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'Elaine's Betty' is a sport of 'Betty Sheffield' which
first appeared for Jim and Elaine Smelley in the mid
1980's. The blooms are peach pink with darker mark-
ings and the petals have a crepey, lacey look. The
foliage is deeply veined and serrated, unlike the
usual 'Betty Sheffield' foliage. The Gulf Coast
Camellia Society wanted to honor Elaine and Jim by
placing this on the cover.



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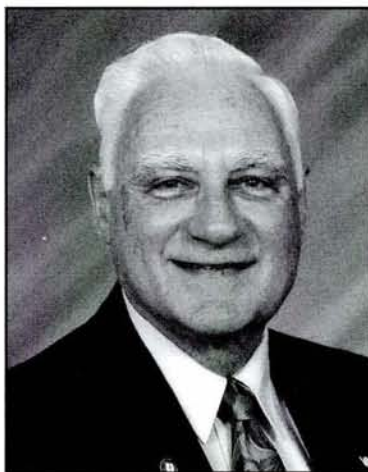
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FROM THE PRESIDENT



Arthur P. Landry

Another show season is well under way and the reports I've received from various shows indicate a very good season with quality blooms in quantity. Participation by exhibitors and interest by show visitors is good which is good for the health of our Society. The shows are one of our best opportunities to get people really interested in joining our very rewarding hobby. Invite them to learn more about camellias by joining ACS or one of our regional or local societies.

We had an excellent fall meeting of the ACS Boards in Fresno, CA in conjunction with the annual CamelliaRama celebration. Art and Chris Gonos were outstanding hosts and made all of us feel a part of the California tradition. After completing

our Board meetings we joined in with the hospitality on Friday night, the flower show and educational sessions on Saturday and concluded with the great raffle and dinner on Saturday night. Costumes were creative, colorful, and a lot of fun. This was my first visit to CamelliaRama and I thoroughly enjoyed it. The Pacific Coast folks really know how to combine hospitality, educational sessions, food and fun into a memorable weekend. I highly recommend this annual meeting to you - go to it if you possibly can in a future year.

It has been a sad period for many of us as a number of our stalwart ACS members have passed on. Carl Allen and Bill Kemp were past ACS Presidents and Jim Pinkerton was a giant in the entire camellia world. Helen Teeter had retired from the ACS headquarters staff after many years of dedicated work for the ACS. They have each contributed so much to ACS, regional and local societies as well as to those of us who knew them over the years. They have left their mark on us and we hope to carry the Society forward in the manner they would have wanted. They will be sorely missed by us all.

You will read these remarks after we've had the annual meeting in Gulfport sponsored by the Mississippi Gulf Coast Camellia Society. They have assembled an excellent program of activities and I'm looking forward to seeing everyone there. I strongly urge our members who have not attended one of these annual meetings to consider doing so. We have them in different regions each year to make it easier for our members in that area to attend. You will find the activities are great, the educational programs are excellent and the meeting of other camellia folks and exchanging experiences cannot be matched. Next year we meet in Sacramento, CA and then in the year 2000, we will meet at Masee Lane. Each of these promises to be excellent meetings.

ACS has signed a contract with Timber Press, Inc. to publish our new book on camellias to replace the excellent but now out-of-print book, "The Camellia" edited by Feathers and Brown. The contract provides for the Publisher to finance the work and we have committed to purchase a quantity (at a very good discount) for sale to our members and at the Gift Shop at Headquarters. We will get a percentage of all sales made by the publisher and own the rights to future publications of the book. There is a need for this book and ACS has the potential to benefit substantially from sales of the book. Dave Scheibert is coordinating the editing of the new book with help from several other ACS members. We need your ideas and input on what you think needs to be in the book, what does not, and subjects you think need to be covered. Please get your ideas to me or Dave so we can include them in our planning.

I appreciate the support which you are giving to our great Society and, with your continued help, I look forward to another great year for ACS. See you on the Camellia circuit.



BASICS

FOR THE BEGINNER

Living with Camellia Flower Blight

Betty Hotchkiss

Camellia Flower Blight is a serious disease that should concern all camellia growers.

However, it is a disease that does not kill plants and allows for a great many beautiful blooms early in the season. Living with Camellia Flower Blight may not be the ideal but it is the only choice that we have at this time.

Much has been written in past camellia publications about Camellia Flower Blight, a disease caused by the fungus *Ciborinia camelliae*. This article will not go into great detail about the fungal organism causing the disease or the past work that has been done in an effort to control this disease. The purpose of this article, written for beginning camellia enthusiasts, is:

1) to help the grower identify the disease through symptoms, and

2) to help the grower understand what can effectively be done to live with this disease.

The Camellia Flower Blight disease was identified in the United States over fifty years ago and has

spread throughout most areas where camellias are grown. It has been found that once this disease becomes established in an area it is extremely difficult if not impossible to eradicate. However, there are some camellia growers, especially those living in isolated areas, who do not seem to have Camellia Flower Blight.

A brief review of the life cycle of the disease will help to show why the disease is very difficult to control. The fungus which causes the disease survives in the soil or litter as a small black hard structure called a sclerotia. This sclerotia has been known to survive in the soil for many years. When the temperatures begin to rise, generally in the late winter or early spring, the sclerotia germinates and forms a small,

tan mushroom-like structure known as an apothecia. This stage is fairly short-lived. This apothecia will release thousands of tiny fungal spores which blow in the wind and land on camellia flowers. These spores then germinate on the flower petals and begin the disease. Infected flowers first appear with small brown spots almost like freckles. These spots rapidly increase in size and may eventually cover most or all of the flower. The diseased flower will then fall to the ground where it will shrivel up and begin to form a sclerotia which will perpetuate the disease for another year. This life cycle is fairly simple when compared with other plant diseases.

How can a beginning camellia grower distinguish this disease from other camellia problems? Generally speaking, Camellia Flower Blight is not observed early in the camellia season but will become serious late in the season. First, the brown spots which form on the flower are generally found near the center of the flower rather than on the margin. Brown discoloration on the margin of the flower is usually caused by cold damage. Another distinguishing characteristic of this disease is the presence of a ring of gray fungal growth around the calyx of the flower (where it attaches to the stem). This is usually seen as the disease symptoms spread throughout the flower. Also, one may wish to gently rub the brown spot between the thumb and forefinger. If the spot feels somewhat wet and slimy as opposed to dry and papery it is probably caused by flower blight rather than cold damage.

Once a camellia grower has established that this disease is present in their garden, how does he or she go about "living with the disease?" Since I mentioned earlier that I think it is very difficult to eradicate the disease it is important to learn how to grow and enjoy camellias in the presence of flower blight.

If the camellia grower lives in an area distant (at least over one mile and probably further) from other camellia growers it may be possible for that grower to eradicate the disease. However, if one lives in a neighborhood where camellias are commonly grown, or close to parks, cemeteries, or other plantings of camellias then the control of the disease must be a group or community effort. A careful look at the life cycle of the disease will show why this is true. The disease spreads in one way

and one way only. Diseased flowers that fall to the ground will form sclerotia that germinate the following year to begin the infection cycle again. The disease does NOT spread from flower to flower throughout the season. The disease does NOT infect any part of the camellia except for the flower. The disease begins with the arrival of a fungal spore on flower tissue. The spore will germinate and the brown spotting will then occur. It



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is known that these spores may blow for at least a mile and probably even farther. Therefore, eliminating all sclerotia from your garden (through means described below) and breaking the disease cycle will not prevent the disease from occurring if you live near other camellia growers who do not do this. Spores can easily blow from one yard to the next.

