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SOUTH CAROLINA CAMELLIA SOCIETY

President's Message



WILLIAM C. ROBERTSON

We were greatly shocked and deeply saddened at the untimely death of our good friend and president of the SCCS, David G. Elliott. I know all of you will want to join with me in expressing our heartfelt sympathy to Rosemary and the family.

Under the Constitution and By-Laws of the SCCS I, as first vice-president, assume the duties of the president until the next annual meeting. I ask the prayers and support of each member as I take on these responsibilities. I will endeavor to follow through on plans and projects which Dave had already initiated. All of us working together can turn these ideas into a reality and help to move our Society forward.

With the advent of the 77-78 Camellia Season I hope that each of you will resolve now to attend all the shows, renew friendships, and enjoy fellowship with old friends and make new ones. I would like to remind all of our members of the Annual Fall Meeting of the S. Ć. C. S. which will be held in conjunction with the West Carolina Camellia Show at Greenwood on October 29, 1977. I urge each of you to turn out and support your Society at this meeting. Be present for the election of officers for the coming year. Plan now to attend and make your reservations early. Further details concerning this meeting are contained elsewhere in this issue.

Yours for a good Camellia season,

WILLIAM C. ROBERTSON

NORTH CAROLINA CAMELLIA SOCIETY

President's Message



CLYDE H. DORBITY

DEAR MEMBERS

I hope each of you had a very rewarding summer. It seems that we are in a cycle of extremes, after the coldest winter on record we have had the hottest summer. If you have given your plants extra good care during this extremely hot period they should be looking green, beautiful and full of buds by now.

The beginning of a new camellia season will soon be here and time to start gibbing for the fall shows. Camellia shows are rewarding in many ways, it not only gives us a chance to enter our prize blooms and hope to see some of them on the head table when the show opens, it also gives a chance to meet old friends again and to talk over the past year's experiences and to make new friends.

The North Carolina Camellia Society membership dues are \$5.00 per year and runs from 1 July thru 30 June. If you have not sent in your dues for 77-78 to Harris Newber, Rt. 3, Box 57, Wilmington, N. C. 28401, please do. Plans for the fall meeting of the North Carolina Camellia Society are not complete at this time, you will be notified later of the date and place.

Thanks to the Schulkens, the Delaneys and all members of the Whiteville Camellia Club for a beautiful camellia show and serving as host to a very successful spring meeting of the North Carolina Camellia Society. The luncheon that was prepared and served by the ladies of the Methodist church was enjoyed by all. It was followed by a very interesting and informative program given by Dr. Clifford Parks, University of North Carolina Botany Department.

It has been a great honor and pleasure serving as your President for the past year, thanks to each of you for your support and coperation.

Sincerely,

CLYDE H. DORRITY

VIRGINIA CAMELLIA SOCIETY

President's Message



LEE E. MYERS.

DEAR FRIENDS;

Now that the 76/77 Season is past, may we have time to reflect upon its good or bad memories.

Due to the severe weather in Tidewater Virginia, our Spring Show was cancelled. Many of us lost prize plants and the plants that survived have had slight to severe damage.

Good always seems to accompany the bad, however, and many lessons were learned concerning late fertilization and its effect upon plant hardiness.

Our Fall Show, under the direction of Admiral Lester Wood, is scheduled for November 4th and 5th in Pembroke Mall, Virginia Beach.

We are counting on all members to participate in this early season event, and for all members to give of their time and effort to make our 77/78 season the best ever.

LEE E. MYERS

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Show Dates

Columbia, S. C., S. C. State Fair, Mid-Carolina Camellia Society and S. C. State Fair Association	1977
Greenwood, S. C. Northside Junior High School (in conjunction with Fall Meeting of The S. C. Camellia Society), West Carolina Camellia Society Oct. 29-30,	1977
Fort Valley, Ga., Massee Lane, Middle Ga. Camellia Society . Nov. 5-6, 1	1977
Savannah, Ga., Men's Garden Club (In conjunction with the ACS 28th Fall Meeting)	1977
Charleston, S. C., Main Office of 1st Federal Savings & Loan Assn., 34 Broad Street, Coastal Carolina Camellia Society Nov. 19-20, 1	1977
Beaufort, S. C., Beaufort Academy on Lady's Island, Council of Beaufort Garden Clubs Jan. 14-15, 1	1978
Aiken, S. C., Kennedy Junior High School, Aiken Camellia Club Jan. 21-22, 1	1978
Augusta, Ga., Augusta Garden Center, 598 Telfair St., Augusta Camellia Society, The Augusta Council of Garden Clubs, Inc., and in Cooperation with the Ga, Railroad and Trust	
Company Jan. 28-29, 1	1978
Charleston, S. C., Main Offices of the First Federal Savings & Loan Assn., 34 Broad Street, Coastal Carolina Camellia	1922
Society Jan. 28-29, 1	1978
Fort Walton Beach, Fla., Chocawhatchee High School, Fort Walton Camellia Society, Inc. (in conjunction with ACS 33rd Annual Meeting) Jan. 28-29, 1	1978
Birmingham, Ala., Municipal Auditorium, Birmingham Men's Camellia Society	
Atlanta, Ga., Lennox Square on the Mall, 3393 Peachtree Road, NE, N. Georgia Camellia Society, Atlanta Camellia Society Feb. 18-19, 1	
Charlotte, N. C., Eastland Mall, Men's Camellia Club of Charlotte Feb. 25-26, 1	1978
Georgetown, S. C., Council of Garden Clubs	978
Whiteville, N. C., Waccamaw Academy, Whiteville Camellia Society Feb. 25-26, 1	978
Fayetteville, N. C., Fayetteville Camellia Club	
Norfolk Va. Virginia Camellia Society Mar. 18-19, 1	

Use of Gibberelic Acid Not Restricted by EPA

(From the Newsletter of the Potomac Valley)

The possibility that gibberellic acid, which camellia growers count on for producing fall blooms, might be banned by EPA, appears to be laid at rest for camellia growers, at least for the foreseeable future, according to an investigation by Dr. William L. Ackerman of the National Aboretum and a CSPV Director.

According to Dr. Ackerman, his inquiries within EPA revealed that the agency was in the process of making a short report on certain commercial chemicals with a view of deciding whether their use should be restricted. A further check on the report indicated that gibberellic acid was not on the list.

It was also pointed out that eventually a longer report would be made and that no guarantees could be given that gibberellic acid would not be on the list of commercial chemicals to be considered. For the present however, no restrictions exist for its use. Dr. Ackerman said, however, that there was another facet to the use of gibberellic acid with which EPA was concerned. This was with the general question of chemical firms which bought gibberellic and then diluted it with distilled water and then sold the acid under their own name or label to the public. This was illegal for any chemical, including gibberellic acid.

