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*This pretty hot pink camellia was flowering in May at Trellisick
Gardens in England. Can you name it?*

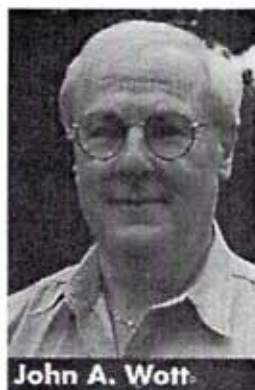
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One of the Finest Camellias for Northwest Gardens

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In many parts of the United States camellias are a staple for late-winter/early-spring gardens. In the Northwest, *Camellia sasanqua* is really a must for any garden. It is not unusual to see flowers in the late fall in the Southeast and even in the Northwest. At times during the winter, it seems to react to the fluctuating temperatures and periods of sunshine.

In the devastating winters of 1976-77 and 1977-78, almost all of the *C. sasanqua* were lost in the U. S. National arboretum in Washington, D. C., although later in 1983-84, larger flowered specimens of *C. sasanqua* survived better than *C. japonica*.

The sasanqua camellia is a smaller version of the *Camellia japonica*. Usually assuming a densely packed green pyramid, it is noted for its shiny, dark-green, evergreen leaves, which are long and pointed. The plant can be used as a large shrub or

small tree. Even in midwinter, its foliage is a prized asset in any garden.

A native of Japan, where its popularity continues to grow, *C. sasanqua* has a bloom that is a sure herald of the spring to come. Occasionally, flower buds will suffer frost injury, but its beauty far surpasses any injury. Planting in a protected spot will also ensure success, and older plants tend to exhibit more winter hardiness.

The flowers on the native plant are white, but variations in the cultivars range from white to pink to red, with various combinations in between. Most flowers, borne singly, are relatively small (2"-3" in diameter). Double and fragrant forms are also quite prevalent.

More than 300 cultivars are now recorded, and it is best for consumers to select their favorite by observing it when in bloom in a nursery. Almost every garden book will list a

dozen favorites or more, so be prepared for a difficult decision.

The plant is bothered by few insects and diseases, but do check out some variability among cultivars. The leaves persist well for at least two years, and add a lustrous color to the landscape.

Like all camellias, they prefer an acid soil with some degree of organic

matter. They are easily propagated by stem and leaf-bud cuttings of semi-hardwood materials. Bottom heat and low concentrations of hormone are helpful. There is variation in cutting response related to cultivar, and less successful ones can be grafted onto understocks of *C. japonica*.



**Camellia Sasanqua
'Briar Rose'**

Some of the Many Sasanqua Cultivars:

'Ake Vukusora'	Higo sasanqua, double white flower
'Bert Jones'	Large, semi-double, pink-tinged silver flowers; long flowering period; dark glossy, green leaves.
'Blanchette'	Single, white flowers.
'Bonanza'	Large, deep red semi-double flowers.
'Briar Rose'	Soft, single, clear pink flowers.
'Chisato-no-aki'	Higo sasanqua, white flowers.
'Crimson King'	Single, bright red, prolific flowers.
'Dazzler'	Semi-double, rose red flowers, spreading habit.
'Daydream'	Single, large, white-edged, deep rose flowers.
'Duff Allen'	Large, single, white-flushed-pink flowers.
'Gingetsu'	Higo sasanqua, single, pink flowers.
'Hiinko'	Higo sasanqua, small, double rose-red flowers.
'Hiryu'	Single to semi-double, crimson
flowers	
'Jean May'	Large, semi-double, shell-pink flowers
'Kanjiro'	Rose-form flowers, leaves dark green, vigorous and bushy, disease resistant.
'Kikenjo'	Higo sasanqua, single, large, pale pink flowers
'Mine-no-Yuki'	Early, large, double white flowers.
'Misty Moon'	Large, irregular, semi-double, pale mauve pink flowers.

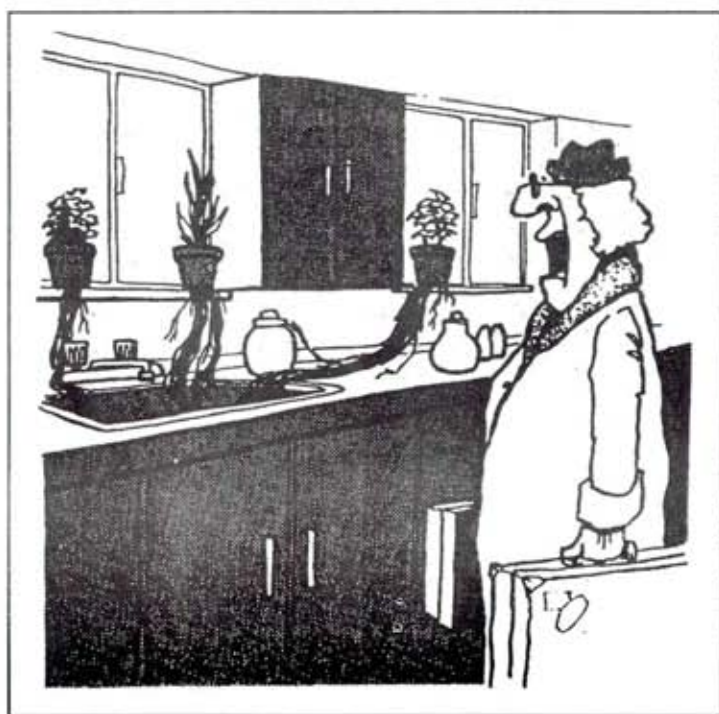
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| ‘Momozono-nishiki’ | Semi-double rose flowers, shaded white, curled petals. |
| ‘Narumi-gata’ | Large, creamy white flowers shading to pink margins, fragrant. |
| ‘Navajo’ | Deep red, white center around stamens, wavy petals, compact habit. |



