Carolina Camellias



'Nuccio's Jewel'

C. *japonica* seedling, white washed and shaded pink, medium, full peony form, slow growth, bushy, (1978 Nuccio's Nurseries) Courtesy of Nuccio's Nurseries. Photo by Perigan

FALL 1978

Show Dates



	1978
Columbia, S.C., Mid-Carolina Camellia Society, S.C. State Fair	Oct 21, 1978
Greenwood, S.C., West Carolina Camellia Society,	
Northside Junior High School	Oct. 28-29, 1978
Wilmington, N.C., Tidewater Camellia Club, Wilmington Hilton	Oct. 28-29, 1978
Virginia Beach, Va., Virginia Camellia Society,	
Pembroke Mall	Nov. 3-4, 1978
Savannah, GA., Men's Garden Club of Savannah	Nov. 4-5, 1978
Fort Valley, GA., Mid Georgia Camellia Society,	
	Nov. 11-12,1978
Greenville, ALA., Greenville Camellia Society Charleston, S.C., Coastal Carolina Camellia Society,	Nov. 11-12, 1978
First Federal, 34 Broad Street	Nov. 18-19, 1978
Albany, GA., Men's Garden Club of Albany	
Jacksonville, Fla. Camellia Society of North Florida	
Tallahassee, Fla., Tallahassee Camellia Club	
Gainesville, Fla., Gainesville Camellia Society	
	1979
Panama City, Fla., Camellia Society of Panama City	Jan 6-7, 1979
Beaufort, S.C., Council of Beaufort Garden Clubs,	
Beaufort Academy	
Orlando, Fla., Camellia Society of Central Florida	Jan. 13-14, 1979
Pensacola, Fla., Pensacola Men's Camellia Club	Jan. 13-14, 1979
Aiken, S.C., Aiken Camellia Club,	
Kennedy Junior High School	
Mobile, Ala., Camellia Society of Mobile	Jan. 20-21, 1979
Charleston, S.C., Coastal Carolina Camellia Society, Charles Towne Square, Montague Ave., Chas. Hgts.	lan 27.29 1070
Fort Walton Beach, Fla., Fort Walton Camellia Society	
Savannah, Ga., Savannah Men's Garden Club	
Tuscaloosa, Ala., West Alabama Camellia Society	
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TO STIMULATE APPRECIATION OF CAMELLIAS AND TO PROMOTE THE SCIENCE OF CAMELLIA CULTURE

The South Carolina Camellia Society, Inc.

A non-profit organization

August 15, 1978

Dear Friends,

I have just recently returned from a meeting of the Gulf Coast Camellia Society in Mobile, Alabama. This organization, in the past two years, has signed up approximately sixty new members. There is great enthusiasm at their meetings, and it is most encouraging to see their growth at this time.

This Camellia season I would urge each of you to take visitors to your local club meetings, to shows, and to our SCCS meetings. Let them enjoy the fellowship, fun and Camellia blooms at these different activities. I'll wager that if we do this, some of these people will be bitten by the bug.

Our annual meeting will be held this year in Charleston in conjunction with their fall show. Elsewhere in this issue you will find information pertaining to the meeting. A letter will be sent to members with complete details. Make your reservations early so that our host's job will be made easier.

We look forward to seeing all of you during the 78-79 season.

Bill Robertson

NORTH CAROLINA CAMELLIA SOCIETY

Lewis M. Fetterman President P. O. Box 306 Clinton, North Carolina 28328





Dear North Carolina Camellia Society Members:

It seems as though we are just starting a new year when Bang! we are startled with the realization that another year is almost gone.

Our blooms did remarkably well during the past camellia season and have set some beautiful buds already. We trust that you have given your plants that one very important ingredient: T L C (tender loving care). They really respond to it!

Plan now to attend some Fall Shows. They need plenty of blooms to put on a good show so get those blooms ready and attend as many as you can. Remember, there's no better fun and fellowship than with camellia friends.

The NCCS will have its Fall Show and Meeting in Wilmington on October 28 & 29 at the Wilmington Hilton. The Tidewater Camellia Club will be our hosts and they are planning an excellent program for us. You will be receiving more information from us on this BIG event. Let's all go to Wilmington on October 28 & 29!

Let's all support our Society!

It has been my pleasure serving as your President during this the 25th Anniversary Year of the North Carolina Camellia Society.

We want the Men's Piedmont Camellia Club of Greensboro to know that we all appreciate their hosting the Spring Meeting when they honored the past presidents and their wives. It was a very enjoyable day!

Can hardly wait to hear all your happy voices again as we greet each other at meeting time. Bring a friend!

See you soon. Sincerely In fetterman

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VIRGINIA CAMELLIA SOCIETY



15 August 1978

Dear Friends,

As this issue goes to press, the Virginia Camellia Society will have participated in the Annual Men's Garden Club Show at Virginia Beach. Cur annual plant sale will have been a success, and our membership drive will be well underway. Then lest we forget, the time for gibbing our plants is here, and our fall show will be held the 3rd and 4th of November at Pembroke Shopping Mall in Virginia Beach.

As your president, I take this opportunity to recognize the untiring efforts and gifts of Charlie Mason our devoted friend and fellow member, his contributions to our society have been and remain immeasurable.

Lee E. Myers

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President: Geary M. Serpas; Secretary: Donna Shepherd, 106 Park Place E. North Charleston 29406 Meeting: 4th Tuesday Aug.-May at Calvary Lutheran Church, 1400 Manor Blvd. Charleston

MID-CAROLINA CAMELLIA SOCIETY

President: James D. Heriot; Secretary: James T. Moore, 3500 Boundbrook Ln., Columbia 29206 Meeting: 2nd Wednesday Sept., Oct., Nov., Jan., Feb., Mar. 7 p.m. at Hungry Bull, 6940 N. Trenholm Rd., Columbia

WEST CAROLINA CAMELLIA SOCIETY

President: William A. Gardener; Secretary: Melba Davis, Evans Mill Rd., Greenwood 29646 Meeting: 2nd Sunday Nov., Jan., Feb., Mar., 2 p.m. at Bankers Trust, Montague Ave., Greenwood

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North Carolina

FAYETTEVILLE CAMELLIA CLUB

President: J. William Anderson; Secretary: Nelson Condit, Rt. 1 Box 530, Aberdeen 28315 Meeting: 3rd Monday Sept. through May at Eutaw Shopping Center