It was on this illegal practice that EPA cracked down. Firms selling gibberellic acid which they had diluted and sold under their own label were breaking the law. It was not illegal to sell undiluted gibberellic acid. No information was available as to whether the cracking down would be done by state or federal authority.

It is possible that it was this policy by EPA that gave rise to the fear that the use of gibberellic acid would be restricted.

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Show Results

- CHARLOTTE, NORTH CAROLINA, February 26-27, 1977 (21st Annual)
- Sponsor: Men's Camellia Club of Charlotte
- Number Blooms Displayed: 1,400. Most outstanding bloom (Best-In-Show or Queen of Show): 'Elegans Splendor'
- of Show): 'Elegans Splendor' C. japonica outstanding bloom certificates awarded: Best white: 'Silver Chalice' won by Robert Edge In open, chemically treated: 'Miss Charleston Var.' won by Jeanette & John Graham Under glass, 2½ to 5 inches: 'Nuccio's Gem' won by Scott Coble Runner-up: 'Grace Albritton' won by Fred Hahn Under glass, over 5 inches: 'Elegans Splendor' won by C. T. Freeman Miniature: 'Pearl's Pet' won by Mr. & Mrs. Charles T. Hendrix Runner-up: 'Man Size' won by Fred Hahn C. reticulata (Includes hybrids with reticulata parentage)

 - parentage)
 - Under glass, chemically treated: 'Mandalay Queen' won by Marshall Rhyne Runner-up: 'Howard Asper' won by Doris &
 - Robert Fouter
- C. hybrid (With other than reticulata parentage) In open: 'Anticipation Var.' won by J. W. Holderby
- Runner-up: 'Anticipation' won by C. T. Freeman ACS GOLD CERTIFICATE:
- Under glass, chemically treated won by J. W. Holderby
- ACS SILVER CERTIFICATE:
- Under glass, chemically treated won by Dr. Olin Owen
- Number of ACS Memberships sold: None
- WHITEVILLE, NORTH CAROLINA, February 19. 1977 (21st Annual) Sponsor: Whiteville Camellia Society
- Number Blooms Displayed: 850, Attendance: 405,
- japonica outstanding bloom certificates awarded: In open: 'Erin Farmer' won by Jeanette & John C Graham Under glass: 'Tomorrow Park Hill' won by Sadie
 - & Ernest Aycock
- reticulata (Includes hybrids with reticulata C. parentage)
 - Under glass: 'Valentine Day' won by Mr. & Mrs. Fred Hahn, Jr.
- C. hybrid (With other than reticulata parentage) Under glass: 'Elsie Jury' won by Graem Yates Best bloom under four inches, under glass: 'Man Size' won by Annabelle & Lew Fetterman Best bloom under four inches, in open: 'Mag-noliaeflora' won by Donna & Bill Shepherd
- ACS GOLD CERTIFICATES:
- In open won by Jeanette & John Garner
- Under glass won by Annabelle & Lew Fetterman ACS SILVER CERTIFICATES:
- In open won by Donna & Bill Shepherd Under glass won by Mr. & Mrs. J. K. Blanchard
- ACS outstanding arrangement certificate: Creativity won by Olene Utley
- Best Seedling in show won by Marshall Rhyne
- Number of ACS Memberships sold: None
- WILMINGTON, NORTH CAROLINA, February 26-27, 1977 (27th Annual)
- Sponsor: Tidewater Camellia Club
- Number Blooms Displayed: 1,170. Attendance: 920.
- C. japonica outstanding bloom certificates awarded in open:
- Best 5 inches and over: 'Jessie Burgess' won by Donna & Bill Shepherd
- Runner-up: 'Guilio Nuccio Var' won by Donna & Bill Shepherd

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- Best under 5 inches: 'Diddy's Pink Organdie' won by Jeanette & John Graham Runner-up: 'H. A. Downing' won by Donna &
- Bill Shepherd
- C. japonica outstanding bloom certificates awarded under protection:

 - under protection: Best 5 inches and over: 'Miss Charleston Var.' won by Bill & Molly Howell Runner-up: 'Guilio Nuccio' won by R. R. McVey Best under 5 inches: 'Diddy's Pink Organdie' won by James H. McCoy Runner-up: 'Campari' won by Mr. & Mrs. J. K. Blanchard Best white coar Old inches 'C
 - Best white over 2½ inches: 'Snowman' won by B. R. McVey Best miniature 2½ inches and under: 'Snowie' won by Mr. & Mrs. J. K. Blanchard reticulata (Includes hybrids with reticulata
- C. parentage)
- Won by J. O. Jackson for 'Francie L' hybrid (With other than reticulata parentage) Won-by Mr. & Mrs. C. H. Darrity for 'Charlean'
- ACS GOLD CERTIFICATES: In open won by Donna and Bill Shepherd Under protection won by Mr. & Mrs. J. K. Blanchard
- ACS SILVER CERTIFICATES:
 - In open won by Dr. R. P. Huffman Under protection won by Mr. & Mrs. Jack
- Teague Best seedling won by Mr. & Mrs. Jack Teague
- Number of ACS Memberships sold: None
- AIKEN, SOUTH CAROLINA, January 22, 1977 (23rd Annual)
- Sponsor: Aiken Camellia Club

- Sponsor: Alken Camellia Glub Number Blooms Displayed: 753. Attendance: 3,300. Most outstanding bloom (Best-In-Show or Queen of Show): 'Lasca Beauty' won by L. G. Wilhelm C. japonica outstanding bloom certificates awarded: In open, large to v. large: 'Mathotiana' won by Jeanette and John Graham In open, small to medium: 'China Doll' won by Jeanette and John Graham Under glass, large to v. large: 'Silver Challeo'

 - Under glass, large to v. large: 'Silver Chalice' won by C. T. Freeman
 - Under glass, small to medium: 'Margaret Davis' won by Mr. & Mrs. Oliver Mizzell Best white: 'Nuccio's Gem' won by Mrs. W. K.
 - Laughlin Best bloom by Junior Exhibitor: 'Bob Hope' won
 - by Jane Robertson Best miniature: 'Man Size' won by Mr. & Mrs.
- P. A. Dahlen
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 C. hybrids (Includes both those of C. reticulata parentage as well as other crosses)
 Under glass, large to v. large: 'Howard Asper Var.' won by Mr. L. G. Wilhelm
 Under glass, small to medium: 'Dr. Louis Pol-lizzi' won by Mr. R. J. Sprott
- ACS GOLD CERTIFICATES:
 - In open won by Jeanette and John Graham Under glass won by Mrs. W. K. Laughlin
- ACS SILVER CERTIFICATE:
 - Under glass won by Mr. J. A. Timmerman Best seedling won by Linton D. Baggs
- ACS Outstanding Arrangement Certificates: Tri-Color won by Mrs. Eugene Keller and Mrs. Mackie Scott and Creativity won by Mrs. Charles Ashley
- Number of ACS Memberships sold: None
- BEAUFORT, SOUTH CAROLINA, January 15, 1977 (31st Annual) Sponsor: Council of Beaufort Carden Clubs
- Number Blooms Displayed: 466. Attendance: 800.