How can sclerotia be eliminated? Many different approaches have been attempted and none have been 100% effective. Sanitation is the first and foremost means of accomplishing this. Sanitation in this instance refers to

the picking up and destroying of all diseased camellia blossoms. This is a massive undertaking but one which will do a lot to reduce if not eliminate the disease. However, it is important to remember that just one sclerotia (formed from one overlooked disease, fallen flower) can release thousands of spores the following year. Also, it is possible that more than one sclerotia can form per flower and that diseased flowers that shatter into many petals could theoretically form a sclerotia for every diseased petal that falls. Another good control method that can be practiced by the camellia grower is to cover the ground beneath the camellia plant with black plastic, asphalt paper, or some other barrier to prevent the formation of apothecia from germinating sclerotia and the subsequent dispersal of spores. This method, however is flawed in that most camellia growers do not have their plants so isolated from other shrubs, ground covers, etc. where this practice can be applied. And again, the same problem of blowing spores from nearby plants exists. The arrival of chemical sprays and especially the systemics led to much hope that control of this disease would be achieved through spraying. Unfortunately, it was found that drenches or early applications in the season would not reduce or eliminate the disease. The systemic action of the fungicides tested to date does not carry through the flower buds. Only through weekly sprays with fungicides such as Bayleton and Lynx (not yet released to the ornamental market in the U.S.) will this method prove effective in reducing the amount of disease. This method is also flawed in that some camellia growers would find weekly sprays during the blooming sea-

son to be too taxing. Also, total elimination of the disease has not been achieved, only a reduction in the amount of disease present. This may be due to the fact that camellias flower over a long period of time and complete coverage with sprays is very difficult to obtain.

So, having said all of this, what is the beginning camellia grower to do if he or she discovers flower blight in his or her garden? First, do not panic and do not give up on camellias. As mentioned before, the disease is harmful to flowers only and will not hurt the plants in any way. And the disease is usually not present throughout the entire blooming season – just the latter part. Therefore, by growing early blooming varieties of japonica and hybrids as well as sesanquas the grower can escape much of the effects of the disease. Also, the use of gibberellic acid which opens flowers earlier through breaking dormancy will allow these blooms to escape infection with this fungus. Additionally, practicing sanitation by picking up and destroying diseased blooms will be a great help. Become familiar with how the disease can be spread and do all in your power not to share this problem with someone who might have it. Do not carry diseased flowers to a friend and do not carry plants with soil that may be contaminated with flower blight sclerotia.

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Members assembled for a group photo at the Gulf Coast Annual Meeting in Mobile in September. According to those attending, it was an outstanding meeting. (Photo by David A. Nihart)

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Camellia Show

50 Years Ago

Wyman Priester

"CAMELLIA SHOW DRAWS PRAISE AT LIONS MEET" was a headline in the *Macon Telegraph* on Wednesday, February 25th, 1948. "One of the finest things Macon has done in its history is the recently sponsored Camellia Show," Miss Sue Myrick, Public Relations Director of the *Macon Telegraph and News* told members of the Lions Club yesterday." This follows by two days an article in Monday's paper headed, **"15TH ANNUAL CAMELLIA SHOW TERMED 'MAGNIFICENT' BY MACON OFFICIALS."** W. J. Whitman, General Chairman, declared, "It was a magnificent show." He added that 6000 persons viewed thousands of blooms on display. Officials reported this is the largest attendance at any similar show in this area exceeding attendance of 3800 at the Middle Georgia show of 1947. Among the Show officials were many still remembered today: Dr. W. G. Lee, James H. Porter, A. E. Barnes, Jr., T. J. Smith, Leon Wilson, and Dave Strother.

The 1948 Middle Georgia Camellia Show was held at the Municipal Auditorium, in Macon,

Saturday and Sunday, February 21 & 22. Admission to the show was fifty cents. The Official Souvenir Program was available for fifty cents. The floor plan layout for the show was designed by the Department of Landscape Architecture, University of Georgia. This show was labeled as the 15th annual show. The Middle Georgia show in November 1997 was designated the 25th annual show. This apparent discrepancy is explained by Marvin Jernigan, long-time veteran of camellia activities in this area, as the 1997 show is the 25th annual MGCS show at Masee Lane.

The Official Souvenir Program is a worthy keepsake. The copy being used in the preparation of this article was donated to the archives at Masee Lane. Editor of the program was Dr. John Donald Wade, of Marshallville. There are five full page color prints courtesy of Mr. G. G. Gerbing of Fernandina, Florida. Twenty full page and eighteen half page ads – several national and regional firms – helped finance the program. One



interesting half page ad suggests "Now is the time to Join the American Camellia Society... Annual Dues \$3.00 – Mail to R. J. Wilmot, Secretary...Gainesville, Florida. Articles include: "A Short History of Camellias in Middle Georgia," "Camellias That Do Well in Georgia," "How to Plant and Care for Camellias," "Camellia Varieties That Originated in Georgia," and extracts from the book, **CAMELLIAS** by permission of the author, G. G. Gerbing.

The 1948 show was in cooperation with the American Camellia Society. The "Rules" cited are similar, but not identical to those currently used. The same can be said for the point scoring. A radical difference is in the horticultural classes.

Division A-I – Outdoor – owners of 12 plants, or less – classes by form:

- Class 1. Single
- Class 2. Semi-double
- Class 3. Incomplete double
- Class 4. Complete double

Division A-II – Outdoor – owners of more than 12 plants – classes 5 - 31 by variety: (e.g.)

- Class 5. Mathotiana
- Class 6. Alba Plena

.....

- Class 30. Jarvis Red
- Class 31. Prince Eugene Napoleon

Classes 32 thru 47 are by form and color, e.g. ...
SINGLE

- Class 32. White
- Class 33. Rose or Red
- Class 34. Pink or Blush
- Class 35. Variegated

Classes 36-39,
SEMI-DOUBLE –
same color sequence

Classes 40-43, INCOMPLETE-
DOUBLE, same
color sequence

Classes 44-47, COMPLETE-
DOUBLE, same
color sequence

Division B. – GROWN UNDER GLASS – Again grouping is by flower form and color sequence as above.

- Classes 48-51, SINGLE,
- Classes 52-55, SEMI-DOUBLE,
- Classes 56-59 INCOMPLETE-DOUBLE, and
- Classes 60-63, COMPLETE-DOUBLE.

Division C. – Collection of ten named varieties –

- Class 64. Outdoors,
- Class 65. Under glass.

Division D. – New seedling camellias

... what changes will the next fifty years bring?

Division E. and F. were for Professionals and Florists.

Division G. Exhibits of Prints and Paintings

Division H., I., & J. were for Flower Arrangements. One interesting note in **Division H**, Class 70 was for **MEN** only.

Awards ranged from silver cups to fertilizer. There were five silver cups, one bowl, and two trophies that were to be held by the winner for one year. Eleven trophies, six camellia plants, and one spray gun became permanent possessions of the winners – also the fertilizer.

The article in the Monday morning *Macon Telegraph* on February 23 reported the winners. We also find the major winners in the **AMERICAN CAMELLIA YEARBOOK** for 1948. The ACS Gold Certificate for sweepstakes went to Mr. and Mrs. T. J. Smith of McRae, Georgia. (ACS members

may recall that Mr. T. J. Smith was the first Treasurer of ACS and the large Greenhouse at Massee Lane is a memorial to him.) The Silver Certificate was won by Mr. Phillip Shutze of Atlanta. Mr. J. P. Ilges of Columbus received the Award of Merit for the best seedling.

The most significant difference between the 1948 show and the present shows is the classification of exhibits. In 1948 thirty six classes were based on flower form and color. This system must have been less than totally satisfactory because the Middle Georgia Show in 1949 as reported in the 1949 Yearbook stated, "For the first time the classification was set up on the basis of varieties rather than form." That report further indicated reaction was pro and con, but the consensus favored varieties. Twenty-seven classes in the 1948 show were for specific varieties. With the proliferation of varieties, that system would soon become impractical. We might conclude that the present system where categories, e.g., "Unprotected", "Protected", etc. with alphabetical listing of varieties within that class has evolved from experience.