MEN'S CAMELLIA CLUB OF CHARLOTTE

President: Marshall H. Rhyne; Secretary: J.L. McClintock, Jr., 1325 East Barden Rd., Charlotte 28211 Meeting: 1st Monday Sept. through June 7:30 p.m. at Social Services Center, Billingsley Rd., Charlotte MEN'S PIEDMONT CAMELLIA CLUB

President: Roger J. Martin, Sr.; Secretary: Frank Kitchel, 1609 Mulberry Rd., Martinsville, Va. 24112 Meeting: 2nd Tuesday each month, St. Ann's Episcopal Church, W. Market St., Greensboro

TIDEWATER CAMELLIA CLUB

President: Joe Scannell; Secretary: Becky Newber, Rt. 3, Box 57, Wilmington 28405 Meeting: 4th Tuesday, Sept.-May (except Dec.), Ballentines Buffett, Long Leaf Mall, Wilmington WHITEVILLE CAMELLIA SOCIETY

President: Joseph B. Schulken; Secretary: Margaret M. Woltz, Box 56, Hallsboro 28442 Meeting: 2nd Sunday afternoon Nov.-March, Greater Whiteville Chamber of Commerce Building

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President: Lee E. Myers; Secretary: Lillian Miller, 4540 Shoshone Ct., Norfolk 23513



Editor's

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A friend of ours constructed the front doors of our church and the doors leading into the sanctuary. After being told of this, I inspected them carefully and appreciated his fine work. "Marvin," I said to him,. "our church doors are beautiful. How did you learn to become such an excellent craftsman?"

He replied, "I studied the basics of woodwork at school. When I went to work, I watched the more skilled men in the shop and learned what they did well. As the years went by, I added my own ideas."

Marvin and his wife, Alice, own a beautiful home framed in a neat lawn and garden. They drive their own cars, pay taxes, and strive for economic stability the same as most of us. Charlie and I have enjoyed their company many times for they put us at ease with delightful humor. Successful? Yes, Marvin and Alice are successful, even though they are profoundly deaf.

As I walk through our church doors on Sunday morning, I thank God for Marvin. Each time I am given a difficult job I benefit from his wisdom and experience by studying the basics, learning from others who are more skilled at the task, adding my own ideas to craft an excellent product.

This, I hope to do as Editor of Carolina Camellias.

Not only did Marie Dahlen, the "Aiken Scribe", suggest that we feature local societies in *Carolina Camellias* but she went to work and got her fellow Aiken Camellia Club members to contribute articles for this issue. Thanks to Jim McCoy, the January 1979 issue will feature the Fayetteville Camellia Club.

During a two week visit in Hawaii last spring, Charlie and I spent much ped overnight in Los Angeles, Mr. of our time meandering through the and Mrs. Bill Donnan met us at the Islands' gardens. We saw no airport. We spent the evening with camellias or azaleas. When we asked them. Bill, the editor of Camellia the gardener of our hotel about this. Review, published by Southern Calihis answer was that other plants are fornia Camellia Society, shared with easier to grow and maintain in their us his expertise on color separations. climate. One Saturday afternoon we articles, and other aspects of editing visited the Wahiawa Botanical Gar- a regional camellia magazine. His adden and saw a posted notice stating vice, encouragement and support that in the near future, azaleas and have been a great help in our precamellias would be planted. Wahiawa paration of this issue of Carolina Botanical Garden is located about 30 Camellias. miles from Honolulu.

On our way back home, we stop-

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Letter To The Editor

Dear Tita.

I am 12 years old. When I was eleven I joined the Fayetteville Camellia Society. Then I joined the North Carolina Camellia Society. I love growing camellias. I tried to get my friends interested in the Camellia Society but they pay no attention. They say it is for older people. I don't think so. I love it. How do I convince them to try it?

> Curtis Godwin Fayetteville, N.C.

Dear Curtis.

Once someone told me that camellia societies are made up of nothing but a bunch of old men. I was so taken back that the only answer I could think of at that moment was. "Well, they are very gracious old men." So, you see, we share the same problem. Perhaps some of our camellia friends can help us by writing to us their suggestions on how we can let people know that the camellia hobby is for all ages ... and both sexes.



DEADLINE DATES

The deadline dates for the January 15, 1979 Carolina Camellias are:

SHOW RESULTS - Within one week after show.

ARTICLES - November 15. 1978.

If you have a special report or an announcement to submit and need more time, contact the editor before November 1st

Tita Heins, Editor



Garlands for Rosemary

I am delighted to have this opportunity to pay my tribute to Rosemary Elliott. Rosemary is and has been a close friend of ours for a number of years. She is a very congenial and lovely person.

When she took over the job as editor of Carolina Camellias, I was a Director in the South Carolina Camellia Society and was privileged to work with her along with other members of the Board. She worked very hard and put forth a lot of effort and as the magazine itself attests, she did a superb job.

Upon Dave's death, I became president of the South Carolina Camellia Society, and it was necessary for me to work more closely with her. Even though this was a time of great sorrow and she was under much stress, she cooperated beautifully with me and continued to work diligently and tirelessly to meet the demand of a deadline for getting out Carolina Camellias.

I compliment her on a job well done and express my sincerest thanks to her and wish for her the very best in the future.

William C. Robertson, President, South Carolina Society.





During the summer Board meeting in our home two years ago, the subject of a replacement of Editor of Carolina Camellias was introduced. Dave left the room for a moment and returned to announce that Rosemary would like to have the job and that he'd be happy to assist her. It's not that often that an important position on our Board is filled with such alacrity.

Mrs. Elliott has won our everlasting love and respect carrying out her duties as editor with dedicated commitment.

Marie W. Dahlen, Recording Secretary, South Carolina Camellia Society.



"Hats Off" to a swell lady, Rosemary, for a job well done with Carolina Camellias.

Oliver Mizzell, 1st Vice-President, South Carolina Camellia Society. Rosemary, as editor of *Carolina Camellias*, performed an excellent service for all of us. She was intensely enthusiastic about camellias and about camellia people. She acted as a catalyst between our magazine and our people so that the best thoughts of all of us were published. As a result of this publication it is my opinion that all camellia enthusiasts profited from reading *Carolina Camellias*.

Dr. Luther W. Baxter, Jr., Department of Plant Pathology & Physiology, Clemson University, Clemson, S.C. 29631.