- Most outstanding bloom (Award of Merit) "Tomorrow Park Hill'
- C. japonica outstanding bloom certificates awarded: In open, treated: 'Miss Charleston Var.' won by Jeanette & John Graham
 - In open: 'Mathotiana Supreme' won by Mrs. W. K. Laughlin
 - Under glass treated: 'Tomorow's Dawn' won by Mrs. W. K. Laughlin
- C. reticulata (Includes hybrides with reticulata parentage)
 - Under glass, treated: 'Pharaoh' won by Mr. & Mrs. Oliver Mizzell
- C. hybrid (With other than reticulata parentage) Under glass, treated: 'Elsie Jury' won by Mr. & Mrs. Oliver Mizzell

ACS GOLD CERTIFICATES:

In open, Beaufort County won by Mrs. Juanita Finley In open won by Mr. C. R. Grace Under glass won by Mrs. W. K. Laughlin Open treated won by Jeanette & John Graham Overall Sweepstakes won by Mrs. W. K. Laughlin Overall Sweepstakes won by Mrs. W. K. Laughlin Overall Sweepstakes won by Mrs. David

- Overall Sweepstakes won by Mrs. W. A. Laughin ACS Outstanding Arrangement Certificates: Tri-color won by Mrs. G. W. McCaffrey, Mrs. David Boyd, Mrs. Merle Ormond, Mrs. C. W. Wilson and Creativity won by Mrs. W. J. Montgomery Number of ACS Membership sold: None

-CAROLINA CAMELLIAS-

Annual Fall Meeting of SCCS to Be in Greenwood

The annual meeting of the SCCS will be held in conjunction with the West Carolina Camellia Show in Greenwood on Saturday, October 29, 1977. There will be a luncheon at the Holiday Inn at 11:30 a.m. Luncheon tickets are \$4.17 each and reservations may be made by contacting Mr. William H. (Bill) Gardner, P. O. Box 15, Ninetv Six, S. C. 29666.

There will be an informative program followed by a plant raffle. Through the generosity of one of our members we have three of the newer varieties of Camellias for this raffle. They are 'Jean Pursell,' 'Cameron Cooper', and 'Miss Tulare'. All of these are new introduction and are very difficult to obtain. Proceeds from the raffle will be turned over to the Treasury.

Make your plans now to attend this meeting.

Note:

NOVICE AWARDS

West Carolina Camellia Society (Greenwood, S. C.) reports that they have decided for its October 29 & 30 camellia show to have four (4) awards for novice growers. The season for the four novice awards is to encourage more camellia growers to submit blooms for show.

A novice grower is defined as one who has not won an award at any previous camellia show. Blue ribbons are not counted. Novice growers will use green tags. Novice blooms will be eligible for other awards but duplicate awards will not be made.

The four novice awards will be:

- 1. Best bloom in show
- 2. Best white bloom
- 3. Best color bloom
- Best variegated bloom

Anyone needing assistance in entering blooms for the show only needs to ask.

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The Fayetteville Camellia Club 31st Annual Show Report

Best Japonica bloom grown in open Court of Honor, japonica bloom grown pro-Variety: 'Guilio Nuccio' tected, small Won by: Donna & Bill Shepard, North Best miniature bloom Charleston, S. C. Variety: 'Tootsie' Court of Honor, Grown in open Won by: Mr. and Mrs. J. K. Blanchard, Variety: 'Betty Sheffield Blush Supreme' Wallace, N. C. Won by: Mrs. A. B. Rhodes, Wilmington, Best japonica bloom grown protected, white N. C. Variety: 'Silver Chalice' Variety: 'Dixie Knight Var' Won by: Ernest and Sadie Aycock, Smith-Won by: Mr. and Mrs. Bill Watson, Wilfield, N. C. mington, N. C. Best reticulata and hybrid with reticulata Best Japonica bloom grown protected, large parentage to very large Variety: 'Aztec' Variety: 'Fashionata Var' Won by: Doris and Robert Fowler, Lumber-Won by: Ernest and Sadie Aycock, Smithton, N. C. field, N. C. Court of Honor, reticulata and hybrid with Court of Honor, japonica grown protected reticulata parentage large to very large Variety: 'Howard Asper' Variety: 'Reg Ragland' Won by: Mr. J. O. Jackson, 1136 Anderson Won by: Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Holderby, St., Wilson, N. C. Reidsville, N. C. N. C. Variety: 'Elegans Supreme' Won by: William Anderson, Fayetteville, Best hybrid with other than reticulata N. C. parentage Variety: 'Snowman' Variety: 'El Dorado' Won by: Mr. R. R. McVey, McLeansville, Won by: Mr. R. R. McVey, McLeansville, N. C. N. C. Court of Honor, hybrid with other than Best Japonica bloom grown protected, reticulata parentage medium Variety: 'Charlean' Variety: 'Seafoam' Won by: Mr. and Mrs. J. K. Blanchard, Won by: Mr. and Mrs. Fred Hahn, Jr., Wallace, N. C. Mathews, N. C. Best seedling Court of Honor, japonica bloom grown pro-Variety: 'W. K. O.' teched, medium Won by: Mr. and Mrs. F. N. Bush, Co-Variety: 'Ella Ward Parsons' lumbia, S. C. Won by: Lena and Harry Watson, Charlotte, N. C. Best collection of 3 alike, grown protected Variety: 'Eleanor K' Variety: 'Elegans Supreme' Won by: Lena and Harry Watson, Charlotte, Grown by: Mr. and Mrs. F. N. Bush, N. C. Columbia, S. C. Best Japonica bloom grown protected, small

Variety: 'Jean Marie' Won by: Lena and Harry Watson, Charlotte, N. C.

Best collection of 5 different, grown protected

Won by: Ernest and Sadie Aycock, Smithfield, N. C. Best collection of 3 alike, grown in open Variety: 'Sweetheart'

Won by: Dr. and Mrs. S. O. Smith, Fayetteville, N. C.

Best collection of 5 different, grown in open Won by: Bill and Molly Howell, Wilmington, N. C. Sweepstakes, Gold certificate, Grown in open Won by: Donna and Bill Shepherd, North Charleston, S. C.

