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By Edward R. Gschwind

"Oh, but your camellia blooms are so much larger and finer than mine," says Mrs. A. "My plants look so sickly and my blooms are puny."

"I'm really disgusted," says Mrs. B. "I buy plant after plant. They bloom for the first year and then they peter out and die."

"Ladies," says Mrs. C., "there's no trick in it. I just take a little extra trouble in planting mine; and I never have to worry about them."

Mrs. C. has hit the nail on the head. She has taken every precaution to give them the right start; and camellias are easy to grow if planted *correctly*.

Here in New Orleans camellia culture is quite different from other sections of the country where the soil is sandy and porous and not clayey.

And *most of New Orleans soil is clayey* . . . (except in some outlying sections) with clay that almost can be molded into form and processed for pottery; such a soil is airtight and holds water like a vat. Yet, we have proved that camellias can be grown in New Orleans comparable to specimens in any other section of the United States, whether it be Alabama, Florida, California, etc.

If you will open your mind, camellia lover, and follow carefully the instructions hereby given you will have healthy green plants with luscious, full flowers. Some people just won't plant camellias high because "they don't like the way they look up high." They would rather have sickly looking plants, an ugly sight in a lovely garden. These people don't realize that they're not planting for this season or the next, but for year after next and years to come.

Your camellias, if planted right will thrive luxuriantly, and will be the envy of your neighbors for they will be lovely specimens. This culture is designed for New Orleans proper; it probably could be applied to any other section that has a tight, clayey soil.

Memorize these rules:

1. Camellias must be planted at the stalk level at which they originally grew. That's why the top of sack of burlapped plants should not be covered with soil.

2. Camellias want an aerated soil, well drained. They will not thrive if water remains about their roots.

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3. Camellias do best in an acid soil of $4\frac{1}{2}$ to $5\frac{1}{2}$ P.H. This simply means that 7 P.H. in the scale is neutral; above 7 is alkaline; below is acid. Get a soil tester and you can test your own soil. Thus remember, camellias love an acid soil but beware of applying an acid unless you know your soil needs it.

Do these things in planting your next camellia—

1. Dig a hole two and a half feet deep and as wide or wider. Do not put gravel or drainage rocks if you plant at this depth; if you want rocks for drainage, dig three feet deep and put in about four inches of gravel. Two and a half feet deep without drainage material has worked out well if you use the soil suggested.

2. Fill the hole with a composition of two parts black acid humus, one part sharp sand, and one part Servall (coarse) or peat moss. Mix these well. Don't put more of black humus. If you put more than called for, the resultant soil will leach out easily and will not hold enough water or moisture; so your plants will suffer—starve—and your flowers will be small.

3. Stomp down this soil to pack it well. This part of the procedure is probably one of the most important steps, because it will prevent your plant from sinking too fast in this light soil mixture. When hole is filled to the top so that it is level with the adjacent

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Do not allow Camellia plants to become thoroughly dry during summer and fall.

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ground, set ball of burlapped plant and place mixed soil about it—patting gently to avoid any air pockets.

4. Do not cover top of sack with soil. Let sack show on top completely as far as the edge. Even though you plant high this must be observed because camellias must be planted at level at which they originally grew—stalk level.

5. Form saucer ridge around stalk about a foot and a half in diameter. The wider the better. Since plant is high for first year, this prevents ball from drying out. (In two or three years the plant will be practically at ground level.)

6. After planting, cover with a mulch—something porous (not a soil) either *coarse* Servall, pine needles or oak leaves—not *peat moss*. This last dries out easily and once dry is the devil to wet; furthermore, it will develop surface roots. This mulch will hold soil in place and will conserve watering.

7. Water every third day until well established.

Warning! Be sure you know the source of your black humus, for it must be free of salt; that at Little Woods or thereabouts seems to analyze correctly. If you use your own rotted leaf mold, you won't have to worry about salt.

8. Feeding: There are several good camellia fertilizers on the market. The most generally known locally is 5-3-2. Apply two feedings; the first in early March; the second in early May. Do not over-fertilize May. Do not over-fertilize and do not fertilize after June 1st. For a Fall tonic use one tablet of Thompsons' Vitamni B-one, and one tablespoon of aluminum sulphate dissolved in four gallons of water. Then water.

Follow to the letter the above instructions and your success with camellia culture in New Orleans will be assured.

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By Edith Rufo

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The first thought in cutting camellias is conservation. Do not destroy next year's growth by cutting stems too long. Use a sharp knife in preference to shears, as the latter squeeze the cells, cause air block and prevent water intake.

