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President's Message

John Newsome

Fall is an exciting time of the year for camellia growers. Buds are growing and reminding us that it is time to gib two or three buds on a bush each week not only for the early shows but also for letting us enjoy magnificent cut blooms in our homes before the onset of winter. There is nothing more beautiful and enjoyable for you and your visitors than to display a beautiful camellia bloom on your coffee table or mantle.

As I write this letter, I am hoping for a break from the record breaking temperatures and the severe drought. In Atlanta, we are 16 inches short on rainfall and have had water restrictions most of the spring and summer. We can only water one day a week from 5 a.m. to 10 a.m. The camellias are looking a little stressed. I hope this drought does not affect bud set and bud growth for the blooming season.

I am really excited about our convention at the beautiful Litchfield Beach and Golf Resort and hope to visit with all of you there. We are planning another "Buck and Bill Show." Remember, the success of the auction depends upon our members bringing plants and other interesting items (and money) for the auction. The Saturday afternoon educational program will be a judge's symposium. This would be a great time for members who aren't judges to participate in the symposium and get an idea as to whether or not they want to become judges. Accredited judges earn a five year extension by attending. If you want to become an accredited judge, first you must complete an application and send it to the American Camellia Society. Should you meet all of the ACS requirements for becoming a nationally accredited judge, the judge's symposium would qualify you for the first step--becoming a "Novice Judge." At the Saturday night banquet we will have the opportunity to meet Sandi Byrd, the new Executive Director of the American Camellia Society. Sandi will be our speaker and we are looking forward to hearing her remarks.

I look forward to seeing you there.

John

Editor's Column

Richard Mims

Get Ready! 2007-2008 camellia season should be on your mind.

It is an understatement to say we now need to start getting ready for the camellia season by disbudding and gibbing when in actuality work is done all year with fertilizing and spraying programs. Nevertheless things must be done starting in August and September to have blooms for the early fall shows beginning with the Georgia National Fair on November 13.

Most camellias have set buds or are setting buds for the upcoming blooming season. Heavily budded plants must be disbudded to produce larger, more symmetrical blooms of better substance. Look at your plants and see clumps and groups of two or three flower buds surrounding one growth bud on each limb terminal with numerous others on tender fragile new growth that could not support a good flower or give it enough free space to open without bruising.

Blooms to be enjoyed indoors as cut flowers or blooms that are to be given to friends or entered in shows exhibit much better when bloomed alone at the end of a sturdy branch that provides support.

If yard color is what is desired with only "chance" show blooms, disbudding is desired but not necessary. The winter and spring blooming season in Atlantic Coast and Southeastern states has intermittent freezes. The freezes kill buds that have swollen or begun to open, and it provides the argument not to heavily disbud the outside camellias. Should a freeze kill swelling, partially opened buds, tight ones are still on the plant to bloom later.

If it is growing blooms to perfection for exhibiting in your home, giving blooms to friends, or entering shows. Drastic disbudding is necessary especially on limbs that produce the buds you are planning to treat with Gibberellic

acid.

Gibberellic acid (gib) was known in the Far East rice growing regions for over 175 years. It caused "crazy" huge growth of rice plants that visibly showed the substance. Its benefits were not evident until the 1900's Gib has been used with camellias for over forty years and is now accepted to manage camellia blooming and to add size and substance to the blooms without adversely affecting the plants. Gib is widely used in agriculture, especially the grape and wine industry. It causes grape bunches to ripen at the same time which makes this industry less labor intensive.

The success of any early camellia show depends upon early gibbing. Although some gibbed blooms of early camellia blooms will open in thirty days, treated blooms usually take 6 to 8 weeks to open. Some varieties, although gibbed, will not open until their regular blooming time. For these reasons, additional buds should be treated every 5 to 7 days to assure blooms when needed. Growers usually treat two to four or more

buds each time (depending on the size and bud production of the plant.)

When gibbing for fall camellia shows search plants carefully for the most mature buds. Usually the first buds gibbed are larger and seem to be more advanced than others. As the season progresses, and the more mature the bud treated with gib, a larger and better bloom is produced. Many growers start early gibbing on bottom branches that are more shaded and probably a degree or two cooler.

