



Gainesville Camellia Society

Affiliated with the American Camellia Society

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President's Message



Alice Creighton

Greetings,

Here it is mid November already. Today, November 10th, we are having our first rain since Milton. As of 2:30 pm there has been about 1/2 inch. Blooms will be a-popping!

On a sad note, "Old Goat" Gerald Langford has passed away. He and Anna have done so much for our club. Our prayers go out for Anna and family. I am proud to call him my friend!

There are still positions open for our show - please see Debbie for details. There are also openings for the convention - see Charles. Don't forget to register for the different events during the convention week. Also remember to register for the hotel if you are planning on staying there during the convention.

Now is the time for gibbing for our show, as there are several new categories and cash prizes for local growers.

This month's program will be: how to fill out entry cards for the show and training for various jobs in the show. We will also have a demonstration of preparing your flowers for the show.

I look forward to seeing you all Sunday, November 17th, at 2pm.

Jay Ellis, President



Barbara Colbert

Minutes for GCS Meeting October 13, 2024

Business Meeting

Jay Ellis, GCS President, opened the business meeting at 2:17 PM and welcomed everyone. There were no visitors at this meeting.

Old Business

A correction to the 9/15/24 minutes was made by Charles Simon to add Wilmot Gardens as the recipient for the 30 plants valued at \$1500.



Bart Colbert, Variegated

*Yuletide*

Charles Simon reported that plans for the ACS National Convention have been completed and attendees are currently registering. He invited all members to consider registering for the full convention, or for individual events listed in the convention schedule. The ACS website has a link to the schedule and event costs, which are also appended to these minutes.

Charles also mentioned that people interested in helping at the convention can sign up next month for time slots and events. He said they will also need help with adding homemade Florida goodies to the bags, and with preparing snacks for the cocktail hours.

New Business

Treasurer's report for October, 2024 by Merry Reid.

Checking:	\$11,703
Savings:	<u>10,579</u>
Total:	\$22,282

Debbie Ellis reported that the tables for the 2025 Show have been ordered, and work has begun on assembling goodie bags for the judges. Debbie also told us that GCS t-shirts and polos will be available for purchase and she hopes all Show participants will wear one. She passed around a sheet for people to sign up to be clerks at the Show and to provide food and drinks for the rest of our meetings, and to purchase shirts. She'll have examples of the shirts at the next meeting.

*Ville de Nantes*



Whoopee

We'll also need people to attend the registration desk and serve as bartenders and servers (cleaners) at the cocktail hours and the picnic lunch. He encouraged everyone to send him their personal 'Camellia story', even a paragraph or two with pictures if you like. These will be published in the convention program. Charles also needs help with producing this program and creating the printer's layout.

Educational Program

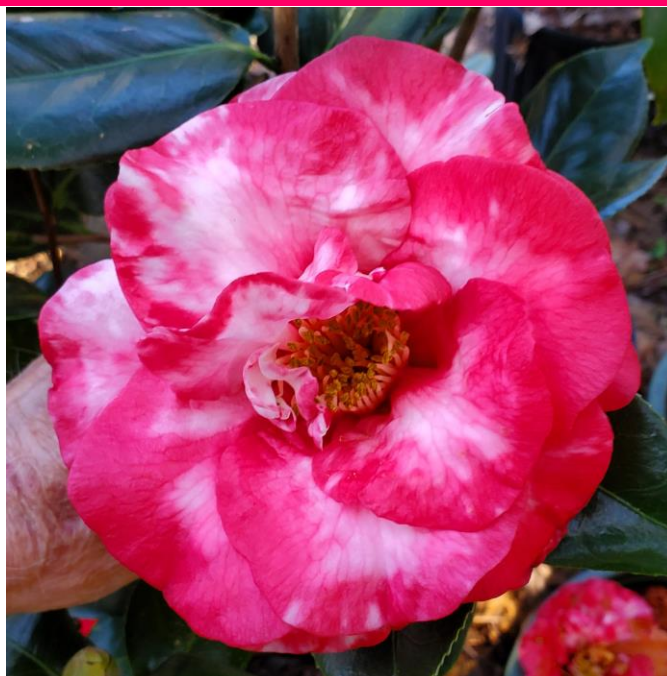
Dr. Sanford Porter introduced Dr. Kevin Korus, a plant pathologist with the University of Florida Institute of Food and Agricultural Sciences (UF-IFAS). Dr. Korus spoke to us about plant diseases with emphasis on camellia plants. He defined a disease as any condition that prevents a plant from realizing its maximum potential. There are abiotic diseases, or conditions, caused by environmental stress like too much or too little sunlight, too much or too little water, from chemical exposures such as over fertilizing or nutrient deficiency from under fertilizing. Then there are biotic diseases caused by micro and macroscopic organisms such as molds, bacteria, nematodes, mites and other 'bugs'.