We no longer charge admission, nor do we have a souvenir program for sale. Our crowds don't approach 6,000 as in 1948, or even 3,800 in 1947, but we still attract a large group of interested, enthusiastic, and appreciative spectators. That is one incentive that makes our efforts worthwhile. One can only wonder – – – what changes will the next fifty years bring? ❖

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Not All Camellia Oleiferas Are Equal

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Dept. of Agriculture.*

*Dr. W. L. Ackerman**

The primary purpose of this paper is to emphasize the wide differences in cold hardiness of various strains of *C. oleifera*.

By happenstance, we received two very cold hardy strains, PI 162475 and PI 162561, introduced in 1948 from the Peoples Republic of China. I have used both of these extensively in my breeding programs. Assuming this would also be true of other *C. oleifera* from Asia, I tested three additional introductions. Two of these proved no more hardy than most *C. sasanquas*, while one (from Taiwan) was much less so.

Within the past decade, scions of PI 162475 have been distributed by members of the U.S. National Arboretum, Washington, DC, to a number of nurserymen under the unofficial name 'Lu Shan Snow.' Rather than have it circulated under these conditions, I had it registered with the ACS in 1995. Since then, reportedly cold hardy *C. oleifera* have appeared in the East for landscape and/or rootstock purposes. Frequently, these are obvious seedlings raised from open pollinated flowers, resulting in a wide range of leaf and plant characters and pink as well as white flowers. I have used hundreds of these for rootstocks and also for planting out. None has proved more hardy than nearby *C. sasanqua* cultivars in the plantings.

The variability even among pure strains of *C. oleifera* is quite understandable if we consider its history in Asia. *Camellia oleifera* has been grown for many centuries in Asia, not as an ornamental, but as a source of cooking oil, hair dressing, and in cosmetics. Its cultivation has extended from sub-tropical to temperate regions, undoubtedly on a trial and error basis, over the centuries. Where some seedlings or transplants succeeded even under adverse environmental conditions, these clones were allowed to multiply and become locally ADAPTIVE STRAINS. Perhaps to some degree, the cultivation of

the tea plant, *C. sinensis*, has had a similar history. We have some strains of tea considerably more cold hardy than most *C. japonicas*. I have had one such tea plant that has grown in my garden for over 25 years and survived -15°F with only moderate injury. However, its hybrids have not proven of much commercial value. Observations of the two principle *C. oleifera* strains over the same period has indicated that PI 162561 withstood -15°F with no injury, while an eight foot plant of PI 162475 was killed back to five feet.

I will be glad to send, to any interested nurseryman, scions

of PI 162561, PI 162475, or the *C. sinensis* mentioned.

To the best of my knowledge, no plant exploration to China has ever purposely sought out *Camellia* germ plasm from colder regions of China. Those cold hardy strains we have were received purely by chance. I was told by the late Dr. Ted Dudley, taxonomist and plant explorer at the National Arboretum, of his seeing *Camellias* growing in mountainous regions at 6,000 feet. Would it not be worthwhile if a real effort were made to explore such possibilities? ❖

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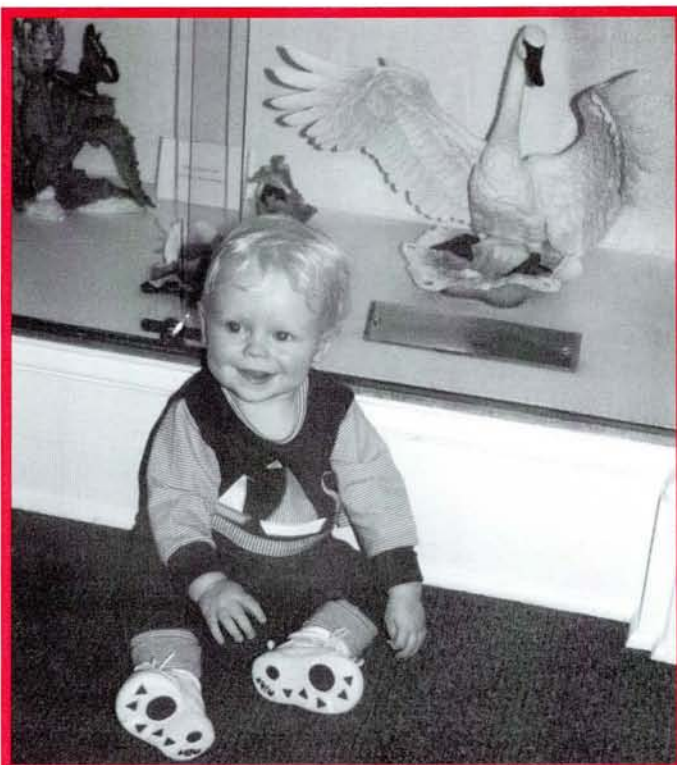
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Mac Dickson, great grandson of the late ACS President, Clyde Copeland and Dorothy Copeland. He is pictured in front of the Boehm "Trumpeter Swan", given in his memory by Dorothy. Mac was accompanied by his mother, Albie Dickson, his grandmother, Linda Copeland and great grandparents, Julia and Fred Langston.

Garden Tours in Australia and New Zealand

August 22-September 7, 1997

Betty Daudt



Val Bielecki shows off one of the many Retic-Hybrids in New Zealand. (Photo by Greg Davis)

Six American camellia enthusiasts toured gardens and points of interest across Australia. We arrived in Melbourne and after a city tour, we were greeted by Dr. Bob Withers, grower and hybridizer. He escorted us on a tour thru camellia nurseries. We viewed his own camellia garden, containing plants collected or grafted from all parts of the world. We appreciated

the tour, dinner and enjoyable evening spent there. The Sherringtons were guests also.

Near Albury we visited sloping gardens of Dr. R. Hayter (Australian director for ICS). Their flowers restricted by cold winter, still had many beauties we enjoyed. Another treat was a garden tour by Tom and Olive Savige (he is Registrar for ICS and has classified all camellias in two vol-

umes). He is a great hybridizer and grower of seedlings ... 1000's. In former years Eric Craig brought tour groups to Baltimore and DC before attending ACS convention. In Sydney Mr. Craig greeted us and escorted us to "Eyldene" and thru the gardens of E. G. Waterhouse. It was thrilling to see many old favorites in bloom – a warmer climate. A tour of Sydney harbor and opera house was fan-



Betty Hotchkiss, ACS horticulturist in New Zealand. No camellias in this part but plenty beautiful ones elsewhere in New Zealand. (Photo by Greg Davis)

tastic. In the evening we had dinner in the revolving restaurant atop Sydney Tower (what a thrill).

Next hop to Auckland, N.Z. to the "highlight", attending 40th Camellia Convention Show! WOW! What a display, over 4000 show blooms. Displays of six or twelve seemed to be the ultimate goal. Basket arrangements of camellias was a new feature. The display of prize winning blooms – Court of Honor Table was fantastic. Mingling with many international growers attending the Congress was an added benefit. The show winner was 'Elegans Champagne', but 'Dr. Clifford Parks' was outstanding! Mr. Don Ellison was present to sign copies of his new photo dictionary of over 1000 camellias. Many nurseries offered plants for sale, 50. Attending two banquets of the NZ



Edith Mazzei examines a fine specimen of her namesake in a New Zealand garden. (Photo by Greg Davis)

Thomas Perkins III, Lady Branda and Thomas Savige enjoy this beautiful New Zealand garden. (Photo by Greg Davis)



Camellia Society enabled us to mingle with over two hundred growers. All society members were very hospitable and gracious to us. The show winners are given hand painted plates but the silver trophies are retained for display next year. Favorite flowers seen were some of the following: Elegans family, 'Kumasaka,' Tomorrow family, 'Dixie Knight Sup.,' 'Bob Hope,' 'Valentine Day,' 'Raspberry Glow,' a new favorite, 'Debbie,' 'Dreamboat,' 'Fragrant Joy.'

