



Gainesville Camellia Society

Affiliated with the American Camellia Society

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Editor: Anna Langford

September 2013

President's Message

Welcome back to another camellia season. This season promises to bring us fantastic flowers, as we have had ample rain and just the right temperatures to promote bud development. It's always exciting to see the buds swell and the leaves take on the beautiful luster that they will hold throughout the winter. I haven't seen a flower open yet, but it will be soon.

The regional camellia societies are gearing up for their annual meetings. The Atlantic Coast Camellia Society is meeting on September 20th and 21st in Litchfield Beach, SC (near Myrtle Beach). This annual event is a lot of fun, with camellia enthusiasts from all over the east coast, from Maryland to Florida. If you haven't attended one of these meetings, you might want to consider it. Several of our local members will be there.

The American Camellia Society annual meeting will be in Pensacola on December 12th through 14th, at the Hampton Inn on Pensacola Beach. They have lots of fun things planned, so you might want to think about attending this meeting.

Earlier this summer I sent out an email to all the members who joined this past year, offering a free plant to any new members who will continue their membership and come to two meetings. If you're taking advantage of this, please let me know at the meeting and we can talk about which plant you'd like to have.

We're fortunate to have Kanapaha Botanical Gardens to use for our meetings. It's a beautiful setting and is run by committed plant lovers. I look forward to seeing everyone at the upcoming meeting on September 15th!

Patrick Andrews, President

Minutes for GCS Meeting - May 19, 2013

Prior to the regular meeting, members enjoyed the Gainesville Camellia Society annual "picnic" potluck. GCS purchased the meat course and members brought side dishes to share.

OPENING

Irma Velez welcomed everyone to our last meeting of the 2012-2013 season. She thanked everyone who brought food and thanked Jerry Hogsette for picking up the meat. Jerry invited members to take any leftovers home.

Dolly Warner circulated the "Refreshment List" so that members could sign up to provide food and beverages for next year's meetings.

RECOGNITION OF NEW MEMBER

Irma welcomed Diane Simon to her first GCS meeting.

REVIEW OF MINUTES FOR THE APRIL MEETING

Patrick Andrews noted that the minutes mentioned our "regular" plant auction, and he would like the minutes to reflect the people who donated plants rather than have members "expect" plants for auction and take the generosity of the donors for granted.

Amended minutes were seconded and approved.

TREASURER'S REPORT

by Nancy Collins

Savings Account	\$8,022.15
Checking Account	\$2,318.65
Total Funds	\$10,340.80

INSTALLATION OF OFFICERS

Irma Velez, outgoing President, presided over the installation of officers and directors who were elected at the March meeting.

After the swearing in ceremony, Patrick Andrews, the new President, conducted the rest of the meeting. He expressed his appreciation for members' support.

Patrick outlined the traditional succession of officers from Second Vice President/Program Chairman, to First Vice President/Show Chairman, and then to President. While this order is not part of the GCS Bylaws, it has been found useful to have officers with prior experience in the line of succession.

Patrick noted that the GCS Bylaws are on the websites of both the Atlantic Coast Camellia Society and the American Camellia Society.

The Atlantic Coast Camellia Society has asked Patrick whether the GCS is willing to place copies of our newsletter on their website. He will direct the newsletter Editor to send a copy each month.

OLD BUSINESS

Bill Hayes reported on his investigation into purchasing replacement banners for GCS show/display tables. The only local provider that Bill found was Signs by Tomorrow.

The signs are polyester with printed (probably silk screened) logos. The runners are available in several colors. The cost for a 30 inch by 84 inch table runner was \$143.33 plus tax. The cost

for a 30 inch by 62³/₄inch runner is \$113.33 plus tax.

After discussion, Jerry Hogsette moved that GCS purchase one of the larger banners, a black runner with red camellia and green leaves and white lettering. If the first runner is suitable, GCS would then consider purchasing additional runners. The motion was seconded by Bob Weidman and approved.

NEW BUSINESS

Gene Dunn moved that GCS contribute \$500 to the American Camellia Society Endowment Fund. The motion was seconded by Jeanne Ernest and after discussion, the motion was approved.

Irma Velez moved that GCS contribute \$500 to Kanapaha Gardens to be used toward maintenance of the Azalea and Camellia Gardens. The motion was seconded by Jerry Hogsette and after discussion, the motion was approved.

A question was raised as to whether GCS knows what our contract with Kanapaha Gardens will be for the upcoming year. Irma stated that the contract is usually sent out after the end of Kanapaha's fiscal year, and we should receive it sometime in July.

A question was also raised as to whether any perks (such as parking passes for the Annual GCS Show and Spring Festival) could be negotiated into the contract. It was suggested that we have Alexis from Kanapaha as a guest speaker at one of our meetings. Irma will look into that possibility.

Irma and Mike McCafferty from Kanapaha plan to go through the

Camellia and Azalea Garden to decide where Species and understory plants should be planted. Shade-loving bulbs will also be planted in the garden.

Patrick Andrews asked for a list of available Species plants. He and Bob Weidman have worked with Species for a while and may be able to offer some opinions on the success factor of some of these.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Throughout the meeting, pictures from the 2013 GCS Camellia Show were displayed on a computer projector.

The ACS business meeting will be held in June 2013.

The ACS Annual Convention will be held December 11-15, 2013, in Pensacola, Florida. Hotel reservations at the Hampton Inn can be made now, and those wanting to attend were encouraged to make reservations soon.

The ACCS Annual Meeting will be in September in Litchfield Beach, South Carolina.

The 2014 ACS meeting will be held in Tallahassee.

Camellia plants donated by Jerry Hogsette, Patrick Andrews, and Bob Weidman were auctioned for members. The meeting adjourned.

Karen Peeples, Secretary

Officers

President: Patrick Andrews
1st VP & Show Chair: John Swanson
2nd VP & Program Chair: Bill Leucking
Secretary: Karen Peeples
Treasurer: Merry Reid

Board Members

Bruce Cavey Clyde Leaphart
Bill Hayes Ruth Milton
Harriet Hogsette Chuck Ritter
Jerry Hogsette Paul Warner
Lee Kline

Bill Leucking, Program Chair

Date: Sunday September 15, 2013

Topic:

Place: GRU Conference Room at Kanapaha Botanical Gardens

Time: 2:00pm

Dolly Warner, Refreshment Chair

Refreshments providers: Nancy Collins, Food; Jeanne Earnest, Beverages

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IMPORTANT ANNOUNCEMENT - CHANGE IN MEETING PLACE FOR OCTOBER 20, 2013

**We will meet in the open-air Pavilion located behind the
main building at Kanapaha Botanical Gardens,
instead of our usual meeting room inside.**

President's Message

Camellia season is definitely upon us! The sasanquas are showing their beautiful colors, and we even had flowers open on their own on an early japonica – *Arajishi*. This variety is very old, but is worth having in the garden because of its early blooming period. The gibbed buds on other varieties are opening now as well. This week we had a beautiful *Brooke* and the just-as-gorgeous *Satsuma kurenai*.

