanting is September through October, or for a very short period in spring, immediately after the blooming season, prior to new growth. Remember to prune the plant back to compensate for any roots lost in the move, no matter when you move it. This applies to any plant. If you feel you have lost 25% of the roots, remove 25% of the foliage from the plant. Removing too much of the foliage is much better than too little.

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*Glenn and Judy Capps, past president and current president of the Fayetteville Camellia Club, are shown here with John Newsome (right) of Atlanta Georgia. John is chairman of the Atlanta Camellia Show.*

*Darden*





*Friends of the Camellia – Amy and Parker Connor are shown here under the lovely live oaks at their home on Edisto Island, S.C. Parker has been one of the best outdoor camellia growers in the United States for many years.*

*Shepherd*

If the plant is in a container, it can be transplanted at any time. No special pruning should be required since there is no loss of roots.

### **Pruning**

Whenever you prune, it is best to thin out the plant from the inside,

removing the small, inside and cross-over branches. Prune each branch back to a new growth bud, leaving the bud on the plant. These buds then become terminal buds. Research has shown that removal of terminal buds inhibits root growth. The worst thing that can be done is to "crew cut" camellias or use hedge clippers on them.

The best time to prune is September, soon after all growth has hard-

ened off. The next best time to prune is early spring, right after blooming and just before the plant begins to put on new growth.

## Grafting

In the greenhouse, the best time to graft camellias is late January through mid-March. The root stock and the cutting must be dormant. Mid-February to late March is about

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*Lawanda Brogden is shown here with one of her fine blooms at the Columbia (Mid-Carolina Camellia Society) Camellia Show at the South Carolina State Fair in October.*

*Shepherd*





*Long-time friends of the Camellia – Paul and Marie Dahlen have been leaders in the Aiken Camellia Club, and the Atlantic Coast region for many years.*

*Darden*

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the best time to graft outside camellias. Good judgement and the weatherman should be used to determine the best time. Care should be taken to assure that the worst of the cold winter weather is past. Much of this timing is determined by the location of the plant, the geographical area,

etc.

The window of grafting time actually extends from mid-December to the end of March and this period can be considered optimum. There is a short period in mid-summer during which grafting can be done, but summer grafts can be very "iffy".

## Late Season Culture

Mid- to late February begins the late blooming season, which is near the end of the cold season. There really is not too much to do to camellia plants except protect them from the cold. The primary concern is care of the buds and blooms so that you can profit from what you have worked all year to grow.

If plants are dry and watered just before freezing weather, the sudden onset of cold can split the plant wide open or otherwise freeze and kill it. The water will be taken up by the

cambium layer, but the pulp will not have sufficient time to absorb it and transfer it upward, thereby evening the water distribution within the plant. This uneven water distribution will enhance splitting and hasten freeze kill.

## Pests

In late February, pests can damage good blooms and healthy plants. If there is unusually warm weather, ants, via their herding of aphids, and slugs will damage blooms. Ants will herd aphids to the buds and the suck-

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*Donna Shepherd, who has supplied this journal with many excellent photographs and articles over the years, is pictured here with Liz Jeffares and Elaine Smelley.*

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ing of aphids will ruin them. Ants will also go into the bloom for nectar and, if nothing else, you may find your cut blooms filled with ants. Sprays and ant poisons around the base of the plant can eliminate this problem.

If you see ants, chances are good that aphids are nearby and at work somewhere. Aphids can completely ruin buds. Bug baits do well for ants. Orthene 75 mixed with Tame will eliminate aphids and many other potential pests.

Slugs, which are nocturnal, will go into a bloom for a nice bite of the tender inner petals or a drink of nectar. Their slimy trails will leave brown streaks on petals, thereby ruining the bloom. I have seen potential prize blooms which have been mauled by slugs.

Bug baits can eliminate these

problems. Beer in a pan will attract slugs and eliminate them. They love beer and will crawl into the pan, get drunk, not be able to get out and/or drown.

Voles and squirrels like to chew the soft bark around the base of camellia plants. Voles will completely sever a camellia trunk in a few minutes. They love the soft cambium, particularly when they cannot get to anything else, such as acorns on the ground. Watch for voles; they are a real problem. Cats are a good solution for rodent problems such as this.

Brand and trade names and treatment portions are given for information and reference only. Consult your State Agricultural and Pesticide agencies for recommended chemicals registered by the State. Always follow instructions on the label.

