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About the Front Cover

Through the kindness of Nuccio's Nurseries with special thanks to Julius, the cover flower has been chosen to celebrate the fiftieth anniversary of the founding of the American Camellia Society. It is a large, light pink, formal double to rose form double *C. japonica*. The blooming season is early to late. This flower is similar to 'Mathotiana'.

WHAT SHALL WE NAME THIS SPECIAL FLOWER????? That is a decision to be made by our members. Take a careful look, think about its purpose and submit your chosen name. A committee will make the decision from the names submitted. The winner may chose ONE of the following prizes.

1. A copy of the very beautiful Colour Dictionary by Sterling Macoboy.
2. A \$50.00 gift certificate from the ACS Gift Shop.
3. The color video with accompanying guide to 28 Public Gardens in Georgia. Massee Lane was one of those selected.
4. Complimentary dues for two years - single or joint.

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FROM THE PRESIDENT



Carl Allen

I recently received this letter from Dr. Dan Nathan of Fort Valley, Georgia, expressing what the camellia and the local and national Camellia Societies mean to him. With his permission, it is quoted in this column. It expresses my sentiments completely.

—A Hobby To Make Life More Beautiful—

I made Fort Valley my home after World War II, since it was my wife's birthplace, and built our home in 1952. I had grown up in Savannah, GA (an old camellia and azalea town) in a home where the beauty of flowers was always appreciated. I easily converted this appreciation to the camellia after walking the Massee Lane Garden on numerous occasions.

Mr. Wortham, Mr. Dave Strother's overseer, showed me how to graft a camellia using Tea Olive wood. I bought four sasanquas and he gave me four scions (with Mr. Strother's permission). I did my first graft in my new home - back and side yards. I had four takes (100%), and I was well infected with the "Camellia Bug".

I was Mr. Strother's and Maxwell Murray's personal physician. As time went on, they both gave me scions to graft, and I ended up with one of the best collections of plants in Middle Georgia. I continued to add yard plants and was the first president of the reactivated Middle Georgia Camellia Society in the 1970-71 time period. I acquired my first greenhouse around 1980 and have continued to grow and graft camellias . . . why?

- the beauty of the flower,
- the attractiveness of the plant and the ease it lends itself to adding an attractive evergreen plant to a garden and yard design,
- the fun of giving blooms to friends and visitors for happy and sad occasions,
- the fun and satisfaction of participating, exhibiting and competing in camellia shows,
- the pleasure of enjoying and exchanging tips on care and cultivating the camellia, as well as giving and receiving scions of new and interesting introductions (and occasionally old and overlooked species),
- the personal satisfaction of grafting and growing a beautiful plant and blooming a beautiful flower - helping to make this a more enjoyable and beautiful world to live in,
- And above all, enjoying this hobby with my wife.

The American Camellia Society and its foundation with headquarters at the Massee Lane Gardens near Fort Valley, Georgia, along with your local Society is a sure way to learn about the care, culture, grafting and propagation of camellias. By joining and supporting these societies, they serve as a source of learning, meeting wonderful people and adding pleasure and enjoyment in your life.

These organizations support the research to develop cold-hardy plants, fragrance, a cure for petal blight and ways to control other diseases of the camellia. The Society has plans to develop an Environmental Center, Garden and a Lecture Site. The Massee Lane Gardens are ever-expanding. We need another greenhouse for the reticulata plants and some of the newer, and less cold hardy plants. The Stevens-Taylor Gallery and the Fetterman Museum contain the largest collection of Boehm porcelain in the world, open to the public. Many other rare and beautiful art objects are displayed along with camellia and horticultural books, dating from 1669. The care and maintenance of these valuable assets need your support. In achieving our goals, your help would be appreciated. Why don't you join us? ♦

Election of State Directors and Directors-At-Large For The Gulf Coast Territory

Art Landry, Vice President for the Gulf Coast Territory has submitted the following persons for nomination as State Directors and Directors-at-Large. In accordance with the Bylaws, as amended, effort was made to obtain at least two persons for each position.

Since there is only one nomination in each state for State Director except Florida, **ONLY THOSE MEMBERS IN FLORIDA WILL RECEIVE BALLOTS.** Two Directors-at-Large are to be elected and there are two nominations. The ballots will be mailed on September 1 and **MUST BE RECEIVED AT HEADQUARTERS WITH A POSTMARK NO LATER THAN OCTOBER 1.**

STATE DIRECTORS

ALABAMA

William T. (Bill) Sharpe - Elected

Bill lives in Foley, Alabama with his charming wife, Carolyn "Lyn". He has been a member of the Camellia Club of Mobile over 5 years and presently is Vice-President. He has also served on the Board of Directors of the Club. Bill's interest in camellias has been intense. He has air-layered thousands of camellias and grafted additional thousands. He is very innovative in

developing techniques for these propagation methods. He has shared his experiences at meetings of the local club members, to their delight. He is interested in ACS research programs and plans to work with ACS in any way he can.

ARKANSAS/LOUISIANA

Maddox W. (Max) Mizell - Elected

Max grew up on a farm in South Louisiana and naturally acquired a desire to grow plants. He developed an interest in camellias early and with his wife, Marie, began growing camellias in the early 1950's and quickly they became avid camellia enthusiasts. Max has been a member of the Camellia Club of New Orleans since the 1950's and is currently serving another term as President. He has served the club in many different capacities over the years including judging, fund raising, staging shows, sponsoring educational programs, etc. He is a charter member of the Gulf Coast Camellia Society and has been active in ACS activities for a long time. He and Marie have coordinated three annual ACS meetings, two in New Orleans and one in Slidell. Max's interest in camellia culture is overshadowed only by association with the greatest people in the world, other camellia buffs.

FLORIDA

William Y. (Bill) Bennett

Bill retired from Pensacola Junior College in 1993 as Head of the Biology Department. He has taught and conducted research projects in many areas of plant propagation, including camellias. He has lectured and been published extensively on camellias and other plant species. He has presented technical papers on Camellias at ACS and ICS meetings and published articles on various topics of camellia culture in ACS Yearbooks, Gulf Coast Camellias, ACCS Camellia Review and the ICS Journal. Bill has been a member of the Pensacola Camellia Club for 25 years and served in a number of different offices including President twice and Chairman of Judges on many occasions. He has been an active member of ACS for many years serving on the Research Advisory Committee since 1976 and recently on the Editorial Committee. He is also a member of the Gulf Coast Camellia Society and the International Camellia Society.

James H. (Jim) Keeler

Jim became involved with camellias when he moved to Tallahassee upon his retirement from General Electric after a career in Engineering and

Management. He has been an officer or board member of six professional, business or non-profit organizations. In April 1992, Jim was elected Member-of-the-Year by the Tallahassee Camellia Club. He has spearhead the Club project of mapping, identifying, and photographing the camellias of Maclay Gardens, and started the Goodwood Plantation Camellia effort. He has also been instrumental in creating a local camellia library to be housed at Maclay Gardens. Jim is a member of the Tallahassee Camellia and Garden Club and recently served three terms as President. He has about 80 varieties of camellias and is an ACS accredited judge. He has been an ACS member since 1988 and is also a member of the Gulf Coast and Atlantic Coast Camellia Societies.

MISSISSIPPI

Alton R. (Al) LeFebvre - Elected

Al is from Gulfport, MS, attended the University of Southern Miss. and retired as a civilian employee of the US Air Force. He operated a nursery in the mid 1950's specializing in azaleas and grafted camellias. He serves on the Southern California Camellia Society Nomenclature Research Committee and helped edit the 1993 SCCS Nomenclature book. In addition to ACS, he is an active member of the Gulf Coast, Southern California and Mississippi Gulf Coast Camellia Societies. He is past President, Show Chairman, Workshop Chairman and current Show Chairman of the local Miss. Gulf Coast Society.

TENNESSEE

James S. (Jim) Lively, Jr. - Elected

Jim started growing camellias with his father in 1937 at Montgomery, Alabama. After World War II, he helped his father again in Nashville, Tennessee. He moved to Florida in 1951 where

he lived and grew camellias outside until he moved back to Nashville in 1963. Jim is past President of the Middle Tennessee Camellia Society. He is a charter member and currently is a Director of the Atlantic Coast Camellia Society. He has been a member of the ACS since 1975 and is an accredited ACS judge. Jim is also a member of the Gulf Coast Camellia Society and the International Camellia Society. Jim and his wife Milbrey attend camellia shows and meetings through most of the Southeast each year.

TEXAS

S.P. (Pat) McMurrey - Elected

Pat started growing and showing camellias about 15 years ago. He has been very active with camellia clubs in Texas, serving as Show Chairman and Chairman of Judges for the Couthatta Camellia Society at Conroe on several occasions. He has served as President of both the Couthatta Camellia Society and the Texas Camellia Society. He is an Accredited ACS Judge. In addition to ACS, Pat is a member of several other Camellia Societies.

DIRECTORS-AT-LARGE

Alfus O. Johnson - Elected

Alfus has been active with various camellia organizations over a number of years. His involvement with camellia societies in the Texas area include the Houston and Couthatta Camellia Societies in which he has held various offices including President, Show Chairman, and Chairman of Judges a number of years. He has been Vice-President and President of the Texas Camellia Society as well as the Gulf Coast Camellia Society. Alfus has been an ACS accredited judge for over 20 years and has served on various ACS committees as well as committees from local and regional societies. He served as

Vice-President of ACS Gulf Coast Area in 1986 and was Chairman of the Fund Raising Committee for the ACS's Fortieth Anniversary Campaign.

Robert A. (Bob) Stroud - Elected

Bob is a Life Member of ACS and an ACS Accredited Judge and judges in a number of shows each year. Bob is President and CEO of Medical Equipment Co. in New Orleans and is active in regional and national business associations. He is past President and has held a number of other offices of the Ozone Camellia Club. He has been convention chairman for the ACS meeting in Slidell and the joint ACS/ICS meeting in New Orleans. He is President of the Gulf Coast Camellia Society and is a member of several other camellia societies. He is currently ACS Director for Louisiana and serves on the ACS Development Board and the ACS Finance Committee. ♦

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CHINA REVISITED

Boyd McRee

In January, 1984, Lorena and I attended a tour to China primarily to plant a friendship camellia garden in Kunming. Many nations contributed camellias to be planted in this garden with Americans contributing some 40 plants, mostly hybrids. A time capsule was installed to be opened in 2034 listing those that contributed. Since I was 66, I only had a dim hope of being at the opening ceremony. All of the plants from the U.S. were especially prepared and packaged by Nuccios in California including bare rooting . . .

Kunming is located in the far south central part of China where the temperature is moderate and the camellias were spectacular.

Some of those attending this tour from the U.S. were Milton Brown, Tom Perkins, Doug Mayfield, etc. The tour was directed by Dr. Harold Frazier from Australia and included a post tour to Xian, Shanghai, old Dali, Chongqing, Chengdu, Wuhan, Hong Kong, etc. so we got to see the lifestyle of the Chinese beyond the camellia.

In 1993, Lorena and I were invited to attend the International Symposium on Camellia Chrysantha at Nanning in Guangxi, China on January 8-11, 1994, with a ten day excursion through China to follow. The symposium was sponsored by the International



"The Two Cliffords" - Dr. Clifford Parks and Boyd Clifford McRee at Tang Ching Yellow Camellia Preservation area in China.

Camellia Society, Chinese Society of Forestry, Chinese Society of Environmental Sciences, China Flower Association, Japan Camellia Society, Guangxi Association for Science and Technology, Guangxi Society of Environmental Protection and Guangxi Association of Flower and Bonsai. The yellow camellia was discovered in Guangxi in 1933, reported to the public in 1948, and given to the world in the 1960's. Of the 23 species of the yellow camellia, 21 are found in Guangxi and Guangxi has just completed a 20 year exhaustive study on every phase of its culture including 47,869 crosses with other species . . .