Above: ‘Tago-no-tsuki’

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| ‘Otome’ | Abundant pale pink double flowers, vigorous growth. |
| ‘Pink Snow’ | Large, light pink, semi-double flowers, vigorous plant. |
| ‘Rainbow’ | Single white flowers banded with red, young growth purple. |
| ‘Robyn Dunne’ | Large semi-double flowers, white with pale mauve edges. |
| ‘Rosea Plena’ | Pink, double flowers. |
| ‘Rubra’ | Single, rich red flowers. |
| ‘Sekiyo’ | Higo sasanqua, very large, semi-double, red flowers. |
| ‘Setsugekka’ | White, semi-double flowers with ruffled petals. |
| ‘Sparkling Burgundy’ | Ruby rose flowers overlaid with lavender sheen, peony form. |

'Tricolor'	Single, white flowers striped with pink and red.
'Trihinoumi'	Higo sasanqua, single, large bright red flowers.
'Usubeni'	Semi-double, soft pink, occasionally marbled white flowers.
'Variegata'	Bluish white flowers, leaves gray-green, with white margins.
'Versicolor'	Single flowers with a white center, lavender edges, pink in between.
'Yae Arare'	Large, white tipped pink flowers, petals reflexed and broad, upright habit.
'Yuletide'	Single, red flowers with golden yellow stamens.
'Viola Spragg'	Pink to red, small peony-like flowers.
'Winifred Hills'	Large, anemone-form, purple-red flowers.



Horace, have you gibbed my house plants again?

ACCS Annual Meeting

by Fred Hahn

Charlotte, North Carolina

Be sure to make plans now to attend the 1998 annual meeting of the Atlantic Coast Camellia Society in Myrtle Beach. A special mailing will be made soon to members with registration information. You must have reservations at the hotel by July 25, 1998, to be assured a room.

What? ACCS Annual Meeting for 1998

Where? Sand Castle Motel, Myrtle Beach, South Carolina

Dates? September 25-26, 1998

Phone Number? (800) 626-1550

Activities: Friday, September 25—Catered Seafood Dinner

Saturday Morning, September 26— General Meeting
Plant Auction

Saturday Evening, September 26— Banquet
Speaker: Dr. Jerry Hogsette
Entomologist
Gainesville, Florida

The Charlotte Camellia Show
Charlotte Camellia Society
February 7, 1998
630 Blooms Displayed
Fred & Clara Hahn, Chairpersons

Best VL Japonica Open	Dixie Knight Var.	Parker Connor Edisto Island, SC
Runner-up	Miss Charleston Var.	Lu & Ed Powers Wilmington, NC
Best Large Jap. Protected	Edna Bass Var.	Fred & Clara Hahn Charlotte, NC
Runner-up	Helen Bower	Pat Pinkerton Lugoff, SC
Best Med. Jap. Protected	Elaine's Betty	Fred & Clara Hahn Charlotte, NC
Runner-up	Ville de Nantes	Fred & Clara Hahn Charlotte, NC
Best Small Jap. Protected	Grace Albritton Starfire	Ann & Mack McKinnon Lugoff, SC
Best Miniature	Man Size	Ann & Mack McKinnon Lugoff, SC
Runner-up	Mini Pink	Parker Connor Edisto Island, SC
Best Reticulata Protected	Janet	Fred & Clara Hahn Charlotte, N. C.
Runner-up	Emma Gaeta Var.	John & Sandra Penny Four Oaks, NC
Best Hybrid	Mona Jury	John & Sandra Penny Four Oaks, NC
Best White Bloom	Han Ling Snow	Bill & Mildred Robertson Ninety-Six, SC
Best Novice Bloom	Purple Dawn	Betsy Whitman
Gold Certificate Open	Parker Connor Edisto Island, SC	
Gold Certificate Protected	John & Sandra Penny Four Oaks, NC	
Silver Certificate Open	Ed & Lu Powers Wilmington, NC	
Silver Certificate Protected	Ann & Mack McKinnon Lugoff, SC	

