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From: The Office of the Secretary

A few July News-letters were returned because some members had moved and this office was not notified of the change. Our News-letters are sent out third class mail and cannot be forwarded. If you make a change of address, please notify this office immediately so you will not miss any of our literature.

October is still not too late to make camellia cuttings. Take tip cuttings of the current season's growth, 5-6 inches long, and remove all but the upper two or three leaves. A slanting cut at the base exposes more cambium and, therefore, allows the formation of extra callus. If the basal portion is dampened and dipped in Hormodin #2 or #3, or Rootone, rooting will be hastened. Place the cuttings in a box or pot of coarse, clean sand about 8 inches deep, at an angle so that the leaves are almost flat on the surface. Set the container in a warm, shady spot and cover with a double thickness of cheesecloth. Keep damp but not wet. Preliminary experiments indicate that vermiculite, expanded mica used as granular insulation, is a good medium for rooting cuttings.

So far there has been no answer to the request in the first News-letter for suggestions as to the subjects to make up the content of the News-letter. This is your publication and it is the feeling of the Secretary that you should have what you want in it. The July issue was rather short because the Yearbook was also in preparation at the same time. And that brings up another subject. It was quite a chore to gather in enough material for the Yearbook. If you know of anyone with a story to tell about camellias who is able to write, let us have his name so we can ask for it. If he cannot write, maybe it could he dictated to some kind neighbor. Would you be interested in the history and descriptions of some of the show gardens, such as Magnolia, Middleton, Orton, and Bellingrath? We want to make the Yearbook worth while because it will be the determining factor in holding the membership together. In order to get it out on time, all manuscripts or articles have to be in by July, so it is not too soon to begin to think about the material for next year. The current issue will be mailed toward the last of October. We hope you will like it.

There have been some requests for sources of camellia seed. If you have some to dispose of, notify this office. We would also be glad to receive any excess you do not need, for growing root stocks for the trial garden here.

The time has come to notify you to nominate your directors for the first annual election. According to the By-Laws, directors serve three years, but in this first election, one-third will be elected for one year, one-third for two years, and one-third for three years. To arrive at a grouping, the twelve states that have directors were arranged alphabetically and counted off 1, 4,7, 10, so that Alabama, Georgia, North Carolina, and Texas constitute the first unit; California, Louisiana, Oregon, and Virginia the second unit; and Florida, Mississippi, South Carolina, and Washington the third unit. Each unit will nominate two directors at large in addition to their state directors. Thus, each member will nominate three directors, one for his state and two at large from his unit. Members from other than these twelve states are entitled to vote on anyone they "Wish in the states listed. The Nominating Committee will select those having the greatest number of nominations and may add other names as they choose to be voted upon. The nominations will be submitted to the membership by December 1.

Those in Unit One will be elected for one year, in Unit Two for two years, and in Unit Three for three years. Next year, Unit One will be elected for three years, and the following year, Unit Two will be elected for three years. A nominating ballot is attached for your convenience. Please do not delay in sending it in. The complete Directorate at present is as follows:

Alabama, H. W. Lee; California, Dr. Churchwell; Georgia, J. E. Porter; Louisiana, Dr. King Rand; Mississippi, Kenneth G. Price; North Carolina, James Ferger; Oregon, Paul E. Doty; South Carolina, Mrs. Sheffield Phelps; Texas, R. A. Merritt; Virginia, Miss Mary Bell Gierman; Washington, W. 1. Fulmer; Directors at large; D. C. Strother, Georgia; A. E. Morrison, California; A. W. Solomon,

Georgia; S.]. Katz, Louisiana; J. P. Illges, Georgia; and R. E. Lee, Florida.

All Annual, Sustaining, and Commercial memberships expire December 31, 1946, and if you wish to continue as a member, dues must be paid by March 1 if you do not wish to become delinquent. All members who have come in to date have been supplied with all the News-letters and will receive the Yearbook, so even if they came in late they still have received all the benefits of a year's membership. In order to keep the Society a going organization, fill out the attached membership blank and send it in as soon as possible. If you have friends who might be interested, have them send in a membership too.

If you have any insect or disease problems, contact the specialists at your State Agricultural Experiment Station. They are familiar with the conditions in your state. If you do not know to whom to write, your local County Agricultural Agent will supply you with the correct information. As taxpayers, you are entitled to this help. Horticulturists usually will help you with soil problems.

A number of names have been submitted for the accredited judges list and have been turned over to the Committee on Exhibitions and Awards. Others should send in their names.

Please send in any Show dates so they can be included in the January News-letter. Only a few have been sent in. At present, the Society can make no attempt to settle conflicts in Show dates. In the future, this will be one of the functions of the Committee on Exhibitions and Awards if the shows are to be put on in cooperation with the Society.

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October 1, 1946

I hereby nominate Date _____
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State Director
(Please Print)
_____ Director at large
_____ Director at large
Signed _____
_____
State

APPLICATION FOR 1947 MEMBERSHIP

Name _____
(Please print)

Date _____
Street _____
City _____
State _____
Dues paid $ _____
Membership _____
Siigned _____