Some of our members will be going to the first camellia show of the season in Perry GA in October. The first one I'll be able to attend is the show in Byron GA in November. Attending shows is a lot of fun and you meet a lot of great people. If you're like me, some of them will become life-long friends.

The camellias are pretty much on their own this time of year. All you have to do is make sure they get plenty of water during dry periods and spray for spider mites or scale before either gets out of hand. We were fortunate to have a nice wet summer that kept spider mites to a minimum. Removing extra buds is also a very good practice.

Some of us went to the Atlantic Coast Camellia Society meeting in Litchfield Beach SC in September. This is a fantastic meeting to kick off the season -- camellia growers from Virginia to Florida (and beyond) get together to discuss camellias and have a great time. They have one of the best plant auctions, and you can always find some varieties you don't already have in your garden.

If you have any open flowers, bring them to the meeting to share with everyone. There might not be too many this month, but some members will have at least a few to bring. I will be on vacation during the meeting so I won't be able to attend, but I am leaving the running of the meeting in the capable hands of our 1st Vice-President, John Swanson. Have fun. I'll see you in November!

Patrick Andrews, President

Minutes for GCS Meeting - September 19, 2013

Patrick Andrews opened the meeting by welcoming new members, Dave Snell, Pat Fouts, and Lucille Lane. Bruce Cavey said he signed up new members Gail and Jeff Malpass and Gloria and Ryan DeGeus, who were not in attendance.

Patrick also thanked Anna Langford for the good job on the GCS newsletter.

APPROVAL OF MAY MEETING MINUTES

The May meeting minutes were available to members in the September Newsletter. No additions or corrections were noted. Bill Hayes moved to approve the minutes of the May meeting; seconded by Jerry Hogsette and approved.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

TREASURER'S REPORT

Savings Account:	\$7,465.25
Checking Account:	\$1,176.19
Total Funds:	\$8,641.44

Merry Reid advised that the changeover of all financials is complete. She and Nancy closed out all the old accounts and opened new accounts due to the purchase of Wachovia by Wells Fargo. The account arrangements with Wachovia were grandfathered in by Wells Fargo.

Patrick asked Merry if she had received the contract from Kanapaha Botanical Gardens for the upcoming year. She has not, and Nancy Collins noted she usually did not receive a contract until the end of the year. Nancy has sent the change of contact/address information to Kanapaha. Irma Velez noted in the July Board meeting that Kanapaha's charges would be the same as last year.

Bill Hayes agreed to audit the books for the past fiscal year, and Nancy Collins turned the records over to him. He will complete the audit before the October meeting.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

The American Camellia Society membership drive has begun, and first time members are being offered half off the regular membership price. This discount is good through December, and Patrick has copies of the discount order forms.

The Atlantic Coast Camellia Society meeting will be held next weekend in Litchfield, SC. John and Dinh Swanson plan to attend and are the new historians of the ACCS.

The Gulf Coast Camellia Society meeting will be held in early October.

The ACS 2014 calendar is now available on the ACS website for pre-order. The cost is \$12.95 and ACS members receive a 10% discount.

Patrick has created a New Member Reward card that will be given to new members at their first GCS meeting, along with a free camellia plant. The Reward Card, valid for a year, entitles a new member to a second free camellia plant once they have attended two additional meetings. Reward plants will be provided by Bob Weidman and Patrick. He gave Reward Cards to today's new member attendees

Ruth Milton is at home recovering from her accident. She is using a wheelchair and hopes she will be able to attend the October meeting.

OLD BUSINESS

Patrick gave an overview of the July 6, 2013, GCS Board meeting.

He then reviewed the duties of each officer.

STANDING COMMITTEES***THE FINANCE COMMITTEE***

is headed by the Treasurer and is responsible for audit of the books each year. A question was raised as to how the GCS is listed under IRS regulations. That discussion is described under New Business. GCS does not file returns with the IRS.

THE MEMBERSHIP COMMITTEE is responsible for recruiting new members for GCS and for promoting membership in the American Camellia Society. Karen Peeples accepted the chairmanship with Patrick Andrews and Merry Reid serving as committee members. The Board agreed to have the Membership Committee create a New Member Rewards Card (previously described in Announcements.

THE SOCIAL COMMITTEE is chaired by Dolly Warner.

SPECIAL COMMITTEES***THE KANAPAHA GARDENS***

COMMITTEE handles oversight of the Camellia and Azalea garden. Irma Velez will be in charge of this committee.

THE KANAPAHA SPRING

FESTIVAL COMMITTEE will be headed by Jerry Hogsette. Bill Hayes said he has ordered the GCS banner for our Spring Festival show table, and it should be ready by next week. Although the banner company could not use the camellia graphic we provided, they found a graphic which Bill felt would be more than acceptable.

THE GCS CAMELLIA SHOW COMMITTEE is chaired by John Swanson, who has begun preparation for the 2014 show.

Patrick Andrews presented the updated show flyer. Entry times have been adjusted to allow sufficient time for judging and to avoid the delays experienced at the 2013 show. Several other changes have been made in the logistics to facilitate judging.

Show committee chairmen include:

Publicity – Karen Peeples

Horticulture Schedule – Chuck Ritter and Patrick Andrews

Head Table and Honor Court – Jerry Hogsette and Patrick Andrews

Horticulture Clerks – Bill Hayes

Horticulture Judges – Jerry Hogsette, who said that he has sent out digital letters to judges, and he has already received acceptances. Eileen Hart will be the head judge.

Hospitality Hosts – Paul and Dolly Warner

Plant Procurement – Bill Luecking, who has lists of plants available for pre-order by members. He will order plants by the end of the week.

Flower Arrangements – Lee Kline

Awards – Patrick Andrews

Several areas still need staffing, and volunteers should see John Swanson to sign up.

Bill Leucking reviewed information obtained regarding non-profit status for GCS. He has been investigating the possibility of GCS filing as a non-profit. Filing fees would be approximately \$130, and if we retain an attorney to handle the filing, the cost could go as high as \$400. Bill noted that a lawsuit was filed recently against the entire membership of an archery club in Vero Beach because of an accident that occurred during a show hosted by the club, and all 111 members of the club were sued individually to the tune of \$42,000 per member. Because the club did not have non-profit status, all members of the organization were equally liable.