Editor's Column

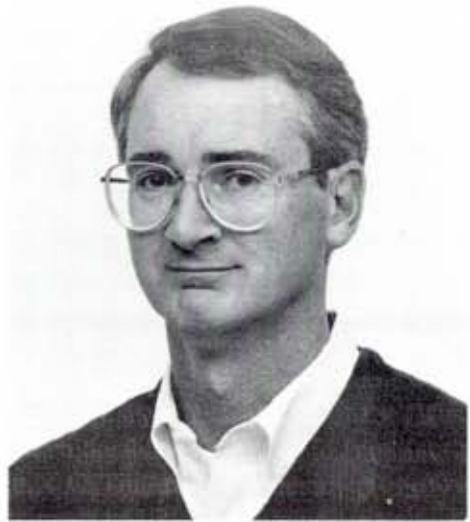
by Jim Darden
Clinton, North Carolina

What a summer. I hope it has been cooler where you are than it has been here in eastern North Carolina. It has been a brutally hot and dry time to grow plants, either in containers or in the landscape.

There are three items I need to tell you about in this issue. First, be sure to take a look at the announcement for our annual meeting in Myrtle Beach. This should be one of the best ever, and will feature Dr. Jerry Hoggsette, from Gainesville, Florida, as the featured speaker. This year's meeting is September 25-26, not in October as has been our tradition. We hope to see all of you there.

Secondly, I am still excited about my May garden tour to England. I spent ten glorious days in southwestern England with a group of Master Gardeners touring some of the world's finest gardens, cathedrals, etc. I saw thousands of flowers of all descriptions, but was especially impressed by the British camellias, which were blooming in May. The first edition of my article on that trip is in this issue.

Finally, please read my article, and Dr. Bilderback's article, on the internet. Our society needs to decide if it is time to move into cyberspace with our camellias.



Should the ACCS develop a webpage, which would allow our camellias to be on display to the world? Our Board of Directors has asked Warren Thompson and me to study the idea. We will need your input before making a decision. You will need to consider this proposal and be ready to discuss it in Myrtle Beach.

The big meeting is coming up soon, so everyone needs to read Warren Thompson's special challenge and bring a camellia friend to Myrtle Beach. Let's act on Warren's challenge and strengthen our numbers. I hope to see you in September.

Jim

ARE YOU ON LINE YET??

by Dr. Ted Bilderback
Nursery Extension Specialist
North Carolina State University

Computers, websites, and e-mail may not be for everybody, but if you are willing to try it, there is a lot of information about anything you can think of on the Internet; including lots of information on horticulture, nurseries, nursery suppliers, associations, and agencies important to the nursery industry, newsletters, magazines, and university educational materials. The Internet has the most current information about nearly any topic and is increasing in Websites and users at a phenomenal rate.

For information about horticulture or nurseries you can choose your favorite search engine, such as Yahoo, Infoseek, WebCrawler, Excite, Lycos, and several others. If you search for words or phrases, such as: nursery associations, or, horticulture courses, or, nursery and landscape businesses, the search will reveal several pages of Websites.

The Website and e-mail addresses that I am including here are ones that I have found as I have read electronic newsletters and from other various e-mail messages I have received. Generally these are non-commercial Websites including nursery associations and societies, government

agencies, universities, electronic newsletters, and magazines, with a few other interesting Websites thrown in. My lists are not intended to be all-inclusive, so I hope no one is upset if an important Website has been left off. Just drop me a note (my e-mail address is included), and I will add it to my list.

There are also many, many commercial nurseries with Websites, as well as horticulture and nursery supply vendors and garden centers. Many nurseries provide availability lists of their inventories as well as interesting anecdotes and a history of the business.

I hope my lists prove to be useful. I tried to include Websites that you might not have considered but will enjoy or decide you really need to visit occasionally.

ASSOCIATIONS and SOCIETIES

American Association of Botanical Gardens and Arboreta

AABGA, homepage:

<http://www.mobot.org/AABGA>

American Nursery and Landscape Association

ANLA : <http://www.anla.org>

Horticulture Research Institute

<http://www.anla.org/HRI/HRI.html>

American Orchid Society

<http://orchidweb.org>

American Society for Horticultural Science

Perennial Plant Association Symposium

Contact: Steven Still

e-mail: sstill@magnus.acs.ohio-state.edu

or try <http://hortweb.cas.psu.edu/garden/ppa/ppatoc.html>

Southern Region International Plant Propagators

e-mail: dmorgan@bsipublishing.com

Southern Region American Society for Horticultural Science

e-mail: psmeal@vt.edu.

South Carolina Nursery Association

<http://www.doi.gov/elaws>

INS

<http://www.usdoj.gov/ins/ins.html>

Water Resources Research Institute

Universities Water Information Network

<http://www.uwin.siu.edu>

US Fish and Wildlife Service

e-mail: ashs@ashs.org.

American Society of Landscape Architects

<http://www.asla.org/asla/>

Associated Landscape Contractors of America

<http://www.alca.org>

Bedding Plants International

bpi@bpi.org or try <http://www.bpint.org>

Eastern Region International Plant Propagators' Society

e-mail: mbippser@neca.com.