Gibbing for the earliest show, Georgia National Fair should have started in August and continued for other early shows and to also enjoy beautiful blooms at home before freezing winter days begin. Gibbing during cold winter months depends upon when and if blooms are needed for special occasions such as weddings family occasions, balls, or show. For example if you want to help furnish "Debutants" for the Camellia Ball the week before Christmas, gib Debutante buds heavily the first two weeks in October.

Outdoor growers who want to enjoy many beautiful blooms before freezes would benefit from disbudding and gibbing not only their early blooming varieties but also a few of every variety in the yard. Sometimes s/he has the reward of seeing an elegant beautiful flower in November

that normally blooms in late February.

Use gibberellic acid and disbudding to enhance your seasonal joy of camellias from an all-year effort. Gibbing each bud sounds awesome but it is not overly time consuming and is well worth the time and effort.



Buck and Bully the Bull:

A sex story

by Richard Mims

I'm a tellin you, dis story is Buck found out aksedently de absotively, posolutely true. Tyler Mizzell tattled tailed on wen he happent to tune in a Buck. When I asked her if westen station playing cowboy Buck used something unusual music. The cowboy music in his greenhouse, I thought played mighty loud, the prize perhas graups, close pins or winnin camellias quivered with sumpin of that sort. No! She joy (jes lack dey were havin said he plays cowboy music to sex) and Buck's prize winning his camellias on a PINK (What bulls encircled the greenhouse would Dr. Phil think of that) and chewed on their cud in contentment (just lak dey had sex). radio. Now you all need to know de rest of de story. Buck den tried some vylin mu-

Dat pink radio sits smack sic on public edjucation radio. dab in de middle of de green- Dat pink radio blared out dat house in which Buck grows his violin concerto lak it was sayin prize winnin camellias which dem camellias is goin to grow sits smack dab in de middle of prize winnin flowers. de field in which Buck grows

his prize winning bulls in a pas- All of de sudden, Buck's prize winning, black as the ace ture surrounded by Buck's prize of spades, angus bull named winning Paulonia trees. Bully. had a betta idea. Bully charged through the open (Paulonia was de hardest word greenhouse dough, prodded for Buck ta lern ta spell, I under- Buck in the butt makin him take stand it took sevel yeas.) off running toard de prize win-

Dis story ain't bull. Evyting ning paulonia forrest. Just lak is de trut. Buck plays music on Buck was practisin for de Bos- dat pink radio that make dem ton marathon he staid head of camellias quiver with extasy. Bully and shinneed up de near- (jes lack dey were havin sex.).

est prize winnin Paulonia tree. All de time he was climmin, he was brakin and snappin off de bottom lims of de prize winnin Paulonia tree which he was tryin to git up.

Well, dat prize winnin Paulonia tree Buck climmed to git away from Bully growed talla and stronga an was proud of itself. It swayed in de wind tord de udder Paulonias and was jes so happy (Jes lak it was havin sex.) Dat one prize winnin Paulonia tree set de zample for git-tin mo prize winning Paulonia trees—the bottom lims had to be sawed off to make em grow tall n strait. In due time, Buck did all dat.

Now Buck semized dat Bully attact him in de rea cause Bully didn't lak dat vylin music. He sneaked past Bully and all dem prize winnin bulls bak to de greenhouse wher da pink radio and all his prizewinning camellias resided. Dis was de replacement fo de dawg pen greenhouse featured in HGTV. He tuned dat pink radio back to dat western station dat plays

cowboy music. At las Buck knowed de secret, Dat pink radio had to be tuned to de westen station dat plays cowboy music all day. When dat beautiful cowboy music emitted from dat pink radio dem camellias quivered with joy, swingin and swayin wit de air from de egzaust fan (just like de were havin sex). Dem bulls again encircled de greenhouse, contented, chewing dey cud (just lak de had sex). Bully was jes eggstatic and so turned on by dat music he took off running toard dat prize winnin Paulonia forest that was swayin and swinging with the wind and happy (just lak dey were havin sex) and Bully jumped de fence and kept on chargin n running through dem prize winning paulonias and sailed over another fence into de cow pasture dat contained all of Buck's prize winnin cows. Bully enjoyed dat cowboy music jes so much he went out lookin fo sex. Dis yea Buck intryduced hiz prize winnin caff named Bully, Jr.

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Recipe Corner

Matthew Hunter, Jr.