Discussion followed on the potential for non-profit status and protection during any of GCS public functions. John Swanson will check on “event coverage” insurance and our liability vis à vis Kanapaha’s insurance for public events, possibly including GCS as an additional named insured. Bill will continue his investigation into non-profit status and report back to members.

NEW BUSINESS

Debbie Griffin moved that GCS purchase ten copies of the 2014 Nomenclature books for purchase by members. This book contains everything registered up through two months ago and is usually updated every five years. It also includes a list of camellia size changes that have been made. The cost is \$20 per book, with GCS receiving a 25% discount. After some discussion,

members asked that the number of books to be ordered be increased. Mrs. Griffin amended her motion to order 15 books; seconded and approved. Merry Reid will place the order.

Bill Leucking has been approached by Growers Fertilizer Company about setting up an account offering a 10% discount to GCS members. Their representative is willing to come to a meeting to talk about their company and products. Bill will follow through with Grower Fertilizer to set up this account.

PROGRAM

Program Topic: "Pilgrimage - The Way of St. James" Speaker: Mario Perez, Master Gardener

Mr. Perez presented a slide show depicting the walking pilgrimage he undertook in Spain recently, The Way of St. James to Camino de Santiago.

Nancy and Paul Collins provided refreshments, and Jean and Charles Earnest provided drinks.

The meeting concluded at 3:26 p.m.

Karen Peeples, Secretary

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Bruce Cavey	Lee Kline
Bill Hayes	Ruth Milton
Harriet Hogsette	Chuck Ritter
Jerry Hogsette	Paul Warner

Bill Luecking, Program Chair***Date:*** Sunday October 20, 2013***Topic:*** ***To Be Announced******Place:*** Pavilion at Kanapaha Botanical Gardens***Time:*** 2:00pm***Dolly Warner, Refreshment Chair*****Refreshments providers:** Merry Reid, Food; Ruth Milton, Beverages

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President's Message

November is a great month for camellias! Sasanquas have been blooming for weeks now, giving great splashes of color. The nice thing about sasanquas is that the flowers open all at once so that the shrub is covered with brilliant flowers. Also opening in November are the early japonicas, like *Early Woodville Red*, *Early Autumn*, *Alba Plena*, *Brooke*, *Arajishi*, *Kiku Toji*, and others.

If you started gibbing flowers in September (or earlier), you will be rewarded with many other camellia flowers this month. Some varieties that I noticed opening shortly after being gibbed are *Blue Ridge Sunset* (registered by Clarence and Lillian Gordy of Ocala), *Satsuma Kurenai* (a gorgeous formal double red), *Mary Fisher* (a show winner that reliably opens early when gibbed), *Henry Huntington*, and many others.

November is a month to reflect on all that we are grateful for. I am grateful for the many friends I have made in the camellia world, and the prospect that I will make many more in the years to come. I am thankful for the generosity of camellia growers in helping me expand my garden with varieties that I otherwise would not have access to. I am perhaps most grateful for the friendship and camaraderie.

Show season kicked off in October. To date, five shows have already taken place. I have not been able to attend any due to work conflicts, but members Chuck and Bev Ritter have done quite well so far. The show results for all shows are available on the ACCS website (www.atlanticcoastcamelliasociety.org) and the ACS website (www.americancamellias.org). Of special note is that Chuck and Bev Ritter won the coveted "Best Georgia National Fair Bloom" at the Perry, Georgia, show. This is no easy feat! Coming up soon are shows in Valdosta, Georgia, on December 7, and the American Camellia Society Convention (December 11-15) and National Camellia Show (December 14th) in Pensacola, Florida.

The GCS Show Committee will have met before the upcoming November meeting, and John Swanson will give a report at the meeting. Excitement is building for the show, and all members are urged to participate in some way, particularly with set-up, tear-down, flower placement, clerking, and sponsoring prizes to help offset the cost.

These are photos of a couple of flowers that bloomed in my garden this week. Both were registered by GCS members in Gainesville. *Ladell Brothers Var.*, one of my favorite flowers in my collection, was registered in 1965 by S.L. Brothers of Gainesville. *Sandra Williams*, which blooms early, was registered in 2005 by Jay Ellis for another GCS member – Sandra Williams.



Ladell Brothers Variegated



Sandra Williams

I look forward to seeing everyone at the meeting on Sunday. Remember to bring flowers to share with everyone!

Patrick Andrews, President

Minutes for GCS Meeting - October 20, 2013

In the absence of Patrick Andrews, John Swanson chaired the monthly meeting and welcomed new member Gloria DeGeus to her first GCS meeting.

This month's meeting was moved to Kanapaha's outdoor pavilion because of the Orchid Show being held this weekend. John said that an error by Kanapaha resulted in the Orchid Show being scheduled for the same weekend as the GCS monthly meeting.

APPROVAL OF SEPTEMBER MEETING MINUTES

A question was raised regarding the New Member Rewards Camellia, and Karen Peeples clarified that the Rewards Camellia will be donated by Patrick Andrews and Bob Weidman. GCS is responsible for presentation of a free camellia plant when a new member attends their first meeting.

Merry Reid corrected the item under New Business regarding the purchase of Nomenclature books from ACS. Buyers will receive a 10% discount, not 25%.

Lee Kline moved to approve the amended minutes. Seconded by Ruth Milton.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

TREASURER'S REPORT

Savings Account	\$7,455.25
Checking Account	\$1,514.19
Total Funds	\$8,969.44

Bill Hayes has completed the annual audit of the GCS books. The records were in good order with no irregularities.

The Nomenclature books have been received and are available for purchase.

Merry also has a new supply of the metal plant tags available for purchase.

OLD BUSINESS

GCS Workdays at Kanapaha Camellia/Azalea Garden:

Irma Velez said the garden is looking the best it has in eight years. Work needs to be done on disbudding and gibbing to insure the best blooms in time for the show. She would like to see more GCS members involved. Send Irma an email at idvelez@directv.net if you are able to help out. John thanked Irma for the relationship that she has built with Kanapaha Gardens and her willingness to work with Kanapaha on our behalf.

Our new GCS banner was displayed at the head table. Members gave Bill Hayes a round of applause for his efforts in procuring the new banner.

2014 Camellia Show Update:

John confirmed that Kanapaha will open the doors at 6:00 am to allow access by exhibitors. Irma will be in charge.

Volunteers for flower placement should arrive early.

Irma also agreed to do her Camellia 101 presentation on Saturday and Sunday for the public.

Chuck Ritter suggested that we use our regular meeting room after the flower staging is completed as the "Contention Room", so that final judging can take place there. That would make the larger room available earlier for visitors rather than making them wait until after the final judging.

Bill Hayes is recruiting volunteers for clerking duties and circulated a sign-up sheet. He would like three clerks for each group of judges.