Florida Nursery and Greenhouse Association
FNGB
<http://www.fnga.org/>

International Herb Association
homepage: *<http://www.herb-pros.com>*.
Or try ihaooffice@aol.com

International Society for Arboriculture
homepage: *<http://www.ag.uiuc.edu/-isa>*

Louisiana Nursery Association
Contact: Alan Owings
aowings@agcrt.lsu.edu
See Louisiana Select Plants
also see PlantWeb
<http://www.I55.com/plantweb/index.html>

The Magnolia Society
<http://www.tallahassee.net/-magnolia/>

National Arborists Association
<http://newwww.com/org/naa>

National Christmas Tree Association
<http://www.christree.org>

North Carolina Association of Nurserymen
email: ncnurserymen@mindspring.com
homepage: *<http://www.ncan.com/>*

Pennsylvania Landscape and Nursery Association
<http://www.plna.com>

Plant listings
<http://plnanurserystock.com>
<http://www.gro.zone.com/>

Southern Nurserymen's Association
homepage: *<http://www.sna.org>*

Tennessee Nursery Association
e-mail: tnurseryassn@blomand.net

Texas Association of Nurserymen
<http://www.growzone.com/tan/>

Middle Tennessee Nursery Association
MTNA@blomand.net

Virginia Nurserymen's Association
vna@swva.net

UNIVERSITY HORTICULTURE SITES

Horticulture Courses on the Web

<http://www.ais.msstate.edu/aglinks/hortwc.html>

Colleges of Agriculture in the U.S.

<http://www.ais.msstate.edu/aglinks/aguniv.html>

Auburn Horticulture Department Webpage

<http://www.ag.auburn.edu/dept/hf/index.html>

Texas A&M Horticulture

Nursery Course on line

<http://extension-horticulture.tamu.edu/hort431/hort431.html>

University of Florida Department of Environmental Horticulture

<http://hort.ifas.ufl.edu/index.htm>

University of Florida

Department of Environmental Horticulture ; Nursery Course Syllabus

<http://hort.ifas.ufl.edu/teach/ORH3254C.htm>

IPM Info for Hort Crops

<http://www@cas.psu.edu/docs/casdept/ipm/index.html>

Pest Info Line

Oregon State University

npnt@ace.orst

University of Georgia Trial Gardens

<http://www.uga.edu/ugatrial>

NCSU WEBSITES

Horticultural Science Webpage

Includes links to J.C. Raulston Arboretum;

Commercial Horticulture Webpages;

Nursery & Floriculture Webpages;

Horticulture Information Leaflets;

Consumer Horticulture Webpages

http://www2.ncsu.edu/ncsu/cals/hort_sci/

Budding and Grafting Publication

<http://www.ces.ncsu.edu/depts/hort/hil/ag396.html>

Camellias In England

By Jim Darden

Clinton, North Carolina

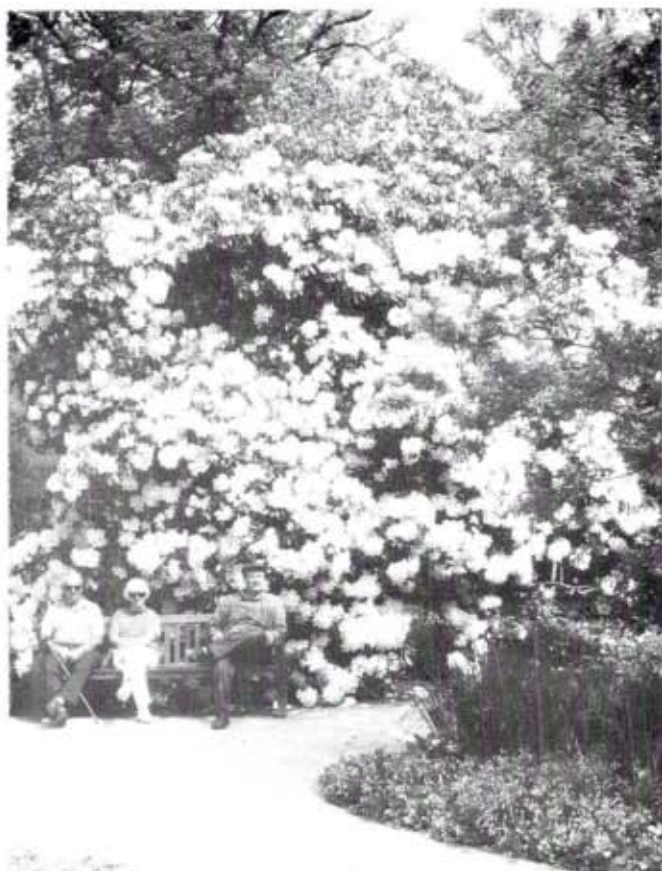
People often discuss those memorable events of life that are so indelibly fixed in our memories that we remember exactly where we were when they occurred. One such event happened to me this spring.