Attendance to the symposium was from all over the world with the largest group from Japan which is so close. The United States was well represented by the McRees,

Pittmans, Zeemans and Parks. References were given to the many publications by Americans. Dr. Parks was one of the speakers and Herbert Short of England presented Dr. William Ackerman's paper.

The excursion included visits to Guilin, Hangzhou, Xian and Beijing where we got a taste of the brilliant culture and history of China by bus, boat, train and plane. Of course we saw the Terra Cotta Warriors and Horses, The Great Wall, The Silk Road and a maize of unforgettables.

Our critique of the symposium was surprise at the depth and scientific studies that had been made and presented. We were delighted that everything was given to the world including the Chinese's vast amount of work which can be used as a launching pad for possible discoveries that may startle the camellia world. Everything presented was in both English and Chinese. Not only are we indebted to them for the camellia, but now can welcome them in a joint scientific effort of the International Camellia Society.

Our critique of the yellow camellia, which the Chinese call the "Queen of Camellias," is that as a flower it does not rank well with those we have. Although it is the yellow one, it is small, not spectacular in display and other than color would hardly be no-

ticed in our gardens. On the other hand, its culture and propagation in hybridizing will probably produce outstanding cultivars.

Our critique of China in relation to 10 years ago is that tremendous improvements have been made in living conditions, transportation and outlook of the people. Allowance of some free enterprise has provided optimism to the people beyond a drab existence. There is an exploding investment boom from abroad launching financing of roads, bridges, power plants, television, etc. The potential is enormous where the Chinese consume 711 kilowatts of power per person versus 11,333 per capita in the U.S. In 1997, Hong Kong will become part of China which cannot but help to modernize the dormancy of the great Chinese people.

Lorena and I wish to return to China, hopefully before another 10 years, but certainly before they open the time capsule in 2034. I will be 116 years of age and Lorena...well she will be old too.

In the meantime, it is hoped that China will ease its restrictions on the processing of visas. Obtaining a visa to China is not easy and our Tom Perkins, President of the ICS, one of the sponsors of the symposium, did not get his in time to attend. China should look forward to a flood of tourists since they have so much to offer.

At the symposium, we were given three excellent publications... "Twenty Years Breeding Research on Yellow Camellias," "Colored Icones of Yellow Camellias" and "The Collected Papers of the Symposium." A video tape was available covering the symposium and side trip. We purchased one and can provide copies upon request.

We were shown thousands of the plants of numerous species that were blooming profusely. Many could be purchased but lacking permits to bring to the

United States we settled upon seeds which we have planted. The book on "Colored Icones" listed the following with pictures and descriptions...

- (1) *Camellia quiqueloculosa* — Chinese five celled
- (2) *Camellia pubipitla* — Hairypetal
- (3) *Camellia terminalis* — Terminalflower
- (4) *Camellia longzhouensis* — Longzhou
- (5) *Camellia pafvipetal* — Smallpetal
- (6) *Camellia pingguocensis* — Pingguo
- (7) *Camellia limoria* — Lemonyellow
- (8) *Camellia limonia* — Obovateleafed
- (9) *Camellia flavida Chang* — Paleyellow
- (10) *Camellia flavida Chang.f.p* — multipetalous
- (11) *Camellia impressinervis* — Imprus-nerved
- (12) *Camellia euphlebia* — Nerous
- (13) *Camellia microcorpa* — Smallfruit
- (14) *Camellia chrysontha* — Golden
- (15) *Camellia chrysantha* — Longstyle
- (16) *Camellia chrysantaChang* — Thinleaf
- (17) *Camellia longgangensis Liang* — Longgang
- (18) *Camellia longgangensis Liang* — Largeshaped Longgang
- (19) *Camellia longgangensis Liang etmo* — Patontucin
- (20) *Camellia funghinensis Chang* — Dongxing
- (21) *Camellia pilosperma Liang* — Downyseed

Thirty-two papers were presented...

Ecological - nine
Breeding and Cultivating - eight
Application - fifteen ♦

Camellia Society Makes Presentation To Library

Catherine P. Berridge

Ft. Walton Camellia Society members presenting two volumes of the International Camellia Register; compiled by Thomas J. Savige; published by the International Camellia Society to the Ft. Walton Beach Library. Pictured - left to right: August A. Lenert, Jr., Past Treasurer, Ft. Walton Camellia Society; City Librarian Susan Dearman; Henry Boudolf, Past President, Ft. Walton Camellia Soc., Past Beautification chairman for city responsible for city to be named "The Camellia City"; Edwin Atkins, past President of Gulf Coast Camellia Society and Ft. Walton Camellia Society. His seedling was selected as Miss Fort Walton Beach. Charles Young, President of Ft. Walton Camellia Society. Kay Berridge, Past and Present Vice President of Gulf Coast Camellia Society and Past President of Ft. Walton Camellia Society. All members shown are members of both the Gulf Coast Camellia Society and the American Camellia Society. The Register was distributed by Art Landry, Editor of Gulf Coast Camellia Society. ♦



(Photo courtesy of Kay Berridge)

Gibbing For Fall Blooms California Style

Jim Randall

This article is a general synopsis of the presentation I gave at the 1993 ACS convention's educational program held in Walnut Creek, California. The article is written at the request of Jim Moon so all ACS members could benefit from the program discussions that were presented. My talk generally dealt with my experiences and findings in regards to gibbing for fall blooms (October & November) in California. I have been investigating the aspects of early gibbing since 1981 and have kept fairly good records in regards to time of bloom and resulting flower characteristics.

To achieve early fall blooms, I begin my gibbing in late August and early September. Until this year I have used ACS gib with a concentration of about 20,000 ppm. My gibbing was done during early morning hours or on cooler days. I try to avoid rainy days especially when it is expected to rain a few hours from the time gibbing was planned. This was done to prevent the gib from being diluted before being entirely absorbed by the plant.

I always try to gib the largest buds on the plants. These usually are found on the upper portions of the plant. Generally speaking the largest buds are found where the most vigorous growth has occurred. I use the conventional gibbing method of removing the

growth bud adjacent to a flower bud. Each bloom that I gib is marked by punching a hole in a specific area of an adjoining leaf to indicate a particular date. When flowering begins, blooming dates are recorded along with comments and descriptions of the flower.

Trying to predict blooming dates in relation to gibbing dates with many varieties is very difficult, if not impossible, although it can be usually narrowed down to ten days to two weeks for most cultivars. Weather has a marked influence on the rate of maturity of gibbed buds. As you would expect extremely warm weather accelerates blooming, while cold weather retards blooming. Wide fluctuations in temperature just prior to bloom time, will also increase the incidence of bull-nosing or failure of flower buds to open fully. Approximately half of all the early gibbed buds open in the months of October and November. The remainder straggle through the remainder of the year until the normal blooming time nears. It seems that some buds are never really affected by the gib and I suspect that the buds were not large enough to react properly to the gib or the gib was not applied correctly.

When blooms begin to open you have to be sure that flower buds are well shaded to prevent scorching by the sun. Remember

you are in a much warmer and less cloudy time of the year. In my case I have only forty percent shade cloth as protection from the sun. Wildlife can also destroy or disfigure your blooms. I've had Jays destroy buds that were partially opened and Hummingbirds leave their little tracts on fully opened flowers. But, the best thing about this time of year is the complete absence of petal blight.

Some varieties gibbed in the early fall produce blooms that are of generally poor quality. For me, these cultivars consist of: 'Carters Sunburst' (poor form), 'Elegans' Family (bullnoses), 'Grand Slam' & 'Grand Prix' (open late), 'In The Pink' (poor form & color), 'Nuccio's Gem' (poor form), 'White Nun' (opens poorly), 'Margaret Davis' (picotee edge very pale), and 'Snowman' (poor form).

The varieties that I have the best luck with are: 'Alta Gavin', 'Betty Foy Sanders', 'Easter Morn', 'Fashionata', 'Helen Bower', 'Nuccio's Jewel', 'Eleanor Martin Supreme', 'Katie', 'Dr. Clifford Parks', 'Elsie Jury', 'Lasca Beauty', 'Valley Knudsen', 'Emma Gaeta' and 'Francie L.' These cultivars generally produce blooms comparable to those of the regular blooming season.

Some other general observations regarding many early flowers are that the stamens are

generally lighter in color, variegation is generally better, many varieties want to bloom in a form that approaches formal, edges of picotee blooms are generally washed out and many darker colored blooms are somewhat faded.

For me, early gibbing is another way to enjoy my hobby for a longer period each season. Anyone can grow spectacular flowers without the aid of gib during the natural blooming season, but gib allows me to begin enjoying these flowers in late October instead of late January or early February. As I said before early blooms occur before there is any hint of our nemesis, petal blight. Also, think of how many blooms you discard during the regular blooming season, gib allows one to enjoy more flowers over a longer period of time.

Thanks to gib, Camellia-Rama, held in Fresno on the first weekend in November, presents a mini-show of between 250 and 300 top quality blooms. Gibbing is essential for our early (February) Northern California camellia shows. Without gib there would not be enough blooms in many years to make staging a show worthwhile. Gib will generally assure most early shows at least 1000 to 1500 flowers in competition.

Gib is here to stay and it is entirely necessary for our Societies throughout the country to stage successful early shows. This is especially important in the south and southeast part of the United States. Each year, our local societies work toward a common goal of staging a successful show which for them is the high point of the camellia season. ♦

Scion Offered

The editor received the following note from Dr. Phil C. Astin, Jr. "As our constant readers will remember, I think I have discovered a very cold resistant camellia, 'Squadron Leader Astin'. It is a late, white semidouble flower with prominent stamens. On January 12, 1994, it was 3 degrees F with a big wind, no snow and a chill factor of minus 35 degrees F. or so. The next day the temperature was 8 degrees F and the following day 18 degrees F. 'Squadron Leader Astin' bloomed normally with no damage on the 20th of March. My other camellias were devastated. Cuttings are available for anyone interested."

Editor's Note: You can contact Dr. Astin at 702 Dixie Street, Carrollton, GA 30117 for a scion of this interesting plant.

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A New Camellia Garden From An Old One

Mark D. Miller*

It started about a year ago. A development group bought the Old Chapney Estate located across from City Hall, off State Road 441 in Apopka, Florida. The over four acre site was divided into three parcels. A Walgreen's Department Store will be built on one portion of the land and the other two parcels will be developed at a later date.

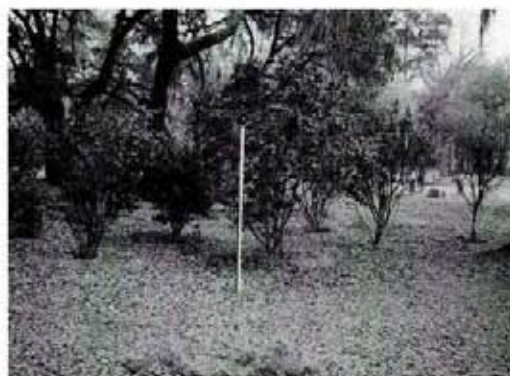
Before development could begin three major obstacles had to be overcome. The first, concerned two houses which were part of the original estate. Each of these houses was connected to the main house and were approximately 3500 and 2200 square feet. In early December, each house was moved separately to a new location.

Secondly, and actually before any construction could be considered, there was the issue of saving as many of the majestic trees as possible. Special considerations and construction techniques were required to be a part of the development plan.