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*Lew and Annabelle Fetterman (left), friends of the Camellia at the local, regional, national and international levels, are pictured here at the annual meeting with Marjorie Wallace.*

*Darden*

## AN INVITATION TO JOIN

We hope that you will join the Atlantic Coast Camellia Society. Let's enjoy Camellias together.

The Atlantic Coast Camellia Society was organized September 13, 1980 at Myrtle Beach, South Carolina. The purpose of our organization is to extend the appreciation of Camellias and to promote the science of Camellia culture. Through our Camellia shows and programs, and by exchanging knowledge and ideas with the Camellia specialists within our membership, we feel that everyone in the ACCS benefits from being a member of this organization. Whether you are a beginning Camellia fancier or a veteran Camellia competitor, the ACCS is dedicated to providing information, shows and social events that you will find helpful, entertaining and enjoyable.

Annual dues for membership in the ACCS are \$12.50 for singles or couples. The membership year runs from September to September. A membership entitles you to three issues of Atlantic Coast Camellias, the journal of the Atlantic Coast Camellia Society. These are issued January 1 (spring), May 1 (summer) and September 1 (fall). In addition, your membership provides an invitation to our annual meeting in October in Myrtle Beach, S. C. This event has been especially successful in recent years, with over 100 participants in 1986, and with such keynote speakers as Julius Nuccio and Sergio Bracchi.

A variety of Camellia topics are addressed in articles published in Atlantic Coast Camellias. In addition to regular features concerning Camellia culture in the landscape and in the greenhouse, articles cover such topics as Camellia planting, grafting, rooting, judging, pruning, gibbing, disease control, insect control, new and old varieties, show preparations and results, liming, fertilization, spraying, mulching, disbudding, and nursery production. Numerous photographs and illustrations are provided.

We invite you to join and welcome you as a member. Please make your check payable to the Atlantic Coast Camellia Society. Fill out the convenient application blank below and mail it to:

Atlantic Coast Camellia Society  
4437 McKee Road  
Charlotte, N. C. 28270

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# Sasanqua Camellias Are Hardy

By Roger Mercer  
The Fayetteville Observer  
Fayetteville, North Carolina

A reader asked a few years ago what he could plant that would have beautiful rich green waxy leaves all year, make a perfectly shaped oval shrub that needed little care, would bloom for months and have large, showy, numerous blooms, and would live to a great age.

I can think of only two shrubs that fit the bill: rhododendrons and camellias. And of the two, camellias are generally better in our area.

Especially outstanding for foliage and graceful plant forms are the sasanqua camellias that are in bloom in fall. The flowers come in bright, clear shades from scarlet through rose and lavender-pink to blush and white. Flower forms are variable from single to very double. Size varies from about the diameter of a quarter to that of a saucer.

The plants grow from about four feet tall to 15 feet or more, depending on variety. Some selections are wider than tall with branches spreading to almost weeping. Others are extremely upright.

## YOUR GARDEN



Roger Mercer

So many forms and variations are available in the sasanquas that one can be found for almost any use in the landscape where a medium to tall shrub - or even a small tree - is needed. There are even fragrant forms, and hybridizers are working to increase their numbers and diversity.

Camellias prosper in the mild climate and sandy soils of the Cape Fear Region. They grow especially well under high shade of tall pines. They require good watering the first year after planting. Then they need extra water only during long dry spells. They may be fertilized once annually or even once every two



years after they are well established.

The main requirement for planting is that roots not be covered too deeply. In heavy clay soils, where water stands in holes for six or more hours before draining out, camellias are best planted in raised beds so that the bottom of the root ball is even

with surrounding grade. This will keep plants from drowning.

Application of superphosphate or bonemeal to the soil at planting time is helpful, as is mixing in compost or other organic matter to improve water-holding capacity of the soil.