It gives me great pleasure to add further "camellias" to the tribute your are paying to Rosemary Elliott. I am writing both officially as the executive Secretary of The American Camellia Society and personally for Ann and me.

We had the pleasure of meeting Rosemary and her late beloved husband Dave "along the camellia trail". They grew outstanding camellias and were unstinting in their support of camellia shows throughout the South and Southeast.

Rosemary carried on the great tradition of Carolina Camellias and its predecessor Carolina Camellia Bulletin.

It takes a great person to be Rosemary Elliott!

Milton H. Brown, Executive Secretary, American Camellia Society.

Shall We Share Camellia Knowledge?

Richard Mims, Membership Chairman, W. Columbia, S.C.

Appreciation of the beautiful flower, CAMELLIA, can be greatly enhanced by a better understanding of its growth. The key to growing camellias is adequate maintenance. Those spectacular fall and winter yard displays and those gorgeous, unbelievable, specimen blooms displayed at camellia shows do not get there by accident. Much "TLC" in the forms of feeding, watering, spraying and pruning must be done throughout the year.

As is true of God's great universe, even our wisest people will never fully understand everything. Nevertheless, study and research will continue and fascinating new camellia secrets will be discovered. Remember the excitement just a few years ago when the effect of giberelic acid on camellia blooms was discovered? Isn't it difficult to believe the hybrid color breakthrough of the past few years? Exciting indeed, but one only has to read "Carolina Camellias". "The Camellia Journal". or The American Camellia Yearbook to enjoy in a few minutes summaries and reviews of what fellow enthusiasts have spent months, years, or lifetimes studying. The above mentioned publications are probably the best "How to" sources in existence concerning camellias. Articles on propagation, fertilization, disease treatmenst, preparation for shows, and you name it, are to be found in all issues.

What I am moving toward in all this

chatter is to remind each member he/she belongs that to an organization called The North Carolina, South Carolina, or Virginia Camellia Society. Your by-laws probably include as purposes: to stimulate and extend appreciation of camellias: to encourage and promote the science and art of camellia culture; and very importantly, to develop, acquire, and disseminate information concerning the camellia and its origin, history, and culture. These tasks are not the duties of just your officers, but the duties of each member. Are you willing to do your share?

In the Carolinas and Virginia, members have chosen to use the major share of their dues to publish the seasonal magazine called "Carolina Camellias". If you are like me, you eagerly look forward to the day you receive it. Other camellia growers would probably appreciate the magazine as much as you do, if they only knew about it. Would you please take an hour or two of your time to tell several friends about your camellia society and show them copies of "Carolina Camellias"? How else will they find out that the organization and publication exists? Do you know a better way to disseminate information about the camellia?

Let's all work together to share camellia knowledge through promoting our state society and the National Society through new memberships.

South Carolina Camellia Society Annual Fall Meeting, Nov. 18, 1978

Geary Serpas, Summerville, S.C.

The annual fall meeting of the South Carolina Camellia Society will be held at the Harbor House, 4 Vendue Range, Charleston, S.C. on November 18th. A buffet luncheon will be served at 11:45 a.m. at the cost of \$6 per person. Please send reservations with checks by November 10th to Mrs. G.M. Serpas, 104 Tyvola Drive, Summerville, S.C.

There will be the election of officers and directors for the coming year and reports from various committees.

The Coastal Carolina Camellia Society and the South Carolina Camellia Society will stage their fall show following the luncheon at the First Federal Savings and Loan Association, 34 Broad Street in downtown Charleston. All out of town guest and exhibitors are invited to the Hospitality Room located on the first floor of First Federal.

Please make plans to attend this important meeting of your society. You will meet plenty of your friends there.

Members of the South Carolina Camellia Society are invited to tour Magnolia Gardens on the date of our show and meeting. If you are interested please contact Mrs. Geary Serpas.

ACS-ICS MEETING

The American Camellia Society -International Camellia Society joint meeting will be held at Massee Lane, Fort Valley, Georgia on November 7-12, 1978.

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South Carolina Camellia Society Executive Board Meeting

On April 29, 1978 the South Carolina Camellia Society Executive Board approved the following recommendations:

That the South Carolina Camellia Society resume publishing Carolina Camellias three times a year beginning in 1979.

That the services of John J. Furlong & Sons, Inc. of Charleston, S.C. be used for printing Carolina Camellias.

That advertising prices for Carolina Camellias be changed to:

Outside back cover (color)—\$150 (color separations furnished by advertiser). Inside front and back cover (color)—\$125 (color separations furnished by advertiser) (black and white)—\$100; One page—\$60; One half page—\$40; One fourth page—\$25.

That the South Carolina Camellia Society establish a library of periodicals, pamphlets, and books dealing with the subject of camellias beginning with a complete set of *Carolina Camellias* and its previous publication *Carolina Camellia Bulletin*.

TO THE MEMBERS OF SOUTH CAROLINA CAMELLIA SOCIETY:

Due to the increased cost of postage, an envelope for the renewal of your membership has been stapled in the center of your copy of *Carolina Camellias*. It may also be used for new and gift memberships. Please enclose check with necessary information and mail promptly.

FOR MEMBERSHIPS IN OTHER CAMELLIA SOCIETIES RECEIVING CAROLINA CAMELLIAS write to:

North Carolina Camellia Society, Mrs. Annabelle Fetterman, Secretary-Treasurer, P.O. Box 306, Clinton, N.C.

Virginia Camellia Society, Mrs. Lillian Miller, Secretary-Treasurer, 4540 Shoshone Court, Norfolk, Va.

FOR AMERICAN CAMELLIA SOCIETY MEMBERSHIP:

Send \$10 to American Camellia Society, Box 1217, Fort Valley, Georgia 31030

NEEDS AND NOTES

This column is a free service to members of the S.C., N.C., and Va., Camellia Societies members. Anyone interested in commercial advertising contact Charlie Heins, 1854 Hutton Court, Charleston, S.C. 29407 or any member of the South Carolina Camellia Society Board.

Note: For changes or corrections of addresses on membership roster or mailing tabs, contact the Secretary/Treasurer of your State Camellia Society listed on the officers page.

For sale: Camellia license plates. \$3.00 (plus tax to S.C. residents) to raise money for SCCS. Limited supply on hand.

Paul A. Dahlen, 703 Laurel Drive, Aiken, S.C. 29801

Wanted: Carolina Camellia Bulletins. (predecessor of Carolina Camellias) dated prior to 1958. For SCCS library.