The third consideration was to save as many as possible of the original Chapney Estate camellias. The City of Apopka Parks Division took on the task to relocate this collection. We logged over 90 camellias. Some of these plants were more than 14 feet tall and well over fifty years old. With the help of Margie Stevens, caretaker of the estate and Jerry Conrad, one of the local camellia experts, we identified and tagged the desirable plants. Since our funds were limited, we indicated 50 camellias and 30 azaleas to be relocated at our City Cemetery.

We designed and developed

both an overhead and a drip irrigation system so that each plant could be watered independently. The transplant stage was tedious. What made it even more difficult was that the camellias had to be moved without any prior root pruning and had to be transplanted during the last week of August and the first week of September. The Apopka Parks staff did some of the transplanting including some



A view of camellias moved from the Chapney Estate, Apopka, FL to the City Cemetery. (Photo by Mark D. Miller)



You will note the heavily blooming camellias now at home in the City Cemetery, Apopka, FL. The Division of Parks is commended for saving these fine plants. (Photo by Mark D. Miller)

of the smaller camellias. The larger camellias were moved professionally by a company through an earlier bid. The large root balls were lifted and transported by a front-end loader to the new location. Once in place, the plants were carefully watered and thoroughly mixed soil added. One application of Super-Thrive, a hormone product, was carefully watered around each plant. The last act was top dressing the plants with Milorganite.

The final count showed that 60 camellias, 30 azaleas and 20 other plants had been moved. As of now, our loss has been less than 10% for the camellias and about 15% for the other plant material.

Those camellias, left at the site, were available to several local nurseries. Each participant was allowed to take a maximum of five camellias. Many nurseries took advantage of this opportunity and saved the remaining plants from destruction. The six remaining camellias were too close to the large trees to be moved. These plants from the Chapney Estate provided our City Cemetery with the unique opportunity to form a new camellia garden. Some of the camellias are: 'Pink Perfection', 'Prince Eugene Napoleon', 'Professor Charles S. Sargent', 'Mathotiana', 'Blood of China', 'Catherine Cathcart', 'Elegans', 'Latifolia Var.', 'W.H. Hastie', 'Emperor', 'C.M. Hovey', 'Cameo Pink', 'Monarch', 'Fanny Bolis', 'Sarah Frost'.

**Parks and Grounds
Superintendent, Apopka, FL.*

Celebrate the 50th Anniversary at Massee Lane

According to Newsletter Number 1, published April 1, 1946, 43 people gathered at the Dempsey Hotel, Macon, GA on September 29, 1945 for the organizational meeting of the American Camellia Society. Included in this group were representatives from Georgia, Florida, Alabama, Louisiana and North Carolina with the largest number from Georgia. Since the meeting in 1945, the Society has made great strides. Come and celebrate the progress March 8-11, 1995 as we celebrate the 50th anniversary. Plan to be a vital part in the future of our organization.

Tentative Schedule 1995 ACS Convention March 8-11, 1995

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 8

9:00 a.m. - 1:45 p.m. Judging School - Motel
9:00 a.m. - 12 Noon ACS Committee Meetings
1:00 - 4:00 p.m. Registration
2:00 - 5:00 p.m. ACS Board Meetings - Holiday Inn
6:00 - 8:00 p.m. Cocktail Buffet - Massee Lane
8:00 p.m. Return to Motel
8:30 p.m. Any committee meetings needed

THURSDAY, MARCH 9

8:00 - 9:00 a.m. Registration
3:30 - 4:30 p.m.
8:00 - 10:00 a.m. Enter Blooms in Show
9:15 a.m. Buses depart from Motel
10:15 - 11:45 a.m. Air Force Museum
12:00 - 12:30 p.m. RAFB Memorial Camellia Garden
12:45 p.m. Lunch & Fashion Show
RAFB Officers' Club
2:00 p.m. Depart for Mall - view camellia show
3:30 p.m. Buses depart for Motel
5:00 p.m. Buses depart for Massee Lane
5:30 p.m. Hospitality Hour
6:30 - 7:30 p.m. Dinner - Fetterman Museum
7:30 - 9:30 p.m. Educational Programs at Massee Lane
9:30 p.m. Buses return to Motel

FRIDAY, MARCH 10

8:30 - 11:30 a.m. ACS Development Board Meeting - Holiday Inn
9:00 - 11:00 a.m. Registration
Lunch on your own
1:00 p.m. Buses depart for Macon to tour Hay House and Sidney Lanier Cottage
4:30 p.m. Buses depart for Perry
6:00 - 7:00 p.m. Hospitality - Library at Day's Inn next door to Holiday Inn
7:00 p.m. Dinner at Motel - Speakers & Awards

SATURDAY, MARCH 11

9:00 a.m. Buses depart Motel for Massee Lane
10:00 - 11:00 a.m. 50th Anniversary Gala Ceremony
11:00 a.m. Reception, Tour Gardens, Museum & Gift Shop
12:00 Noon Brunch - Home of Wilbur & Mary Rumph, Marshallville
1:30 - 3:30 p.m. Educational Programs - Massee Lane
3:45 p.m. Buses depart for Motel
6:15 p.m. Buses depart for Massee Lane
6:45 p.m. Hospitality - Fetterman Museum
7:30 p.m. Closing Banquet - Fetterman Museum

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Additional Thoughts on the Hybridization of *Camellia nitidissima* (*C. chrysantha*)

William L. Ackerman*

In an effort to prod our collective thinking towards new approaches in the hybridization of *C. nitidissima*, I have come up with some controversial suggestions. In the short time since the February ACS Journal article, Ackerman⁽¹⁾, I have received a number of supportive comments and also some questions. Hopefully, the present article will help clarify certain particulars as well as present additional thoughts.

Apparently, the breeding procedures utilized thus far have not produced the desired results. Therefore, it would seem we need to strike out in new directions and take our chances that some new approach will succeed. It is with this in mind that I would like to present another alternate approach to the problem, and also expand on the approach previously presented⁽¹⁾.

If indeed, the *C. nitidissima* color-determining genes are completely recessive to all color pigment genes (including white) in all of the species with which it has been crossed, then continuing to hybridize at the F¹ generation level will be futile. However, most interspecific F¹ plants are not only extremely pollen sterile, but also seed sterile. Therefore, it may be quite difficult to obtain F² generation plants directly from the F¹ plants. Uemoto et al.^(9,10). This sterility appears to block any

advance to F² and additional generations with combinations of hybrid selfs, sib-crosses, and back-crosses to *C. nitidissima*. However, it is quite possible to convert sterile interspecific hybrids to fertile amphidiploids** by doubling their chromosomes.

I was faced with a similar interspecific hybrid sterility problem in the early 1970's while trying to develop commercially acceptable fragrant flowers. The answer then, and perhaps now, is to utilize the drug **colchicine** to induce chromosome doubling. At that time, 'Fragrant Pink', a *C. rusticana* x *C. lutchuensis* hybrid, was completely seed sterile and had only 5 percent normal appearing pollen grains as observed microscopically. Even so, no hybrids were ever produced using 'Fragrant Pink' pollen.

Approximately 500 buds on 56 plants were treated with a 0.5 percent aqueous solution of colchicine in 10 percent glycerine with a wetting agent. Two promising colchicoid branches from treated plants were identified cytologically. One 2-4-4 cytochimeral branch was forced into flowering and pollen samples showed 77 percent normal-appearing pollen. Ackerman & Derment⁽⁴⁾. The paper presents a step-by-step procedure. I have a limited number of reprints and will send a copy to anyone interested.

This plant, named 'Fragrant Pink Improved,' was completely fertile and became the foundation for a continued series of fragrant-flowered cultivars. What had been an obstacle for further progress was overcome through **colchicine**-induced chromosome doubling. This approach may be an answer to the present dilemma which is inhibiting progress in the development of intense yellow flower color.

One thing puzzles me about the reported nature of the recessiveness of the *C. nitidissima* yellow gene(s). That is the assumption that these yellow gene(s) must be recessive to **all** color pigment genes (including white) in **all** of the species used in making crosses. What seems especially difficult to accept is that a genetic factor for intense yellow pigmentation, as expressed in *C. nitidissima*, should be recessive to white. From my own limited experience, and from a review of the literature regarding flower color inheritance, it appears that white is frequently recessive to many, if not most, pigmented flower colors. In *Iris ensata* we consider white the blank card in the genetic deck, since any flower pigment gene will invariably prove dominant over white. Ackerman & Bentz⁽³⁾.

This suggests that we have a more complex situation here than

originally suspected. It is with this in mind that we should not discount other possibilities. Of those hybridizers documenting descriptions of *C. nitidissima* hybrids, it is Yamaguchi⁽¹¹⁾ who thus far has had the most success. All his crosses were between white-flowered *C. japonica* cultivars and *C. nitidissima*; three with the former as seed parent, and one the latter. All are described as light yellow in color but the yellow hybrid, where *C. nitidissima* was the seed parent, is described as different from the other three. It is this latter hybrid, 'Kiho', that is illustrated on the 1990 I.C.S. Journal cover. 'Kiho' and 'Ki-no-Gozen' are shown in the central color 3 illustration. All four hybrids are lighter than *C. nitidissima*⁽¹¹⁾.

The fact that none of the four Yamaguchi⁽¹¹⁾ hybrids comes close to matching the intensity of *C. nitidissima* flavinoid pigmentation, suggests the possibility of modifier gene(s)^{***}.

The possibility of extranuclear (maternal) inheritance was discussed in a previous article, Ackerman⁽¹⁾. Although controversial, it is not without precedence, Strickberger⁽⁸⁾ states, "The discovery of DNA in the cytoplasm of eukaryotes (higher plants and animals) in the early 1960's, offered for the first time, a clear genetic basis for explaining at least some examples of extranuclear inheritance." Although by no means extensive, there is evidence of maternal (cytoplasmic) inheritance among such plants as *Oenothera* (evening primrose), *Pelargonium* (geranium), *Lathyrus* (sweet pea), *Mirabilis* (four o'clock), and *Maize* (corn). Sager⁽⁶⁾, SRB et al⁽⁷⁾, and Strickberger⁽⁸⁾. Of less certainty is a phenomenon in *Camellia*, well known to plant breeders in California and Australia, that most crosses of *C. reticulata* x *C. japonica* create more desirable plants than the reciprocal cross. If we assume that each species makes the same chromosomal DNA contribution regardless of whether it supplies

this in the form of egg or pollen, then that difference must come from outside the nucleus. That extranuclear contribution, of course, comes from the seed parent.

What does all this tell us? Basically, that there may be maternal inheritance factors here that influence the transmission of yellow flavinoid pigment gene(s). This does not necessarily mean that the actual flavinoid pigment gene(s) are physically located on the mitochondrial, or other extrachromosomal DNA. Yamaguchi's⁽¹¹⁾ three light-yellow flowered hybrids with *C. nitidissima* as the **pollen** parent would seem to discount at least some yellow genes. This does not, however, discount the influence of maternal DNA on inheritance by other DNA factors, or possibly through modifier gene(s). It also brings to question the statement that *C. nitidissima* color determining genes are completely recessive in combinations with all other species.

We do need to expand our approach towards the transfer of the intense yellow pigmentation from *C. nitidissima* into hybrids with commercially acceptable flowers. Perhaps one of the new approaches presented, Ackerman^(1,2,8,9), may provide one, or more, of us with an answer leading to eventual success!

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**Amphidiploid (allotetraploid) - the diploid hybrid from which an amphidiploid originates, is generally sterile, owing to the non-homology between the chromosome sets derived from two different species and consequent difficulty with chromosome pairing during meiosis (gamete production). With the doubling of the chromosome number, the sterility barrier is removed⁽⁵⁾.