Bill Luecking has some non-member volunteers to assist with plant sales, but he could use two or three more volunteers to work on Saturday. He confirmed that the nurseries will deliver plants and he will house them until the show. Should a delivery problem arise, he will pick up the plants. Plant sales will begin at 9:00 am Saturday.

Lee Kline confirmed that the Gainesville Garden Club will provide four flower arrangements for display.

Karen Peoples advised that publicity notices were sent out, and we already have confirmation from GRU that they will announce our show in their December newsletter and on their website.

Set up will begin at 2:00 pm on the Friday before the show, and volunteers are

welcome. The Working Dinner will be held at Jerry Hogsette's home that evening.

Dolly and Paul Warner are in charge of hospitality.

NEW BUSINESS

John asked for discussion regarding the GCS meeting in December. The American Camellia Society annual meeting in Pensacola runs from December 11th through the 14th, with attendees traveling back on December 15th, our usual meeting date.

John suggested that we change the meeting to December 22nd at another location. Bill Luecking said that Wilmot Gardens is available that weekend, and Linda Luecking confirmed that we could have our meeting there. There would be no charge for use of the room, and the camellia gardens will be in bloom. Irma Velez moved that we change the December GCS meeting to December 22nd at Wilmot Gardens. Motion seconded by Lee Kline and approved. Final details would be worked out at the November meeting.

Bill noted that there are approximately two dozen plants in Wilmot Gardens that have not yet been identified, and Linda has asked that members who attend the Christmas social walk through the garden and help identify these plants if possible.

John advised that Patrick Andrews and Bob Weidman are not certain whether they will be able to have their annual Camellia Open House on our regular meeting date in January, and there is a conflict with Kanapaha for the third Sunday in January. Details for the January

meeting should be finalized by our November meeting.

There is another conflict with the March 2014 GCS meeting due to Kanapaha's Spring Garden Festival, and we will have to move the GCS meeting to March 9, 2014.

It was suggested that a calendar of future meetings be included in the newsletter.

It was also suggested that after the summer Board meeting we have a Board member get together with Kanapaha to confirm meeting reservations for the upcoming year.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Chuck Ritter brought a tray displaying several varieties of camellia blossoms from his garden.

Dudley Farms will have their annual Cane Grinding Day on Saturday, December 7th, and camellia plants air layered from plants on the farm would be available for sale.

The Gainesville Garden Club will have their flower show in the Tower Club Ballroom at The Village on November 8th and 9th and everyone is invited.

PROGRAM

Due to a potential storm alert today, our speaker did not want to be outside with her equipment in case of inclement weather. This speaker has been rescheduled for April 2014.

John thanked Merry Reid, who provided refreshments for today's meeting, and Ruth Milton, who provided drinks. Meeting adjourned at 2:55 pm

Karen Peebles, Secretary

GCS Meeting Schedule

Date	Place & Time of Meeting	
November 17, 2013	Kanapaha Gardens, GRU Conference Room at 2pm	
December 22	Wilmot Gardens at 2pm	(Christmas Party)
January 4 & 5, 2014	Kanapaha Gardens (dawn to dusk, more or less)	(Annual GCS Camellia Show)
January 19	Bob Weidman & Patrick Andrew's home in Citra (time tba)	(Garden tour and picnic)
February 16	Kanapaha Gardens, GRU Conference Room at 2pm	
March 9, 2014	Kanapaha Gardens, GRU Conference Room at 2pm	
April 20, 2014	Kanapaha Gardens, GRU Conference Room at 2pm	
May 18	Kanapaha Gardens, GRU Conference Room (unless someone else wishes to host the party) at 2pm	(GCS Year-End Party)
June. July, August	no GCS meetings	

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December 2013

President's Message

Hello, everyone. Christmas time's a comin', and so is the time for our December holiday meeting. I'm looking forward to seeing everyone at 2 pm on Sunday, December 22, at the Wilmot Gardens for our annual holiday potluck dinner.

I just got back from the American Camellia Society winter convention in Pensacola Beach, Florida. We had a great time, learning about the history of Pensacola, learning about camellias in the educational seminars and lectures, and visiting area gardens, including the camellia garden at the University of West Florida and the home and nursery of John and Sara Davy.

Judge Roger and Ellen Vinson treated us to a reception at their home, which has been beautifully renovated and is surrounded by a lovely camellia garden. At the Saturday night banquet, Ellen Vinson sang some old-time standards and Christmas songs along with a pianist. Attending from our club were myself, Bob Weidman, John and Dinh Swanson, Chuck and Bev Ritter, and Jerry and Carol Selph. Jim and Elaine Smelley received the honor of being inducted into the ACS Tablet of Honor.

When we got back from Pensacola we noticed it had rained (big time!) and found that our rain gauge (which measures 5 inches) was overflowing. It took down most of the flowers on the plants at the time of the rain, but I'm sure it will cause many to open, hopefully just in time for our show.

Remember, we're having the gag gift exchange, so bring a good one. Each person needs to bring a gift to exchange (couples need to bring two) so there will be enough to go around.

I hope your camellias are blooming and that you will have lots of flowers to bring to our show on January 4. See you at the meeting. Merry Christmas!

Patrick Andrews, President

Minutes for GCS Meeting - November 17, 2013

APPROVAL OF OCTOBER MEETING MINUTES

There were no additions or corrections to the minutes. Jerry Hogsette moved to approve the minutes of the October meeting; seconded by Lee Kline; motion carried.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

TREASURER'S REPORT

Savings Account	\$7,465.87
Checking Account	\$1,248.84
Total Funds	\$8,714.71

2014 CAMELLIA SHOW

Bill Leucking has ordered 540 plants for the show; 78 were pre-sale. If we do not sell all the plants, a local nursery will purchase up to 125 plants at cost plus a portion of the shipping.

Over 30 publicity notices were e-mailed to local newspapers, radio and TV stations, local tourist websites and community magazines.

John Swanson advised that display tables will arrive between 9 am and 1 pm on Friday, January 3rd. Volunteers are needed starting at 2 pm to help with setup, displays, and filling flower display cups. Patrick Andrews has donated the signage for the display tables.

On Sunday afternoon, the tear-down time will depend on how many people are still viewing the blooms. Volunteers are asked to be at the show by 3 pm.

Jerry Hogsette's annual Potluck Setup Party will begin after all the pre-show setup has been completed at Kanapaha. If people arrive around 5 pm, they may walk through his garden and see the camellias in bloom. There will be a time of socializing, with dinner beginning around 6 pm.

Jerry will have entry cards available at dinner. Chuck Ritter suggested that show entry cards be available at the October or November meetings next year.