Tita Heins, Editor, 1854 Hutton Court, Charleston, S.C. 29407

Camellia Registration

I heard that there are some confused people around our part of the country trying to get their camellias registered with official names and all. My friend that knows all about camellias and I decided we would help them out by writing this article.

First, this fellow Norman Clature puts out a good book*, so good that the American Camellia Society has adopted it as their offical nomenclature book and the ACS Accredited Judges carry it around where ever they go, *but* he does not register camellias. There are some camellias listed in his book that are not registered with ACS.

All right, say a camellia grower has a camellia he wants to register. Here is what he should do:

- Write to the Executive Secretary of ACS, Mr. Milton Brown, P.O. box 1217, Fort Valley, Georgia 31203 and ask for an application form.
- Fill out this form in triplicate and send it to Mr. Brown with two color slides of the camellia. If the applicant is naming it after a person, he has to have that person's written permission.
- 3. The Executive Secretary of ACS, an ACS Acredited Judge who is familiar with the new variety, and the Varietal Registration Committee of ACS will review the application and slides to make sure that everything is in order and that the name has *not* been used for any variety of any species of species of the genus camellia.

Nell

If it is approved, the description of the camellia, its name and the name of the applicant will be published in the Camellia Journal and the next American Camellia Yearbook. Also, Norman Clature will list it in his book.*

See, folks, that's not too difficult, is it? Before you send for your application, it might be a good idea to read "Camellia Registration" by Mr. Milton Brown and "Why Register Camellias" by Mr. Wm. E. Woodroof in the American Camellia 1976 Yearbook pages 156 through 158.

If you are still confused or have any questions, you may write me, Nell, in care of Tita Heins, Editor. My friend that knows all about camellias and I do enjoy helping all knds of people.

*Camellia Nomenclature, published every two years by the Southern California Camellia Socity.





Luther Baxter



Susan Fagan

Yellow Mottle Virus of Camellias

Luther W. Baxter, Jr. and Susan G. Fagan 2

There are many reasons for color variegation of flowers or foliage in camellias, such as genetic abnormalities and chemical damage, but the most common cause is the camellia yellow mottle virus (CYMV). It causes leaf and and/or flower variegation in Camellia japonica, C. sasangua, C. sinensis (tea), C. Reticulata, C. Hiemalis, and probably other species. There are no other known hosts of this virus, and it is not transmitted from plant to plant by any known means other than grafting. The virus responsible for variegation partially destroys the pigments in the leaves and flowers. When red-flowered cultivars are infected the flowers often have an attractive red and white mottled pattern. Because of this attractive pattern, this virus is considered to be beneficial. White flowers, that have no pigment, appear not to be affected; and pale and pink-flowered cultivars show little effect on flower color because of the lack of contrast between the areas with and without pigment. The effects of the virus on leaf color varies considerably among

cultivars. In some cultivars the variegation due to CYMV is very distinct. In others it is so slight that it is not detectable to the naked eye.

There are several strains of this virus, each causing different effects on camellias. One strain causes severe mottling of the foliage but very little motlling of the flower. Another strain causes severe flower mottling but little, if any, leaf variegation. For example, there is a particularly severe strain of CYMV in the C. sasangua cultivar, Mine-No-Yuki, but rarely are foliar symptoms expressed. Also, it is a white-flowered cultivars which means that there are no symptoms expressed in the flower. However, foliage of susceptible cultivars of C. japonica, such as Pink Perfection, may be so sensitive to this strain that part of the foliage may be variegated to the extent that it sunburns easily. This severe sunburning often results in defoliation of certain small branches. Defoliation weakens that part of the plant so that winter injury may then result to plants which are grown outdoors. Other strains of the virus cause different effects.

In addition to the variability in the virus, there is also variability in the host (the camellia). For example, some camellia cultivars show ex-

¹ Techinical Contribution No. 1589, S.C. Agricultural Experiemtn Station. Published with the approval of the Director.

² Professor and Laboratory Technician, respectively.

flowers, whereas other cultivars in- to the other. fected with the same virus strain show little or no evidence of mottling.

State Univ. (1) studied strains of the CYMV using different camellia cultivars. He was able to demonstrate at least four different strains of this virus. Strain CV 1 is the typical virus type which causes large assume that the seedlings are free of irregular splotches on flowers and/or CYMV, since the virus is not transleaves; Strain CV 2 causes a mild mitted through the seed. However, mottle (very small flecks or irregular when rooted cuttings from C. sasblotches) on the flowers and/or anqua cultivars are used as underfoliage; Strain CV 3 causes a special stocks, there is a risk that the plant type of variegation, particularly in the cultivar Adolph Audusson, where the several mechanisms. infected flower shows a wavy or feathery pattern of marbling in which fected only through a graft union with a high percentage of the flower is an infected plant. This graft union white; Strain CV 4 causes prominent may result from a man-made graft or flower variegation and a trace of leaf from a natural root graft in the soil mottling in cultivar Lallarook, but between two plants growing side by prominent leaf variegation and no side. A virus-free understock may flower variegation in many other become infected from an infected camellia cultivars.

Flame, the flowers on one branch of a may transmit the virus to a virus-free plant may be highly variegated, but scion grafted onto it later. an another branch on the same plant the flowers may be entirely red. This grafted onto an infected scion, the means that there is an unequal flowers that later develop on the distribution of th virus throughout scion will be variegated instead of these affected plants. Seeds collec- solid red. ted from virus-infected plants germinate to form seedlings which are by this virus disease, they remain invirus-free. We have raised several fected for the duration of their life. thousand C. japonica seedlings Also, if a plant is affected by a severe during the past 10 years, and none of strain (much flower variegation), that them has ever shown any evidence of plant will produce symptoms (on virus variegation.

