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Recipe Corner

By Richard Mims

Meal of Steak, Potatoes, and Veggies

All of us must make decisions daily on what we are going to eat. We all know that a balanced diet is required to ward off malnutrition and so we do face tough decisions on balancing our foods. Faced with the problem of fixing something for just the two of us to eat each day, I looked at several recipes and sort of combined ingredients to make a tasty, nutritious meal.

Ingredients:

1. Two or three Irish potatoes boiled to just done, peeled and diced and put in about a four-quart pot
 2. One small piece tender steak cut in small strips.
 3. One onion diced.
 4. One stalk celery diced
 5. One can Campbell's French onion soup or beef or chicken broth.
 6. One TBS self-rising flour or corn starch.
 7. ½ cup cream or half and half
- A small amount of butter or olive oil

Brown diced onions and celery in butter or olive oil adding steak to brown after veggies are almost done; add flour or corn starch and stir; add can of soup and one can of water. Stir and pour this mixture over the diced potatoes in the pot. Add cream and salt and pepper to taste (this is an important part to create the best taste).

Serve in a soup bowl with a salad or sliced tomatoes. Katherine and I like a cracker with it sold by WalMart—Sam's Choice Mozzarella & Sun-Dried Tomato Gourmet Snack Crackers.

Leave out the potatoes and you have a good soup or gravy to eat over rice (you might want to thicken soup or gravy by using more flour or corn starch or blend in blender with a half cup of cooked macaroni or spaghetti).

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Information Wanted!

We are compiling 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
Current President and Secretary
Contact address
Monthly meeting information (where, when, etc.)
Next Show Date(s)
Show Chairman and contact information**

Thank you!!!

President's Message

by R. Glenn Capps

I trust everyone has had a wonderful summer. Not too much rain—perhaps just enough. My camellias seem to be flourishing with good bud set. The camellias have larger than usual seed pods this year. I have heard that the cause of this is stress—stress probably from the years of drought.

The Spring Board Meeting in Columbia with the Mid-Carolina Camellia Society, hosted by Pete & Donna Denton, was productive. One Board action was inviting The American Camellia Society (ACS) to hold its board & committee meetings in conjunction with the ACCS September convention. The ACS meeting details were published in their June-August issue of *The Camellia Journal*. Mack McKinnon with the help of Miles Beach is congratulated for an excellent job in making arrangements for both ACS & ACCS. Take time to give pats on the back for this commendable effort on behalf of the Atlantic Coast Camellia Society.

A new Camellia Show is being staged this year by the Tidewater



Camellia Club, Wilmington, N.C. The show will be at historic Orton Plantation where revival of a discontinued camellia club is a possibility. The Orton Plantation Show is scheduled On November 14 to boost the needed fall shows made possible by increased gib use. Atlantic Coast Camellia Society members are urged to support this timely addition by adding it to show schedules.

Because this is the second year for the fall convention at Magnolia Gardens the Board will take up the subject of future convention sites. Board members would appreciate your thoughts & recommendations to help them make the decision whether or not to stay at Magnolia Gardens or go back to the Myrtle Beach-Litchfield area. Give this a lot of thought between now & then. It is a foregone conclusion that the society will not return to the Elk's Club for meetings.

I am anticipating a great fall meeting & the camaraderie we will experience at Magnolia Gardens. I request that all Board members plan to be in the meet-

ing at 2:00 p.m. on Friday. A good program is planned & the auction is also an exciting high light. Remember that members “make” the raffles & auction by bringing items. An air layer or

clone of your favorite camellia would be an excellent addition & help earn needed funds for the ACCS Journal & other projects.

Smile every time you see a pretty camellia bloom.

Global Warming, Cap and Trade, Camellias

By Richard C. Mims

Carbon Dioxide is THE international subject brought to its zenith by Al Gore, former Vice President of the United States. We are well aware that Gore and the U.N.'s Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change won the 2007 Nobel Peace Prize and Gore's film, *An Inconvenient Truth*, won the Oscar for Best Documentary. Gore has been at the forefront of making the public aware of this so-called man-made, world-wide crisis.

Many people go along with global warming and many others feel that warming and cooling are natural phenomena in the balance of nature and have followed each other in periods over the millions of years the planet has been in existence. Global warming is also the subject of political arguments because of huge profits at stake in countering man-made carbon production and use. The United States Government plans to proceed without the participation of the most polluting countries of the world. In fact, India's, Mexico's, and

China's nonparticipation in order to progress their economies will undo all efforts and expenses of industry in the U.S. The U.S. is even considering taxing its citizens to force them to use lower amounts of carbon based fuels. Citizens' efforts under Cap and Trade Laws in this country will also be counteracted by countries that will not cooperate. I'm really against Cap and Trade but I have to be nonpartisan in this article and will have to assume the role of a politician and tell a lie by saying that I'm not going to take sides. You decide! The answer to all of this production of rising amounts of carbon dioxide is the planting of forests of the lush evergreen camellia—a plant that cherishes carbon dioxide and just cannot live without it—a beautiful evergreen that shows off beautiful green leaves year around. Camellia leaves just love to soak up that carbon dioxide to manufacture that delicious sugar used in making its **chlorophyll**.