***Modifier Gene - any gene that by interaction affects the phenotypic expression of genes at other loci. Many modifiers can be detected only by their effects on the expression of other nonallelic genes. They may be enhancers where they intensify, or as reducers where they decrease or inhibit the expression of other genes⁽⁵⁾. ♦

Name that Camellia

Bill Donnan

I have been asked to write an article about the naming of our favorite flower, the camellia. It reminds me of a jingle that was going around in the 1930s. A popular patent medicine or tonic had come out named Haddacol. It was very popular as a tonic drink and the jingle went like this:

QUESTION: "Why do you suppose they hadda call Haddacol Haddacol?"

ANSWER: "They hadda call it something!"

Well, in naming a new camellia variety, the discoverer had to call it something. Hence the name. Names seem to follow trends and in the early days when camellias first came to the Western World, all the flora was being given Latin names. Thus, the first camellia to come to England named 'Double White' was given the Latin name, 'Alba Plena'. The prefix 'Alba' is short for albino and most of the early white camellias were given the prefix 'Alba'.

The famous 'Chandleri Elegans' was named 'Elegance' by its discoverer, Alfred Chandler in England. It became a great favorite and other nurseries in Europe started selling other camellias and naming them 'Elegance'. Then Chandler changed the name to 'Chandler's Elegance' and this later was Latinized to 'Chandleri Elegans'.

There are many sports of this famous variety, most of which

carry the prefix 'Elegans' such as 'Elegans Splendor', 'Elegans Supreme' and 'Elegans Champagne'. In addition, sports of this variety continue to carry kindred names. For example, 'C.M. Wilson', a sport of the 'Elegans' family, has produced the sports named 'Hawaii', 'Kona', and 'Maui'. All these names have

*The name of a
camellia
variety rests in
the eye of the
discoverer.*

a Hawaiian connection.

The early camellia varieties were named for rich and/or famous people. Thus in Europe, camellias were often named for royalty. Even in our own United States we have commemorated Doctors, Generals, and Judges. The Historical Edition of CAMELLIA NOMENCLATURE,

1981, has over 70 camellia varieties with the prefix, "Dr." There are 20 "Generals" named and 10 "Judges". The name, 'Richard Nixon' was given to a new variety during Nixon's presidency and the varieties, 'Pat Nixon', 'Tricia Nixon', and 'Julie' - all sports of the 'Richard Nixon' - followed.

Sporting camellias have produced camellias having interesting stories. The sporting camellia, 'Aspasia McArthur' has produced a sport having pale pink petals with the outer half of the petal bright red. It is called, 'Margaret Davis'. Then a sport of this sport had only a thin red edge to the petals and it was named 'Margaret Davis Picottee'. Still another sport of 'Aspasia McArthur' had red petals with the outer half pale pink. It was discovered by Richard Clere and named for his wife, 'Jean Clere'.

Speaking of sporting camellias, here is the story of how 'Tomorrow' got named. Mrs. Rea Hayes was an avid hobbyist and she had a tremendous new seedling which took the seedling prize at all the camellia shows in the Southeast. Everyone kept asking her to name it but she kept procrastinating. Finally she said to her friend, "What is the big hurry? I'll name it tomorrow," and thus everyone since then has called it 'Tomorrow'. 'Tomorrow' has had many sports and one,

'Tomorrow's Dawn' was purchased by Ralph Peer in Los Angeles. When it arrived, it bloomed as a new sport and Peer named it 'Tomorrow Park Hill' after his estate, "Park Hill Gardens."

Vern McCaskill developed and named many new camellias. One time, at a California Camellia Show, he exhibited about 10 new seedlings. Bill Woodroof was at the show with his 10 year old daughter, Allison. McCaskill brought Allison over to the seedling bench and said, "Allison, you pick out one of these seedlings and I will name it after you." She picked out one and it became 'Allison Leigh Woodroof', one of our finest.

The late Harvey Short was a master at looking at a camellia and picking out the right name. He has named 10 or 15 of his own and has named many camellias for others. He saw a pale pink formal double at Nuccio's Nursery and said, "you should call it 'Twilight', and that name is as descriptive as any name one can imagine."

Nuccio's Nursery had developed over 200 new varieties and has had a problem naming all the new ones. They have had themes. Sport theme: 'Touchdown', 'Kick Off' etc. Gem theme: 'Pearl', 'Ruby', 'Coral', and 'Jewel'. Show Biz theme: 'Carousel', 'Curtain Call', 'Applause', 'Bravo', and 'Prima Ballerina'. Three camellias were named 'Merry Christmas', 'Happy Holidays', and 'Rudolph' (red nose), because they bloom during the holidays. 'Valentine Day' was named because it blooms in early February, and 'Spring Formal' because it blooms late in the Spring.

Some names have peculiar origins. For example, the variety, 'Tammia' was actually named for Tammia Nursery, but 'Flowerwood' was not named for Flowerwood Nursery. It got its name because Tochi Domoto was in Chicago, Illinois during World War II and was working at the Flowerwood cut flower supply firm. There he caught a fimbriated sport of 'Mathotiana' and named it 'Flowerwood'.

That wonderful red formal double named 'Glen40' got its strange name as a seedling in the seedling house of the Azalea Glen Nursery in Loxley, Alabama. The new seedling was given the tag 'Glen40' because it was the fortieth seedling tagged in 1939 for future development. It was later released in 1942 under the name, 'Glen40' and for the last 50 years it has graced our gardens, our homes, and our Camellia Shows.

The Nomenclature Registration Committee has rules regarding the naming of new camellias. For example, one may only use a total of three words, and grandious names such as 'All American Red' are turned down. Also, such off-color names as 'Sexy Lady', or 'Hot Pants' are not accepted. But if you look through the book, CAMELLIA NOMENCLATURE, or the INTERNATIONAL CAMELLIA REGISTER, you will find that the name of a camellia variety rests in the eye of the discoverer. ♦

Please accept our apology. We accidentally cropped out Chadwick Lee Abdalla and Robert Stanford Owen in our Summer issue. We hope the reprint of this photo will make up for any inconvenience.



1993 OZONE CAMELLIA CLUB COURT: Left to right: Chadwick Lee Abdalla; Megan Clair Maginnis; Ty Massengale; Jill Dagny Guevara; Attendants to the Queen Michelle Elaine Folse, Angela Suzanne Cocran, Jessica Sue Faciane, and Erin Patricia Barr; Crown Bearer Christopher James Barr; Queen Taryn Caroline Percy; Consort William Grant Black III; Amanda Lynn Smith; Honor Duke William Legrand Steel III; Lauren Adams Lightfoot; Honor Duke Keith C. Baker; Natalie Rose Boos; and Robert Stanford Owen.

REGIONAL ACTIVITIES

Atlantic Coast October 7 to 9, 1994

Headquarters for the Atlantic Coast Camellia Society will be the Holiday Inn Independent at Myrtle Beach, SC. Room rates are \$33.00 per night. Registration fee remains at \$25.00 per person. The cocktail buffet around the pool will begin at 5 p.m. on Friday. On Saturday morning there will be a Bloody Mary Party beginning at 9:30 a.m. and followed by our business meeting and plant auction. The Saturday evening activities begin a social hour at 6 p.m. Dinner will be served at 7 o'clock. We are very fortunate to have Dr. Ray Gamble from North Carolina State University present the evening program. You are invited to join us for our annual meeting.

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Gulf Coast September 16 to 18, 1994

Headquarters for the Gulf Coast Camellia Society weekend will be the Holiday Inn, Mobile, Alabama. When making reservations at the Holiday Inn, mention that you are with the Gulf Coast Society for a special rate. The Registration Fee is \$60.00 per person. Come and enjoy the weekend in Mobile.

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Pacific Coast 20th Anniversary of Camellia-Rama November 4 to 6, 1994

Bob Kellas



***Recognize these people?
They are some of the fun-
loving camellia characters
at Camellia-rama in
Fresno, CA.***

The Central California Camellia Society will host the 20th anniversary of the Camellia-rama at the Sheraton Smuggler's Inn in Fresno, CA on November 4-6, 1994.

We are planning a great list of speakers for our Saturday Symposium: Al Taylor, Fresno; Dr. Glenn Burroughs, Bakersfield; Ann Blair Brown, ACS Executive Director, Fort Valley, GA; Hulyn Smith, Valdosta, GA and a slide program of the first 20 years of Camellia-rama by Bob and Ruth Marcy, San Jose, and Grady Perigan, San Marino.

The gala events begin on Friday evening about 5 p.m. with an evening of socializing with an open bar and plenty of finger foods. Saturday will feature our Symposium at 8:30 a.m. to 4 p.m. with lunch at noon. Our Hospitality Room will be open for a little bubbly before our march to the Crystal Room for the evening festivities; costumes if you wish. The theme is the 20's: Gay 20's, 20 Mule Team, 20th Century Fox or your own imaginative choice. Next on the agenda is a great Prime Rib dinner, dancing and a fantastic raffle.

Sunday morning features our excellent brunch and a tearful round of goodbyes until our next meeting. We hope many of you will attend and help us make this 20th anniversary a very special celebration.

Registration: Saturday lunch, Hospitality, Dinner and Sunday Brunch will be \$54.00 each. For further information contact: Bob Kellas, 1001 Sylmar #215, Clovis, CA 93612 (209) 298-5424 OR Chris Gonos, 5643 N. College, Fresno, CA 93704 (209) 439-2228. ♦

Camellia Flower Blight Studies 1994

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The disease, Camellia Flower Blight caused by the fungus *Ciborinia camellia Kohn*, attacks all known *Camellia japonica* cultivars and camellia hybrids throughout much of the camellia growing area in the United States. While *C.sasanqua* is susceptible to camellia flower blight, most cultivars flower before the fungus becomes active. Fall flowering cultivars of *C.japonica* and those that are gibbed for fall bloom will often escape infection. When the fungus first becomes active varies with the geographic location. Spore discharge by the fungus depends on both temperature and moisture. In warm climates the disease may be observed as early as late December or January, while in other areas the disease may not be seen until mid-February.

Control of Camellia Flower Blight has been difficult. A review by Raabe et. al. can be found in "THE CAMELLIA, IT'S HISTORY, CULTURE, GENETICS, AND A LOOK INTO IT'S FUTURE DEVELOPMENT" by Feathers and Brown, 1978. Also see "Camellia Flower Blight: A Summary of Nine Years of Tests with Flower Protected Fungicides" by Gordon Holcomb; **CAMELLIA JOURNAL** 1994 (May). Both of these papers give excellent reviews of where we are with Camellia Flower Blight. This paper reports on studies that were undertaken at Clemson University and Massee Lane Gardens this past season.

Several fungicides were tested in a study including Benlate, Bayleton, Captan, Cleary 3336, and Lynx. The latter fungicide, known in the experimental stages as HWG 1608, was developed by the Miles Corporation, and is tentatively scheduled for release this year. The other fungicides are available on the

market. Cleary 3336 has been recommended as a substitute for Benlate for ornamental use with the chemical formulations being very similar upon breakdown. Two teaspoons per gallon of Lynx and one tablespoon per gallon of the other fungicides were mixed with one gallon water plus a few drops of dishwashing detergent (Ivory). Cut flowers of camellias were submerged in each solution for five minutes, removed and allowed to dry and placed in a special tray. Flowers were observed after 4, 7, 14, and 28 days for disease development. Those treated with Lynx were also observed for sclerotial development.