The virus is transmitted from plant tical) for the life of the plant. to plant experimentally by grafting. To be transmitted from plant to plant, wish to cause a certain type of flower there must be an actual union made variegation in a plant which they between scion and stock. Mere con- have, such as a solid Ville de Nantes. tact does not result in the tran- One strain of the virus will cause a

treme mottling of the leaves and/or smission of the virus from one plant

Camellia sasangua seedlings or rooted cuttings fro m established Dr. A.G. Plakidas of Louisiana cultivars are frequently used as grafting understocks since they are resistant to root rot caused by Phytophthora cinnamomi. When seedlings are used which have not been previously grafted, we can has already been infected by one of

A virus-free plant may become inscion that forms only a partial union With many cultivars, such as and then dies. This stock plant then

When a red-flowered cultivar is

Once camellia plants are affected

flowers) which are similar (or iden-

Many times camellia enthusiasts

mild mottle of both the foliage and the flower, whereas another strain will produce both leaves and flowers with extensive variegation. Presumably strain CV 3, the Adolph Audusson "Special", should provide extensive mottling of a solid-colored Ville de Nantes. It should be pointed out, however, that plants infected by the mild strain cannot be infected with a severe strain (CV 1 or CV 3). In other words, a Ville de Nantes plant which as a slight mottle of flowers and/or leaves (also leaves and/or flowers) cannot be changed to a plant with extensive mottling of flowers and/or leaves. Thus to create such a plant, one must start with scions from a Ville plant having neither leaf nor flower symptoms (no variegation).

It has been assumed generally that this camellia virus exerts little, if any, injury to the host plant. However, with most other virus deseases, that simply is not true. Certainly there is essentially no evidence to suggest that individual flowers are smaller as a result of virus infection since many variegated flowers win the prize for best in the show. However, we are accumulating evidence that propagation is affected. When grafts are made with variegated scions and/or stock, fewer successful unions occur. Also, when cuttings are taken from severely mottled plants, they do not root as well.

Unfortunately, much more information is needed concerning plant-growth rate, flower-bud production, propagation, etc., in order to assess accurately the influence of this virus on camellias when compared with camellia plants known to be virus-free.

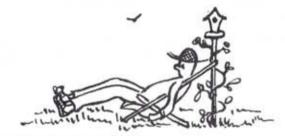
SUMMARY

- A virus (camellia yellow mottle virus) is responsible for much of the flower and leaf variegation in camellia.
- There are strains of the virus so that some strains cause extensive mottling, other strains cause little or no mottling.
- Once a plant is affected by a virus, it remains infected for the life of the plant.
- Camellia is the only known host for this virus.
- The virus has been transmitted from plant to plant only by grafting.
- Practically all camellia cultivars are susceptible to infection by one or more strains of the virus.
- Only colored cultivars show flower variegation since the virus destroys pigment.
- To maintain virus-free plants, use cuttings and/or scions taken from virus-free plants. If propagation is by scions, graft onto previously nongrafted C. sasangua seedlings.
- There is cross-protection among some virus strains so that plants affected with a mild strain (little mottling) cannot by subsequently infected with a severe strain.

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Twenty Years Ago

(Exerpts from SOUTH CAROLINA CAMELLIA BULLETIN, October 1958)

Joe Austin of Four Oaks, N.C. reports a very interesting experiment he is doing with camellia buds. As soon as he can determine the buds from the growth, he applies a 50% solution of Gibberell Fix with an eve dropper to the bud base. This treatment takes place about the 15th of July. In a very short time these buds begin to put on additional growth and as a result bloom from three to six weeks earlier than the other buds. The size of the bloom is increased considerably. He reports that this does not work on all varieties. We hope to get more information on this experiment and let you in on it. Wouldn't it be wonderful if we could learn to make plants bloom when we want them?

CAMELLIA DO'S AND DON'TS by Fred McGee, Florence, S.C.

27. Don't choose all the varieties yourself; let your wife pick a few.

28. If you do all the work yourself, don't buy more plants than one yard boy can take care of.

29. Don't let your camellias interfere with your fishing, or your fishing interfere with your camellias. COLD DAMAGE by Mansfield Latimar.

Cold weather is one of the main topics of conversation with those who grow camellias. With early and late freezes and the severe winter we have just had, we all wonder what the coming season will bring....

In connection with trying to do something about the weather, we have all read or heard about sprinkling plants with water when there is a freeze. Evidently some people have had favorable experiences with this, but my personal experience and observation has not been good.

Several years ago I tried this in my own garden. Due to a shortage of hose I could only sprinkle about twothirds of my garden and the other one-third was not sprinkled. You guessed it. The only area not showing some damage was the area not sprinkled. I have a friend who tried this on three large plants and every one of them lost every leaf and died. But don't take my word for it. Go ahead and try it; maybe it will work for you. But try it first on something that you were going to cut down anyway.....

The Aiken Camellia Club

Janet S. Burns, Aiken, S.C.

The phoenix lived for five or six centuries, was consumed by its own act in fire, and rose refreshed and youthful from the ashes. The Aiken Camellia Club could be likened to the mythical bird in that the members see the club as going on forever constantly refreshed by their love for camellias. The club rose, not from fire, but from flood on April 15, 1969 when all its records were swept away. Not one soggy page was retreived.

However, Walter Plunkett remembers the beginning of the club in the early 1950's when Mrs. Betty Fletcher was elected first president. Frampton Durban was the treasurer. and Walter Plunkett was the secretary. The first show chairman was John Gaver. The roster of the Garden Club of Aiken doubled as the membership of the Aiken Camellia Club. Grace Woodhead, who worked on the first show, still shepherds the clerks which makes her the holder of some kind of record. At the first show, Walter and Frampton collected 50 cents from each visitor since there was no sponsor.

During the years since then, Farmers and Merchants Bank has become our financial godfather and a most generous one they are. The contributions have gone up 100% as the cost of living and of putting on show have risen. We are surely grateful to the Farmers and Merchants Bank.

Aiken awakened to camellias in the 1920's when local growers gained valuable experience at the expense of wealthy winter residents. George Owens recalls that he was on a continuous search for the largest camellia plants he could find for the winter people.

We have learned much from the fine programs ferreted out by the various vice-presidents. These have included flower arranging, fertilizing, temperature control, bare rooting, gibbing, preparing and taking blooms to shows, botany, landscaping, workshops, panels, mulching, soil sampling, sanitation, grafting, judging, plant problems, debudding, and show manners.



Caroline Gimmy prepares for Aiken Show.