Sweepstakes, Gold Certificate, Grown protected

Won by: Annabelle and Lew Fetterman, Clinton, N. C.

-CAROLINA CAMELLIAS-

Heart Attack Fatal To David Elliott



David Graham Elliott died of a heart attack on July 2 at his home in Wilson, N. C. He was 47.

A native of Birmingham, Alabama, he was the son of Mrs. Frances Elliott and the late James Kyle Elliott.

He graduated from the University of Alabama with a B.S. Degree in chemical engineering. He served in the U.S. Army—1953-55 in the Korean conflict. Employed at Porritts & Spencer, Inc. in Wilson as a design engineer, he was a member of the Pulp and Paper Industry Management Association. He was president of the S. C. Camellia Society; director for the State of N. C.; a vice president of the Gulf Coast Society; on the Ways & Means for the American Camellia Society; an accredited judge and life member of ACS at the time of his death and was known throughout the south for his cultivation of camellias.

He is survived by his wife, Rosemary Lafitte Elliott, one son David James Kyle Elliott and a stepdaughter, Mrs. Denise Bryson of Aiken, S. C.

He was a member of Ascension Lutheran Church in Wilson.

Funeral services were held on July 5 at Elmwood Chapel in Birmingham. Burial in Elmwood Cemetery.

Active pallbearers were Harry Webster, Mike Fielding, Bob Buchanan, all of Wilson, N. C., Clyde Pate of West Monroe, La., Hub Vreatt of Gadsden, Ala. and Bill Robertson of Aiken, S. C.

A Three Time Winner



(Photo by Carl Bergman Wolf, Camera Supply)

That's John Graham (Left) Telling us that "Sarge" Freeman has just won the Boehm Porcelain for Best in Show at Charlotte, (It's his third Boehm Porcelain winl !!)

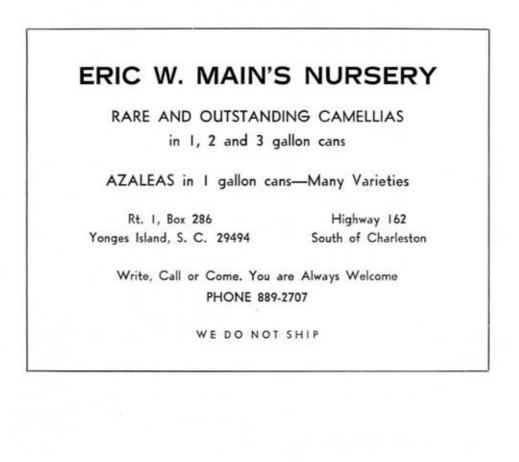
C. T. "Sarge" Freeman of New Ellenton, South Carolina needs no introduction to Camellia folks, Those of us who followed in his wake during the last Camellia Season can attest to his superior ability to grow prize winning Camellia blooms and to get them to the shows in perfect condition. During the 76-77 season alone he won "Best Japonica in Show" on at least four occasions and in several instances completely swept the shows. He has won the coveted Boehm porcelain at Massey Lane not one but two times. His Snowman blooms are legendary. Several years ago one specimen bloom won three awards in a single show,

"Sarge" grew up in the Asheville, North Carolina area and upon graduation from high school entered the U. S. Army where he served until retirement. He retired with the rank of Master Sergeant, thus the name "Sarge". After separation from the Army, he came to Augusta, Georgia-Aiken, South Carolina area and began working for DuPont at the Savannah River Plant near Aiken, S. C. Throught his association with Paul Dahlen, who also worked at the Savannah River Plant, his interest in Camellias was sparked. He acquired a few plants, entered a few blooms in local shows, won some ribbons, and this subsequently led to the acquisition of other plants and ultimately to the building of several greenhouses. His interest in Camellias continued to grow and he traveled greater distances to attend shows and became a consistent Court of Honor and Head Table Winner.

"Sarge" is an active member of the Aiken, South Carolina Camellia Club, a member of the SCCS and the American Camellia Society. He works tirelessly in his efforts to promote Camellias. He shares plants and scions with people from all over. During the Camellia season blooms are taken daily to the local businesses where the beauty of this lovely flower can be enjoyed by all passersby. He is always glad to share his vast knowledge of Camellia culture with anyone interested and may be enticed to impart some of his "growing secrets".

Though Camellias are his first love, his horticultural achievements are by no means limited to this one particular plant. Those of us who have visited him in the early spring have marveled at the fantastic beauty of the hundreds of Azaleas which grace his yard. He has coaxed Rhodendrons to bloom in an area which is not believed to be climatically suitable for them. His exquisite roses have found their way into many award winning arrangements of local garden club members.

This man who has made so many contributions to the advancement of the Camellia has endeared himself to all of us. If we had many many more people as enthusiastic in their purpose as he, what great Camellia Societies we would have.



Requirements For ACS Award Of \$20,000.00 For Petal Blight Control

The American Camellia Society's Research Advisory Committee met during the ACS Annual Meeting in Modesto to outline the requirements for awarding the \$20,000.00 for a successful control of Camellia petal blight, *Sclerotina camelliae*, Hara. The amount is to be in the form of a lump sum award and not as a grant. As of mid-August the ACS had already received over \$13,000.00 of the goal of \$20,000.00.

The requirements are:

 That the material be registered with EPA as not constituting an environmental hazard.

(2) That the material must not deleteriously affect the flowers or the plant.

(3) That the treatment must be practical from both a physical and economic standpoint.

(4) The material (fungicide) shall have been tested under controlled conditions as an effective agent. This would mean that the material be used on artificially inoculated plants with the viable organism as well as naturally infected ones, backed up by non-treated controls for comparison.

(5) The material be used under environmental conditions known to be favorable to the growth and spread of the petal blight disease.

(6) That the material be tested independently by at least four com-

petent plant pathologists (two in the southeast and two on the west coast) in Camellia growing areas known to be subject to petal blight disease.

(7) That the material be proven in the above tests to be 90% effective in the control of Camellia petal blight.

(8) That the material be tested and proven effective over a minimum period of two year tests after first effective results.

(9) That the material be capable of commercial production at a reasonable price (within the range of the average camellia grower).

(10) That the material be proven safe to warm blooded animals, including man.

Contributions to this campaign can be made to The American Camellia Society Endowment Fund, P. O. Box 1217, Fort Valley, GA 31030 and earmarked for "Fight Blight." All contributions are exempt from federal (and presumably all state) income or estate taxes under Section 501(c)(3)of the United States Internal Revenue Code. The letter of determination is available to anyone who writes to the ACS.

The ACS Executive Secretary is asking every camellia growers to make a contribution, however small or large to help wipe out this scourge.