In May I was fortunate to be included in a ten-day garden tour to England. I went across the big pond with Dr. Bruce Williams, my good

buddy in Wilmington, N. C., with a fine group of 32 Master Gardeners from the Port City. Bruce and Master Gardener Linda Lawson set up a fabulous tour which included numerous historic sites and great gardens, all located on the southern tier of the English isle.

Since the tour was taken during May, we were in England during the

Dr. Bruce Williams, (R). formerly a member of the Fayetteville Camellia Club, sits in front of a huge rhododendron at Wisley.



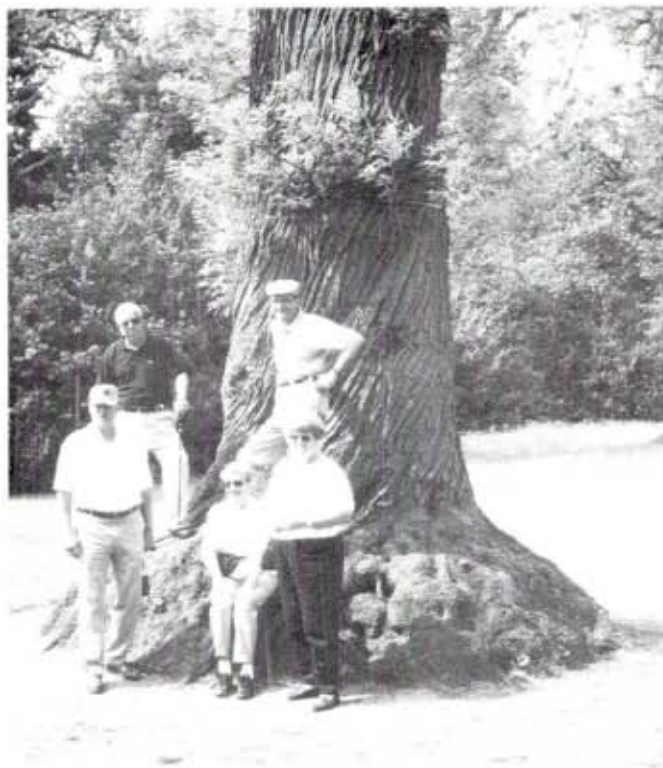
spring blooming season. To my amazement, Camellias were blooming in profusion along with the azaleas, rhododendrons, and many other spectacular flowering plants. I would like to take you along on the tour with me.

Our group landed at Gatwick on Wednesday, May 13, and immediately boarded a bus for the Royal Horticultural Society gardens at Wisley. This is a research garden with several world class plant collections, including roses and water

lilies. We saw no Camellias blooming here, perhaps a bit too far north and east (remember, we are at the same latitude as Newfoundland), but the gardens were aglow with flowers of all other types.

There were many rhododendrons at Wisley, some over three stories tall. I was amazed, having never seen anything like this in the U.S. I took pictures of these unbelievable plants, one showing the trunk which was large enough to climb and sit in. These rhodys were over 100 years

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Part of our group on the base of a huge 'Castanea' tree at Bowood. They are, L to R, with cap, Neill Patrick, Tom Huckleberry, John Siford, Ginny Patrick, and Mary Siford.

old.

We motored on to Bath, where we spent our first three nights. On Thursday morning we were treated to a personal tour of the garden of Rosemary Verey, noted English garden author. Mrs. Verey is 84, and still sharp as a tack. I had my picture taken with her and got an autographed copy of her book, *English Country Gardens*. But still, due to very alkaline soil, no Camellias.

On Thursday we lunched at Cirencester and visited the Roman museum. This town, and its 12th century cathedral, were built on the site of a Roman town of the second century. Then, in the afternoon we visited Bowood, the estate of the Earl of Shelburne. This was a formal English garden, surrounded by several hundred acres of a park, or 'Pleasure Grounds.' Hundreds of species of trees, huge and mature in size, were labeled for the horticulturist to study.

In a laboratory at Bowood Joseph Priestly discovered oxygen in 1774, and Jan Ingenhousz discovered photosynthesis. The grounds were designed by the fashionable 18th century garden designer Capability Brown. But still, no Camellias.

On Friday, May 15, we spent the morning touring the fascinating town of Bath. The old Roman ruins still have the hot spring water running through the same lead pipe that were

installed eighteen hundred years ago. My plumber does not have such a guarantee.

The afternoon trip took us to Iford Manor, a beautiful stone home begun in the 1400's. It was built on the site of a woolen mill, and was originally owned by Count Morton, brother of William the Conqueror. Iford was purchased just before the turn of the century by Harold Peto, who purchased the ruins of an Italian church, which was being torn down and dumped into the Mediterranean Sea, and brought the artifacts back to England.

Using the ancient stonework, Peto built his gardens on a terraced hillside, incorporating 2nd century Roman stone carvings, urns, and even a sarcophagus into the landscaping of this garden. The plants and stonework were fascinating, to say the least, but still no Camellias.