Now we all know from

grammar school that the leafy plants of this world must have carbon dioxide to survive. Leaves take in carbon dioxide and absorb sunlight for the manufacturing of sugars through a process called **photosynthesis**.

A leaf with the exception of some that do not have **petioles**, stand out from the stem at the end of a narrow, stem-like **petiole**. The **petiole** is attached to the stem at a **node**. Where the **petiole** attaches to the **stem** is an **adventitious bud** or more ready to burst forth to form a new **stem** (s) with leaves during the next growth cycle.

In the last issue of *Atlantic Coast Camellias*, Dr. John Bigger used photographs illustrating upside down and twisted leaves that must be facing up to present a bloom properly at flower shows. This upside down phenomena is caused by a leaf's need to face sunshine. A bud doesn't manufacture **chlorophyll** so it can face down or grow under leaves. Anyone who has ever grown a sunflower has probably seen flowers and leaves face east in morning and west in afternoon to take maximum benefit of sun to manufacture **chlorophyll**.

Guard cells/epidermal cells that open or close according to weather conditions allow water oxygen and carbon dioxide to enter the underside of leaves;

and, these sugar- making ingredients go to the middle of the leaf (the **mesophyll**). The upper layer of the **mesophyll** is the **palisade** and the bottom is the **spongy parenchyma** layer. Cells in these layers contain **chloroplasts** where **photosynthesis** takes place.

This article is to let you know that carbon dioxide is a REQUIRED raw material for life on this planet. It is not a bad word. All living things including plants themselves thrive on the oxygen that plants exude. To use up any excess carbon dioxide and counteract man-made global warming, I recommend the planting of evergreen trees to shade multitudes and multitudes of evergreen camellias. I say evergreen rather than deciduous plants because we need year around leaves to use excess carbon dioxide.

Who in the world would have ever thought that planting camellias might in the long run help save tax money—Or ... (nonpartisan) you may or may not try to prevent this tax scam by contacting your senators.

Reference: The South Carolina Master Gardener Training Manual, prepared and edited by Dr. Robert F. Polomski, Extension Associate/Consumer Horticulture Information Coordinator, Department of Horticulture, Clemson University.

Ramblin' On

By Bonnie Serpas

After reading Richard's wonderful article on the history of camellia shows and societies, one very important fact came to mind--**CHANGE**. For the last several years, change has become the buzz word on everyone's lips.

When the topic of money for awards came up, it struck a nerve in me that I needed to address. Geary and I have been in a camellia society since 1968 and I have procured awards for the Charleston club since 1975. Talk about change! I have seen the change in awards that Richard spoke about. I have been blasted and ridiculed for some of those tangible trophies. In my earlier years, I placed a donated trophy in the wrong place and needless to say, I never did that again! Since 1975, I have discovered that people are funny and sometimes relentless when it comes to their awards and I could tell you many stories.

Richard is correct. Our clubs do need new people. We need new people to ex-

hibit and to work the shows. Since that is not happening in great numbers and that people are stepping down for various reasons, work on us older folks is greater than ever. A \$20.00 bill sure does weigh a lot less than a crystal bowl and it doesn't need to be stored under the bed until the show and handled five or six times.

Maybe Richard needs to change his tone of voice when telling his friends he won \$20.00 to WOW, I won \$20.00 to put toward something for my camellias. I know two fellows who saved their winnings and bought themselves 25 gal., 12 volt tank sprayers on wheels. They were happier with their new toy than with fifteen pieces of crystal to recycle.

RECYCLE--another buzz word making the rounds. Do you know what the word recycle does to the heart of the person who bought that award and nursed it until it was delivered to its winner. So far, I have not heard of anyone recycling a \$20.00 bill.

In the two clubs that I am a member, tangible awards are given to entice new people to enter. The novice winner appreciates their award and membership to ACS. Ask the locals if they like their prizes. These two shows each give around sixty awards and each one is handled five or six times as mentioned earlier (buy it, store it, take it to the show, put it up, take it down, deliver or take home again to deliver later).

CHANGE--maybe change needs to advance one step further to zero prizes. Just give ACS certificates. New shows may pop-up all over without the overhead of prize money.

If you are a true camellia lover, no prize should ever

keep you away from a camellia show with its old and new blooms and your old and new friends. Think back to when you joined a club and why; to the many memories (happy or disappointing) and to the changes you have encountered (good or bad). Did you join for the prize or did you join for the beautiful flower and just maybe the bragging rights when you did win?