The N.Z. Camellia Society also provided 8 buses for visiting 12 gardens of local growers. We also toured Eden Gardens (built on rich soil of extinct volcano). OUT-

STANDING yellow camellia in bloom at "Kendvale" ... Williams dairy. In summary we noted solid color blooms are preferred. Of course reticulatas dominate the scene. Natives take great pride in their gardens and do not focus much on show blooms.

Our group now 10 proceeded in van to Rotorua Thermal Reserve, Sheep Show and Maori Crafts Center. A stop in Taupo where Mr. Richard Clerc toured us through wooded gardens tended by local society ... many huge blooms. We also viewed blooms in gardens at his home. The stop at Ostlers gardens (3 ponds and black swans) yielded many surprises with over

500 named varieties. As we traveled southward – more blooms showing – spectacular gardens of Mark Jury and Vonnice Cave, both renowned growers.

A farm stay among sheep ranchers and growers of Emu, and a tour of their gardens added a homey touch. Too soon we were in Wellington, capital city, spectacular view of harbor from hotel room, then off to the airport. We have fond memories of HUGE camellia blooms, growers proud of their gardens, large or small, and gracious hospitality. **This was a great garden tour led by a native, Jan Coyle living in California.** ❖



Richard Clerc shown in his beautiful garden which he and Jean share with friends. (Photo by Greg Davis)



Lew Fetterman and a Japanese friend share the beauty of another beautiful New Zealand garden. (Photo by Greg Davis)

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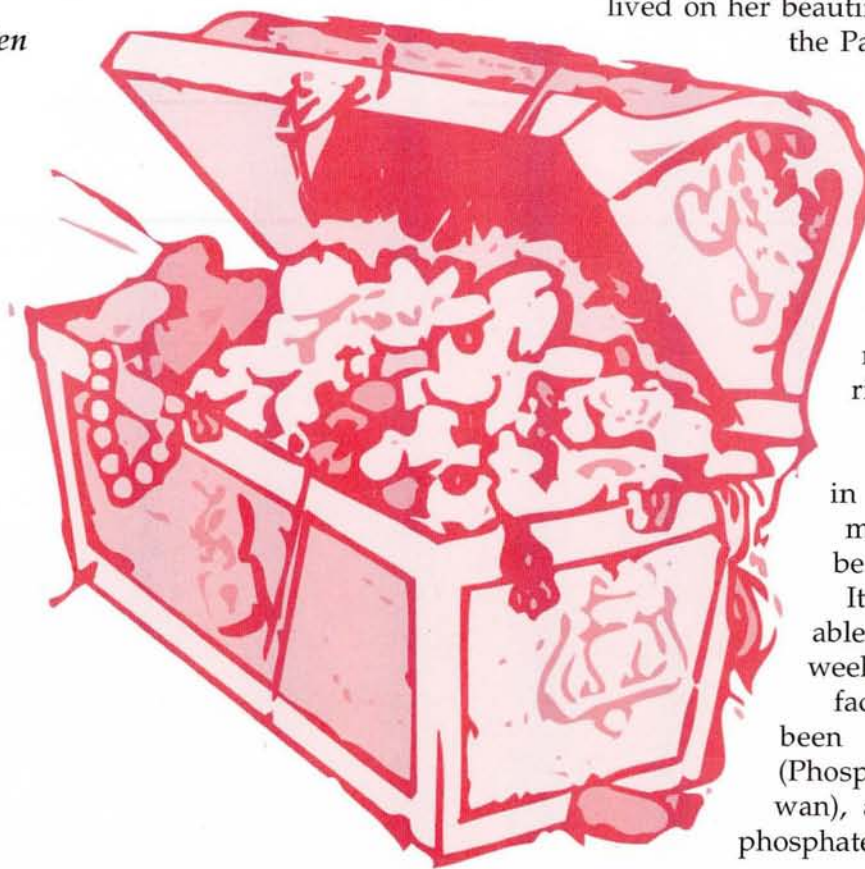
'**Sarrel**', small, medium pink with some slight variegation
aging to lavender pink, anemone to peony,
C. sasanqua chance seedling,
early 2444 Robert Green, Sr.



The judges are carefully examining the blooms at the Fort Walton Camellia Society show in November 1997. (Photo by David A. Nihart)

FINER TREASURE THAN 'PIRATE'S GOLD'

Jim Darden



They say that you meet the nicest people in Camellia circles. I've always found that to be true, and it was especially true earlier this fall for Mary Nell and me. I had been talking to a good friend, Clay Carter, whom I met years ago when he was a horticulture instructor at Beaufort Community College in Washington, NC. Clay knew of my love for Camellias, having invited me last year to present a program on this great plant at a spring gardeners symposium at his college. He told me about "one of the nicest ladies I know" who has a fabulous Camellia garden. But, the garden, he said, is facing a dilemma.

Her name is Mrs. Mary McLaurin, and she lived on her beautiful estate on the banks of

the Pamlico River about a mile upstream from North

Carolina's oldest town –

"Bath". Mary and her husband James "Mac"

McLaurin had lived here since 1949. The

venue is magnificent, with the McLaurin's land

rising above the wide river on its north bank.

But, Mary lost Mac several years ago and, now in her eighties, she has moved into Washington to be with relatives.

It is said that Mary is only able to visit her gardens on weekends. Sadder still is the

fact that the entire estate has been purchased by PCS (Phosphate Canada Saskatchewan), a company which mines phosphates for fertilizer at a nearby

stripmine. Indeed, one can look across the river and at Aurora, about five miles distant, clearly see a massive strip mine. While the company has told Mary that the north side of the river will not be strip mined, there will be no effort made to save any ornamental collection on the property.

When I heard of the demise of "Miss" Mary's garden, which is home to more than 300 massive Camellia specimens, I joined forces with Clay and we arranged a visit. Mary Nell and I chose a beautiful September Sunday and drove three hours to Washington, where we met Clay. He piloted us the remaining 16 miles into the low country near Bath, where we turned off of the narrow two lane road at a small sign which told us we had arrived at "Secota."

The name Secota was chosen by Mary and Mac McLaurin because of its great historical significance in the region. When John White landed at Roanoke Island in 1587 with 119 colonists his mission was to establish a permanent English colony on the Chesapeake Bay for Sir Walter Raleigh. He sailed to England for supplies, only to be delayed because of the war with Spain, and upon returning in 1590 he found nothing left of the colony except the word "Croatoan" carved on a tree.

Perhaps he sailed across the Pamlico Sound and up the Pamlico River in search of the Lost Colony, or perhaps he was looking for the Chesapeake Bay. Whatever

the reason, John White noted in his writings that he found an Indian village named "Secota" on the banks of a creek where it met the Pamlico River. That creek is on, or very near, Mary McLaurin's land.

Also of great historical significance is the fact that less than a mile from Mary's garden is the site of the plantation home of Governor Eden, who welcomed Blackbeard the Pirate into safe haven in Bath in 1717, and possibly was in collaboration with him. Clay Carter, my friend who guided us on this trip, is descended from one of Blackbeard's crewmen named Spencer, who probably

came with Blackbeard when the pirate built a home in Bath.

So, Mac and Mary McLaurin settled on this wonderful spot in the late 1940's and made their home. Mary remembered a childhood neighbor, a Mrs. Tripp, who had a magnificent camellia in Washington named 'Compte de Paris'. Today, some 70 years later, she still remembers its fabulous flowers. Even at ten years of age, when she saw that 'Compte de Paris', she was hooked. Soon after settling at Secota she began her own Camellia collection.

One of Mary's childhood schoolmates in Washington was Churchill Bragaw, whose name graces a dormitory at N. C. State University where my son lived more than 40 years later. Mr. Bragaw started a nursery at Orton Plantation while still a student at N. C. State. Unfortunately, he lost his life in Italy in World War II, but his nursery remained at Orton after the war.