On Saturday morning, Dolly Warner will have refreshments for early arriving volunteers. GCS will provide a box lunch for the judges. Once exhibitors have finished prepping their flowers Saturday morning, Dolly will have volunteers reset the kitchen staging area for the judges' lunch.

Bill Hayes said he needs at least five additional volunteers for clerking duties. Interested parties should get in touch with Bill. He has thirteen people signed up at this time. Bill will find out from Irma whether the Master Gardeners plan to help.

Lee Kline confirmed that the Garden Club will have camellia displays ready. These will be placed in the same location as last year.

Members voted to keep cash prizes at the same level as last year.

OLD BUSINESS

CAMELLIA/AZALEA GARDEN:

The GCS received a thank you letter from Alexis Caffrey, Kanapaha Gardens, for the \$500 we donated to be used for care of Kanapaha's Camellia/Azalea Garden. Irma Velez will continue to oversee GCS Workdays at the garden and would like to have more GCS members involved. Anyone who wants to participate should contact Irma at idvelez@cox.net.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Bill Hayes offered to share uncut gibberellic acid he has with members. Jay Ellis also has prepared gibberellic acid available if anyone wants to pick it up from him. Other camellia

clubs have programs to distribute gibberellic acid for members in November, and it was suggested that GCS begin a similar program.

Patrick Andrews reminded members that the ACS half-price new membership fee would run through the end of December.

Our December 22nd meeting has been moved to UF's Wilmot Gardens, because the ACS convention in Pensacola takes place on our usual meeting date. Bring a covered dish, and plan to arrive at 2 pm to have time to walk

through the gardens. After lunch we will have our usual Chinese (or White Elephant) Gift Exchange (crank gift) for members who wish to participate.

Patrick Andrews thanked Anna and Gerald Langford for providing refreshments for today's meeting.

Karen Peeples, Secretary

GCS Meeting Schedule

Date	Place & Time of Meeting	
December 22	Wilmot Gardens at 2pm	(Christmas Party)
January 4 & 5, 2014	Kanapaha Gardens (dawn to dusk, more or less)	(GCS Camellia Show)
January 19	Bob Weidman & Patrick Andrew's home in Citra (time tba)	(Garden tour and picnic)
February 16	Kanapaha Gardens, GRU Conference Room, 2pm	
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Bill Luecking, Program Chair

Date: Sunday December 22, 2013

Place: Wilmot Gardens, UF Campus (map attached)

Time: 2:00 pm

Dolly Warner, Refreshment Chair

Refreshments providers: Members - Potluck Holiday Party

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Editor: Anna Langford

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President's Message

I hope every GCS member was able to attend our camellia show this year at Kanapaha Botanical Gardens. It was fantastic, with 1215 blooms, grown both outdoors and in the greenhouse. Four arrangements featuring camellias by Gainesville Garden Club members were the icing on the cake!

It was great to see members and friends I haven't had contact with for a year. It was also great spending time with GCS members, who worked very hard to set everything up and be there for the public. Kudos to all of you! We know that at least 640 people viewed the show which perhaps the best measure of success!

We will have a short show report at the upcoming January meeting. The entire show report can be viewed on our web pages on either the American Camellia Society web site:

(<http://www.americancamellias.org/assets/gainesvillefloridajan2014.pdf>)

or the Atlantic Coast Camellia Society web site: (<http://www.atlanticcoastcamelliasociety.org/2013-2014/Gainesville%20Show%20Results%20-%200010414-Gainesville.html>).

I welcome all members to the January 19th meeting at my (and Bob's) house in Citra. A map and directions are included in this newsletter. We have lost count of how many camellias we have but believe it is now over 2300. There may be a few branches lying around (or on top of) the camellias due to the big windstorm we had on Saturday the 11th, but we'll do our best to make sure the paths are clear. The camellias are in great color right now.

We plan to tour the gardens with club members to view and discuss the differences between the various species of camellia, with an emphasis on *japonica*, *reticulata*, *sasanqua*, and hybrids. We have more than 30 different species of camellia, so those with an interest in comparing similarities and differences will have that chance. Or you can just enjoy seeing the many open camellia flowers, and being in nature.

We'll have plenty of sandwiches, snacks, and beverages - you don't need to bring anything unless you just love to share a particular dish with others. I'm sure it will be enjoyed, but please do not feel obligated.

I look forward to seeing you on Sunday the 19th!

Patrick Andrews, President

Minutes for GCS Meeting - December 22, 2013***INTRODUCTION***

Patrick Andrews welcomed everyone to the Gainesville Camellia Society's annual Christmas meeting and thanked members for outdoing themselves with all the delicious food that everyone brought.

Patrick gave an overview of the ACS meeting that just finished up in Pensacola. There were educational seminars and visits to local camellia gardens, including the gardens at the University of West Florida.

Patrick called for a round of applause for Linda Leucking for the magnificent work she has done with Wilmot Gardens: "The Champion of the Garden", Linda Leucking.

APPROVAL OF NOVEMBER MEETING MINUTES

Patrick Andrews noted that no mention was made of the November program, "Landscaping with Camellias," which he presented, and that the camellia auction plants in November were provided by Patrick Andrews, Jerry Hogsette and Bob Weidman.

Jerry Hogsette moved to approve the amended November meeting minutes; seconded by Lee Kline and approved.

COMMITTEE REPORTS***TREASURER'S REPORT***

Merry Reid advised that she traveled to Jacksonville after last month's meeting, and her car was broken into at the hotel, Money collected at the GCS meeting (about \$460) was stolen along with her personal items. She has notified people who wrote checks to GCS so that they could stop payment on their checks.

Savings Account - \$7,466.17
Checking Account - \$1,057.84
Total Funds - \$8,524.01

HOSPITALITY COMMITTEE

After many years of service, Dolly Warner is stepping down as head of the Hospitality Committee. She has been a real asset in this position and Patrick thanked her for all her efforts over the years.

Someone needs to take over this responsibility, beginning in September. Dolly has the meetings covered through June.

Responsibilities of the Hospitality Committee Chair include arranging the refreshment schedule for the year's meetings and calling volunteers each month to remind them when it is their turn. The Committee Chair supplies "paper products" for the refreshments, with costs reimbursed by GCS.

2014 CAMELLIA SHOW

John Swanson reported that preparations for the January show are in the final stages.

Bill Leucking said that he will pick up camellias from Valdosta on Monday. The camellias from Tommy are due to arrive the day after Christmas. Sale plants will be stored at Kanapaha Gardens until the show.