I hope we don't change and **REGRESS** to the good old days when men wore suits and ties to camellia shows and women were in hats and gloves. The gloves may come in handy but I don't want to move tables in my "high-heels".



Bonnie Serpas and Christine Smith

A Camellia Story

(non-fiction)

By Christine Smith

I moved to Charleston in 1999 from Memphis, Tennessee and met Tony the following year trick-or-treating with our children. We dated for three years and then married on Folly Beach in 2003 on a beautiful August day. I first became interested in camellias soon after moving to Charleston because of the beautiful bushes outside the house I rented. Believe it or not, Tony used to pick the buds off my favorite one and throw them at myself and the kids! These days he says he was merely disbudding, but I beg to differ.

In the fall after we got married I bought three camellias for our first garden we put in together. Not long after that I saw an ad in the newspaper for the Coastal Carolina Camellia Society advertising that they would be having a meeting on how to take care of your camellias during the summer. I asked Tony to go with me but didn't think he would actually attend. As it turns out he said yes, we attended and won two camellias in a raffle, and that's where we met one of the sweetest ladies in the

world, Brenda Beach, and later her husband, Miles.

Brenda and Miles have become like second parents to Tony and I and have taken us under their wings and shared so much camellia information, plants, and scions with us. They have taught us how to present camellias in shows, and Miles used to let us help him get his blooms ready at the shows, although he doesn't anymore... Brenda even one time took us into their garage, while Miles was busy, and showed us how to pack up a camellia bloom and store it in the refrigerator to take to a show. We aren't supposed to tell Miles.

We are so grateful to have met them and all our new friends in the camellia world. We have gone from those three camellias to over 300 in just four and a half years and are currently novice judges. Tony and I have a wonderful time together and we're now growing some citrus as well. We will have to be careful as I think citrus could become as addicting as camellias are!

Schedule of Fall Camellia Shows (and a few winter shows)

OCTOBER

PERRY, GA, Middle Georgia Camellia Society,
10/17-10/18/2009, at Perry Agricenter, Warren Thompson,
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COLUMBIA, SC, Mid-Carolina Camellia Society,
10/23-10/24/2009, at South Carolina State Fair, Buck &
Tyler Mizzell, contact Richard Mims (803) 438-9741,
rkmimsis@bellsouth.net

WINNABOW, NC, Orton Plantation Gardens & Tidewater
Camellia Club, 10/31/2009, at Orton Plantation Gardens,
9149 Orton Road SE, Aby Blackerby & Richard Buggeln,
(910) 264-4597, abi.blackerby@ortonplantation.net

NOVEMBER

FORT WALTON BEACH, FL, Greater Fort Walton Beach
Camellia Society, 11/7/2009, at Westwood Retirement
Resort, Martin Harwood, (850) 477-3625,
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JACKSONVILLE, NC, Onslow County MGA & Tidewater
Camellia Club, 11/7/2009, at Onslow County Extension
Service, 4024 Richlands Highway, Jim Van Gorder,
(910) 455-9451, jvangorderjr@ec.rr.com

NORFOLK, VA, Virginia Camellia Society, 11/7/2009, at Baker
Hall, Norfolk Botanical Garden, 6700 Azalea Garden Road,
Larry Barlow & Doug Simon, (757) 487-6082,
larrybarlow@cavtel.net

DECEMBER

ALBANY, GA, Albany Men's Garden Club, 12/5/2009, at Albany Mall, Ron Wolfe, (229) 883-2349, wolfe_er@bellsouth.net

JACKSONVILLE, FL, Camellia Society of North Florida, 12/5/2009, at Mandarin Garden Club, Bill Falta, (904) 262-7625, billfalta@comcast.net

PENSACOLA, FL, Pensacola Camellia Club, 12/12-12/13/2009, at The Wright Place (1st United Methodist Church), Bill Lyford, (850) 434-6632, williamtlyford@bellsouth.net

VALDOSTA, GA, Valdosta Camellia Society, 12/12/2009, at University Center, Valdosta State University Campus, Mark Crawford, (229) 242-2965, craw142@bellsouth.net

JANUARY

GAINESVILLE, FL, Gainesville Camellia Society, 1/9-1/10/2010, at Kanapaha Botanical Gardens, Irma Velez, (352) 481-2046, ivelez@ufl.edu

MURRELLS INLET, SC, Grand Strand Camellia Society, 1/9-1/10/2010, at Murrells Inlet Presbyterian Church, Mack McKinnon, (843) 651-3363, mmreelfun@gmail.com

TALLAHASSEE, FL, Camellia & Garden Club of Tallahassee, 1/9-1/10/2010, at Doyle Connor Administration Building, 3125 Connor Boulevard, Stewart Tomlinson, (850) 553-3680, stewarttomlinson@comcast.net