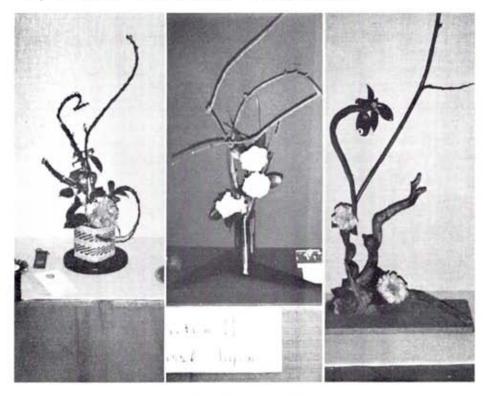
Kinship is felt with the American Camellia Society. We planned a trip to Massee Lane in 1970 which was wiped out by cold, but we tried again in 1971 and reached there safely for a beautiful experience.

Mini-shows were begun in October 1972, in answer to a desire to do something for the community and bring in new members. The camellias are simply arranged on a color basis and it is stressed that winning is not beyond anyone. Here you may win silver and be bitten by the tenacious camellia bug at the same time.

Letters from exhibitions have described the January shows as carefully detailed, held at a place well defined by signs, providing full glasses on dry trays, and as distributing trophies promptly. We have had as many as 3,864 blooms in a show viewed by 6,000 visitors. By-products of the shows are getting new information, unbounded opportunities to make friends, and gaining sympathetic ears for your troubles. The first show in Aiken was held in the home of Mrs. Phelps, then in the Municipal Auditorium, and now in the Kennedy Junior High School.

A successful show depends upon goodness-good variety, good quality of blooms, good weather, and good crowds. It is wise to follow the consistent winner home to see what they do. Talk to your plants and threaten them if necessary.

The Aiken Club has established a camellia garden in Hoplands in honor of Mr. and Mrs. Mellette who were early camellia enthusiasts when just about a dozen varieties of the plants were known here.



Aiken Show, January 1978

Several members have been honored by election to offices in the State and National Camellia Societies among whom are Pearle Cooper Moon, Tom Evans, Paul Dahlen, and Bill Robertson.

Marie Dahlen discharged the duty of purchasing and distributing the show awards for six years. She even raised most of the money to buy them. Marie upgraded the quality of the prizes which has been appreciated by the winners. By 1976, she was ready to drop her mantle on other shoulders, first offering to coach her successor in the paths of her genius.

Boy Scouts and the Aiken High School horticultural class with its leaders have given strong support at our shows.

If any area needs torrential rain, it should ask our club to hold a meeting there. We do much better than Indian rain dancers! Our members have come out despite tornado warnings and once a pea-soup fog plus illness prevented our speaker's coming, but the meeting went on merrily by batting questions and answers back and forth.

Camellia growing seems to develop healthy appetities which are always appeased by delicious refreshments at each meeting. The last one in March is a covered dish supper. The actual occasion exceeds the anticipation we feel each year and as one member declared, "Our club is a goup that has more fun then anybody!" To do our best, we look for the best in everyone.

With the enthusiasm and know-how generated by the Aiken Camellia Club, maybe one of us will produce the first yellow or blue camellia! We'd be terribly pleased but not surprised.



Jane Robertson

Marie W. Dahlen, Aiken, S.C.

Although she is just twelve years old. Jane Robertson is a seasoned exhibitor of camellias. At the tender age of two, her parents began carrying her to shows. At the age of six, she became interested in taking care of camellias when she and her parents visited the Howard's Nursery of Salemburg* and Mr. Lewis Knock gave Jane her first plant, a 'Betty Sheffield'. Later that year her father bought a 'Margaret Davis'. She admired it and of course, he gave it to her. Two years later it brought laurels to Jane for it was worthy enough to reach the Runner Up Court of Honor in a Birmingham Show.

At the age of seven she was maintaining a hedge of sasanguas as a horticultural experience. She entered one of their blooms into an Aiken Mini Show and won Best Sasangua. This was followed by another Best Sasangua win at no other place than Massee Lanel

where she was winner of two trophies. This year she was a two time winner: in Aiken's Junior Division Section with the same plant,

'Margaret Davis', and in Savannah's Show with a 'Snowman', She reached the Court of Honor again at Masse Lane in the 1977 show.

While in fourth grade, Jane received first place in the school's Science Fair exhibition in Augusta . Georgia. Her display was cleft grafting a camellia plant ... which she savs, "took",

Jane now has 15 plants. She admits that she accepts advice from her father, but she does the actual work of watering, fertilizing, gibbing, and all her own pruning. She maintains her father's plants on occasion. Her plants are container grown.

For six years Aiken has conducted an early Fall Mini Show for new growers in order to promote the hobby as well as perpetuating the growing of camellias in our community. This gave Jane Robertson her first opportunity to exhibit. She took a keen interest in growing her own Her fourth win was in Columbia flowers which is not diminishing. We trust she will continue to exhibit and encourage other young people to join her in her enthusiasm for the culture of this Queen of Southern Gardens. *Laurel Lake Gardens and Nursery. Inc.



Growing With Camellias

Jane Robertson, Aiken, S.C.

I like growing camellias because I get a chance to meet many new and interesting people. My favorite camellia is 'Betty Sheffield'. The reason it is my favorite is because it was the first I ever got. It was given to me by Mr. Lewis Knock. I also like growing camellias because I get to travel to many different places. Growing camellias has also helped me in my school work. I had already learned the parts of a flower before we had it in school. I think growing camellias is an interesting and fascinating hobby.

(Jane is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. William C. Robertson of Aiken, S.C. She graduated with honors from the sixth grade at Mead Hall School and will enter the seventh grade at Minnie B. Kennedy Junior High School this fall.)

Rosewall

Mrs. William Laughlin, Rosewall, Aiken, S.C. and Southhampton, N.Y.

My interest in camellias was aroused when I found the new house we purchased in the late 40's had a collection of specimen plants from the 30's including a 'Pink Perfection' which now measures 75 feet in circumference, 12 feet in height.

It was a thrill to find a light pink sport on a 'Lady Clare' that I was able to name 'Linda Laughlin' and later develop two seedlings 'Melinda Hackett' and 'Dallas Pratt'.

Grady McCord, then his son Bill, interested me in showing blooms. 1960 was the first year on the Table of Honor with 10 A.C.S. Certificates in 1977.

The trophies I proudly display, then put into use, giving some back to the Aiken Club and to the Southhampton Garden Club Rose Show. The certificates and ribbons are framed. My 21 year old 'Tomorrow Varigated' has won Best Bloom under Glass at the Aiken Show several times.

Most of the success is due to the TLC of Bill McCord. He fertilizes every two months alternating with liquid and granular feed, also spraying against blight with Benlate. The plants are moved out of the greenhouse in the spring to summer under the trees. Careful watering, a uniform potting soil, and having all plants in metal containers are most important; also, immediately picking up fallen blooms to be disposed of in garbage bags.