Mary McLaurin visited the nursery at Orton and purchased "one of every Camellia variety available" for the then high

price of \$1.00 each. The horticulturist at Orton taught Mary the art of grafting, and she began taking cuttings everywhere she went. Her garden grew quickly. In addition to the Camellias, Mary planted azaleas, fatsheders, figs, acuba, ardisia, oleander and many more fine ornamentals.

But it was the Camellias that really caught her fancy. Mary planted sasanquas and early blooming japonicas, such as



Clay Carter, Beaufort Community College, Mary McLaurin and Jim Darden, Sampson Community College stand before a huge *C. japonica* 'Magnoliaeflora' at Secota.

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'Margaret Radcliffe', to brighten the garden in the fall. She planted late varieties, such as 'Pink Champagne', to complement the azaleas in the spring. Over the years she planted nearly 300 fine japonicas in what grew into a great Camellia garden.

Mary's collection seems to have all the great varieties, plus some I've not seen before. There are several from the Elegans family, as well as the Betty Sheffields. Three 'Ville de Nantes' specimens towered over my head. Other tags carried names such as 'Victory White', 'Imura', 'Donckelarri', 'Dr. Burnside', and 'Julia France'. The Tomorrow family is well represented, along with 'Lallarook', 'Edwin Folk', and 'Vulcan'. I asked if the great large anemone 'French Emperor', introduced to me years ago by Parker Connor, was present, and Mary led me to a specimen well over my head.

Today these Camellias are huge and magnificent, but tragically the loggers have already been and, without regard for the treasures growing beneath the pines, they have taken the timber from half of the garden with heavy equipment. Most of the Camellias remain upright in the logged area, but many show signs of damage from the falling trees or sun scald from growing naked in last summer's intense heat. Those in the half of the garden still protected by trees are pristine.

Perhaps providence prevails and a horticultural catastrophe can be averted in Mary McLaurin's garden. At about the same time I learned of the McLaurin garden I was also contacted by Greg Nace, Director of the Cape Fear Botanical Garden in Fayetteville. I was on the Charter Board of Directors several years ago which selected a site for the garden on a beautiful bluff over the Cape Fear River at its confluence with Cross Creek.

The confluence of these two waterways was the location of Campbelltown, the old Scottish settlement where Gaelic was spoken in the late 1700's. My Scottish Buchanan and McNeil ancestors passed the site on their way up the river to settle at Buckhorn. Greg Nace knew of my involvement in horticulture at Sampson Community College and with the Fayetteville Camellia Club, so he asked if I would be interested in designing a Camellia garden for the Cape Fear Botanical Garden. I gladly agreed, and over the past year my students and I have studied and drawn preliminary sketches of a Camellia garden on a five acre tract in the CFBG.

Greg has since managed to have the area cleaned and the pines thinned, so it certainly has the potential to become a fine Camellia garden. The only problem would be finding a large number of containerized Camellias and waiting decades for them to become mature. Enter Mary McLaurin.

On behalf of the Cape Fear Botanical Garden and the Fayetteville Camellia Club I have contacted Miss Mary and asked if some of her Camellias could be moved to Fayetteville. She was delighted to offer the entire collection, especially so since they soon could be lost to the loggers. Miss Mary indicated that she had hoped for years that some method of saving the Camellias would emerge, but she had feared the worst for her beloved collection.

Greg Nace has contacted a large landscaper in Fayetteville, who has offered the use of his hydraulic tree diggers to move the plants. Greg is currently attempting to raise the funds that will be required to rent trucks and cover other expenses involved in moving over 100 tree-sized Camellias. Anyone interested in helping to preserve this treasure can contact

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Greg Nace at the Cape Fear Botanical Garden, (910) 486-0221.

I certainly hope that this project will come to pass this winter. It will bring a fine collection of mature Camellias to Fayetteville, where everyone in eastern North Carolina, or travelers on Interstate-95, can enjoy the beauty of Camellias.

My personal goal is to help build a great Camellia garden comparable to the one lost at nearby Laurel Lake Gardens and Nursery, where a 1984 tornado destroyed a two-mile Camellia walk featuring more than 600 huge Camellia plants. Another great benefit of this project is the fact that my students at Sampson Community College will be able to see the moving of the plants, and thereby be exposed to high level technology in tree moving that otherwise we would not be able to demonstrate for them on a hands-on basis.

Many thanks go to Mary McLaurin. Clay Carter was right; she is one of the nicest ladies I have ever met. And, I was right as well. You meet the finest people when you are among Camellia lovers. ❖

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Camellia Festival

Massee Lane Gardens

February 7 - 14, 1998

Saturday, February 7

Family Fun Day

9:00 - 5:00 p.m.

Face painting, games, sand art,
Dune Buggy the Clown
and more.

Free Admission

Golf Tournament

9:30 a.m.

\$35 per person

Sunday, February 8

Lunch and Matinee

12:30 p.m.

PACT will present a comedy
performance of Neil Simon's
Plaza Suite at 2:00 following
a hot buffet lunch.

**\$17.50 per person –
reservations**

Monday, February 9

Camellia Demonstrations

2:00 p.m.

Waxing camellias, chocolate
camellia leaves, and home
decorating with camellias.

Free with garden admission

Tuesday, February 10

Senior Citizens Day

9:00 - 5:00 p.m.

Entertainment, a box lunch, and
tours of Massee Lane
Gardens.

\$10 per person – reservations

Wednesday, February 11

Camellia Demonstrations

2:00 p.m.

A repeat of Monday's pro-
grams.

Free with Garden Admission
of \$3

Thursday, February 12

Fashion Show and Luncheon

12:00 noon

A Spring Fashion Show from
Elaine's Apparel will follow an
elegant seated luncheon.

\$17.50 per person – reservations

Friday, February 13

Plant Sale and Demonstrations

9:00 - 5:00 p.m.

Camellias and other plants for
sale. Bonsai demonstration
and grafting.

Free with garden admission

Saturday, February 14

Tour of Homes in Reynolds

1:00 - 5:00 p.m.

Five beautiful homes on tour.
\$10 advance – \$12 day of tour

**Camellia for Beginner
Workshop**

9:00 - 12:00 noon

Learn all about growing
camellias.

Receive a free plant.
**\$10 members, \$13 non-
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A PRELUDE TO SPRING

*You are cordially invited to attend
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an evening of entertainment,
hors d'oeuvres and beverages
to benefit*

*Massee Lane Gardens
Saturday, the seventh of March
Seven to ten o'clock in the evening.*

Semiformal

A PRELUDE TO SPRING

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SHOW REPORTS

(Reports of ACS Cooperative Shows. In each report, the words *C. reticulata* include those hybrids with *C. reticulata* parentage. Also in each case, the *C. hybrid* means all those hybrids with other than *reticulata* parentage. *C. sasanqua* includes related species.)