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A Progress Report on the Development of Resistant Cultivars of *Camellia Sasanqua* to Canker Caused by *Glomerella Cingulata*

By LUTHER W. BANTER, JR., SUSAN G. FAGAN, and MARY G. OWEN ²

Dieback and canker of Camellia spp. is caused by the fungus, Glomerella cingulata. This disease should not be confused with camellia root rot caused by the soil-inhabiting fungus Phytophthora cinnamomi. The twig blight phase of dieback usually shows up in the late spring when newly developing twigs suddenly wilt and die (Fig. 5). This infection apparently results when Glomerella cingulata enters the stem at the base of the twig through the leaf scar. The young twig is quickly girdled and killed. The fungus grows into the stem and may form a canker at the base of the dead twig (Figures 1 & 2). These cankers progress until the stem, distal to the canker, either dies, or it breaks over due to wind or ice (and/ or snow), or it heals (Fig. 3).

The root rot pathogen, *Phytophthora cinnamomi*, attacks only the roots, and the above-ground symptoms are usually those associated with a damaged root system; namely (a) sparse foliage; (b) overall weakness of the plant, many times associated with lichens growing on the stems; (c) a general dying back of the terminal stems (Fig. 6); and (d) a color that is similar to that associated with malnutrition or undernutrition.

Several cultivars (varieties) of *Camellia sasanqua* have become so diseased (with the canker phase) that some nurserymen in the Southeast no longer attempt to grow them. Examples of such cultivars are 'Rosea', 'Cleopatra', 'Texas Star', 'Narumi-gata' (Oleifera), and 'Betty Patricia'. Many other cultivars of *Camellia sasanqua* could be cited which are extremely sensitive to twig blight, dieback, and canker. This disease on camellias, with its different phases, can be partly controlled by using the following cultural practices:

- Selection of cuttings from current year's growth, preferably in August;
- Soaking of cuttings in a benomyl (Benlate) aqueous suspension

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FIG. 1. Large Glomerella canker on a seedling of Camellia sasanqua.



FIG. 3. Glomerella canker on a seedling of *Camellia sasanqua* which has healed entirely.



FIG. 2. Glomerella canker on a seedling of *Camellia sasanqua* which is partially healed.



FIG. 4. Metal bin in which *Camellia sasan*qua seedlings were grown. There is subterranean drainage under the metal bin.

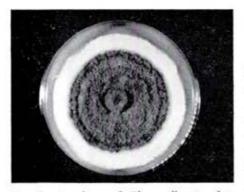


FIG. 5. A culture of *Glomerella cingulata* growing in a Petri dish on carrot juice agar.



FIG. 6. Camellia japonica showing sparse foliage, general weakness of the plant associated with lichens growing on the stem, and a general dying back of the terminal stems. This condition is a result of root rot caused by the soil type fungus, *Phytophthora cimanomi*, and not to be confused with dieback caused by *Glomerella cingulata*.

for 1 hour prior to sticking; the benomyl should be used at the rate of ½ tablespoonful per gallon of water (the recommended rate on the package);

- Placing of soaked cuttings in clean sand away from diseased cuttings and/or plants;
- Spraying of plants, after potting, with benomyl, particularly during leaf fall (usually in May and June); (2)

Pruning out of any cankers when seen.

However, these practices are troublesome and time consuming. It would, therefore, be much simpler to use resistant cultivars (those plants on which cankers either fail to develop or heal before the fungus fruits). This progress report deals with resistance to this disease found in a *C. sasanqua* seedling.

MATERIALS AND METHODS

The plants: Seeds of C. sasanqua, from a number of cultivars, were collected and mixed. The seeds were obtained primarily from the vicinity of Clemson, S. C., and the cultivars mostly represented were 'Apple Blossom', 'Cherie', 'Davdream', 'Hinode-Gumo', 'Lavendar Queen', 'Maiden's Blush', 'Setsugekka', 'Texas Star', and an unknown red sasangua. The seeds were planted in a sand, soil, peat, bark mixture (1-1-1-1 by volume) during October. They began to germinate by February when kept in a greenhouse maintained at 22°C (72°F) or above. The seedlings were transplanted during May to number 5 tin cans filled with the above mix and allowed to grow for one more year in the greenhouse. After the greenhouse growth (1 year), the seedlings were planted in metal bins under field conditions in May and grown for four additional vears. The bins were 38 inches in diameter with subterranean drainage provided. The metal was buried to a depth of 26 inches with an additional 10 inches protruding above ground (Fig. 4). The plants were watered and fertilized as needed.

The pathogen (fungus): A culture of the dieback fungus, Glomerella cingulata, was obtained from a natural canker which occurred on the cultivar 'Cleopatra'. It was isolated by normal laboratory procedures, transferred to, and maintained on, carrot juice agar. The fungus was grown in the laboratory at 22°C (72°F). The fungus was single-spored in the conidial stage (Colletotrichum stage) and maintained aseptically by sub-transferring peripherial mycelial bits to more carrot juice agar (Fig. 5). The fungus was multiplied on about 12 Petri plates partially filled with carrot juice agar to use for inoculation purposes. The fungal cultures were 5 days old when used as inoculum.

The fungus and the host (seedlings of Camellia sasangua): In June of 1976, 162 C. sasangua seedlings were inoculated with mycelial fragments from an actively growing, virulent culture of Glomerella (Fig. 5). The inoculations were made by scraping off a small bit of the bark of a healthy C. sasanqua twig approximately ¼ to 3% inch in diameter. The mycelial fragments were applied to the fresh wound, and then the wound was covered with moist cotton that was wired in position. The cotton was kept moist for 1 to 2 days after the inoculations were completed. The inoculations were left for 1 year before the results were noted and recorded.

RESULTS AND DISCUSSION

All wounded stems of *C. sasanqua* (162) became infected. Most of the infected areas developed into cankers

(Fig. 1) (about 150). A few plants possessed cankers which were actively healing (Fig. 2), and one plant was found which had healed completely (Fig. 3). It had earlier been demonstrated that C. sasangua plants infected with Glomerella (cankers) would heal benomyl was applied to the soil in which diseased plants were growing (4). C. sasanqua cultivars, such as 'Setsugekka' and 'Daydream', and many C. sasangua seedlings had shown this response (see reference 4, page 29). Also, it has been observed that under greenhouse conditions, infected C. sasanqua plants would sometimes heal without benomyl. This may have been due to the unusually high temperatures experienced in the greenhouse over a long period of time.