Each year I eagerly look forward to returning to Aiken and the privilege of once more enjoying the beauty of the camellias.

The Full Circle

By Mrs. Julia A. Bissell, Alken, S.C., and Wilmington, Delaware

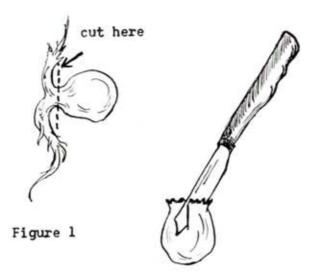
When I inherited my mother's place, "Louviers" of Aiken, in the fifties, it already had many of the old camellias. The property had a small green-house in which 'Lotus', 'Charlotte Bradford', 'Pink Star', and the reticulata 'Captain Rawls' were in bloom. These flowers fascinated me. I became interested in caring for them and acquiring newer varieties.

In order to receive advice from a leading expert, my husband called his old Yale classmate Calder Seibels. At that time he was President of the American Camellia Society and lived in Columbia. The Seibels came down to Aiken for a visit and suggested that if I were serious about camellias that I should get in touch with Grady Mc-Cord at the Mayo Nursery. Before that, Grady had been at the Fruitland Nursery for ten years and then ten years at Magnolia Plantation. He was a top judge and an authority on camellias. I contacted Grady and was soon able to influence him to move closer to Aiken. Since then, under his care, my camellias have flourished and the collection grown extensively. Also the azalea garden at "Louviers" has been greatly enlarged.

By observing the selectivity used by my friend John Gave in raising and showing his blooms, I have learned to be increasingly discriminatory in the cultivation and choice of camellias for exhibition.

Nothing has given me greater pleasure than to receive the Calder Seibels Silver Trophy for my favorite flower, 'Mrs. D.W. Davis,' at the Columbia Show this year. From the Seibels original visit twenty years ago to the winning of the Columbia prize, a full circle has been completed.

CAMELLIA NURSE SEED GRAFT









In And Around The Greenhouse

James H. McCoy, Fayetteville, N.C.

At the November meeting of ACS in Savannah last year, we were shown a demonstration of nurse seed grafting. We had tried it before with some variations in procedure. The results were poor. We came home and immediately put in about two dozen seed grafts as we were shown in Savannah. About half of them took and grew off like any other seedling. Briefly, it consists of taking a sprouted camellia or sasangua seed, cutting off both the radicle and the plumule flush with the seed capsule. (Fig. 1) Insert the point of a knife carefully into the seed between the two sections. The point should be inserted approximately 1/4 inch into the seed. (Fig. 2) Select a scion a little longer than usual, trim it in the usual manner and insert it into the seed. Push firmly until it enters the seed and holds in place. (Fig. 3) Bury the seed 1/2 inch to 2 inches in an inert medium like half and half sand and peat. Cover the operation with a jar or some other type cloche like you would any other graft and wait for it to start growing. This is especially good for propagating those varieties like 'Ville de Nantes' which do not do well on their own roots.

We were asked recently to participate in a survey of white camellias: what varieties we grew. which ones we liked and why, etc. I admitted that I have a strong affinity for the whites and the main reason is. not what one would expect. I like them because they're such good seed setters. I don't know why it would be but a much higher percentage of the whites seem to be fertile. All my white semi-doubles and peony types set seed, some in greater abundance than others. Can't get very excited about the Higos. Have bloomed about a dozen so far and have a few more to go. I understand that they make most attractive landscape plants and believe that they would. Also, the Japanese use them extensively for bonsai. In a recent issue of the Australian Camellia Research Bulletin, the following appeared: "It has been found that most of the typical higos usually fail to produce viable seed, although they do produce viable seed on rare occasions." This has not been my experience. I have pollenated blooms on only two varieties. Both set seed. and the seed were visable. I now have seedlings of the higo camellias 'Ota-Haku' and 'Kakehashi'.

The therapeutic value of sawdust in horticulture continues to manifest itself. The latest came to me from Ed Liebers. He says that he dumped a load of sawdust in his back vard close to a planting of azaleas. The azaleas were not doing well. The leaves did not have a good color and new growth was unhealthy looking. Some of the sawdust was piled under and against some of the azaleas. After a few months, the azaleas with sawdust under them were transformed. They put on a nice color and started new growth. He says that he's going to try banking sawdust around some of his camellias to see what happens. He expects good results.

The number of growers who are changing from a potting mix with organic material, peat and/or loam to one which is essentially half and half sand and pine bark or sand and sawdust continues to grow. One of the largest nurseries in the east is using 50% pine bark and 50% sand from under scrub oak trees. The plants do well for the owner and do not require bare rooting and repotting when one buys them. They may remain in his mix for years. A grower in Alabama wrote that his farm was sandy and he was having trouble finding good top soil. He was advised to use his sandy soil with 50% pine bark. He did, and reported that his plants were all doing well, growing so fast till they wouldn't stop long enough to set buds. A grower in Fayetteville set his plants in the ground (protected) in a mixture of half sand, half saw dust with a few shovels full of horse manure thrown in.

The last time I saw them, they were growing so well till one retic had reached the ceiling of the greenhouse.

Never considered 'Ville de Nantes' particularly inclined to throw sports, but I'm about to change my mind. At the mini-show, held in conjunction with the Fall meeting of NC-CS in Fayetteville, Ken Blanchard had a beautiful, typical 'Ville' and a sport, cut from the same plant. The sport looked like 'Lady Kay' except that it had stamens spread in bunches like 'Mathotiana Supreme'. He told me that this plant previously threw a sport which was such a full peony till it could be mistaken for 'Clark Hubbs'. In fact, it was mistaken for a 'Clark Hubbs'. Ask him and he might tell you the story.

Though some greenhouse growers are producing fantastic, show winning blooms on container grown plants, more and more growers are putting their plants in the ground. Jack Hendrix says that he has plants in containers and in the ground, but his winning blooms come from plants in the ground. Ernest Aycock put his choice plants in the ground a couple years ago and is coming up with blooms that would stop a freight train, but then he did about as well, it seems to me, when he had them in containers. Most growers are convinced though, that they do better when they're planted in the ground. It probably is due to the combination of these two factors: more space in which the roots can grow and the uniformity of the temperature around the roots.