Faith

Dr. Korus spoke at length about each biotic disease and passed out a full color handout describing these diseases and their treatments. The article is available online at the UF IFAS extension as circular ENH1294.

Charles Simon, Secretary



Dr Cy Echols

APPENDIX TO THE MINUTES: INDIVIDUAL ACS CONVENTION EVENT COSTS
JANUARY 2-5, 2025

<u>Thursday</u> open-bar cocktail hour (Free to volunteer helpers.)	\$20
<u>Friday</u> tour of UF Butterfly Garden	\$15
<u>Friday</u> picnic lunch at Wilmot Gardens (Free to volunteer helpers.)	\$25
<u>Friday</u> Lecture at the Hilton	Free
<u>Friday</u> open-bar cocktail hours:	\$20
<u>Friday</u> Judges Banquet at the Hilton	\$85
<u>Saturday</u> Judges Luncheon at Kanapaha	\$30
<u>Saturday</u> Lecture at the Hilton	Free
<u>Saturday</u> open-bar cocktail hour (Free to volunteer helpers.)	\$20
<u>Sunday</u> trip to Silver Springs with luncheon	\$65
<u>Sunday</u> open-bar cocktail hour (Free to volunteer helpers.)	\$20
<u>Sunday</u> Plant Auction	Free
<u>Sunday</u> Members meeting	Free
<u>Sunday</u> Farewell Banquet at the Hilton	\$85
Full registration for all events	\$335

<i>Date and place of meeting</i>		<i>Refreshments</i>	
		<i>Food</i>	<i>Drinks</i>
11/17/2024	Kanapaha Botanical Gardens	Volunteers needed	Volunteers needed
12/15/2024	Kanapaha Botanical Gardens		
1/19/2025	Kanapaha Botanical Gardens		
2/16/2025	Kanapaha Botanical Gardens		
3/16/2025	Kanapaha Botanical Gardens		
4/20/2025	Kanapaha Botanical Gardens		
5/18/2025	Kanapaha Botanical Gardens		

Dues

The annual dues for Gainesville Camellia Society are due at this time. The amount is \$15 for an individual or \$20 for a couple. Please mail a check for your dues to the Treasurer:

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***Gainesville Camellia Society
has joined social media!***

Search “Gainesville Camellia Society” to find our Facebook page. There you will find photos, tips on growing camellias, special activities, announcements of future meetings and guest speakers. “LIKE” us on Facebook to receive GSC updates, and tell your friends about our Facebook page.



Officers

President: Jay Ellis
1st VP & Show Chair: Debbie Ellis
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Jerry Hogsette
Konrad Hooper
Sanford Porter
Diane Simon
Ron Stevens
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Monthly Meeting of the Gainesville Camellia Society

Date: Sunday, November 17, 20224

Place: Kanapaha Botanical Gardens

Program: “A Practice Camellia Show” Please bring 1-3 flowers to enter.

The Gainesville Camellia Society meets at 2 pm on the third Sunday of each month from September through May at Kanapaha Botanical Gardens. Any changes to meeting dates, times, or venues are posted in this newsletter.