Patrick brought up the possibility of having smaller camellias available to give to people who join ACS and GCS at the January show. He moved that GCS approve the purchase of five one-gallon for this purpose; seconded by Bruce Cavey. Patrick amended his motion to five two-gallon plants from Crawford's. Bill noted that we have two-gallon plants already ordered, and we can use those plants instead of purchasing more.

Irma Velez advised that Kanapaha will not charge GCS a rental fee for the rooms we use for our show.

Jerry Hogsette reminded people who will help set up for the show on Friday of his annual Potluck Set-up Party that afternoon and encouraged people to arrive around 5 pm to enjoy walking through his gardens.

CAMELLIA/AZALEA GARDEN:

Irma Velez said that she always appreciates help in the Kanapaha Camellia/Azalea garden, especially on GCS Workdays, when Master Gardeners are there.

After the January show Irma will be coordinating pruning and general clean-up of the camellias before they begin their spring growth. E-mail her at idvelez@cox.net to get involved.

NEW BUSINESS

Jerry Hogsette confirmed that he will oversee the camellia exhibit booth at the Kanapaha Spring Festival, and Patrick Andrews gave him information from Kanapaha regarding the festival.

Pat Short from the International Camellia Society has appointed Patrick Andrews to look into finding a location in the United States for their meeting in 2022. Patrick discussed some of his ideas for the 2022 meeting and how the Gainesville Camellia Society and Wilmot Gardens could be an integral part of any International Camellia Society American meeting.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

The January GCS meeting will be held at Patrick Andrews' and Bob Weidman's home in Citra on January 19, 2014 at 12 noon. (Note time change.) Our hosts will provide refreshments.

PROGRAM

Everyone enjoyed the potluck Christmas fare, and then all participated in the Crazy Gift Exchange.

Camellias for the plant auction were provided by Patrick Andrews, Jerry Hogsette, and Bob Weidman.

Karen Peeples, Secretary

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Date: Sunday January 19, 2013

Place: Patrick Andrews' & Bob Weidman's home in Citra (map attached)

Time: 12:00 noon

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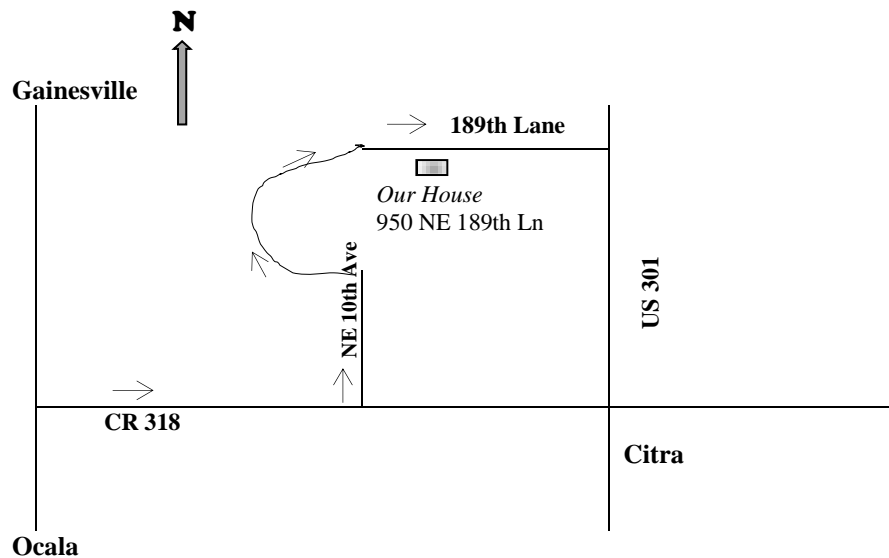
Directions to Patrick Andrews's & Bob Weidman's house

352- 595-3365

950 NE 189th Lane, Citra, FL

From Gainesville: Go south on US 441; turn east onto CR318 and go for about 4 miles; turn left (north) on NE 10th Avenue. Follow the paved road around (it changes name three times in a few short blocks) until the pavement ends. Take a sharp right onto NE 189th Lane (dirt road), and our house is the third on the right (you will pass a tall Red Cedar hedge).

The house is white with dark green trim. Be sure to wear comfortable clothes and walking shoes. We hope to see you!





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February 2014

President's Message

What a fantastic camellia season this has been – and continues to be! Most of the area shows are over, but the camellias sure aren't. This is the time of year when the Reticulatas really shine. I can't think of anything more beautiful than a mature Retic in full bloom.

Now our chores are to pick up all the spent flowers to help prevent the spread of flower blight, to prune unwanted branches and shape our shrubs, and to think about fertilizing and perhaps applying fresh mulch. Luckily we haven't had to worry about watering our camellias lately!

If you will be out on the road this month, plan to visit the American Camellia Society Headquarters at Masee Lane Gardens in Fort Valley, Georgia. February is Camellia Month at the gardens, and they have events planned every weekend throughout the month. The flowers open a little later there, so there should be quite a show this month. If you are not a member of the ACS, see me at the meeting for more information.

I want to challenge every member to sign up a new member this spring, starting now. New members bring energy and knowledge to our group and provide the diversity that makes a club thrive.

I look forward to seeing everyone at the February meeting at Kanapaha. Happy gardening!

Patrick Andrews, President

Introducing a new feature of our newsletter —

*Look on p. 3 for a reprint from the Atlantic Coast Camellia Society website. They have interesting and informative articles on many topics, as well as the latest results of Camellia Shows around the Southeast (as does the ACS website). You may note that several GCS members are leading the Sweepstakes: **Chuck and Bev Ritter are in first place!** Jerry & Carol Selph are #2, Patrick Andrews & Bob Weidman are #8, with John & Dinh Swanson coming in tenth.*

Minutes for GCS Meeting - January 19, 2014

Patrick Andrews welcomed the Gainesville Camellia Society to Citra, Florida for the January 19, 2014 meeting. Patrick's and Bob Weidman's gardens were in full bloom and members arrived early to walk through the gardens before the meeting. A sumptuous luncheon buffet was provided for everyone's enjoyment.

Patrick thanked everyone for attending and welcomed three new couples who joined during our January show. He reminded them that when they attend their second GCS meeting, they will receive a free camellia plant, courtesy of Patrick Andrews and Bob Weidman.

The 38th Annual Gainesville Camellia Society Show was held at Kanapaha Gardens two weeks prior to our meeting and was extremely successful. John Swanson thanked every volunteer who unselfishly pitched in to make the show a premier event.

Nearly 1200 blooms were entered by growers as far away as North Carolina, and a list of show winners has been placed on the ACS and ACCS websites.

A "Happy Birthday" camellia was raffled off, and over 300 plants were sold. The Camellia and Azalea Garden at Kanapaha Gardens was in bloom, and Irma Velez gave her "Camellia 101" presentation on both Saturday and Sunday.