*"Paradise Venessa", a new Australian cultivar, is typical of the Camellia sasanqua, with its single early blooms, small leaves, and excellent hardiness.*

*John Hunt*

# Mid-Carolina Camellia Society

## Show Results Submitted by Tyler Mizzell

South Carolina State Fair  
Columbia, South Carolina  
October 4, 2002  
345 Blooms Displayed

Best Large Japonica Open	<b>Carter's Sunburst Pink Var.</b>	Lib Scott
Runner-Up	<b>Carter's Sunburst Var.</b>	Lib Scott
Best Medium Japonica Open	<b>Ville de Nantes</b>	Lib Scott
Runner-Up	<b>Rudolph</b>	Jim & Laura Holler
Best Small Japonica Open	<b>Kiku Toji</b>	Nancy Lipham
Runner-Up	<b>Little Babe</b>	Nancy Lipham
Best Miniature Open	<b>Fircone Var.</b>	Nancy Lipham
Runner-Up	<b>Lemon Drop</b>	Richard & Katherine Mimms
Best Large Japonica Protected	<b>Edna Bass Var.</b>	Mack & Anne McKinnon
Runner-Up	<b>Mary Fischer</b>	Buck & Tyler Mizzell
Best Medium Japonica Protected	<b>Campari</b>	Lew & Annabelle Fetterman
Runner-Up	<b>Campari Rose</b>	Lew & Annabelle Fetterman
Best Small Japonica Protected	<b>Takanim</b>	Warren Thompson
Runner-Up	<b>Kiku Toji</b>	Fred & Clara Hahn
Best Reticulata Open	<b>Lasca Beauty</b>	Lib Scott
Runner-Up	<b>Betty Ridley</b>	Rupie Drews

Best Hybrid Open	<b>Punkin</b>	Jay Ellis
Runner-Up	<b>Charlean</b>	Lib Scott
Best Sasanqua or Relative	<b>Star Above Star</b>	Richard Mimms
Runner-Up	<b>Sparkling Burgandy</b>	Helen Emerson
Best Local Bloom	<b>Pink Perfection</b>	Helen Emerson
Runner-Up	<b>Debutante</b>	Helen Emerson
Best White Bloom Open	<b>Charles Bettes</b>	Jay Ellis
Best White Bloom Prot.	<b>September Morn</b>	Buck & Tyler Mizzell
Best Novice Bloom	<b>Candy Cane</b>	Mary Wardlaw
Gold Certificate		Lib Scott
Silver Certificate		Rupie Drews

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*Fred and Clara Hahn, busy at work for the ACCS as they have been for many years, help at the plant auction in Myrtle Beach with Tripp Compton and incoming ACCS President Bob Reese.*

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## **Atlantic Coast Camellia Shows Spring, 2003**

- January 4-5, 2003: Gainesville Camellia Society  
The Oaks Mall  
Gainesville, Florida  
Jerry Hoggsette (352) 332-4671
- January 11-12, 2003: Camellia & Garden Club of Tallahassee  
Florida Department of Agriculture  
Tallahassee, Florida  
Steve Lawrence (850) 656-8348
- January 18-19, 2003: Central Florida Camellia Society  
Leu Gardens  
Orlando, Florida  
Ben George (386) 734-3134
- January 18-19, 2003: Aiken Camellia Society  
Aiken Mall  
Aiken, South Carolina  
W. Lee Poe (803) 642-7297
- January 25, 2003: Thomasville Garden Club  
Thomasville Garden Center  
Thomasville, Georgia  
Pat Johnson (912) 377-5548
- January 25, 2003: Coastal Carolina Camellia Society  
Citadel Mall  
Charleston, South Carolina  
Lee Kline (843) 762-2963
- February 1-2, 2003: Massachusetts Camellia Society  
Tower Hill Botanical Gardens  
Boylston, Massachusetts  
Mark Vietzke (781) 963-0201

- February 1-2, 2003: Savannah Camellia Club  
Oglethorpe Mall  
Savannah, Georgia  
Patti King (912) 356-3591
- February 1-2, 2003: Master Gardeners Association  
Central Complex, Madison Avenue  
Douglas, Georgia  
Clayton Mathis (912) 389-1328
- February 1-2, 2003: Charlotte Camellia Society  
Crossroads Mall  
Fort Mill, South Carolina  
Fred Hahn (704) 846-2245
- February 8-9, 2003: Mid-Carolina Camellia Society  
Columbia Mall  
Columbia, South Carolina  
Richard Mims (803) 438-9741
- February 15-16, 2003: North Georgia Camellia Society  
Atlanta Botanical Gardens  
Atlanta, Georgia  
John Newsome (404) 355-4478
- February 22, 2003: Middle Georgia Camellia Society  
Macon Mall  
Macon, Georgia  
Warren Thompson (478) 825-2559
- February 22, 2003: Tidewater Camellia Club  
Scottish Rite Temple  
Wilmington, North Carolina  
Bill Wilcox (910) 791-3455
- February, 2003: Mid-Tennessee Camellia Society  
Cheekwood  
Nashville, Tennessee  
Jane Griffin (615) 373-0744