RESULTS:

Flowers that were soaked in the fungicide solutions did not leave an objectionable residue. Flowers soaked in Benlate, Captan, and Cleary 3336 all showed symptoms of disease development after 7 days. One half of the flowers soaked in the Bayleton solution (with Ivory liquid) showed disease development while others remained disease free. All flowers soaked in the Lynx solution (with Ivory liquid) showed no symptoms of disease development. In a separate test cut blossoms which showed symptoms of the flower blight disease were also submerged in the Lynx solution. All flowers with blight symptoms soaked as above did not advance beyond the stage when put in the test.

DISCUSSION

We believe this information can be used by the homeowner and camellia fancier in a practical way. Camellia blossoms that are cut for display in the home, flower show, or to give away may be soaked in a fungicidal solution to prevent development of flower blight

symptoms. Bayleton is available as a fungicide for ornamentals at the present time and is used as a spray for control of azalea flower blight. Studies by Holcomb have shown that weekly sprays of Bayleton on blooming camellia plants during the disease season will reduce the percentage of flowers showing blight symptoms although it does not provide 100% control. The addition of Ivory Liquid to the Bayleton solution increased the percentage of disease control in a separate test. Soaking for five minutes in this solution did not cause any visible damage to the flowers. The use of Lynx with Ivory Liquid provided 100% control of the disease development. However, this fungicide is presently not available on the market.

Camellia growers are encouraged to try this method on a trial basis this year. Further tests will be conducted during the 1994-95 camellia season at Clemson and Massee Lane to provide further information. Additional tests will also be run to determine other ways in which these two chemicals may be used by the camellia grower to reduce flower blight in camellias.

Lynx will be released as a 25% dry flowable (DF) material and should be available through major distributors. HWG 1608 as used in this study is a material that has 3.6 lbs. active ingredient per gallon. With the 25% DF formulation one will need to use 3-4 teaspoons per gallon to achieve the same concentration. Thanks are extended to Charles A. Thomas, Jr. for supplying the HWG 1608 and for the encouragement along the way. ♦

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The 1994-1995 Design Contest

"Biography - An Imagery of Life Mirrored in Floral Designs"

Mrs. Sam Hutaff, Chairman

As last year's theme was based on the larger canopy of reflections of art through the ages, this year the theme will be focused on a more personal reflection - that is - a biography of one's life. Hopefully, this will open a Pandora's box of exciting ideas and memories to share with one another. As Shakespeare wrote of the stages of men let us create an imagery of life.

In all the classes, the camellia should be featured whether it be one or many used with other plant material. This should not be too challenging as there are so many varieties from which to choose.

It is difficult to compose a schedule that is appropriate for every part of the country, therefore, we are presenting the minimum number of classes for the Tricolor and for the Creativity awards. Only Sections A and B of 6 classes will be eligible for competition in the American Camellia Society Contest. This gives the local committees the opportunity to add classes that will relate to their area more specifically - such as tables, novice, invitational, etc. if they wish without demanding too large a design section. Any added classes will be eligible for local awards only.

SECTION A - TRICOLOR CLASSES 1, 2, 3 ARE ELIGIBLE FOR THE TRICOLOR AWARD.

The award winning exhibit must be a blue ribbon winner scoring 95 or more. There must

be a minimum of three (3) classes with at least four (4) exhibits in each. Distinction (marked superiority) and creativity (original concept) must be one of the categories included in the scale of points.

To be eligible for the Tricolor Award, all plant material MUST BE FRESH. All other components must be subordinate. One (1) or more accessories may be permitted. The container(s), base(s), and accessory(ies) may be made of any material, including those manufactured from wood. Decorative wood (weathered wood) is not permitted in any form. The Tricolor Award shall be represented by a rosette combining blue, red and yellow ribbons. This is to be provided by the local committee.

Class 1. INNOCENCE . . .
Infant without guile. A line design portraying simplicity.

Class 2. DEPENDENCY . . .
Toddler needing support. A line mass design emphasizing strength.

Class 3. THEOLOGY . . .
Refined in thought and feeling. A design suitable for a religious occasion. (Interpretive comment by designer will be helpful).

Suggested Scale of Points for Tricolor:

Conformance.....	15
Design.....	35
Distinction.....	15
Suitability of materials for type, placement or occasion.....	20
Creativity and expression.....	15
	100

SECTION B - CREATIVITY CLASSES 4, 5, 6 ARE ELIGIBLE FOR THE CREATIVITY AWARD.

The award winning exhibit must be a blue ribbon winner scoring 95 points or more. There must be a minimum of three (3) classes with at least four (4) exhibits in each class.

In classes eligible for the Creativity Award, the exhibitor must have complete freedom to choose the components. The designer may use fresh, dried and/or treated dried plant material unless the design type requires specific plant material. Interpretive comments from designer will be helpful.

Class 4. ADOLESCENCE . . .
Restless youth. A design depicting motion.

Class 5. COMPANIONSHIP . . .
A design using two or more compatible containers.

Class 6. MATURITY and LEGACY . . .
Something of value handed down to another generation. A design using plant material in stages of development (buds, blooms and also featuring seeds and/or seed pods.)

Suggested Scale of Points for Creativity:

Conformance.....	15
Design.....	40
Distinction.....	20
Creativity and Expression.....	25
	100

DESIGN CONTEST RULES

1. Contest is open to exhibitors in Camellia shows held in conjunction with ACS.

2. The Standard System of awarding as required by National Council of State Garden Clubs shall be used - one blue, one red and one yellow ribbon may be given in each class. A white ribbon may be awarded for honorable mention. The Handbook for Flower Shows, 1987 edition, as amended, will be used as authority by judges and exhibitors. This is the official guide of National Council of State Garden Clubs.

3. Only blue ribbon winners may be entered in ACS Contest.

4. Class names must adhere to the schedule prepared for the ACS Contest for 1994-1995.

5. Photographs must be received by Mrs. Sam Hutaff, 318 Birnam Drive, Fayetteville, N.C. 28305, by May 1, 1995, or be disqualified and all photographs become the property of ACS.

6. Photographs must be 5" x 7" or 8" x 10" black and white glossies. They should be clear in design. Please remove all entry cards, ribbons, trophies, or other extemporaneous material. These should be removed from exhibit before picture is taken. Good photography is essential.

7. It is strongly suggested that a color slide be included for better judging and good evaluation of color. Slides will also become property of ACS.

8. Description information must be typed and accompany photograph. Do not write on back of photograph or attach material with pins or clips. The following description information is required: Section and Class, Design Description, Container Description, Materials used - describe color and names of plant material, background and accessories (if used). Name and color of camellia if possible.

9. On a separate sheet, include name and address of designer and Section and Class name. Name of Show and Name of Club(s) sponsoring Show, and date of Show.

10. A schedule of the show must be included with each entry.

11. Do not send questions or photographs to the ACS headquarters or ACS president. The chairman of the contest will answer any questions.

12. The Standard System of Judging as required by National Council of State Garden Clubs shall be used and the decision of the judges is final.

13. Exhibitors shall be limited to one entry in each class.

14. The 1994-1995 Design Contest Schedule must be adhered to with the use of camellias.

15. No artificial plant material will be allowed.

16. Schedule may permit treated plant material in Creativity Class.

17. Backgrounds should be plain for photography purposes.

18. Photographs should be made as soon as possible after judging is completed to capture the freshness of the bloom(s).

THE FOLLOWING POLICIES ARE RECOMMENDED

1. The Design Judges and the Contest Judges must be accredited by the National Council of State Garden Clubs in order to uphold the Standard System of Judging.

2. Lighting adds much to the mood and beauty of Artistic design and photographic clarity. Shadows which compete with design or arrangement can often be eliminated by proper lighting when photographing.

3. Local chairman has full responsibility for acquiring ribbons of local Camellia Society as well as Tricolor and Creativity Rosettes. ACS provides certificates for the Most Outstanding Arrangements in the contest.

4. The local club is responsible for staging and for the rules for exhibiting and judging to conform to those of the ACS contest.

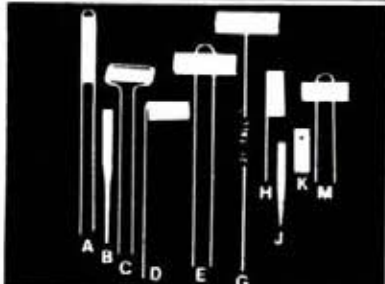
5. Exhibitors in the Artistic Division need not be members of

a Camellia Society.

6. Designs must be made by the exhibitor.

7. The size of backgrounds and space available for each entry should be specified in the local schedule. (However, it is strongly recommended that adequate size be given to staging to allow good design, i.e. 40" for Tricolor and 48" for Creativity.)

Mrs. Sam Hutaff (Patti), an "Army Brat", married a native of Fayetteville, N.C. Both husband and wife have been active in the American Camellia Society, being charter members and judges. Patti is a member of local and State garden clubs, served on State level as secretary and horticulture chairman. For over thirty years she has been a member of the Elizabethan Gardens Committee and Board of Governors. She has contributed articles for the ACS Yearbook. She is also a member of local Ikebana International and is a Master Judge. ♦



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Early Blooming Camellias

BASICS FOR THE BEGINNER

As the long, hot summer draws to a close camellia fanciers are anticipating cooler weather and those first, beautiful blooms of the season. In an effort to extend the camellia blooming season, early blooming varieties are planted by enthusiasts. Although these early flowers are often not as big or beautiful as those that bloom later they are welcomed eagerly. Fall blooming camellias can add to the landscape in all areas and may provide cut flowers for special occasions. With little else blooming in the yard at this time, fall-blooming camellias deserve a special place in our garden.

Early blooming camellias will usually bloom between late September and early December. Those camellia enthusiasts who live in the colder regions of the "camellia belt" may find that fall blooming camellias will be enjoyed before the freezing temperatures of winter begin. Since camellias produce their most beautiful blossoms when the temperature is cool it may be found that these fall blooming camellias will not do as well in the hotter regions of the camellia belt where temperatures in the Fall are often in the eighties.

Camellia sasanquas are among the most popular of the fall blooming camellias. This species of camellia produces smaller blossoms than its *Camellia japonica* cousins. Although these smaller blooms, which measure 2-4 inches in diameter, shatter easily and do not make good cut

flowers, they are an excellent addition to the landscape. In the traditional shades of pink, white, and red, they produce masses of bloom for an extended period of time. They are flexible in their growth habit and may be kept pruned as a shrub or hedge or left to grow into a small tree. Another advantage to these plants is that they may be grown in the sun or shade. Listed below are a few of the beautiful varieties of this species.

'Bonanza' - A deep red, semidouble flower. Low, spreading growth habit.

'Cotton Candy' - A clear pink semidouble flower with ruffled petals.

'Leslie Ann' - Small semidouble blossoms that are white tipped lavender.

'Mine-No-Yuki' - (Snow on the Mountain) white semidouble to loose peony.

'Sparkling Burgundy' - Ruby red peony form bloom.

Camellia vernalis is another species which offers fall blooming varieties. Although this may not be a true species but a natural hybrid between a *japonica* and *sasanqua*, there are a few outstanding varieties worthy of mention. The blossoms tend to be intermediate in size and substance. The blooming season is also intermediate between a *japonica* and a *sasanqua*. However, the bloom season may be a little late for those in colder climates who hope to miss the freezes. Three varieties that have performed

well at Massee Lane are listed below.

'Dawn' - A white semidouble bloom often shaded with pink.

'Egao' - A deep rose semidouble blossom.

'Star Above Star' - White shading to lavender pink at the edges. This variety has proven to be rather cold hardy here at Massee Lane.