Jerry Hogsette reported on plans for the Kanapaha Gardens Spring Festival, which will be held March 22 and 23, 2014. GCS will have an information table inside the Summer House. We will raffle a camellia plant, "Something Beautiful". Members can contact Jerry if they are available to staff the display during the show, distributing materials on care and cultivation of camellias and answering general questions. Plans will be finalized at the February meeting.

The nominating committee is working on next year's slate of officers and will present their candidates at the February meeting.

At the conclusion of the meeting, Patrick conducted a tour of the gardens and answered questions from members about the care and propagation of camellias.

Karen Peeples, Secretary

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MONTHLY CARE OF CAMELLIAS

(This month's reprinted article)

January	Continue gibbing. Pick up and destroy all dead blooms. Put them into trash bags and then into your trash container. DO NOT put dead blooms into your compost pile. Prune to control interior growth and plant height after the plant has quit blooming and before new growth begins. Check the soil pH and add necessary chemicals to keep the pH in the 6.0-7.0 range. Sulfur will lower the pH (make it more acidic) and dolomitic lime will raise it (make it more alkaline).
February	This month is a good time to begin grafting and air-layering. Continue picking up and disposing of dead blooms.
March	A prime time for grafting, air-layering, and pruning plants that have stopped blooming.
April	Fertilize with 16-4-8. For a large plant (6 ft or taller), sprinkle one cup of fertilizer at the drip line. Water in the fertilizer after applying. If scale or insect problems are observed, spray plants with dormant oil (e.g., Volck).
May	Now and through the summer, water whenever two weeks pass without rain. Mulch plants with pine straw 2-4 inches deep. If you want to root cuttings, May through August is the best time to do it.
June	Follow May instructions if you have not already completed those tasks.
July	Fertilize again with 16-4-8, or use Azalea-Camellia fertilizer, 4-8-12, and water it in. It's now too late to prune, or you will cut off bloom buds for the coming season. Check air-layers. If they are damaged and moss is dry, spray with water and re-wrap.
August	Water during long dry spells. Ground should be moist, not wet! A reliable indicator is: when your azalea leaves begin to droop, you need to water.
September	Begin gibbing early in the month. DO NOT gib more than 4 or 5 bloom buds per plant at a time. Repeat every other week through November. Begin debudding, leaving one bud on the terminal end of a branch.
October	Continue gibbing. Check air-layers. They can usually be taken off of the mother plant by now. Put them into pots with an appropriate growing medium and leave them in pots for one year. Fertilize your landscape plants with 0-0-22. Now through December is the best time to plant new camellias.
November	Continue gibbing. Take off air-layers if you have not done so.
December	A good time to spray for scale and insects if problems are observed. Most of all - enjoy your camellias for the holidays! (The camellia is often called the winter rose.)

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March 2014

President's Message

This month's meeting seems to be coming very early! March is a busy month at Kanapaha Botanical Gardens, and our normal meeting date wasn't available to us, so the 9th it is!

We've certainly had optimal weather for a phenomenal camellia season this year. The camellias in our garden are still going strong, and I've never seen the Reticulatas look better. What a magnificent camellia species! They grow exceptionally well in our climate. The only drawback, I suppose, is that if we have a hot spring, retic blooms wilt by midday since their blooming season is so late. This has not been the case this year. I had a Ray Gentry Variegated that must have measured eight or more inches across. We might even have a nice showing of cut flowers for the Kanapaha Spring Festival.

Since there are so many chores to do this time of year in our gardens, I'd like to devote part of the meeting to sharing culture ideas and answering questions that our newer members might have. See you at the meeting Sunday!

Patrick Andrews, President

Announcements

**REMINDER!!!
DAYLIGHT SAVINGS TIME CHANGE BEGINS THIS SUNDAY**

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Camellia Plants Available for GCS Members to Purchase (Left from January 2014 Show)

To reserve your camellia plants, call Bill Luecking at 352-284-9999. Pay with cash or by check payable to GCS. The quantity of each variety is shown in the table.

Japonicas (\$25 each)		
3 Daikagura	1 Laura Walker	1 Todd Gilley (2 gal)
1 Governor Mouton Var.	3 Mary Emma Motes	1 Victory White
4 Grace Albritton	2 Mrs. Charles Cobb	3 Walter Bellingraph (2 gal)
1 Henry Parrish	1 Paul Haskee Var. (2 gal)	1 White Empress
2 Jerry Wilson	2 Prince Eugene Napoleon	2 White Mermaid
1 Katherine Nuccio	2 Rena Swick Var.	1 William Forrest Bray
1 Lady Clare	1 Tar Baby Var.	4 William Paulk (2 gal)

Reticulatas (\$30 each)	Sasanquas, etc. (\$25)	Hybrids (\$20 each)
1 Desert Moon (2 gal)	3 Falling Star	3 Glen's Orbit
3 Dr. Clifford Parks	2 Our Linda	
3 Francie L.	4 Shi-Shi-Gashira	
4 Nita McCray (2 gal)	2 Sparkling Burgundy	

<i>Volunteer Opportunities for GCS Members</i>

1. Chair of Refreshment Committee

Dolly Warner is “retiring” from her many years of coordinating refreshments for our meetings and other activities. Beginning in September 2014, we need someone who will recruit one member for each of our monthly meetings to provide snacks and another member each month to provide beverages. Prior to each meeting the Refreshment Chair reminds the volunteers of what they have signed up to bring. In addition, the Chair stores supplies, such as tablecloths, plates, napkins, plasticware, cups, etc., and brings these to each meeting.

2. Workdays at Kanapaha

Contact Irma Velez at jdvelez@cox.net to determine what assistance is needed to maintain and improve the GCS-sponsored Camellia & Azalea Garden at Kanapaha Botanical Gardens. On Wednesday afternoons (when weather permits), Irma supervises a team of Master Gardeners as they weed, fertilize, prune, and otherwise take care of “our” plants. Make arrangements with her to help out. Novices can learn a lot about caring for your own camellias during these Workday sessions.

Minutes for GCS Meeting - February 16, 2014

New members in attendance were Charles & Diane Simon, Robin Goertz, George and Emily Schaefer, Annette and Joel Schwiebert, and Lee Arnold. Refreshments were provided by John and Dinh Swanson and Karen Peeples.

APPROVAL OF JANUARY MEETING MINUTES

Karen Peeples read the minutes. John Thrasher moved to approve; seconded by Bill Hayes; approved.