The identification of the one C. sasangua plant which healed is a major step toward the development of acceptable C. sasangua cultivars. It should be remembered that C. sasanqua does not cross with C. japonica under natural conditions. However, there is apparently the same type of resistance in C. japonica, in cultivars, such as 'Governor Mouton', 'Professor C. S. Sargent', and 'Cho-Cho San' (5). This plant will be used both as the male parent to cross with other semi-resistant C. sasangua cultivars, such as 'Setsugekka', 'Day Dream', and 'Apple Blossom', and as the female parent for these same cultivars. In the meantime, the search continues for other sources of resistance among C. sasangua cultivars and seedlings. Thus it may be possible to develop rootstocks which are resistant

to Glomerella dieback, at least to the canker phase, and we will then no longer have to depend on C. sasanqua seedlings for grafting stock (1). With the development of resistant C. sasanqua cultivars, nurserymen should be able to grow these resistant cultivars without cankers and therefore sell high quality, healthy plants to the public. It should be pointed out that development of acceptable resistant cultivars is time-consuming and it may be several years before new, resistant C. sasanqua cultivars are forthcoming.

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In and Around the Greenhouse

By JAMES H. MCCOY, Fayetteville, N. C.

This article consists of odds and ends of camellia culture, gleaned from listening and making mental notes from a vast correspondence with camellia growers both in our country and other countries. You may not learn much by reading it, but then you might get some ideas about things others are doing. For better or worse, here goes.

Do all varieties of camellias respond well to the same strength of gib? Some of our growers think not. 'Ella Ward Parsons' and some of the other varieties which often literally turn inside out upon opening, will behave better if half strength gib is applied. If you doubt this, ask Ernest Aycock. He grows the best 'Ella Ward Parsons' and 'Sawada's Dreams' of any one I know.

Want to cut down heat requirements for your greenhouse? Of course you do. Here's one simple way you can do it. The suggestion came to me from Graem Yates but may be in practice by many of you already. Line the inside walls of your greenhouse with polyethelene. It creates an insulating air space between structural members, and if installed on the bottom of the roof framing members, would probably eliminate the dripping problem as well.

How about a new treatment for blooms to hold them for the shows. This formula came from a grower in Alabama. He says that it really works, that he can keep a cut bloom in good shape for more than 3 weeks by setting the stem in the following solution for 3 to 4 hours. Take one can of regular Sprite (not the diet kind), add the same amount of water and a tablespoon of Clorox. The Clorox is supposed to keep the corolla firm and attached.

Here's an item for you amateur hybridizers. I'm sure you know that temperature must be close to 60 degrees for a pollination to take. Have you ever wondered how long before and how long after the pollination is made must the temperature be so high? This answer comes from one of the foremost camellia hybridizers in the country. If the pistel and ovary are not damaged by cold at the time of pollination, the warm period need not be long. The time between pollination and fertilization is generally considered to vary between 12 and 18 hours. Therefore, the temperature during the first night after pollination could easily affect the "take" of the pollination. Night temperature down to 50 degrees or even 45 degrees may not be too damaging, but 35 degrees would be precarious.

All of us have heard all our camellia life, "Don't overpot!" I wonder how valid is this advice. I'm not sure that better advice wouldn't be "Use as big a container as you can find and have potting soil to fill." I have felt this for some time, especially when I repot and find pitifully crowded and tortured roots. One of our best known and most successful nurserymen uses 3 and 4 gallon containers for the first (and only) potting of rooted cuttings. When I asked him about a big pile of 2 gallon containers, he said, "Oh, that's just excess baggage."

Would you like to know what's new "down under"? From New Zealand they are raving about 'Glowing Embers'. Supposed to be the best retic hybrid ever seen by many who have seen it. Better than 'Howard Asper'? Better than 'Pharaoh'? Better than Francie L'? Not vet released. Mrs. Mollie Coker, the originator of 'Ilam Mist' has come up with another one called 'llam Satin' which is supposed to be a very good full peony. From Australia: Mrs. Tuckfield has released a group of the late Fred Tuckfield's retic hybrids. Many consider 'Overture' to be the best. Mr. Len Hobbs will soon release a chance retic hybrid that most certainly will make a big splash. It's called 'Pavlova'. Not vet available, Mr. Edgar Sebire, one of

Australia's most successful nurserymen, has released a number of new ones and has several pending introduction. 'Blossom Time', listed in the current nomenclature book, seems to be very good.

How do you treat the scions you receive through the mail prior to grafting? Here's a method which has worked well for me. Take them out of the envelope and plastic bag, clip off a tiny portion of the stem and place them in a glass of water for about 3 hours. They will perk up and look freshly cut. They can then be returned to the plastic bag with a few drops of water in it, sealed, and kept in a refrigerator until you can get around to grafting them. Caution: too much water is worse than too little. Also, don't let them freeze.

Watch for the introduction of 'Mandalay Queen's' pod mate. It's a very large, medium pink, loose semidouble. Will probably be called 'Tali-Ho'.

-CAROLINA CAMELLIAS-

Special Notes . . .

The 32nd Annual Camellia Show of Beaufort, S. C. on January 14 & 15, 1978 tells us that the Reese Palley Galleries will present *The Edward Marshall Boehm Collection* of sculptured porcelain camellias and birds on Friday, January 13, 7:30-9:30 p. m.; Bank of Beaufort Community Room— Free admission . . . Cancer sign in the almanac calendar is the best days for grafting . . . Get well wishes to Joe Pyron who was recently admitted to Peach County Hospital — Room 106, Fort Valley, Ga. 31030.

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The Naming of a Camellia

One of the drives of life is to leave something of yourself to the next generation, this is called Self-Perpetuation. Most people have to be satisfied with just a child named after him or her. Many people have the drive so great that they write great music, or poetry or hold important offices. This they do themselves. It is not often that Self-Perpetuation is accomplished without any effort on ones own behalf and this is the sweetest kind.

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During the 1969-70 camellia season Mr. Foss was president of the Southern California Camellia Society. It seemed an appropriate time to make a trip to another part of the world where camellias play an important part of hobbies and friendships. In order to experience the camellia activities in Australia and New Zealand the trip was made during the middle of August and early September. The Australian camelliaites were most hospitable and the tours of the gardens were extensive and beautiful. Their season is about 2 weeks earlier than in New Zealand.

The New Zealand camellia convention that year was held in New Plymouth and Mr. Foss was asked to be a speaker. The New Zealand people were not to be outdone by their Australian neighbors and the festivities, tours, gardens and convention and food was unsurpassed.