FLORIDA

Apopka, December 13-14, 1997 (6th Annual)

Sponsor: Apopka Parks Department

ACS OUTSTANDING BLOOM CERTIFICATES:

Most Outstanding Bloom, Untreated: 'Mary Alice Cox',

Lillian & C. M. Gordy

Most Outstanding Bloom, Treated:

'Tomorrow's Dawn',

Howard Smith

C. japonica: (Untreated)

Large: 'Kick Off', John Shirah

Medium: 'Margaret Davis Picotee',
Bob & Gail Reese

Small: 'Amazing Graces',
Lillian & C. M. Gordy

C. japonica: (Treated)

Large: 'Tomorrow's Dawn',
Bob & Gail Reese

Medium: 'Frances Ratcliff',
Louis & Joanne Raska

Small: 'Ruby Mathews',
Sidney Marshall

C. reticulata:

Untreated: 'Gael's Dream',
Eileen C. Hart

Runner-up: 'Betty Ridley',
Eileen C. Hart

Treated: 'Frank Houser',
Eileen C. Hart

Runner-up: 'Larry Piet',
Lillian & C. M. Gordy

C. hybrid:

Untreated: 'Buttons 'n Bows',
Lillian & C. M. Gordy

Runner-up: 'Elsie Jury',
Lillian & C. M. Gordy

Treated: 'Dream Boat',
Jay & Debbie Ellis

Runner-up: 'Charlean',
Lillian & C. M. Gordy

C. sasanqua:

Best Bloom: 'Star Above Star',
David & Susan Mikolatis

Protected Blooms:

C. japonica: 'Helen Christian',
Annabelle & Lew Fetterman

C. reticulata: 'Dr. Clifford Parks',
Annabelle & Lew Fetterman

C. hybrid: 'Coral Delight',
Annabelle & Lew Fetterman

Miniature: 'Spring Festival',
Annabelle & Lew Fetterman

Best Miniature: 'Mini Pink',
Lillian & C. M. Gordy

Best White: 'Frances Councill',
Tom & Mary Adams

Best Novice: 'Debutante',
Jackie McBride

ACS GOLD CERTIFICATE:

Won By: Lillian & C. M. Gordy

ACS SILVER CERTIFICATE:

Won By: Howard Smith

NUMBER OF ACS MEMBERSHIPS
SOLD: None.

Fort Walton Beach, November 8, 1997

Sponsor: Fort Walton Beach Camellia
Society

Number of Blooms Displayed: 452.
Attendance: 351.

ACS OUTSTANDING BLOOM CERTIFICATES:

Most Outstanding Bloom: 'Helen
Bower', James & Elaine Smelley

C. japonica: (In Open)

Medium: 'Magic City', E. L. Atkins

Small: 'Little Babe Var.', Mary Hurt

Miniature: 'Grace Albritton
Starfire', W. C. Stout

C. japonica: (Protected)

Very Large: 'Mathotiana',
Walter M. Creighton

Medium: 'Magic City',
Walter M. Creighton

Small: 'Kitty',
James & Elaine Smelley

Miniature: 'Kiku Toji', Jim Newell

C. reticulata:

In Open: 'Pleasant Memories',
E. L. Atkins

Protected: 'Pleasant Memories',
James & Elaine Smelley

C. hybrid

In Open: 'Julia',
E. L. Atkins

Protected: 'Mona Jury Var.',
James & Elaine Smelley

C. sasanqua:

Best Bloom: 'Star Above Star',
William Lang

Best White, In Open: 'Han-Ling
Snow', Edward O. Alsip

Best White, Protected: 'Lucy Stewart',
Jim Newell

Best Novice, Large: 'Aunt Jetty',
William Lang

Best Novice, Medium: 'Rose Dawn',
R. C. MacLellan

Best Novice, Small: 'Leslie Ann',
Neil & Georganne Reilly

ACS GOLD CERTIFICATES:

In Open: E. L. Atkins

Protected: Walter Creighton

ACS SILVER CERTIFICATES:

In Open: W. C. Stout

Protected: James & Elaine Smelley

NUMBER OF ACS MEMBERSHIPS
SOLD: None.

GEORGIA

Albany, December 6, 1997 (24th Annual)

Sponsor: Men's Garden Club of Albany

Number of Blooms: 585

ACS OUTSTANDING BLOOM CERTIFICATES:

Most Outstanding Bloom: "Dr. Clifford Parks", Frank D. Jamison

C. japonica: (In Open)
Large-V. Large: 'Easter Morn',
Bill & Carolyn Moon
Medium: 'Clown',
A. Hoytte Rigby
Min.-Small: 'Tom Thumb',
Dr. and Mrs. Dan Nathan

C. japonica: (Protected)
Large-V. Large: 'Show Time',
Frank D. Jamison
Medium: 'Nuccio's Cameo',
Frank D. Jamison
Min.-Small: 'Kiku Toji',
Marvin & Ruth Jernigan

C. reticulata:
In Open: 'Valley Knudsen',
Frank D. Jamison
Protected: 'Harold L. Paige',
Frank D. Jamison

C. hybrid:
Best Bloom: 'Rose Bouquet',
Frank D. Jamison

Best White: 'Ruffian',
Frank D. Jamison

ACS GOLF CERTIFICATE:
Won By: Dr. & Mrs. Daniel E.
Nathan

ACS SILVER CERTIFICATE:
Won By: Frank D. Jamison

NUMBER OF ACS MEMBERSHIPS
SOLD: Three.

Perry, October 11, 1997
Sponsor: Middle Georgia Camellia
Society & GA National Fair Assn.
Number of Blooms: 642.
ACS OUTSTANDING BLOOM
CERTIFICATES

Most Outstanding Bloom, In Open:
'Edna Bass', Parker Connor
Protected: 'Frank Houser Var.',
Dr. Dave Scheibert

C. japonica: (In Open)
Large-V. Large: 'Ruffian',
Lillian & C. M. Gordy
Medium: 'Magic City',
Parker Connor
Small: 'Kiku Toji',
Lillian & C. M. Gordy

C. japonica: (Protected)
Large-V. Large: 'Charlean Var.',
Lib Scott
Medium: 'Nuccio's Gem',
Frank Jamison
Small: 'Takanini',
Warren Thompson

C. reticulata:
In Open, Large: 'Massee Lane
Var.', Lillian & C. M. Gordy
In Open, Medium: 'Betty Ridley',
Lillian & C. M. Gordy

C. hybrid:
In Open, Large: 'Mona Jury',
Lillian & C. M. Gordy
In Open, Medium: 'Dream Boat',
Dr. Dan Nathan
In Open, Small: 'Night Rider',
Parker Connor
Protected, Large: 'Mona Jury',
Frank Jamison
Protected, Medium: 'Ruth Smith',
Dr. Dan Nathan

Protected, Small: 'Joe Nuccio',
Bill & Sally Hardwick

C. sasanqua:
Best Bloom: 'Sparkling Burgundy',
Mr. & Mrs. Hillary Perdue

Best White: 'Fifth Avenue', Lib Scott

Best Miniature: 'Fircone Var.',
Bill & Donna Shepherd

NUMBER OF ACS MEMBERSHIP
SOLD: None.

Valdosta, November 15-16, 1997
(33rd Annual)
Sponsor: Valdosta Camellia Society
& First State Bank
Number of Blooms: 729. Attendance:
135.

ACS OUTSTANDING BLOOM CERTIFICATES:

Most Outstanding Bloom: 'Pleasant
Memories', James & Elaine
Smelley

C. japonica: (In Open)
V. Large: 'Tomorrow Var.',
Jay & Debbie Ellis
Medium: 'Margaret Davis',
Lillian & C. M. Gordy
Miniature: 'Fircone',
Parker Connor

C. japonica: (Protected)
V. Large: 'Nuccio's Pink Lace',
Jim Newell
Medium: 'Magic City', Jim Newell
Small: 'Little Babe Var.',
Jim Newell
Miniature: 'Kitty', John Newsome

C. reticulata:
In Open: 'Frank Houser',
Lillian & C. M. Gordy
Protected: 'Ruta Hagmann Var.',
James & Elaine Smelley
Runner-up: 'Dr. Clifford Parks
Var.', Jim Newell

C. hybrid:
In Open: 'Cile Mitchell',
Lillian & C. M. Gordy
Protected: 'Mona Jury', Jim Newell

C. sasanqua:
Best Bloom: 'Star Above Star',
Howard Smith

Best White, In Open: 'Mary Alice
Cox, Howard Smith
Best White, Protected: 'Han-Ling
Snow', Jim Newell

ACS GOLD CERTIFICATE:
Won By: Parker Connor, Jr.

ACS SILVER CERTIFICATE:
Won By: Lillian & C. M. Gordy

NUMBER OF ACS MEMBERSHIPS
SOLD: One.

Waycross, November 19-20, 1997
(48th Annual)

Sponsor: Federated Garden Clubs of
Waycross & SunTrust Bank

Number of Blooms: 407. Attendance:
295.