- February 27, 2003: American Camellia Society  
DeSoto Hotel  
Savannah, Georgia  
Debbie Odom (debbie@genesnursery.com)
- March 8, 2003: Fayetteville Camellia Society  
Cross Creek Mall  
Fayetteville, North Carolina  
Annabelle Fetterman (910) 592-3735
- March 8, 2003: Pioneer Camellia Society  
Valley View Farms  
Cockeysville, Maryland  
Zenobia Kendig (410) 252-5568
- March 15, 2003: Virginia Camellia Society  
Norfolk Botanical Gardens  
Norfolk, Virginia  
Sally Simon (757) 625-0374
- April 12, 2003: Camellia Society of the Potomac Valley  
U. S. National Arboretum  
Washington, D. C.  
Bill Miller (703) 354-7184

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*Clara Hahn takes a break from her duties as secretary/treasurer of the ACCS to talk with Lou Bryant, of Raleigh, North Carolina, at the Myrtle Beach meeting.*

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# Piedmont Camellia Club Disbands

by Mildred Robertson  
Ninety Six, South Carolina

In late January, 2002, Fred Hahn, treasurer of the ACCS at that time, was notified by Mrs. Betty W. Copple, Secretary/Treasurer of the Piedmont Camellia Club in Burlington, North Carolina, that by unanimous vote of their members they had agreed to disband their club. All monetary assets and physical inventory was to be disbursed.

Donations were made by the club to several groups, including the American Camellia Society. The physical inventory was given to the Cary Camellia Club.

The balance of the monetary assets, which amounted to \$1, 242.96 was donated to the Atlantic Coast Camellia Society.

On behalf of the Atlantic Coast Camellia Society, we want to apprise all of our members of this donation and to publicly thank this group for their kind spirited generosity. They may rest assured that the money will be handled in a prudent manner and in keeping with all of our desires to continue to promote Camellias.

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*Past ACCS and ACS President Ed Powers talks with incoming ACCS President Bob Reese at a Charleston Camellia Show in the Citadel Mall in Charleston, South Carolina.*  
Shepherd

# 2002 Annual Meeting in Myrtle Beach

by Mildred Robertson  
Ninety Six, South Carolina

Despite the forecast for possible inclement weather a result of Hurricane Isidore, approximately 85-90 members of the Atlantic Coast Camellia Society met at Myrtle Beach on September 27, 2002 for their annual meeting. Some of our Gulf Coast members who had pre-registered had to cancel because of the weather and they were missed and kept in the thoughts of all those attending.

On Friday night, as had been our custom for the past years, we had our "Pool Party". This is always one of the highlights of our convention. It provides an opportunity to relax and socialize and enjoy a delicious barbecue dinner and get our convention off to a great beginning.

On Saturday morning, we met at the Elks Club for a Bloody Mary party hosted this year by Bonnie and Geary Serpas, our outgoing president and his lovely wife. While members enjoyed their drinks, they had an opportunity to purchase raffle tickets for items which this year included a Camellia flag made and

donated by Clara Hahn, a painting of a Camellia painted and donated by Ogle Hess, and two Camellia prints donated by Lou Bryant from her mother's collection of prints. Miles Beach donated a copy of the second volume of his Gallery of Camellias book. The drawing would be held during the Banquet festivities on Saturday night.

Due to the absence of our current president, Geary Serpas, who was out of the country, our incoming president, Bob Reese, presided and the meeting was called to order at 10:00 a.m. Old and new business was discussed and a caucus held for the purpose of electing directors from the states which needed new directors. After a short break, our auctioneers, Bill and Buck, took the floor and entertained us while auctioning off plants and other items and raising in excess of \$1100.00 for the club's treasury. The morning business meeting was adjourned.

During the afternoon there were several educational programs presented by some of our members at the



Elks Club. Anyone who wished to do so attended.

We again assembled at the Elks Club at 6:00 p.m. for a cocktail party prior to dinner at 7:00. The Elks Club did a wonderful job on the prime rib and seafood dinners, and president Bob Reese thanked Brenda, the manager, for the great job they do for us. President Reese again presided over the evening festivities.