The day following the convention, at the invitation of Les Jury, Mr. and Mrs. Foss and the Ben Raynors were luncheon guests at the Jury home in central New Plymouth. During the tour of their most beautiful garden was seen a magnificent camellia bush in full bloom. It was about eight feet tall and five feet across with seven inch blossoms up and down all the stems. The flowers were so thick on the bush they over-shadowed the foliage. Needless to say, Mr. Foss wanted to know the name of the camellia which was unfamiliar to him. Les Jury indicated that this was a non-reticulata hybrid cross of Saluenensis x Japonica 'Beau Harp, and that it had not, as yet been named. Ben Raynor suggested that it was worthy of naming and should be named and placed on the market.

The two men conferred and then said that, at that moment, it was to be called 'Wilber Foss' and that it would be registered and marketed as such! Les Jury carried out his intention and when the Fosses returned home, Nuccio's Nurseries already had fresh scions and had them grafted.

It really is a thrill to have something as beantiful as a lovely flower carry your name in this generation and into the next. This, in a small way, makes a person live on and accomplishes Self-Perpetuation. Canker

Plant Doctor Fights Camellia Diseases

CLEMSON, S. C.—A plant pathologist is a kind of doctor who diagnoses the ills of plants and tries to find ways to make them well.

Luther Baxter of Clemson University has a number of special patients of the same family who have a weakness from a common disease. The plants are of the camellia family and the disease is known as die-back. A critical stage of the illness is canker.

Like any doctor, Baxter is overjoyed when a patient who is very sick recovers. This year he is encouraged by the case of a *Camellia sasanqua* plant that has made a surprising comeback from canker and seems well on the way to a healthy future.

One of the first symptoms of dieback is what Baxter calls "twig blight." The leaves begin to turn yellow from age and as they fall, they leave a small wound for the die-back fungus to enter.

The fungus causes a canker to begin and spread. The dying cells gradually cut off essential supplies of water and nutrients from the ground, and the affected stem or branch above the canker dies.

Sometimes the fungal spores spread from the initial wound to the other parts of the bush. Then the entire plant may die.

In his S. C. Experiment Station research at Clemson, Baxter has infected hundreds of sasanquas with the fungus over the past six years in an attempt to learn a way to breed resistance into the plant.

This year he had 162 infected plants. One recovered.

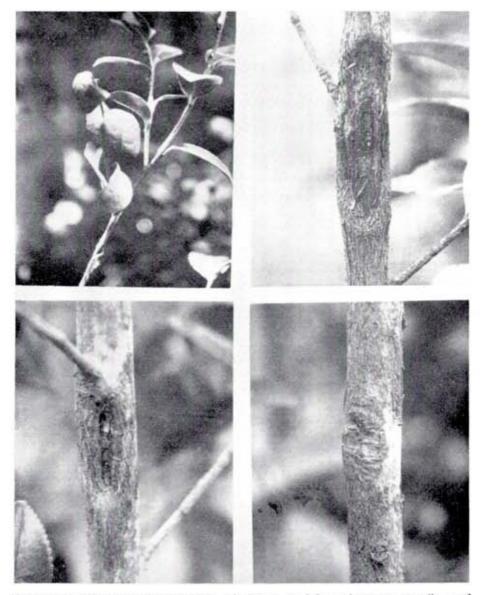
Now the plant pathologist will use the pollen from his one resistant plant for cross breeding other varieties that have some degree, although less, of resistance. These include 'Daydream', 'Apple Blossom' and the Japanese sasangua, 'Setsugekka'.

"It would be just too much luck for our resistant sasanqua to also have a beautiful bloom," says Baxter. "Now we'll work on that aspect of development."

Sasanqua plants are resistant to root rot, whereas the *Camellia japonica* is not. Baxter says the resistant sasanqua will, therefore, be doubly useful as rootstock onto which *Camellia japonicas* may be grafted.

Previously, grafting wounds have been easy targets for the casual fungus to enter. Other common wounds, says Baxter, are caused from the lawnmower and pruning shears. The resistant rootstock will diminish the probability of canker developing at the point of grafting.

As to pruning, Baxter advises that hot, dry weather is a good time because the fungus is less likely to be around, although a bush pruned now will not have so many blooms as it might have had unpruned. March is probably the optimum month for pruning.



CAMELLIA DIE-BACK RESISTANCE—The leaves, top left, are beginning to yellow and soon the twig will drop, leaving a small wound. Fungus may enter, causing a canker, top right, which will eventually cut off water and nutrients from the upper part of the plant. In a plant with some resistance, bottom left, the canker may partially heal. But the resistant plant, bottom right, has completely recovered and the canker has healed. (CU Newsphoto)

Some Myths and Mythstakes of Camellia Growing

By GRAEM YATES

The year was 1965 and I had learned in only three short months all of the finer points of growing award winning Camellias. I had learned from such reliable sources as clerks at the five and dime where I had bought "the best varieties for this area" on special for one-nineteen! Had also listened and learned from an 'expert' who really had only one 'Prof. Sergeant' choked with die-back, from a nurseryman whose every plant had succumed from lack of water and from a newspaper garden editor who swore that scale signs were varigation!

Some of these profound insights were:

- Don't water a Camellia until it wilts!
- Use a lot of sawdust in your mix because rotting humus generates a lot of Nitrogen!
- If a plant doesn't look healthy cut it down and graft on it!
- Don't worry about tea scale—but if it really bothers you, mix up a solution of soap suds and wash the underside of each leaf!

For two or three years I would leave home before daybreak drive two hundred miles to exhibit my monstrous results and then return two hundred miles home with both red ribbons! (Those stupid judges!) And so dawn the first day of the great experiments . . .

Fertiliziers

This had to be the problem! So, all plants were separated into three groups. Very scientificially, retics, hybrids, formals, early bloomers, late bloomers, etc., were evenly distributed into each group. Scientific. One group was given a mixture of Mag-Amp and Ureamite throughout the summer. Another group was fed cottonseed meal, Super Phosphate and Muriate of Potash. The third was fed a good commercial Camellia fertilizer. No difference at all was evident in bloom size or body. Conclusion-the Camellia plant is no gourmet!! Whether the menu is French, Italian, Chinese or Hardee's it makes no difference as long as the plant gets the three major elements at mealtime. You might say the Camellia is just one of the good ol' Southern meat and potato boys!

Grafting

The first year's experiment clearly proved that grafting was easy, with eighteen takes from twenty grafts! The second year, after eighteen were grafted, twenty DIDN'T take. The third year I used the Almanac, Rootone, Harmodin, Captan, sterilized jars, sterilized sand, Coloroxed screwdriver, rubber gloves, paper bags with windows turned exactly North-Northeast and no tobacco chewing! Eight out of twenty took. The answer had been found, but which one? Regrafting the twelve early in July without any of the scientific procedures, eleven took, and the twelfth would have but Eleanor stole the jar for canning!! There is no doubt that the great secret to grafting is to sit while you graft instead of squatting!