We left Bath on Saturday, heading west toward Falmouth and the west coast of England in Cornwall. Along the way we toured the cathedral at Wells, and the magnificent ruins of Glastonbury Cathedral. The history of Glastonbury, including a visit by Joseph of Arimathea, and possibly his nephew Jesus Christ, plus the fact that the Tor (hill) visible just a few hundred feet away was Avalon, the home and burial place of King Arthur, made Glastonbury a



The view from our hotel window (The Budock Vean), in Cornwall near Falmouth, has camellias and rhododendrons blooming together around the ninth green.

highlight of the trip. This region of the Great British Island is affected by the warming influences of the Gulf Stream, and the climate became noticeably warmer. We were coming into Camellia country.

For these three nights in the middle of our trip we were lodged at the Budock Vean Hotel, a fine country inn with a 9-hole golf course. The view from our second story window looked down on the 9th green, which was surrounded by blooming rhododendrons and Camellias. It was be-

ginning to look like home.

On Sunday morning our group walked a short distance down the road to the gardens at Trebah. This 26 acre ravine features a fine stone manor house atop a 200' bluff, and a creek falling down to the Helford River. The beach at the base of these gardens was a point of disembarkation for the American forces leaving for Normandy. There are still bunkers at the edges of the ravine which housed our anti-aircraft guns.

For more than two hundred years sea captains have brought exotic plants from the world over to Trebah. This unusually warm micro-climate, facing the sea and the warming currents, has an unbelievable collection of plants. There are rhododendrons (cool weather mountain plants) from the Himalayas

growing alongside huge Camellias from China, plants that do not prefer a cold climate. Australian tree ferns abound, growing to 30 feet tall and giving the impression of palm trees. And yet, here all of these plants are growing side by side in this extraordinary growing environment.

The most unusual plant

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*Ginny Patrick, a
Wilmington master
gardener, enjoys a
camellia in full
bloom in May at
Trebah.*

combination I've ever seen was growing here. Over a hundred years ago a nameless gardener took a rhododendron seed and pushed it into the spongy bark of an Australian tree fern. The seed germinated, dropped roots several feet to the rich earth beneath the tree fern, and today

there is a blooming rhododendron actually growing from the side of what appears to be a tall palm tree. What amazingly strange bedfellows. (Camellias in England will be continued in the next issue of Atlantic Coast Camellias.)



Neill Patrick and I are amazed at this unusual union, a rhododendron growing in the bark of an Australian tree fern.

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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STREET ADDRESS _____

CITY _____ STATE _____ ZIP _____

PHONE _____

() *Check here if you want a membership card.*

The Greensboro Camellia Show

Piedmont Camellia Club

March 14-15, 1998

530 Blooms Displayed

Betty W. Copple, Chairperson

Best Bloom in Show	Elegans Champagne	Fred & Clara Hahn Charlotte, NC
Best Large Japonica Open	Lady Laura	Ed & Lu Powers Wilmington, NC
Best Medium Japonica Open	Cherries Jubilee	Ed & Lu Powers Wilmington, NC
Best Small Japonica Open	Kay Berridge	Ed & Lu Powers Wilmington, NC
Best Miniature Open	Little Slam	Anne Clapp Raleigh, NC
Best Large Jap. Protected	Silver Chalice	Fred & Clara Hahn Charlotte, NC
Best Medium Jap. Protected	Sawada's Dream	Fred & Clara Hahn Charlotte, NC
Best Small Jap. Protected	Little Susie	John Cameron
Best Miniature Protected	Little Slam	Jack F. Hawkins
Best Reticulata	Curtain Call Var.	John & Sandra Penny Four Oaks, NC
Best Hybrid Open	Dr. Zhivago	Ed & Lu Powers Wilmington, NC
Best Hybrid Protected	Pink Dahlia	John & Sandra Penny Four Oaks, NC
Best White Bloom Open	Snow Chan	Ed & Lu Powers Wilmington, NC
Best White Protected	Bea Rogers	Fred & Clara Hahn Charlotte, NC
Best Novice Bloom	Kramer's Supreme	Paul & Kathy Watkins
Gold Certificate Open	Ed & Lu Powers	Wilmington, NC
Gold Certificate Protected	Jack F. Hawkins	
Silver Certificate Open	Melvin Stallings	
Silver Certificate Protected	Hardy Gibson	

Should We Have a Website?

by Jim Darden
Clinton, North Carolina

Warren Thompson, of Fort Valley, Georgia, and I have been asked by the ACCS Board of Directors to study the feasibility of the ACCS having an internet website and present our findings at the September meeting in Myrtle Beach. The reception of the idea in Columbia last May was lukewarm. Warren and I will try to cast light on this exploding phenomenon in hopes that we will make the best decision for the society.

First, let's talk about the internet in general. I am not an expert, but I do use the internet in my teaching and I find the materials to be found there absolutely amazing. Begun years ago by the military in an attempt to preserve lines of communications even during a doomsday cataclysmic event, the internet today is a researchers paradise.