ACS OUTSTANDING BLOOM
CERTIFICATES:

C. japonica:

In Open: 'Herme', Mary Dillard
Protected: 'Fircone', Frank Jamison

C. reticulata:

In Open: 'Valley Knudsen',
T. L. Everett
Protected: 'Dana Homeyer',
Frank Jamison

C. hybrid:

Best Bloom: 'Cile Mitchell',
T. L. Everett

C. sasanqua:

Best Bloom: 'Sparkling Burgundy',
Mary Dillard

Best White: 'Alyne Brothers',
Howard Smith

Runner-up: 'Gus Menard',
Mrs. C. W. Barfield

Best Novice Bloom: 'Berenice
Boddy', Susan Dillard

NUMBER OF ACS MEMBERSHIPS
SOLD: None.

MISSISSIPPI

Brookhaven, November 29, 1997
(35th Annual)

Sponsor: Brookhaven Camellia
Society and State Bank & Trust Co.

Number of Blooms: 482. Attendance:
315.

ACS OUTSTANDING BLOOM
CERTIFICATES:

C. japonica: (In Open)

Large-V. Large: 'Helen Bower',
Helen Bounds

Runner-up: 'Tomorrow Var.',
Bill Perkins
Medium-Large: 'Deep Secret',
H. Norsworthy
Medium: 'Elaine's Betty',
Grant & Sylvia Black
Small: 'Pink Perfection', Dan Keel
Miniature: 'Hopkins Pink',
H. Norsworthy

C. japonica: (Protected)

Large-V. Large: 'Lucy Stewart',
Jim Newell

Runner-up: 'Edna Bass',
James & Elaine Smelley

Medium-Large: 'Betty Sheffield
Supreme', Jim Newell

Medium: 'Elaine's Betty',
James & Elaine Smelley

Small: 'Something Beautiful',
Walter Creighton

Miniature: 'Man Size', Jim Newell

C. reticulata:

Best Bloom: 'Frank Houser Var.',
James & Elaine Smelley
Runner-up: 'Pleasant Memories',
James & Elaine Smelley

C. hybrid:

Best Bloom: 'Cile Mitchell',
James & Elaine Smelley
Runner-up: 'Spring Daze',
Walter Creighton
Best White: 'Melissa Anne',
James & Elaine Smelley
Best Novice: 'Betty Sheffield
Supreme', Mary Helon Roberts
Runner-up: 'Tomorrow Var.',
Valerie Mills

NUMBER OF ACS MEMBERSHIPS
SOLD: None.

SOUTH CAROLINA

Columbia, October 3-4, 1997
Sponsor: Mid-Carolina Camellia
Society and SC State Fair

Number of Blooms: 317

ACS OUTSTANDING BLOOM
CERTIFICATES:

C. japonica: (In Open)

Large-V. Large: 'Nuccio's Pink
Lace', Parker E. Connor, Jr.

Runner-up: 'Show Time',
Mrs. H. C. Scott
Medium: 'Feathery Touch',
Parker E. Connor, Jr.
Runner-up: 'Ville de Nantes',
Mrs. H. C. Scott
Small: 'Wilamina', Rupert Drews
Runner-up: 'Pink Pearl',
Mrs. H. C. Scott
Miniature: 'Bonbon Red Var.',
Rupert Drews

C. japonica: (Protected)

Large-V. Large: 'Early Woodville
Red', Dr. Herbert Racoff

Runner-up: 'Carter's Sunburst
Pink Var.', Mack & Ann
McKinnon

Medium: 'Betty Sheffield
Supreme', Mack & Ann
McKinnon

Small: 'Grace Albritton Starfire',
Mack & Ann McKinnon

Runner-up: 'Kiku Toji Var.',
William A. Hardwick

C. reticulata:

Best Bloom: 'Frank Houser Var.',
Rupert Drews
Runner-up: 'Betty Ridley',
Bill & Mildred Robertson

C. hybrid:

Best Bloom: 'Debbie',
Bill & Mildred Robertson

C. sasanqua:

Best Bloom: 'Ko-Gyoku',
Dr. Herbert Racoff

Best White: 'Ivory Tower',
Parker E. Connor, Jr.

ACS GOLD CERTIFICATE:
Won By: Parker E. Connor, Jr.

ACS SILVER CERTIFICATE:
Won By: Rupert E. Drews

NUMBER OF ACS MEMBERSHIPS
SOLD: None.

TEXAS

Beaumont, November 22, 1997

Sponsor: Texas Camellia Society

Number of Blooms: 325. Attendance:
100.

ACS OUTSTANDING BLOOM CERTIFICATES:

C. japonica: (In Open)

Very Large: 'Show Time',

James & Elaine Smelley

Runner-up: 'Carter's Sunburst

Blush', James & Elaine Smelley

Large: 'Cornelia Walden',

H. R. Norsworthy

Runner-up: 'Mary Agnes Patin',

Dudley Boudreaux

Medium: 'Magic City',

H. R. Norsworthy

Runner-up: 'Clown',

Al & Delores LeFebvre

Small: 'Little Babe',

Mr. & Mrs. Gregory E. Davis

Runner-up: 'Pink Perfection',

Gordon Rabalais

Miniature: 'Little Slam',

Mr. & Mrs. Gregory E. Davis

Runner-up: 'Dryade Var.',

Dr. Pat McMurrey

C. japonica: (Protected)

Best Bloom: 'Betty Sheffield Var.',

H. R. Norsworthy

Runner-up: 'Ville de Nantes',

H. R. Norsworthy

C. reticulata:

Best Bloom: 'Pleasant Memories

Var.', James & Elaine Smelley

Runner-up: 'Pleasant Memories',

James & Elaine Smelley

C. hybrid:

Large: 'Mona Jury',

H. R. Norsworthy

Runner-up: 'Elsie Jury',

James & Elaine Smelley

Small: 'Julia', H. R. Norsworthy

Runner-up: 'Julie',

H. R. Norsworthy

ACS GOLD CERTIFICATE:

Won By: H. R. Norsworthy

ACS SILVER CERTIFICATE:

Won By: Dr. Edward & Gertrude
LeBlanc

NUMBER OF ACS MEMBERSHIPS

SOLD: None.

Houston, December 6-7, 1997 (40th
Annual)

Sponsor: Houston Camellia Society

Number of Blooms: 410. Attendance:
300.

ACS OUTSTANDING BLOOM CERTIFICATES:

C. japonica:

Very Large: 'Edna Bass Var.',

H. R. Norsworthy

Runner-up: 'Tomorrow Park Hill',

H. R. Norsworthy

Large: 'Marie Mackall',

Gordon Rabalais

Runner-up: 'Mary Agnes Patin',

Gordon Rabalais

Medium-Large: 'Betty Sheffield

Var.', H. R. Norsworthy

Runner-up: 'Grand Marshal',

Thomas B. Shelfer

Medium: 'Linda Brothers Blush',

H. R. Norsworthy

Runner-up: 'Doris Ellis',

H. R. Norsworthy

Small: 'Lil Schaefer',

Gordon Rabalais

Runner-up: 'Pink Perfection',

Dudley Boudreaux

Miniature: 'Hopkins Pink',

Pat McMurrey

Runner-up: 'Man Size',

H. R. Norsworthy

C. reticulata:

Best Bloom: 'Black Lace',

Gordon Rabalais

Runner-up: 'Betty Ridley',

Raymond Shaw

C. hybrid:

Large-V. Large: 'Mona Jury Var.',

H. R. Norsworthy

Runner-up: 'Joanne Gaeta',

H. R. Norsworthy

Small-M. Large: 'Adorable',

Dudley Boudreaux

C. sasanqua:

Best Bloom: 'Star Above Star',

Pat McMurrey

ACS GOLD CERTIFICATE:

Won By: H. R. Norsworthy

ACS SILVER CERTIFICATE:

Won By: Gordon Rabalais

NUMBER OF ACS MEMBERSHIPS

SOLD: None.