There are also a number of *Camellia japonica* varieties that are fall blooming with blossoms from September until December. These are described as early blooming in the Nomenclature Book. Their bloom period will vary from year to year according to weather conditions. Some of the early blooming varieties are listed below.

'Alba Plena' - White, formal double. This variety is not cold hardy.

'Conrad Hilton' - White sport of 'High Hat'.

'Daikagura' - Rose Pink spotted white, peony form.

'Debutante' - Light pink, full peony form.

'High Hat' - Light pink sport of 'Daikagura'.

'Joshua E. Youtz' - White peony to formal double.

'Lady Clare' - Deep pink semidouble.

'September Morn' - White to pale pink semidouble.

'White Empress' - Large, white semidouble.

For those who live in Zone 6 (and perhaps zone 5) very cold hardy, fall blooming camellia hybrids have been introduced by

Dr. William Ackerman as a result of a 15 year breeding program. These hybrids involve a cross between two camellia species - *C.oleifera* and *C.beimalis*. These camellias are very similar in appearance to the *Camellia sasanqua* varieties which do well in warmer climates. The following varieties have been registered with ACS.

'Polar Ice' - White, anemone form.

'Winter's Charm' - Lavender pink peony form.

'Winter's Hope' - White, semidouble.

'Winter's Interlude' - Pink, anemone form.

'Winter's Rose' - Shell pink, formal double.

'Winter's Star' - Lavender pink, single.

'Winter's Waterlily' - White, anemone to formal double.

Dr. Clifford Parks at the University of North Carolina also has several cold hardy camellias which he is recommending for the colder climates. A list of nurseries that carry these cold hardy varieties is given below.

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Island of the Beaches, Jacksonville Beach, FL Camellia Show included Mindy Eichholz, Camellia Queen Jennifer Bunn, Shannon Hopkins, Mayor Bill Latham and O.L. "Jake" Jacobson.



Prize winning camellias and the awards are shown at the Apopka, FL Camellia Show sponsored by Apopka Parks Division.



Mississippi Director of ACS, Harry Stone with his wife, Una at the ACS Annual meeting in Slidell, LA. (Photo by Greg Davis)

A Lesson Learned

Dr. T. Winston Gouldin

Pine trees are generally considered to be camellias' best friends, and as such, are to be nurtured by all camellia gardeners. When tragedy strikes a pine tree in the midst of a flourishing camellia garden, it needs to be investigated and analyzed and this information dispersed in hopes of preventing a similar occurrence in someone else's garden.

When we moved to our present home in 1968 there were two long-needle pine trees in our front yard, both quite small. Through the years they grew nicely and provided us with our best straw for our azalea and camellia beds. As the need arose for more bed space, it seemed natural to develop a bed beneath one of these two trees. This was accomplished three years ago. To prevent competition with the dense network of surface roots from the pine and other nearby trees, the area was dug up in such a way as to get rid of all tree roots for several years. This sacrificed about 1/4 of the surface roots of the pine. Last year I sacrificed almost 1/4 more when I expanded the bed (don't camellia enthusiasts always expand their beds?) This past fall my prized pine began shedding more needles than usual and I observed that entire lower limbs were dying. This process marched right up to the top of the tree. The arborist who

investigated the problem and later removed the tree confirmed my suspicion of borers, pointing out the little piles of sawdust beneath the 2-3 mm drill holes that dotted the bark like a host of cliff-dwellers. He identified three problems that weakened the tree so that it could not defend itself against the beetles. The first occurred when the tree was planted 30 years ago. There was evidence of a girdling root, meaning that care was not taken to spread the roots out or else cut through any that encircled the root ball. As the tree grew, so did the encircling root, gradually choking the tree at its base. The second problem was my overly-ambitious sacrifice of surface roots in preparing the beds. The final blow was the severe drought of the summer of 1993, which followed a very wet spring.

Like all camellias enthusiasts, I am still expanding my beds, but this time I am taking a different approach. I spread out black plastic beneath the selected pine tree, punched holes in it and covered it with a mixture of pine bark mulch, composted leaves, sand, soil and manure. I have learned that roots are important to pines, as well as people, and will make every effort to preserve them so both the pines and the camellias can grow old together, as all good friends should. ♦

Research Grants Awarded

The Charter of the American Camellia Society states as its purpose "To promote interest in the genus *Camellia* L., scientific research in its culture, standardization of its varietal names, certification of new varieties, dissemination of information concerning the above, creation of a foundation to further these purposes, and to promote the organization and affiliation of local societies in the United States." In keeping with its purpose of scientific research, the Development Fund awards grants each year to qualified researchers. The following were selected at the Annual Meeting in Slidell, LA, February 24, 1994. They are:

Dr. William L. Ackerman,
Ashton, MD — Research Horticulturist (Retired)
Agricultural Research Service, U.S. Dept. of Agriculture — \$2,000.00

Dr. Luther W. Baxter, Jr.,
Seneca, SC — Professor Emeritus, Dept. of Plant Pathology and Physiology
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Dr. Gordon E. Holcomb,
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Betty Hotchkiss
Fort Valley, GA — Horticulturist, American Camellia Society
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Dr. Clifford R. Parks,
Chapel Hill, NC — Professor, Dept. of Biology, University of North Carolina
\$1,000.00

Members will note the many articles written by these recipients and printed in the ACS Journals and Yearbooks. ♦

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Each August we will print a list of ACS Accredited Judges and a list of the Novice Judges for your convenience in selecting your panels for the upcoming camellia shows. Judges are listed alphabetically by zip code. Find your area and invite both Accredited and Novice Judges to participate in your show. In order to complete the requirements for accredited status, a novice must judge in six shows in not less than two nor more than five years. Give a boost to a novice and help the person become accredited by judging in your show.

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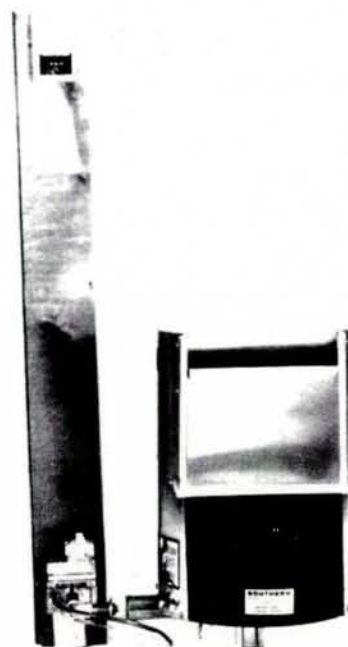
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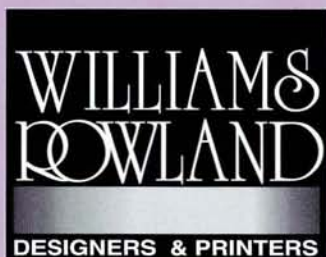
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CALIFORNIA

FRESNO, March 12-13, 1994, (46th Annual)
Sponsor: Central California Camellia Society
Number of Blooms Displayed: 1,578
Attendance: 5,000+

MOST OUTSTANDING BLOOM IN SHOW:
'Fire Dance', Jack & Ann Woo

C. japonica:

Large-Very Large: 'Lady Laura',
Chris & Art Gonos
Runner-up: 'Miss Charleston Var.',
Al Taylor
Medium: 'Fire Dance Var.', Jack & Ann Woo
Runner-up: 'Spring Sonnet', Al Taylor
Small: 'Ellen Daniel', Chris & Art Gonos
Runner-up: 'Shuchuka', Melvin Belcher

C. reticulata:

Best Bloom: 'Emma Gaeta', Jim & Jackie
Randall
Runner-up: 'Bravo', Marvin Belcher

C. hybrid:

Best Bloom: 'Waltz Time Var.', Chris & Art
Gonos
Runner-up: 'Spring Daze', Marvin Belcher

C. sasanqua:

Best Bloom: 'Egao', Chris & Art Gonos

Best White: 'Marie', Dick & Pat Pozdol
Best Novice Bloom: 'Mathotiana', Joe & Avis
Roup
Best Miniature: 'Dahlohnega', Hal & Deane
Burch
Runner-up: 'Spring Daze', Chris & Art Gonos
Best Fragrant: 'Scentuous', Wilbur & Mary
Anne Ray
Best Yellow: 'Dahlohnega', Chris & Art Gonos
Best Seedling: won by Hal & Deane Burch
Best Stem or Spray: 'Cherries Jubilee',
Chris & Art Gonos

NUMBER OF ACS MEMBERSHIPS SOLD:
None.

MODESTO, March 19-20, 1994, (33rd Annual)
Sponsor: Modesto Camellia Society
Number of Blooms Displayed: 3,000
Attendance: 1,500

MOST OUTSTANDING BLOOM IN SHOW:
'Larry Piet', Mr. & Mrs. Larry Pitts

C. japonica:

Very Large: 'Royal Velvet',
(sic - size is actually large),
Mr. & Mrs. Larry Pitts
Runner-up: 'Moonlight Bay', Mr. & Mrs.
Jack Woo
Large: 'Royal Velvet', Mr. & Mrs. Larry Pitts
Runner-up: 'Holly Bright', Mr. & Mrs.
E. F. Achterburg
Medium: 'Miss Charleston Var.', Mr. & Mrs.
Arthur Gonos
Runner-up: 'Wildfire', Robert E. Ehrhart
Small: 'Something Beautiful', Robert E.
Ehrhart
Runner-up: 'Dahlohnega', Mr. & Mrs.
Harlan Smith

C. reticulata:

Large-Very Large: 'Larry Piet', Mr. & Mrs.
Larry Pitts
Runner-up: 'Bravo', Mrs. William R. Bruener
Medium: 'Margaret Bernhart', Eric Hansen
Runner-up: 'Bev Piet', David Hagmann

C. hybrid:

Best Bloom: 'Charlean', Mr. & Mrs.
Larry Pitts
Runner-up: 'Pink Dahlia',
Mrs. Mary Jo Pinheiro

ACS GOLD CERTIFICATE:
Won By: Robert E. Ehrhart

ACS SILVER CERTIFICATE:
Won By: Don Bergamini

Best Miniature: 'Black Tie Var.', Mr. & Mrs.
Harlan Smith

Most Outstanding Arrangement:
Mrs. Robert Dorn

NUMBER OF ACS MEMBERSHIPS SOLD:
None.

DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA

WASHINGTON, April 9-10, 1994,
(40th Annual)
Sponsor: Camellia Society of the
Potomac Valley
Number of Blooms Displayed: 520
Attendance: 600

MOST OUTSTANDING BLOOM IN SHOW:
'Prince Eugene Napoleon', Mr. & Mrs.
Louis Daudt

C. japonica:

In Open: 'Leucantha', Mr. & Mrs.
Richard Waltz

Runner-up: 'Bob Hope', Mr. & Mrs.
Carroll Clatterbuck
Greenhouse: 'Prince Eugene Napoleon',
Mr. & Mrs. Louis Daudt
Runner-up: 'Nuccio's Pearl',
Mrs. Margaret White
Microfoam Blanket: 'Monjisu Red',
Mr. & Mrs. W. L. Miller
Runner-up: 'C. M. Wilson', Mr. & Mrs.
W. L. Miller
Other Structures: 'Warratah', Mrs. Yoshiko
Doherty
Runner-up: 'Fukutruzumi Karowabisuke
Var.', Mrs. Yoshiko Doherty

C. reticulata:

Best Bloom: 'Francie L.', Mrs. Margaret
White
Runner-up: 'Robert's Jewel', Dr. & Mrs.
W. L. Ackerman

C. hybrid:

Best Bloom: 'Jury's Yellow', Mr. & Mrs.
W. L. Miller
Runner-up: 'E. G. Waterhouse Var.',
Dr. & Mrs. W. L. Ackerman

NUMBER OF ACS MEMBERSHIPS SOLD: Two.