Ladies Only

Mildred Robertson, Aiken, S.C.

The ladies had the floor recently at the annual meeting of the Gulf Coast Camellia Society in Mobile, Alabama on August 4 and 5. Son Hackney, who was co-chairman of the program along with Ann Brown, with a "darling" here and a "Hi, Baby" there charmed four ladies into appearing on a panel program. Three of the four were Carolinians - Annabelle Fetterman of Clinton, N.C., Helen Bush of Columbia, S.C., and Mildred Robertson of Aiken, S.C. The fourth member of the panel was Liz Jeffares of Meridian, Miss. These ladies exploded the common belief that Camellias are primarily a man's domain. It must be noted, however, that these ladies are not proponents of ERA and almost without exception they used the pronoun "we" in referring to the growing and showing of Camellias. If any of you men are reading this, you might take a lesson from that.

Ann Brown of Fort Valley, Georgia, was moderator for the panel. Annabelle led off with a discussion of what is necessary to prepare for fall shows. Severe pruning, fertilizing, disbudding, and early gibbing are the primary factors but the real requirement is giving the plants TLC - tender loving care - at all times.

Helen Bush entertained the GCCS members with her talk. Her topic was preparing for winter shows. She stated that she had read recently four things that make a good speech. The first thing was humor - the humor in her speech was her being there in the

first place. The second thing was to thank your hosts and she did this beautifully. The third thing was to be brief and she briefly outlined the procedures they use in preparing for the winter shows. She primarily echoed what Annabelle had told us about preparing for fall shows but with one noteable exception. Helen pointed out that they decide how many shows they will attend and then they gib buds on each plant for as many weeks as they plan to attend shows. In other words if they plan to attend five winter shows, they will gib buds on their plants for five weeks from the time their gib program begins. The fourth requirement for a good speech is to say goodbye and sit down.

Any show chairman or show committee could have gleaned useful information from Liz Jeffares' discussion on likes and dislikes in regard to Camellia shows. Some of her likes were convenient parking for unloading blooms even if the car has to be moved later, plenty of available trays, small and large cups already filled with water, entry cards in full view and not hidden away in a desk or under a counter, and helpful members of the show committee. Some dislikes were long sleeves, heavy coats, judges purses, judges pencils which can damage blooms and crowding on the tables. She suggested that show committees should remember the three Cs when putting on a show - Consideration, Courtesy, and Care.

Preparing and packing blooms for

the show was the topic of discussion by Mildred Robertson. She pointed out their blooms have a habit of opening on Monday so they must try to hold the blooms until the next weekend. It is most important to cut the bloom when it is at its peak and very fresh, usually early in the morning. They treat theirs with a solution of potato whitener, then fill an orchid pic with a solution containing floralife, place the stem in this, put the bloom in a tupper-ware type container on a bed of polyester fiberfill and refrigerate. The temperature in the refrigerator is usually maintained at around 38 degrees. Blooms cut the night before or the morning of a show are treated in the same manner but placed in styrofoam chests. If the show is some distance away, ice will be placed in the bottom of the chests to keep the blooms fresh. The main lesson to be learned from this discussion was pick the blooms at their peak, pack with care, and handle verv cautiously.

Ann Brown concluded the "ladies only" portion of the program by thanking the participants and then turned the program over to Son who introduced the next guests.

JEANETTE ADVISES

Mrs. E. Saulisbury of Cross writes she transplanted a Camellia japonica at the first part of the summer and now notices that most of its leaves have turned brown, curled up and fallen off. She wants to know how to save the shrub.

The best times for moving camellias are in October, after the heat has died down, or early spring, says Jeanette S. Graham, a member of the Coastal Carolina Camellia Society. But, now that you've already moved it, prune off at least half the plant. Be sure to paint cut surfaces with pruning paint (a thick, tar-like substance available at hardware stores), Mrs. Graham stresses.

Your plant should be at the same level, or a little higher, than it was before — camellias tend to sink some after being transplanted. If it is too low, the plant's growth will be stunted and it may not bloom.

"Gardening Forum", Robin Huff, The News and Courier.



Ladies:

Hey Ladies! Here's your opportunity to sound off. Do you have a husband who assured you he could build a greenhouse for only \$50.00 and it wound up costing \$500.00? Have you spent your vacation for several years criss-crossing back and forth across the whole southeast for him to visit various camellia nurseries and the YOU had to ride all the way home holding one of his "prizes"

in your lap? We would love to hear from you about your experiences. Since Camellia Societies are primarily geared to men, we thought it might be fun to turn the tide and have a column for ladies only. Let us have your reactions, comments and ideas.

Mrs. Mildren Robertson, 319 Deep Run Road, Aiken, S.C. 29801

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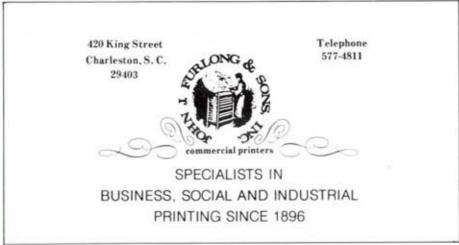
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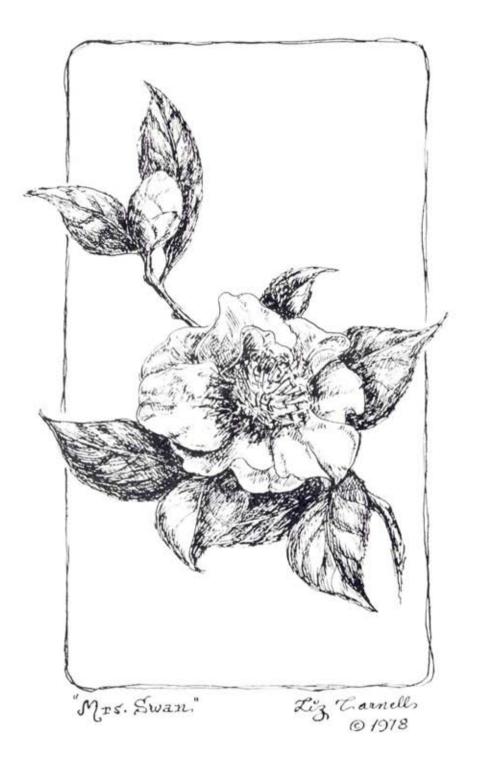
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