VIRGINIA

Chesapeake, November 8, 1997
(50th Annual)

Sponsor: Virginia Camellia Society

Number of Blooms: 232. Attendance:
300.

ACS OUTSTANDING BLOOM CER- TIFICATES:

C. japonica:

Large: 'Betty Sheffield Pink Var.',

Robert F. Black

Medium: 'Spring Sonnet',

Dr. & Mrs. James Habel

Small: 'Pink Perfection',

Melvin Stallings

Miniature: 'Little Ginger',

Dr. & Mrs. James Habel

C. hybrid:

Best Bloom: 'Rose Parade',

Capt. & Mrs. D. H. Simon

C. sasanqua:

Best Bloom: 'Our Linda',

Dr. & Mrs. J. M. Habel

Best White: 'Mary Alice Cox',

Robert F. Black

Best Seedling: 'Dr. Habel's #6',

Robert F. Black

NUMBER OF ACS MEMBERSHIPS

SOLD: One.

SHOW DATES

(ACS Cooperative Shows)

Place, Location, Sponsor

Date

Tuscaloosa, AL; West Alabama Camellia Club	Jan. 31-Feb. 1, 1998
Beaufort, SC; Boys & Girls Club, 1100 Boundary Street, Beaufort Council of Garden Clubs	Jan. 31-Feb. 1, 1998
Tampa, FL; Florida State Fair Grounds, Horticulture Building; Tampa Bay Area Camellia Society	February 7, 1998
Deland, FL; First Presbyterian Church, 724 N. Woodland Blvd.; Volusia County Camellia Society	February 7-8, 1998
White Springs, FL; Stephen Foster State Folk Culture Center; Stephen Foster State Folk Culture Center	February 7-8, 1998
Pineville, NC; Carolina Place Mall; Charlotte Camellia Society	February 7-8, 1998
Fort Worth, TX; Fort Worth Garden Center; Fort Worth Camellia Society	February 14, 1998
Birmingham, AL; Botanical Gardens; Birmingham Camellia Society	February 14-15, 1998
Redwood City, CA; CAB Building, 1400 Roosevelt Avenue; Peninsula Camellia Society	February 14-15, 1998
Columbia, SC; Columbia Mall; Columbia Mall Merchants Assn. & Mid-Carolina Camellia Society	February 14-15, 1998
Atlanta, GA; Atlanta Botanical Gardens; North Georgia Camellia Society	February 21-22, 1998

Wilmington, NC; Independence Mall;
 Tidewater Camellia Society Feb. 28-March 1, 1998

Nashville, TN; Botanic Hall at Cheekwood;
 Middle Tennessee Camellia Society..... February 28-March 1, 1998

Warner Robins, GA; Houston Mall; Middle Georgia Camellia Society. March 7, 1998

Fresno, CA; Pilgrim Armenian Congregational Church;
 Central California Camellia Society March 14-15, 1998

Burlington, NC; Holly Hill Mall; Piedmont Camellia Club March 14-15, 1998

Atwater, CA; Atwater Community Center;
 Atwater Garden Club and Camellia Society. March 28, 1998

Chesapeake, VA; Chesapeake Square Mall;
 Virginia Camellia Society March 28, 1998

Washington, DC; U.S. National Arboretum;
 Camellia Society of the Potomac Valley..... April 11-12, 1998

Valdosta, GA; Valdosta Garden Center;
 Valdosta Camellia Society and First State Bank. November 21-22, 1998

(If your show date does not appear in this listing, send it to ACS Headquarters before March 1 for inclusion in the May issue of The Camellia Journal.)



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FROM THE DESK OF THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

The camellias have never been more beautiful than they have been this Fall at Massee Lane. Fortunately we have enjoyed many visitors and functions and shared the beauty of our favorite flower. An abundance of rain and warm sunshine seemed to show the flowers to their best advantage.

ACS has lost many of our fine members this year through death. Among them are Bill Kemp and Carl Allen, ACS past presidents; Jim Pinkerton, Atlantic Coast Director-at-Large; Helen Teeter, former ACS Staff member; Bill Donnan, ACS Journal and Yearbook contributor and Camellia Nomenclature; Paul Jones, noted horticultural painter and known as the "king of camellia paintings." His painting of "Ville de Nantes" hangs in the Fetterman Building. Dr. Yoshiaki Andoh, Life Member and a contributor to the ACS Journals and Yearbook died. Many long time members and great supporters with memberships dating from the late 40's and early 50's passed on. They are greatly missed.

Highway 49, known as Camellia Boulevard, continues past Massee Lane from I-75 in Byron. Camellia Boulevard in Fort Valley now has 108 C. *sasanqua* plants. Peach County Library Director, Gilda Cotney, spearheaded this project by securing the services of NCCC for three weeks in our area. Ten bright young people made many improvements including the planting of the camellias and red maple trees. This planting project was developed by Main Street in cooperation with the University of Georgia School of Environmental Education. Thanks to the City of Fort Valley, The Peach County Commissioners and the Fort Valley Utility Commission for funding this project. Residents have enjoyed the beautiful blooms.

The much needed rain that benefitted the camellias slowed the site work on the Environmental Garden. Approximately 95% of the site work has been completed. As soon as the soil dries a bit, this work will be completed. The lake is holding water and the next phase will soon begin.

The test garden for retics and hybrids is progressing well. The area under the mature pines has been planted and the plants are doing well. Many new pines were planted earlier and as soon as they mature, that area will be planted also.

All systems are "go" for the Camellia

Festival, February 7-14. You will note the schedule elsewhere in this Journal. The event continues to grow each year and brings many new visitors to Massee Lane. "Prelude to Spring," a fun evening and a fundraising event for the gardens, will be on Saturday evening, March 7. This attracts a large crowd. Our printer, Williams & Canady, graciously provided the beautiful invitations as a gift for this event. The committee is most appreciative of this generous gift. The volunteers and staff have spent many hours planning for the Festival and "Prelude to Spring." Our volunteers provided many services throughout the year for the Society.

Membership is the Number One priority for our Society. Since we have lost so many members through death, it is imperative that we make additional efforts to add more new members for the good health of ACS. Max Mizell, Membership Chairman, welcomes any suggestions to increase our base. You can contact him at (504) 833-3790. Better still, why not enroll a new member? If every member would secure ONE new member, we would double our membership. Think about your part in making this a reality.

Your ACS and Development Boards met in Fresno, CA in November during Camellia



Ann Blair Brown

Rama. The Pacific Coast hospitality was outstanding and those attending reported "rave" reviews. Art Gonos served as chairman and did an outstanding job. Each year the Fall Board meetings are held in a different location. In 1998 the meetings will be held at Massee Lane. These meetings will be followed by those on the Gulf Coast, the Atlantic Coast and the Pacific Coast.

Many thanks to you that sent in newspaper articles that appeared in your area concerning the shows and camellia personalities. They were very interesting. Please keep them coming for our files. The Martha Stewart magazine "Living", February 1997 had an outstanding article and beautiful pictures of camellias. The "Country Journal", September/October 1997 had an excellent article on "Hardy Camellias" by Joe Hebert.

Congratulations to Lib Scott, Aiken, SC. She was chosen to have her design included in the 1998 "Vision of Beauty", A Flower Arrangement and Engagement Calendar created by the National Council of State Garden Clubs, Inc. Lib is often a winner in camellia shows for her outstanding blooms as well.

Congratulations are in order for Patti Hutaff, Fayetteville, NC, the 1997 Maslin Award Winner. The Maslin Award is the highest award given by the Garden Club of North Carolina for the highest standard of leadership.

From all of us at Massee Lane, we invite you to come and visit.



Vision of Beauty, 1998, by Lib Scott, Aiken, SC.



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