(Please send us your favorite recipes with a short
“Story Behind the Recipe”)

This shrimp dip was originated in our family by my paternal grandma, Catherine Foody Hunter. We don't know where she got it or whether she invented it. Grandma didn't use amounts for the ingredients because everything she cooked was “season to taste.” New Orleans cooks are like that. The first recipe is hers as recorded by my mother (now a great-grandma in her own right). The changes to the original recipe were mine based on my upbringing and personal tastes growing up in New Orleans. You can make the shrimp dip any way you want and I encourage you to “season to taste.” I started making it verbatim by the original recipe and liked it a lot. Then I started tinkering with it. Have it YOUR WAY.

Grandma's Original Version...

Ingredients:

2 lb. boiled shrimp, peeled, coarsely ground (use crab-boil powder in the pot)

One 8 oz. package of cream cheese, softened

Juice of one lemon

5 green onions, minced

Hot sauce

Salt

Slight sugar

2 hard boiled eggs, chopped

Miracle Whip salad dressing

Worcestershire sauce

Pepper

Instructions: Soften the cream cheese with lemon juice. Add shrimp, eggs, and green onions. Add enough Miracle Whip to make right spreading consistency. Season to taste with hot sauce, Worcestershire sauce, salt, pepper and sugar. Chill at least 8 hours then taste to further adjust the seasonings. (You can extend the recipe by adding more cream cheese, if desired.) 1-½ recipes makes about ½ gallon of dip. (Editor's note: You will need more than ½ gallon.)

Matt's changes to Grandma's recipe:

My version sort of evolved over time. I don't like uncertainty so first I came up with exact amounts for each of the seasonings, left off the hot sauce (it will be spicy enough believe me!), and added a moderate amount of garlic powder. I have found that using fat free ingredients and Splenda vs. sugar doesn't change the taste at all. Plus, the fat free stuff eliminates the guilt and calories galore. If you don't like the fat free substitutes then keep taking your Crestor! I didn't change the instructions except I use either cream cheese or Miracle Whip to adjust the consistency. It depends on whether I think it is too hard or soft for dipping. NOTE: The only uncertainty in my recipe is adjusting the taste after the 8-hour cure time. Never neglect the 8-hour cure time because the flavors take time in the fridge to blend. Often it comes out a little too spicy so don't be reluctant to dilute it a little bit with Miracle Whip.

Revised Ingredients:

2 lb. boiled shrimp, peeled, coarsely ground (use crab-boil powder in the pot)
TWO 8 oz. packages of FAT FREE cream cheese, softened
Juice of one lemon (3 T)
2 green onions, minced

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Salt (1 t)
Splenda (1 t)
2 hard boiled eggs, chopped
Miracle Whip FAT FREE salad dressing (1 T)
Worcestershire sauce (1 t)
Pepper (1 t)
Garlic powder (1 t)

If you choose to make either version then don't be surprised when you eventually observe folks skipping dinner to just chow down on your dip. No kidding. I've seen folks lose all shame. They just stand or sit by the shrimp dip and ignore the party, drinks, or any other minor distractions like breathing air. You will know your new version is really good when you taste test after the 8-hour cure time **AND YOU REALLY DO NOT WANT TO TAKE THE DIP TO THE PARTY.**

Have fun!

Matt



Shows

Below are dates we have for shows this upcoming year. I am trying to collect accurate dates for the January issue. Please email me at rkimmsis@bellsouth.net if your club would like its 2007-2008 show date published in our next issue.

October 2007

October 13, 2007, Perry, Georgia
Middle Georgia Camellia Society
Georgia National Fair
Contact: Warren Thompson (478) 825-2559

October 19-20, Columbia, South Carolina
The Mid-Carolina Camellia Society
South Carolina State Fair
Show Co-Chairs: Buck & Tyler Mizzell
Contact: Richard Mims (803) 438-9741

November 2007

November 3-4, Murrells Inlet, South Carolina
Grand Strand Camellia Club
At Presbyterian Church Fellowship Hall on
Hwy, US 17 Bypass in Murrells Inlet
Contact: Mack McKinnon (843) 651-3363

November 3, Norfolk, Virginia
Virginia Camellia Society
Baker Hall, Norfolk Botanical Garden,
6700 Azalea Garden Road
Contact: the Simons (757) 625-0374