Fred and Clara Hahn, who retired as secretary and treasurer after eleven years, and Gloria McClintock, who retired as assistant secretary and treasurer, were thanked for their many years of faithful service to our society and were pre-

sented with plaques and beautiful porcelain camellias. This year for the first time the ACCS decided to start a new tradition of presenting an Award of Merit to a deserving member. Our first recipient was Annabelle Fetterman, who was very surprised and moved by the award. All who know Annabelle know of her many accomplishments and what she has meant to the Camellia world, and can readily understand why she was such an obvious choice for this first-time award.

Drawings for the raffle items were next on our agenda. The painting by Olge Hess was won by Margie Stands. One of the prints was won



*Camellia ladies enjoy the Myrtle Beach festivities – left to right, Bonnie Serpas, Gail Reese, and Brenda Beach.*

*Darden*



*Ready for the annual plant auction to begin are, left to right, Warren Thompson, Stewart Watson and W. C. Wyatt.*

*Darden*

by Hulyn Smith, and the other by Anna Sheets. The Camellia flag was won by Cheryl Thompson and the Camellia book by Buddy Cawthon.

Our after dinner program this year was presented by one of our own members, Gene Phillips of Savannah, Georgia, who owns and operates Gene's Nursery. He presented a humorous and very educational program on Camellia Hybridization-Exploring New Horizons. Gene is chairman of the Research Hybridization Committee of the American Camellia Society and has done extensive work in the hybridizing field and has a great wealth of knowledge

which he could share with us.

After the slide show Gene took questions from the members present. It was an excellent program and one that was enjoyed by all those present. One member deemed it the best program that we had ever had presented, and I am sure these sentiments were shared by many.

After this the meeting adjourned and everyone left to reflect on this year's memories and look forward to next year's.



# **Fred and Clara Hahn Retire**

**by Fred Hahn  
Charlotte, North Carolina**

We would like to express our appreciation to the membership of the Atlantic Coast Camellia Society for the opportunity of serving as your Secretary-Treasurer for the past eleven years. Thank you so much for your help and cooperation.

We have formed many wonderful and long lasting friendships that we hope will continue for a long time.

Thank you so much for the awards you bestowed upon us at the Convention in Myrtle Beach in September, 2002.

We plan to be active and supportive in all phases of the Camellia world.





*TOP: Gloria McClintock (left) and Clara Hahn (right) sandwich Judy Capps.  
 BOTTOM: Fred Hahn (left) and Tom Lee (right) talk with Dr. Herb Racoff.  
 The Hahns are retiring after more than ten years of fine service to the ACCS.  
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# **Tidewater Camellia Club**

## **Show Results**

**Submitted by Bill Wilcox**

**Scottish Rite Temple  
Wilmington, North Carolina**

**February 23, 2002  
869 Blooms Displayed**

Best Large Japonica Open	<b>Miss Charleston Var.</b>	Frank Galloway
Best Medium Japonica Open	<b>Lady Kay Var.</b>	Geary Serpas
Best Small Japonica Open	<b>Tom Thumb</b>	Frank Galloway
Best Large Japonica Protected	<b>Ruffian</b>	Richard Mimms
Best Medium Japonica Protected	<b>Guest Star</b>	Mack & Ann McKinnon
Best Small Japonica Protected	<b>Tom Thumb</b>	Bob Black
Best Miniature Open	<b>Fircone Var.</b>	Frank Galloway
Best Miniature Protected	<b>Little Slam</b>	Lew & Annabelle Fetterman
Best Reticulata Open	<b>Renee Land</b>	Miles & Brenda Beach
Best Reticulata Protected	<b>Frank Houser Var.</b>	Bob Black
Best Hybrid Open	<b>Julia</b>	Bill & Molly Howell
Best Hybrid Protected	<b>Mona Jury</b>	Fred & Clara Hahn
Best White Japonica Open	<b>Swan Lake</b>	Parker Connor
Best White Japonica Protected	<b>Elegans Champagne</b>	Fred & Clara Hahn
Best Seedling	<b>VK-1</b>	Virginia King
Best Large Novice Bloom	<b>Gullio Nuccio Var.</b>	Alma Buffkin
Best Medium Novice Bloom	<b>Ville de Nantes</b>	Alma Buffkin