FLORIDA

DELAND, February 5, 1994
Sponsor: Volusia County Camellia Society
Number of Blooms Displayed: 1,039
Attendance: 1,000

MOST OUTSTANDING BLOOM IN SHOW:
'Pearl Terry', John Shirah

C. japonica: (Not Chem. Tr.)

Large: 'Tomorrow Park Hill', John Shirah
Medium: 'Mary Alice Cox', Lillian & C. M.
Gordy
Small: 'Little Babe', Lillian & C. M. Gordy

C. japonica: (Chemically Treated)

Large: 'Miss Charleston Var.',
Lillian & C. M. Gordy
Medium: 'Esther Smith',
Lillian & C. M. Gordy
Small: 'Kuro-Tsubaki', Howard Smith

C. reticulata:

Not Chem. Tr.: 'Frank Houser Var.',
Leroy & Frankie Stevens
Chemically Tr.: 'Dr. Clifford Parks Var.',
Lillian & C. M. Gordy

C. hybrid:

Not Chem. Tr.: 'Debbie Var.', Eileen Hart
Chemically Tr.: 'Julie Var.',
Lillian & C. M. Gordy

C. sasanqua:

Best Bloom: 'Bonanza',
Apopka Parks Division

ACS GOLD CERTIFICATE:

Won By: John Shirah

Best Seedling: 'Helen Bower' seedling, Tom & Mary Adams

Best White: 'Alyne Brothers', Lillian & C. M. Gordy

Best Novice: 'R. L. Wheeler', Alice Van Cleef

Best Spray: *C. rosaeflora*, Eileen Hart

NUMBER OF ACS MEMBERSHIPS SOLD:
None.

JACKSONVILLE, December 4, 1993

Sponsor: Camellia Society of North Florida

Number of Blooms Displayed: 686

C. japonica: (In Open)

Large-Very Large: 'Laura Walker Var.',
Dr. Howard Smith
Small-Medium: 'Purple Swirl', James Norman

C. japonica: (In Open, Chem. Tr.)

Large-Very Large: 'Betty Sheffield Supreme',
Parker E. Connor
Small-Medium: 'Sawada's Dream',
Robert Reese

C. japonica: (Protected)

Large-Very Large: 'Mathotiana Supreme Var.',
Bill & Mildred Robertson
Small-Medium: 'Kiku-Toji', Jim Pinkerton

C. reticulata:

In Open: 'Hall's Pride', James Norman
Protected: 'Hall's Pride', Bill & Sally
Hardwick

C. hybrid:

In Open: 'Julie Var.', James Norman
Protected: 'Delores Edwards', Elliott
Brogden

C. sasanqua:

Best Bloom: 'Star Above Star', Joann Abelein

Best White: 'Mary Alice Cox', Tom & Mary Adams

Best Miniature: 'Fircone Var.', Roy & Louise Homans

ACS GOLD CERTIFICATES:

In Open: Parker E. Connor
Protected: Annabelle Fetterman

ACS SILVER CERTIFICATES:

In Open: John Rumbach
Protected: Bill & Mildred Robertson

NUMBER OF ACS MEMBERSHIPS SOLD:
None.

WINTER PARK, January 15-16, 1994

(45th Annual)

Sponsor: Camellia Society of Central Florida

Number of Blooms Displayed: 1,760

Attendance: 1,000

MOST OUTSTANDING BLOOM DISPLAYED:

'Hall's Pride', Mr. & Mrs. Elliott P. Brogden

C. japonica:

In Open, Untreated: 'Happy Birthday',
John W. Shirah, Jr.

Runner-up: 'Mathotiana Supreme',
Mr. & Mrs. Tom Adams

In Open, Treated: 'Fran Mathis Var.',
Dr. W. Howard Smith

Runner-up: 'Betty Sheffield Supreme',
John W. Shirah, Jr.

Protected: 'Edna Bass', Mr. & Mrs.
Oliver Mizzell

C. reticulata:

In Open, Untreated: 'Betty Ridley Var.',
Mr. & Mrs. Tom Adams

Runner-up: 'Hulyn Smith', Mrs. Pearl Terry

In Open, Treated: 'Valentine Day Var.',
Dr. W. Howard Smith

Runner-up: 'Dr. Clifford Parks',
Mr. & Mrs. Tom Adams

Protected: 'Frank Houser',
Mr. & Mrs. Oliver Mizzell

Runner-up: 'Lasca Beauty', Mr. & Mrs.
Oliver Mizzell

C. hybrid:

In Open, Untreated: 'Super Star',
Mrs. Eileen Hart

Runner-up: 'Julia Hamiter',
Mr. & Mrs. Tom Adams

In Open, Treated: 'Debbie Var.',
Mrs. Eileen Hart

Runner-up: 'Julia Hamiter', Mr. & Mrs.
Tom Adams

Protected: 'Anticipation Var.',
Mr. & Mrs. Elliott P. Brogden

Runner-up: 'Mona Jury Var.',
Mr. & Mrs. Oliver Mizzell

C. sasanqua:

Best Bloom: 'Bonanza',
Apopka Parks Department

Runner-up: 'Shishi-Gashira', Warren Ropes

Best White: 'Snowman',
Mr. & Mrs. Tom Adams

Best Novice Bloom: 'Harriet Bisbee',
Mr. & Mrs. Robert Sweeney

ACS GOLD CERTIFICATE:

Won By: John W. Shirah, Jr.

ACS SILVER CERTIFICATE:

Won By: Mr. & Mrs. Tom Adams

Best Miniature: 'Fircone Var.',
Mr. & Mrs. Fred Hahn

Runner-up: 'Little Slam',
Mr. & Mrs. Fred Hahn

Best Seedling: 'Sweetie Pie', Mr. & Mrs.
Dale Fitzgerald

Runner-up: 'Extra Pink',
Dr. & Mrs. Jerry A. Hogsette, Jr.

Youth Division:

Best Red: 'Professor Charles S. Sargent',
Ms. Tammy Stevens

Best Pink: 'Marie Bracey',
Ms. Tammy Stevens

Best White: 'Alba Plena', Ms. Jessica Farmer

Best Variegated: 'Mathotiana Var.',
Ms. Erin Grimes

NUMBER OF ACS MEMBERSHIPS SOLD:
Three.

LOUISIANA

SLIDELL, December 3, 1993 (43rd Annual)

Sponsor: Ozone Camellia Club

MOST OUTSTANDING BLOOM:

In Open: 'Funny Face Betty', James Smelley
Runner-up: 'Moonlight Bay',
Don E. Applegate

Protected: 'Nuccio's Pink Lace', Jim Newell

Runner-up: 'Betty Sheffield Supreme',
John L. Rogers

C. japonica: (In Open)

Large: Moved to higher award

Runner-up: 'Alabama Tide',
Gordon G. Wesley

Medium-Large: Moved to higher award

Runner-up: 'Betty Sheffield',
Don E. Applegate

Medium: 'Sawada's Dream', John L. Rogers

Runner-up: 'Magic City',
Walter M. Creighton

Small: 'Amazing Graces', Gordon G. Wesley

Runner-up: 'Kiku-Toji', Gordon G. Wesley

Miniature: 'Grace Albritton', John Geiser

Runner-up: 'Fircone', John L. Rogers

C. japonica: (Protected)

Large: Moved to higher award

Runner-up: 'Tomorrow', John L. Rogers

Medium-Large: Moved to higher award

Runner-up: 'Cherries Jubilee',
Walter M. Creighton

Medium: 'Magic City', John L. Rogers

Runner-up: 'Linda Brothers Blush',
John L. Rogers

Small: 'Little Babe', Mrs. R. F. Jeffares

Runner-up: 'Jane Griffin', Mrs. R. F. Jeffares

Miniature: 'Something Beautiful', Jim Newell

Runner-up: 'Fircone', Fred Lee

C. reticulata: (In Open)

Large: 'Dream Girl', Don Applegate

Medium-Small: 'Black Lace',
Henry A. Boudolf

C. reticulata: (Protected)

Large: 'Dr. Clifford Parks',
Walter M. Creighton

Medium-Small: 'Black Lace',
Walter M. Creighton

C. hybrid: (In Open)

Large: 'Julie', Bob Stroud

Medium-Small: 'Spring Festival',
Gordon Wesley

C. hybrid: (Protected)

Large: 'Mona Jury', Fred Lee

Medium-Small: 'Buttons 'n Bows',
James & Elaine Smelley

C. sasanqua:

Best Bloom: 'Bonanza', Bob Stroud

ACS GOLD CERTIFICATES:

In Open: Bob Stroud

Protected: Jim Newell

ACS SILVER CERTIFICATES:

In Open: Gordon Wesley
Protected: John L. Rogers

Best Novice Bloom: 'Pink Elephant',
Barbara & Harry Brannon

NUMBER OF ACS MEMBERSHIPS SOLD:
None.

NORTH CAROLINA

BURLINGTON, March 12-13, 1994

(36th Annual)

Sponsor: Piedmont Camellia Club
Number of Blooms Displayed: 684

MOST OUTSTANDING BLOOM DISPLAYED:

In Open: 'Donckelarii', Bill & Molly Howell
Protected: 'Royal Velvet', Mr. & Mrs.
Gordon Howell

C. japonica: (In Open)

Large: 'Miss Charleston', T. E. Powers
Medium: 'Ville de Nantes', Kathryn &
Carl Allen
Small: 'Kay Berridge', T. E. Powers
Miniature: 'Tootsie', T. E. Powers

C. japonica: (Protected)

Large: 'Tomorrow's Lisa', Clara & Fred
Hahn
Medium: 'Cherries Jubilee', Clara & Fred
Hahn
Small: 'Grace Albritton Starfire',
Annabelle & Lew Fetterman
Miniature: 'Bonbon', Clara & Fred Hahn

C. reticulata:

Best Bloom: 'Marion Edwards', Mabel &
Joe Austin

C. hybrid:

In Open: 'Dr. Zhivago', T. E. Powers
Protected: 'Mona Jury', Mabel & Joe Austin
Best White, In Open 'Coronation',
T. E. Powers
Best White, Protected: 'Deen Day Smith',
Annabelle & Lew Fetterman

ACS GOLD CERTIFICATES:

In Open: Mr. & Mrs. T. E. Powers
Protected: Lew & Annabelle Fetterman

ACS SILVER CERTIFICATES:

In Open: Bill & Molly Howell
Protected: Joe & Mabel Austin

NUMBER OF ACS MEMBERSHIPS SOLD: One.