The internet is like a huge, worldwide party line, one on which you can dial a number and get websites with vast quantities of data on any topic you wish. Do you remember when you got your first telephone? Probably. Would you do without one? Probably not. The internet has already become just as necessary and

practical. It will make it easier in the future for all of us to bank, shop, talk to family, etc., etc. Amazing strides have been made in the past five years, and the net is just in it's infancy.

I have included an article elsewhere in this journal which lists several dozen websites of interest to horticulturists. You might want to visit them. Two that are particularly good are: The University of Florida Horticulture Department:

<http://hort.ifas.ufl.edu>

and, the N. C. State University Horticulture Department:

<http://www.ncsu.edu/ncsu/cals/hort>

I know that the Univ. of Florida is good, but I am more familiar with the N. C. S. U. site. Let me tell you just a little about it. The extension agents here in North Carolina used to have to send problem samples to the Disease and Insect Lab in Raleigh and then wait, sometimes for weeks, to get a plant disease diagnosis. Meanwhile your crop could die and your income vanish.

Now they take a picture of a problem leaf or flower, or an insect, with a digital camera. This is downloaded into the computer, which is used to

e-mail the picture to the clinic. A Ph.D. in the clinic can often look at his computer screen, diagnose the problem, and instantly e-mail back to the agent a message which can save the sick plants, all of this in minutes. Now, ain't that just amazin!

The N. C. S. U. website listed above will take you to hundreds of "hot links" which are other sites all over the world, accessible by a click of your mouse. If you visit N.C.S.U. a particularly good part of the site is Irv Evans hot links. By just clicking on a blue topic heading, Irv will take you to any pamphlet among the hundreds published by the University, or any of hundreds of plant societies, including the ACS. Would you like to visit the Hemerocallis Society, or the Day Lily Society, or Roses, Orchids, etc.

There are also dozens of great gardens around the world accessible through Irv's links. You can go to the St. Louis Botanical Garden, the New York Botanical Garden, anywhere in the world you want to go. They will all tell you what they are doing, events on their calendar, and even take you on picture walks around the garden with color views of beautiful plant vistas.

You can also access the fine website put together by Dr. Jerry Hoggsette and the Gainesville Camellia Society. There you can see color pictures of over a hundred camellia blooms, and get this, they have all of their 1998 show winners listed by category, which you can see with a click of the mouse. You can then print them out in beautiful color. Imagine if all clubs listed their win-



*Camellias and
Computers.....
Do they mix?*

ners, nationwide.

In the article herein by Dr. Bilderback there are listed several search engines. Let me add two good ones to that list. I have used Hotbot, and I think the best one is Dogpile. Dogpile actually searches with over a dozen engines, including most of those individually listed by Dr. Bilderback. If you want to look for camellias, Dogpile will give you thousands of sites to visit worldwide.

I can tell you without hesitation that the world is going to internet communications, and if you tarry we will fall behind very quickly. I am amazed that you can go to the New Zealand Camellia Society, and they have a map of the country with each city on the screen which has a camellia club. You just click on the city and visit there, seeing their camellia blooms, nurseries, people, etc. Ain't it just more amazin'?

Business is roaring into the net and those not along for the ride are being left behind. For example, the Johnston County Nurserymen's Association (near Raleigh) has 50 large nurseries as members, and they have a computer/fax number which has been given to hundreds of large garden centers in the Mid-Atlantic region. When one of these businesses wants plant materials, they simply fax an availability sheet to one phone number in Johnston County, which instantly sends the fax message to all

member nurseries.

Each morning the nurserymen scans a stack of faxed orders, responds to those his inventory allows, faxes the information on his available plant materials and prices up north, and frequently has a confirmed order by return fax in a few minutes. They can actually be loading a tractor-trailer the same morning for a shipment. This process took many days or weeks to consummate just 3-4 years ago. Can you see how a nurseryman could be left behind very quickly if he doesn't get up to date with modern electronics.

At a recent nursery trade show in Atlanta I was given CD's by two nurseries. They have prepared very elaborate Compact Discs with thousand of varieties of plants pictured, along with cultural information on many plants, including camellias. The CD is replacing the printed catalog now. You just scan the disc with your computer, select the plants you want to buy and place in your garden center, and electronically order from the nursery. All this in a very short period of time.

It is truly amazing to see the electronic advancements in the world today. I have had inquiries for my Horticulture Technology program here at our college website from New York, Michigan, Washington, D.C., and several other states. Recruiting is now being done on the net, and

prospective students are browsing the internet to find the best college, the most scholarship monies, the best programs, etc.

It is here that I think the ACCS might benefit most with a website. Thousands of people from around the world would visit our site annually, and many would be interested in joining our group and receiving our journal. Whether you are pro or con, you need to consider

this possibility and respond to me, Warren, or one of your Directors with your feelings. We need to make a wise decision for the society, and soon. I think that if you take a look at the camellia presence on the web, you would be as excited as I am about the possibilities a site would open up for the ACCS. Let us hear from you by the Myrtle Beach meeting.