Soil Mix

I had repeatedly been told that the soil must be heavily acid, much the same as for azaleas. After working hard in this direction for a few years, bought a soil tester and found many of my plants had a ph of 3.51. I was congratulating myself until I borrowed a booklet from the Department of Agriculture which showed that a plant could not effectively absorb Phophate below a ph of 6. I again quit listening to free advice and bought a ton of lime!

Pot Size

A paint manufacturer in Georgia offered 50 ten-gallon cans for twenty cents each. I had read and been told that one thing Camellias could not stand was a pot that was too large overpotting. With this great insight, the offer was refused. Returning home through South Carolina I saw what appeared to be a Magnolia with pink blooms sitting in the middel of a fiveacre field. Getting closer, I realized it was a magnificent 'Lady Clare'. My immediately conclusion was that no pot is too large unless it is over five acres wide!

The years now have gone by, and the experiments have become more frantic and the fun more fulfilling. I still arise early and journey afar, occasionally bringing home a *blue* ribbon or two. (The judging is obviously getting better!)

-CAROLINA CAMELLIAS-

Shrimp Mold

1 8 oz. pkg. cream cheese

1½ envelopes unflavored gelatin

34 cup chopped celery (fine)

- 1 tbs. chopped parsley (dried or fresh) I hardly ever have this
- 1 cup mayonnaise

2 tsp. grated onion

1½ to 2 cups fresh chopped shrimp (1 use 2 cups and fresh if I have it)

1 tbs. lemon juice salt and pepper just to taste Whip cream cheese. Fold in gleatin which has been softened in ^{1/2} cup cold water and dissolved over low heat. Fold in all other ingredients and pour in a dish mold which has been rinsed in cold water and not dried. Chill. This sets in minutes. Serve with your favorite crackers. You may use some canned shrimp with this if you like.

The above recipe was given to this editor by Lena Watson who says it really is Annie B. Weigle's of Augusta, Ga.

Sansing Says

(Reprinted from Gulf Coast Camellias)

That man for all season, Bob Sansing, puts out monthly a news sheet called "Camellia Notes" for the large membership of the Men's Camellia Club of Pensacola in which there are often pearls of wisdom concerning the growing of camellias along with items of interest to local club members. The following comes from his May, 1977 issue.

One of the joys of raising outdoor camellias is observing Nature in its wondrous and sometimes unpredictable ways. For example, this past year was an unusual one here on the Gulf Coast with the ups and downs of the weather with fall cold spells followed by the deep freeze in late January. The camellia plants showed their ability to fight back with good blooms prior to the deep freeze and bud opening delayed by the deep freeze and then blooming out in a mass display of beautiful blooms not often seen in a camellia garden. The aftermath of the January freeze was Nature's way of trying to preserve the plants by using the freeze for pruning of weak and undesirable branches. I first noticed his in April when a lot of the new growth started sprouting out some 2 to 4 inches, then dying. The limb was too weak to support the growth. Immediately, dieback started at the base of this new growth and entered the limb. I have stated the above because I feel this problem will follow right into the fall season. As a result, I carry my razor blade and can of pruning paint every time I walk out into the camellia patch to cut off this dying growth as I find it, then cutting the resulting damage off or out of the branch or trunk of the plant, thereby hoping to save the plant.

July through October are usually hot and dry months here on the coast. Watering the plants adequately is very important if we expect those winning blooms. We raked the pine straw mulch back when we spring fertilized and added additional mulch where required. This not only helps hold moisture but keeps the roots cooler in summer and warmer in winter. If this wasn't done in the spring, it could be done with the fall fertilizing.

For the last seven or eight years, we have been using organic fertilizer, 16-4-8, complete with minor elements, and only fertilized once a year, in the spring. We have been pleased with the results, but this year we had so much early growth we were afraid we had over-nitrogened. So this spring we used a mixture of five parts cottonseed meal with one part fish meal (as Tom Eagleson says: "At times it is good to change your fertilizer program"). We intend to follow this up in late August or early September with either 0-10-10 or a liquid fertilizer with low nitrogen, high phosphorous and medium potash content for foliage feeding applying about every 30 days. We also plan to supplement this with a liquid mixture complete with minor elements.

We lost quite a few grafts this year, which we blame on the deep freeze disturbing the growth cycle of the understock. We plan to graft again during July and August and right on through the year as scions become available. If the understock stump has calloused around its edges, we will simply trim up the old cut and slip a new scion in it. If not, we will cut off a portion of the stump and start over.

We start gibbing late in August for early fall Gulf Coast shows and continue to gib about every two weeks throughout the blooming season.

Disbudding starts in late summer and continues throughout the fall. The flower bud is removed by gently twisting it out. We atempt to remove all buds except the terminal buds. If you have to make a choice of two terminal buds, generally it is preferable to leave the one turned down. This is especially true for outdoor plants as it will help the bloom shed rain water and it will usually open more uniformly.

July and August are also good months to plant or re-pot plants you have grafted or bought. We suggest you prune back about 1/3 of the plant at that time and place the re-potted plants under a mister for a couple of days to keep the foliage from drying out.

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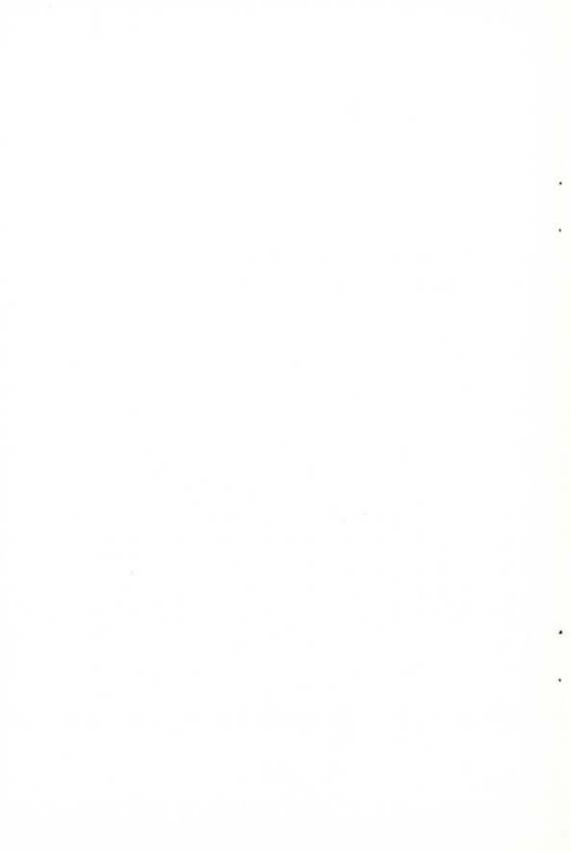
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