AIKEN, SC, Aiken Camellia Society, 1/16-1/17/2010, at Aiken Mall, Jim Dickson & Lee Poe, (803) 279-9451, cjdickson@bellsouth.net

ORLANDO, FL, Camellia Society of Central Florida,
1/16-1/17/2010, at Harry P. Leu Gardens, Ben George,
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CHARLESTON, SC, Coastal Carolina Camellia Society,
1/23/2010, at Citadel Mall, Orleans Road, Miles Beach,
(843) 345-3453, milesbeach@comcast.net

THOMASVILLE, GA, Thomasville Garden Club, Inc,
1/23/2010, at Thomasville Garden Center, Pat Johnson,
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OCALA, FL, Ocala Camellia Society, 1/23-1/24/2010, at
Pioneer Garden Club, Patrick Andrews, (352) 595-3365,
patrickandrews@att.net

LAKELAND, FL, Lakeland Camellia Society, 1/30-1/31/2010,
at North Lakeland Presbyterian Church, John Shirah,
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***ACCS Fall Convention
Magnolia Gardens
Charleston, South Carolina
September 17-19, 2009***



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Registration

Registration by check only and must be received by September 12, 2009.

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| Entire Convention | \$100.00 |
| Thursday and Friday only | \$ 30.00 |
| Saturday only | \$ 70.00 |
| ACCS Dues | \$ 15.00 |

Send checks for registration to:

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Bonnie Serpas
229 Green Street
Santee, SC 29142

Room Reservation Information

A block of rooms has been reserved at the Town and Country Convention Center. When making your reservation, please be sure to tell them you are with the ACCS/ACS Meeting. Special rate is \$92.00 per night (plus tax). Call 1 800 223-6660 to make your reservation.

ACS Schedule of Events

Thursday, September 17, 2009

4:00 - 6:00 pm Check In, Lobby, Town and Country

6:00 - 8:00 pm Welcome Reception, Oak Room 1, Town & Country

Dinner on Your Own

Friday, September 18, 2009

2:00 - 4:00 pm ACCS Board Meeting, Oak Room 2, Town & Country

6:00 pm Barbecue & Refreshments, Veranda, Main House, Magnolia Plantation

Saturday, September 19, 2009

8:00 - 9:30 am Bloody Marys & Breakfast, Conservatory, Magnolia Plantation

(Hosted by the Hastie Family)

9:30 - Noon General Meeting & Auction, Carriage House, Magnolia Plantation

Noon - 1:30 pm Lunch on Your Own

1:30 - 2:30 pm Educational Program, Salon A, Town & Country

2:30 - 3:30 pm Camellia Culture Discussion with Question & Answer Session following, Salon A, Town & Country

3:30 - 5:00 pm Judges Renewal/Update, Oak Room 2, Town & Country

6:00 - 7:00 pm Refreshments/Open Bar, Carriage House, Magnolia Plantation

7:00 pm Dinner followed by Board Report, 2009 Award of Merit, and Guest Speaker, Carriage House, Magnolia Plantation

Photos from the May Mid-Carolina Camellia Society and ACCS Board Meeting Picnic

Photos by Warren and Carol Thompson





Edie Purvis and Pete Denton



Nancy Doolittle and Churchill Curtis

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Richard Mims and Cary Chamblee





Pete Denton, Mack McKinnon, and Carolyn Dickson



Betty Gail and Richard Buggeln



Katherine and Richard Mims



Pat Pinkerton Harvin and her mother, Gypsie



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Andy Cross, Edie Purvis, and Frank Havird



Jack and Irma Raines



Jim and Sharon Brogden



Tony and Christine Smith



Jo Ann Rodgers and Churchill Curtis



John Cely with Peggy O'Neal



Tom and Peggy Camp with Donnan Denton



Glenn and Judy Capps



Carolyn and Jim Dixon



Cary and Mary Gail Chamblee



Sharon and Jim Brogden with Hannah Smith and Judy Capps



Join NOW!

(Membership is a great gift for friends and family!!!)

The Atlantic Coast Camellia Society

We are a society that wants more members to help us promote the science of Camellia culture by exchanging knowledge and ideas with Camellia specialists, provide information about shows and social events and join us at our annual meeting in September or October each year. Annual dues are \$15.00 per year for singles or couples. A membership entitles you to a journal published in January, May, and September. To join, send your check and personal information for receiving communications and journals to:

**ACCS
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229 Green Street
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ACCS Membership Form

ACCS Dues 9/1/09-8/31/10 Single or Double \$15.00

Name(s): _____

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E-Mail: _____



The beautiful Mountain Laurel at Laurel Graydon, home of Pete and Donna Denton, hosts of the Board Meeting in May