In order to prolong the life of the blossom it is necessary to "condition" it. This is done by water intake. A practical way is to have a non-rust container. Over this place one-half inch mesh chicken wire painted with aluminum. Place the blossoms so stems will be at least one-half inch in water and far enough apart so petals do not touch. In about an hour, blossoms are ready for use.

Many effective designs for the home may be attained by combining other material with camellias to give height.

Analyze your room. Does it belong to a period or is it a combination of restful furnishings. After deciding your color scheme, select your container which is either neutral or harmonizes, with not only the color scheme and furnishings of the room but also

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Do not add soil around base of Camellia after it has been planted as this causes soil to build up around the stalk and might smother plant.

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All communications concerning show will be promptly answered by the officers or General Chairman of Show.

No charge for entering exhibits.

Entries and exhibits will be received at Refectory, Eleanor McMain High School, 5712 South Claiborne Ave., New Orleans, Saturday, 7:00 A. M. to 12 M., from any one desiring to exhibit one or more blossoms. (Exhibits from out of city should be sent to Refectory, Eleanor McMain High School, 5712 South Claiborne Ave., New Orleans.) All exhibits, including displays by professional growers, will be carefully handled. Instructions for disposing of exhibits shipped in should accompany shipment. Exhibits not called for will be disposed of by the award committee.

Exhibitors may make as many entries as they wish in each class.

Exhibitors are requested to state the name of varieties entered, but lack of knowledge of same will not disqualify an entry.

Decisions of the Judges shall be final.

Only Judges and Secretaries allowed in Exhibition Room from 12 to 2 P. M. Saturday.

Exhibitors **must** remove their exhibits at close of the show, Sunday, Feb. 9th at 9:00 P. M. No exceptions.

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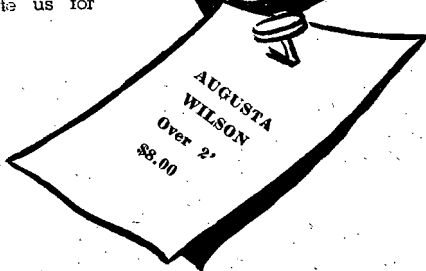
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There are many mechanical aids or needle holders on the market. Floral clay also helps to hold flowers in position.

Suggestions: A few specimen camellias would be correct for the coffee, breakfast or boudoir table.

A breakfast tray with dainty china could be embellished with a pink perfection and some violets.

An informal luncheon table may combine fruit, camellias and foliage on a cloth taking up one of the colors.

The informal dinner table may have any of the combinations giving height, not tall enough to obscure any of the guests. One arranged with red camellias, spikes of white stock on a dark green cloth with white china or with a white cloth and red and white china is quite distinctive.

A tea-table arranged with white camellias having yellow stamens, spikes or forsythia. This may be 18 inches in height. Will create conversation.

A debut table would be lovely with pink perfections, deep blue delphinium, lighter blue cloth—china banded in pink is very dainty.

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Camellias

SCALES: Spray with a highly refined mineral oil, which is usually referred to as "White Oil Emulsion" or "Summer Oil Spray." A number of good ones are on the market, which may vary in contents of quantity and kind of oil; therefore, the manufacturer's recommendations for use should be followed.

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RUST MITE AND RED SPIDERS: Dust, with sulphur, finely ground dusting grade, during the summer and early fall, when needed. The oil sprays tend to keep these insects in check, especially the red spider.

APHIDS: Spray with a soap-nicotine solution; or dust with a 3% nicotine dust when needed, which is usually on young growth late in the season.

DIEBACK: Prune and burn all diseased limbs and twigs as they show up, and spray with Bordeaux mixture or a commercial insoluble copper. The applications should be made at 10-day or 2-week intervals,

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Azaleas

MEALYBUG: Spray with Summer Oil Spray, 1 gallon to 50 gallons of water, plus 1 pound of derris or cubé powder or $\frac{1}{2}$ pint of nicotine sulphate. Make one thorough application the last of May or early June, and a second one the last of September when necessary.

LACEBUG: Spray with a summer oil spray, 1 gallon to 50 gallons of water, plus 1 pound of derris or cubé powder, in spring or fall.

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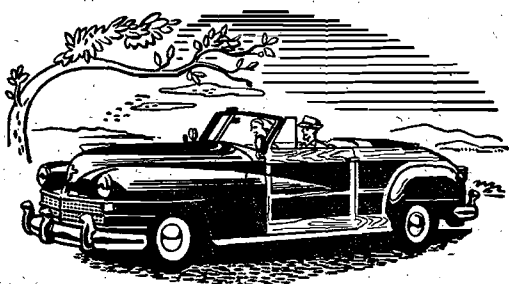
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