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Fun around the pool in Myrtle Beach. Camellia lovers (Scheibert's First, Waltz's Second) chow down at the pool party.

(Shepherd)

ATLANTIC COAST SHOW DATES

October 16-17:	Mid-Carolina Camellia Society South Carolina State Fair, Columbia, SC
October 17-18:	Middle Georgia Camellia Society Georgia National Fairgrounds, Perry, GA
November 7:	Virginia Camellia Society Chesapeake Square Mall, Chesapeake, VA
November 14-15:	Middle Georgia Camellia Society Massee Lane Gardens, Fort Valley, GA
November 21-22:	Valdosta Camellia Society Valdosta Garden Center, Valdosta, GA
December 5:	Camellia Society of North Florida Mandarin Garden Club, Jacksonville, FL
December 5-6:	Island of Beaches Camellia Society Jacksonville Beach Womens Club, Jacksonville, FL
January 9-10:	Gainesville Camellia Society The Oaks Mall, Gainesville, FL
January 16-17:	Aiken Camellia Club Aiken Mall, Aiken, SC
February 6-7:	Charlotte Camellia Society Carolina Place Mall, Pineville, NC
February 13-14:	Mid-Carolina Camellia Society Columbia Mall, Columbia, SC

- February 20-21: North Georgia Camellia Society
Atlanta Botanical Gardens,
Atlanta, GA
- February 20-21: Fayetteville Camellia Club
Cross Creek Mall,
Fayetteville, NC
- February 27-28: Tidewater Camellia Club
Independence Mall,
Wilmington, NC
- March 6-7: American Camellia Society Convention
Camellia Society of Sacramento
Sacramento, CA
- March 6: Middle Georgia Camellia Society
Houston Mall,
Warner Robins, GA

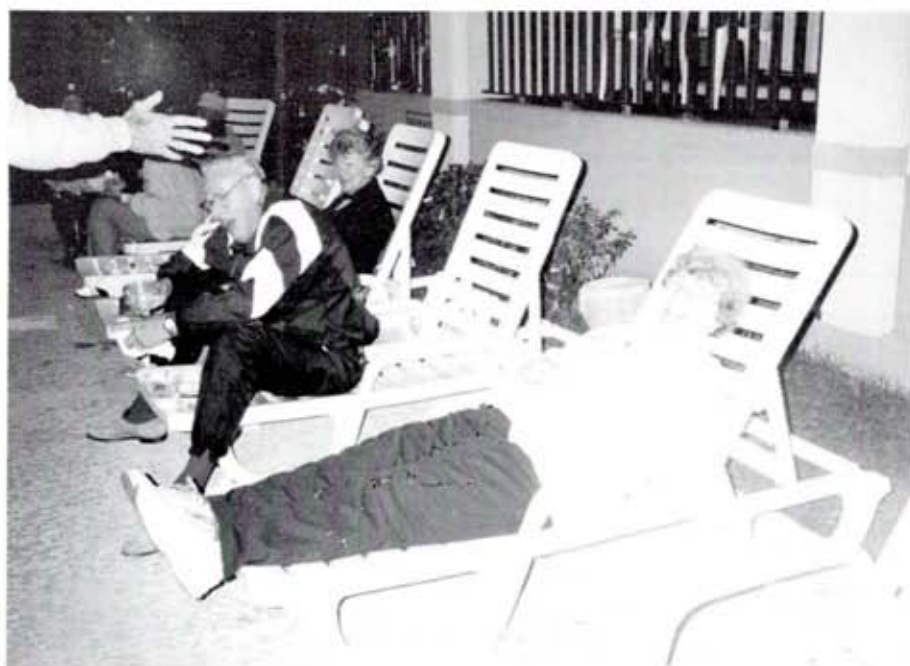
Editor's Note: Most of the above dates were taken from the roster of shows in the ACS Journal. However, if any of this information is incorrect, please contact the editor so that corrections can be made before the January 1 issue of Atlantic Coast Camellias goes to press. Also, please note that the Fayetteville Camellia Show date has been changed due to the involvement of several participants in the ACS meeting in Sacramento, which coincides with the traditional Fayetteville date of the first weekend in March. The Fayetteville club anticipates changing back to that date next year, and regrets any problems that this change might present.



A Special Reminder

*by Warren Thompson
Georgia Director
Fort Valley, Georgia*

This Challenge goes out to all Atlantic Coast Camellia Society members who attended the Annual Meeting at Myrtle Beach last year. Remember, you were challenged by me to sign up at least one new member before the next convention this September in Myrtle Beach. Have you met the challenge? As of May 1, our membership is nine less than at Myrtle Beach last year. Everyone knows a friend, relative, neighbor, or Camellia enthusiast who would enjoy being a member of ACCS. The challenge is to ask them. Some of us have met the challenge. Let's all get one new member before the September meeting. I am counting on each of you to make the effort to bring in a new member.



It's a tough job, but somebody's gotta do it. Beulah Smith relaxes at Myrtle Beach as Ben and Marjorie Stands look-on.

(Shepherd)



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