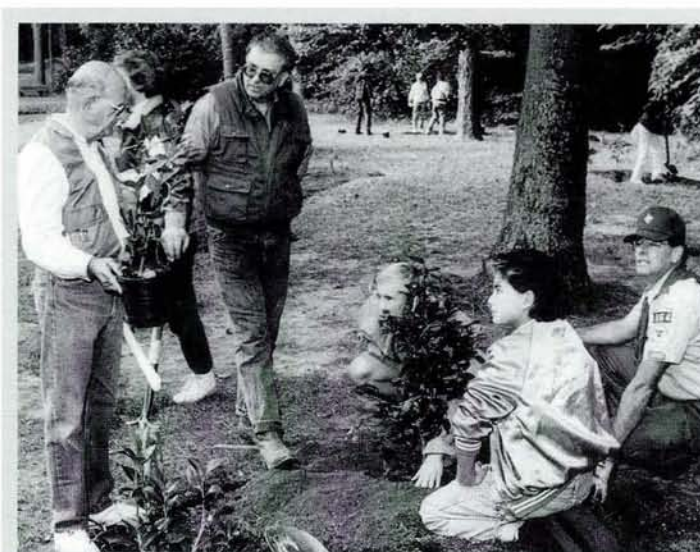
FAYETTEVILLE, February 19, 1994

(48th Annual)

Sponsor: Fayetteville Camellia Club
Number of Blooms Displayed: 694
Attendance: 1,200

C. japonica: (In Open)

Very Large: 'Lady Laura', Parker Connor
Runner-up: 'Mike Witman', Parker Connor
Medium: 'Magic City', Parker Connor
Small: 'Black Tie', Parker Connor



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C. japonica: (Protected)

Very Large: 'Helen Bower', Mabel & Joe
Austin
Medium: 'Dawn's Early Light',
Ann & Mack McKinnon
Small: 'Little Susie', Mabel & Joe Austin
Miniature: 'Tammia', Parker Connor

C. reticulata:

Best Bloom: 'Hall's Pride', Mabel & Joe
Austin

C. hybrid:

Best Bloom: 'Julie Felix', Sandra & John
Penny
Best White: 'Swan Lake', Mabel & Joe Austin
Best Novice Bloom: 'Oniji', Ann Clapp
ACS GOLD CERTIFICATES:
In Open: Parker Connor
Protected: Mabel & Joe Austin
NUMBER OF ACS MEMBERSHIPS SOLD: Four.

Best Bloom: 'Anticipation', Larry Landauer
Runner-up: 'Brigadoon', Jim Moon

ACS GOLD CERTIFICATES:

In Open: Jim Moon
Protected: Larry Landauer

ACS SILVER CERTIFICATES:

In Open: Oscar Tinkle
Protected: Garland Bayley

NUMBER OF ACS MEMBERSHIPS SOLD: Two.

OREGON

PORTLAND, March 26-27, 1994

Sponsor: Oregon Camellia Society
Number of Blooms Displayed: 351

MOST OUTSTANDING BLOOM:

'Tomorrow's Dawn', Larry Landauer

C. japonica: (In Open)

Large-Very Large: 'Primavera',
Oscar Tinkle
Runner-up: 'Tiffany', Jim Moon
Small-Medium: 'Betty's Beauty', Oscar Tinkle
Runner-up: 'Commander Mulroy',
Oscar Tinkle
Miniature: 'Tinsie', Larry Landauer

C. japonica: (Protected)

Best Bloom: 'Guilio Nuccio', Larry Landauer
Runner-up: 'Magic City', Larry Landauer

C. reticulata:

Best Bloom: 'Emma Gaeta Var.', Jim Moon

C. hybrid:

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Columbia, SC; South Carolina State Fair; Mid-Carolina Camellia Society	October 15, 1994
Perry, GA; Georgia National Fair - Agricenter; Middle Georgia Camellia Society	October 15-16, 1994
Hilton Head Island, SC; Shelter Cover Mall; Coastal Carolina Camellia Society and Shelter Cove Merchants' Assn.	November 5, 1994
Fort Walton Beach, FL; Westwood Retirement Community; Fort Walton Camellia Society	November 12, 1994
Port Arthur, TX; Holiday Inn Park Central; Texas Camellia Society	November 12, 1994
Fort Valley, GA; Masee Lane Gardens; Middle Georgia Camellia Society	November 12-13, 1994
Waycross, GA; Trust Co. Bank of SE Georgia; Federated Garden Club of Waycross & Trust Co. Bank	November 16-17, 1994
Valdosta, GA; Valdosta Garden Center; Valdosta Camellia Society and First State Bank & Trust Company	November 19-20, 1994
Gulfport, MS; West Side Community Center; Mississippi Gulf Coast Camellia Society	November 19-20, 1994
Brookhaven, MS; State Bank & Trust Co.; Brookhaven Camellia Society	November 26, 1994
Jacksonville, FL; Swaim Memorial United Methodist Church; Camellia Society of North Florida	December 3, 1994
Slidell, LA; Slidell Municipal Auditorium; Ozone Camellia Club	December 3, 1994
Jacksonville Beach, FL; Womens Club; Island of Beaches Camellia Society	December 3-4, 1994
Albany, GA; Albany Mall; Albany Men's Garden Club	December 3, 1994
Apopka, FL; Apopka Parks Department	December 10-11, 1994
Pensacola, FL; Pensacola Camellia Club	December 10-11, 1994
Lafayette, LA; University of Southwestern LA Campus; South Louisiana Camellia Society	December 10-11, 1994
Gainesville, FL; Oaks Mall; Gainesville Camellia Society	January 7-8, 1995
Aiken, SC; USC-Aiken; Aiken Camellia Club	January 7-8, 1995
Tampa, FL; Tampa Garden Center; Tampa Bay Area Camellia Society	January 14, 1995
Ocala, FL; Appleton Culture Center; Ocala Camellia Society	January 14-15, 1995
Tallahassee, FL; Tallahassee Mall; Camellia & Garden Club of Tallahassee	January 14-15, 1995
Mobile, AL; Springdale Mall; Camellia Club of Mobile	January 21-22, 1995
Tuscaloosa, AL; West Alabama Camellia Club	January 28-29, 1995
Lakeland, FL; First Federal Florida; First Federal Florida	January 28-29, 1995
Charleston, SC; Citadel Mall; Coastal Carolina Camellia Society and Citadel Mall Merchants' Association	January 28, 1995
Deland, FL; First Presbyterian Church; Volusia County Camellia Society	February 4, 1995
Pineville, NC; Carolina Place Mall; Charlotte Camellia Society	February 4-5, 1995
Fort Worth, TX; Fort Worth Botanic Garden & Conservatory; Fort Worth Camellia Society	February 11, 1995
Columbia, SC; Columbia Mall; Mid-Carolina Camellia Society	February 11-12, 1995
Atlanta, GA; Atlanta Botanical Garden; North Georgia Camellia Society	February 18-19, 1995
West Monroe, LA; Kiroli Park, West Monroe, LA	February 18-19, 1995
Fresno, CA; Fashion Fair Mall; Central California Camellia Society	March 11-12, 1995
Slidell, LA; Slidell Municipal Auditorium; Ozone Camellia Club	December 3, 1995
Gainesville, FL; The Oaks Mall; Gainesville Camellia Society	January 6-7, 1996

CAMELLIAS REGISTERED WITH THE ACS SINCE THE MAY 1994 JOURNAL

<u>Name and Description</u>	<u>Registry Number</u>	<u>Originator</u>
'Kenny Howard', medium, rose, formal double, <i>C. japonica</i> chance seedling, mid-season	2292	M. K. Howard
'Zenobia', very large, Oriental red, peony form, <i>C. japonica</i> chance seedling, early to late.	2293	Zenobia M. Kendig
'Max Holliman', medium to large, deep red with blue tint, peony form, <i>C. japonica</i> chance seedling, mid-season to late	2294	John E. Holliman
'Monta Horton', large, white, anemone to peony to rose form double, <i>C. japonica</i> chance seedling, mid-season.....	2295.....	Edwin Atkins
'Emma Gaeta', very large, deep rose pink, <i>C. reticulata</i> 'Cornelian' x 'Mouchang', early to mid-season.....	2296	Meyer Piet
'Junella Hardison', very large, deep pink, semidouble to anemone to peony form, <i>C. japonica</i> chance seedling, early to mid-season.....	2297	Dick P. Hardison
'Mrs. Dan Nathan', very large, pink with heavy sheen, semidouble, <i>C. reticulata</i> 'Pink Sparkle' x 'Nuccio's Ruby', early to late	2298.....	Marvin Jernigan
'Louise Gerbing', very large, red, semidouble, <i>C. reticulata</i> , early to mid-season	2299.....	Marvin Jernigan
'Tom Perkins', large, rose-red outer petals with Neyron-rose mid-petals and Blossom pink inner petals, formal double, <i>C. hybrid</i> of 'Creation', mid-season.....	2300	F. F. Becker II
'Christine Gonos', large to very large, pink, <i>C. reticulata</i> 'Mouchang' x 'Mrs. D. W. Davis' x 'Estella D'Ancona', mid-season to late.....	2301	Jack Mandarich

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(As of June 1, 1994)

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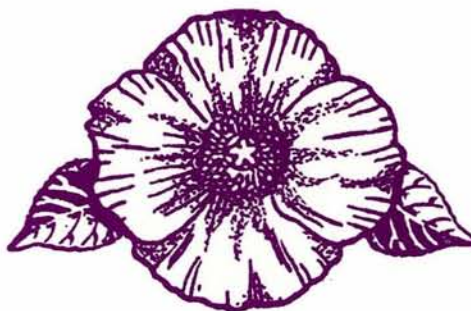
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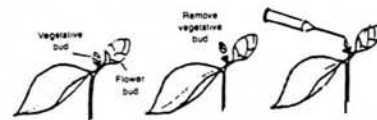
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FROM THE DESK OF THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR



Ann Blair Brown

Although the calendar states that Summer will arrive in mid June, the Middle Georgia area including Massee Lane Gardens has witnessed an early arrival - early May. We have had unusually high temperatures and many previous temperature records have been broken. Rain has been scarce so our irrigating system has begun an early workout. Due to slow bud opening last Fall, we had some camellia blossoms well into April. Since we had many visitors, it was pleasant to have some blooms. On April 6, we had a tour group, from Belgium visit the garden. The very late bloomer 'Muriel Nathan' was in bloom. Many photographs were taken of our visitors in front of this handsome plant.

Betty Hotchkiss and Vennie Moss are directing our fifth Nature Camp the last week in July. Children that have completed grades 1-3 are eligible. This has

been a very successful venture in helping children to understand the world around them and how they can make contributions to caring for it. Within a few days of the announcement, registration was over subscribed and we now have a waiting list. Children from the entire Middle Georgia area have registered.

From my window, I enjoy the new growth and budset on the plants - a promise of good things to come. The annuals and perennials are making an excellent show and giving us much color in the garden. We have received many compliments from our visitors and those attending special functions in the Fetterman Building. We have had numerous weddings, receptions etc. and most every weekend is booked through November. Several rentals have been confirmed for 1995.

I want to take this opportunity to thank you for your telephone calls and letters complimenting the content, use of color and increased size of the Journals. Actually, you, as members are responsible for this through your support of the Friends of the Camellias. I am happy to report that our list of annual member donors continues to increase. Your contributions are greatly appreciated.

You will note, elsewhere in the Journal, the tentative schedule for 50th anniversary of the founding of the American Camelia Society. The dates are March 8-11, 1995. We hope that you will be with us

to share in this special occasion. All indications point to a fine reunion of friends with like interests.

Plans are almost complete for our Camellia Festival, February 10-19. This event grows each year and attracts visitors and tours from throughout Georgia and surrounding states. Our volunteers and staff plan outstanding events each year. Speaking of volunteers, as a thank you for their continued dedication, we planned a very special day for them in May. The first stop was a find guided tour of the Hay House in Macon. This was followed by a delightful luncheon at the Green Jacket. The group then traveled to Perry to One Horse Farm to enjoy the gardens with emphasis on the daylilies that the Cranshaws grow so beautifully. Staff and volunteers reported a most pleasant and educational day.

I hope that you will participate in naming the flower on the front cover for the 50th anniversary celebration. Send in as many entries as you like. Get your thinking cap on send names that will be appropriate for this special flower.

Members of the ACS Governing Board and the Development Board will meet at Massee Lane Sept. 10th for their Fall Board meetings. We are happy to welcome them to Massee Lane for these important meetings.

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