Best Small Novice Bloom	<b>Pink Perfection</b>	Richard Elliot
Best Member Bloom	<b>Royal Velvet</b>	Ogle Hess
Best Tray of Three - Same, Open	<b>Dr. Clifford Parks</b>	Ed & Lu Powers
Best Tray of Three - Same, Protected	<b>Miss Charleston Var.</b>	Bob Black
Best Tray of Five - Different, Open		Ed & Lu Powers
Best Tray of Five - Different, Protected		Bob Black
Gold Certificate, Open		Frank Galloway
Gold Certificate, Protected		Richard Mimms
Silver Certificate, Open		Parker Connor
Silver Certificate, Protected		Bob Black

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*Auctioneer  
extraordinaire –  
Buck Mizzell, for many  
years a great  
fundraiser for the  
ACCS, could sell ice to  
the Eskimos and crabs  
to the mullets. Many  
thanks to Buck for his  
long and very  
important service.*

*Shepherd*



# President's Message

By Bob Reese  
Jacksonville, Florida

I do hope that all of you had a nice time in Myrtle Beach this year, as I did. I had the pleasure of serving as acting President in the absence of President Geary Serpas. The great thing about this arrangement was my being able to have a great time while blaming my mistakes on Geary. I don't know how I will be able to do this in the future.

Geary and Bonnie were on vacation in the Virgin Islands. At the Savannah show in November they described their trip as a great vacation, consisting of long days followed by long nights. I am certainly glad that they were able to make this trip as it meant so much to them, and they loved every minute of it.

Thank you, Geary, for the fine job that you did for the ACCS as its President. I thank you even more for the printed and recorded information that you provided to me as your successor. You got me through our last meeting, and now I only hope you will be able to get me through the next two years.

We missed those of you who could not make it this year. To all who were home watching over their

camellias threatened with hurricane damage, we hope that there was none. Looking forward to seeing you in September at our next ACCS meeting.

I would like to extend my thanks to the many who worked so hard to see that our Myrtle Beach memories were good ones. It would take more space than I would be allowed to thank all of those who continually contribute to our success. With apologies extended to those I may have missed, I would like to express my thanks to the following people. Thank you! You have educated us!

Gene Phillips—for your program on Camellia hybridizing, as interesting a presentation as I have ever enjoyed.

Ben and Debbie Odom—for putting and keeping Gene together, especially the computer technology.

Buddy Cawthon—for the sincere thank you expressed to Gene at the conclusion of his program. Your spontaneity meant a great deal to Gene, Ben and Debbie I am sure.

Hulyn Smith — for always presenting an informative program on show bloom entry. So informative,



that I have changed at least one thing that I have been doing.

John Newsome—for detailing that which must be addressed, in order to put on a successful camellia show. A special Thank You from all of us!

Fred and Clara Hahn—for eleven years of dedicated service to our society as our Secretary and Treasurer. You have done much for which you will always be remembered.

Gloria McClintock—for service of ten years as our original Secretary, followed by eleven years as our Assistant Secretary and Treasurer.

Jim Darden—with this issue being your last, we thank you for ten years as our Editor. You know better than anyone the work required as Editor. I know that only a very few would be qualified for such a task.

As of this time, I, nor Miles Beach, has come up with a new editor for our ACCS Journal. I invite all of you to examine this opportunity. You may be allowing an opportunity to demonstrate your special skills to slip from your grasp. All you are required to do is publish three journals each year (possibly negotiable). Jim Darden has offered to advise our new editor along the way. If only I were qualified. But you, on the other hand, would do a great job. I do hope that you received

a copy of this journal.

With the time of writing this message about two months prior to publication, we are just getting started on our camellia season. Our plants look good, and Gail and I have taken blooms to our first show of the new season. I hope that all of you will support as many shows this year as you can. We all need each other's help. But, more than anything else, we want to make sure that the public is given the benefit of our good taste in selecting the correct plant and bloom for their own landscape.

I am looking forward to seeing all of you on the camellia trail, especially the trail to Savannah, Georgia. Our national convention for the American Camellia Society will be held here on the Atlantic Coast in Savannah, Georgia, February 27-28, and March 1, 2003.

Our own ACCS convention is presently scheduled for Myrtle Beach, S.C., the last weekend in September, 2003. We are into January now, and I do not know what it may have brought to all of us, during these times of worldwide conflict and confusion. It would be impossible to predict in November, 2002, as this is being written, where we all might find ourselves today. I do hope that this finds all of you happy, and well.

Your Friend,  
Bob Reese



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