November 10, 2007
Massee Lane Gardens Show
Fort Valley, Georgia
Contact: Warren Thompson (478) 825-2559

Waycross, Georgia
Federated Garden Club
Suntrust Bank
Terry Dillard (912) 285-2915

November 17-18, Gulfport, Mississippi
Gulf Coast Camellia Society
Orange Grove/Lyman Community Center
Al Lefebvre (228) 832-2405

December 2007

December 1, Jacksonville, Florida
Camellia Society of North Florida
Mandarin Garden Club
Bill Falta (904) 262-7652

December 1, Slidell, Louisiana
Ozone Camellia Club
Marie Mizell (504) 833-3970

December 8, Valdosta, Georgia
Valdosta Camellia Society
Mark Crawford (229) 460-5922

December 8-9, Pensacola, FL
Pensacola Camellia Society
First Methodist Church, Wright Street
Judge Roger Vinson 850-435-8444

January 2008

January 5, Gainesville, FL
Gainesville Camellia Society
Oaks Mall
Jerry Hogsette, 352 332-4671

January 12, Tallahassee, FL
Tallahassee Camellia Club
Doyle Conner Administration Building,
3125 Conner Blvd.
Steve Lawrence, 850 656-8348

January 19, Aiken, SC
Aiken Camellia Society
Aiken Mall, Whiskey Road
Jim Dickson, 803 279-9451

January 26, Charleston, SC
Coastal Carolina Camellia Society



Show Report

Valdosta Camellia Society

Valdosta, GA

December 2006

Best Bloom in Show	<i>Pleasant Memories</i>	Louis & Joanne Raska
Best Local Flower	<i>Frank Houser</i>	Mark Crawford
Sweepstakes Gold		Chuck & Bev Ritter
Sweepstakes Silver		Cheng Lee
Best Local Red	<i>Sun Dimas</i>	Mark Crawford
Best Local White	<i>Sheila</i>	Loyce Arnold
Best Local Pink	<i>Alba Plena</i>	Searcy McClure
Best Local Variegated	<i>Daikagura</i>	Searcy McClure
Best Local Rubra	<i>Mathotiana Rubra</i>	Ed Brown
Best Japonica Protected		
L to VL	<i>Tomorrow Park Hill</i>	Howard & Mary Rhodes
M	<i>Grand Marshall, Var.</i>	Steve & Gayle Lawrence
S	<i>Kiku Toji</i>	Ron & Elizabeth Wolfe
Best White	<i>Silver Waves</i>	Annabelle & Lew Fetterman
Best C. Reticulata Hybrid Protected		
L to VL	<i>Frank Houser</i>	Howard & Mary Rhodes
Best Hybrid Other than Reticulata Protected		
L	<i>Jubilation</i>	Howard & Mary Rhodes
M	<i>Punkin</i>	Clayton Mathis
S	<i>Raspberry Flambeau</i>	Steve & Gayle Lawrence
Best Miniature Protected	<i>Sweet Jane</i>	Clayton Mathis
Best Collection of Three Protected		
	<i>Pleasant Memories</i>	Richard & Katherine Mims
Best Japonica Outdoor		
L to VL	<i>Nuccio's Pink Lace</i>	Bob & Gail Reese
M	<i>Elaine's Betty</i>	Clayton Mathis
S	<i>Something Beautiful</i>	Ben George
Best White	<i>Lucy Stewart</i>	Louis & Joanne Raska
Best C. Reticulata Hybrid Outdoor		
L to VL	<i>Valentine Day</i>	Magnolia Gardens
Best Hybrid Other than Reticulata Outdoor		
L	<i>Cile Mitchell</i>	Miles & Brenda Beach
M	<i>Debbie</i>	Cheng Lee
S	<i>Punkin</i>	Chuck & Bev Ritter

Best Miniature Outdoor *Mini Pink*

Chuck & Bev Ritter

Best Collection of Three Outdoor

Betty Ridley

Jack & Jane Spencer

Best Seedling

HS 101

Steve & Gayle Lawrence

Best Mutant

Phil Piet Pink

Chuck & Bev Ritter

Best Sasanqua or other related species

Star Above Star

Annabelle & Lew Fetterman

Best Fragrant Variety *Fragrant Joy*

Louis & Joanne Raska



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