Patrick Andrews noted that there is no official archive of the GCS minutes, and asked Karen to work toward establishing a paper record of the GCS minutes and events. Linda Leucking will provide past issues of newsletters, and Anna Langford will bring in copies of newsletters that she has produced since becoming editor.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

TREASURER'S REPORT – Merry Reid

Savings Account - \$1,166.47
 Checking Account - \$6,590.29
 Total Funds - \$7,756.76

Bill Luecking reported that only 51 plants from the January Show remain to be sold. We have taken in over \$7,000 from plant sales, and money is still coming in. Merry will provide a final accounting for the show next month.

OLD BUSINESS

The Nominating Committee presented the following slate of officers for 2014-2015:

President – Patrick Andrews
1st Vice President – John Swanson
2nd Vice President – Irma Velez
Treasurer – Merry Reid
Secretary – Karen Peeples

Board of Directors

Bruce Cavey, Jay Ellis, Bill Hayes, Jerry Hogsette, Lee Kline, Ruth Milton, Roberta Parks, Chuck Ritter, Paul Warner, and Nikki Whittaker

Paul Warner asked that his name be removed from the nominations. There were no nominations from the floor. Jerry Hogsette moved nominations be closed; seconded by Bill Hayes; approved. Elections will be held at the March meeting.

NEW BUSINESS

John Swanson presented several recommendations to help new members become more familiar with GCS and with camellia growing. He suggested the creation of a New Member Sponsor Program and also an Educational Committee to gather information that would be useful for new members. Patrick Andrews suggested making a new member packet to give to people who join GCS. John circulated a sign-up sheet so that members could volunteer to be sponsors and new members could select a sponsor.

PROGRAM

Mark Frank, who was scheduled to present the program today, was delayed due to bad weather and could not attend the meeting.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Longtime GCS member Charles Earnest celebrated his 90th birthday recently at the Rion Auditorium at The Village, and several members of the Gainesville Camellia Society were in attendance to celebrate this memorable occasion. Jeanne Earnest mentioned that we could hold future camellia shows at the clubhouse at The Village, should the need for a change of venue arise.

Our next meeting date has changed to March 9th, because the Kanapaha Spring Festival

takes place on the weekend that we usually meet.

In April we will meet on the 27th, since Easter falls on our regularly scheduled date. That meeting date has been approved by Kanapaha Gardens.

Linda Luecking announced that Wilmot Gardens will hold an Open House for their new greenhouse facility on March 24th. GCS members will receive an invitation soon.

Several camellia plants from the remaining Camellia Show plants were auctioned.

A tip from Valdosta Camellia Society – when you plant a camellia in an area with a lot of tree roots, line the hole where you will plant your camellia with newspaper and then plant as usual. The newspaper will break down over the next year while keeping the tree roots from competing with the new camellia until it is well established.

The meeting adjourned at 3:10 p.m.

Karen Peeples, Secretary

This Month’s Continuation of Basic Camellia Information:

FLOWER FORMS

(As described in *The Illustrated Encyclopedia of Camellias* by Stirling Macoboy)
(Photos by Anna Langford)

SINGLE:



Five to eight petals in one row; prominent display of stamens & pistils, may include petaloids; petals loose, regular or irregular.

example: *Tama electra*

SEMI-DOUBLE:

Two or more rows of large regular, irregular or loose outer petals (9 or more); prominent stamen display, may include petaloids; petals may overlap or be set in rows for ‘hose in hose’ effect.

example: *Langford Seedling #00*



ANEMONE:



1 or more rows of large outer petals, either flat or undulating; convex central mass of petaloids and stamens.

example: *Mrs Jimmy Davis*

PEONY:

either loose peony form
(loose irregular petals often with central mix of petals & stamens)

example: *Governor Mouton*

Deep, rounded flower



or full peony form
(domed mass of irregular petals and petaloids, with or without stamens).

example: *Emperor of Russia*



ROSE-FORM DOUBLE:

Petals imbricated or overlapped as in formal double, but opening to reveal stamen display in a concave center.

example: *Langford Seedling #UU*



FORMAL DOUBLE:



Many rows of flat, cupped or recurved petals, overlapped in symmetrical form, usually with central cone of tightly furled petals; in some cultivars petals arranged in layers, giving hexagonal or perfect spiral appearance.

example: *Langford Seedling #H*

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How time flies! It's hard to believe that it's April and most of the camellia flowers are gone. The only bush in my yard still in its glory is the species *C.edithae*. It comes into full bloom in April, but otherwise, there are just a few stragglers here and there.

I was able to get my fertilizer down in March before a nice rain washed it in. The resultant growth is amazing! There's always a two-week window when I wonder what's happening to my camellias, as they look somewhat shoddy; but then I remember that this is the annual leaf drop that coincides with new growth. Now the plants are covered with fresh new growth, and I'm looking forward to all the buds that will start appearing in late May.

It's air-layering season. I anticipate I'll be spending several weekends producing new plants for next season, both new ones for my garden and some for camellia society meeting auctions. There's something therapeutic about spending all day with camellias, especially in the company of someone else who loves them just as much as I do.

I'll be driving into town the Sunday of our meeting from Columbia, South Carolina, where I'll attend the Spring board meeting for the Atlantic Coast Camellia Society. They hold this meeting in conjunction with the Mid-Carolina Camellia Society's annual picnic at the home of Pete and Donna Denton in West Columbia, South Carolina. We'll be planning all the details for the annual ACCS meeting at Pawley's Island (near Myrtle Beach) on September 19th and 20th. I urge all our members to join the Atlantic Coast Camellia Society and to attend this fun-filled two-day event!

See you at our meeting on Sunday the 27th!

Patrick Andrews, President

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Minutes for GCS Meeting - March 9, 2014

Patrick Andrews welcomed members and guests. He thanked Eleanor and John Thrasher and Bill Hayes for providing refreshments. As there were no corrections to the minutes printed in the newsletter, Jerry Hogsette moved to approve the minutes as published; seconded by Paul Warner and approved by members.

TREASURER’S REPORT – Merry Reid

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Checking Account - \$1,292.69

Total Funds - \$8,449.29

Show Expenses (non-plant items) - \$1,439

Show Revenue (non-plant related, but includes award donations) - \$656

Plant sale monies are still coming in, and the final Show accounting will be reported at the April Meeting.

GCS Workdays at Kanapaha Camellia/Azalea Garden

Contact Irma Velez at idvelez@cox.net if you would like to help in the gardens. On April 3rd at 10 am, Jerry Hogsette will demonstrate the

art of camellia pruning for the Master Gardeners.

Any GCS members interested in learning the correct way to prune camellias are encouraged to join the demonstration. E-mail Irma to confirm your attendance.

Irma will also supervise fertilization of the camellias. Kanapaha purchased fertilizer with funds from the GCS \$500 donation last year. Patrick Andrews asked Irma to find out from Kanapaha an estimate of the annual cost to maintain the Camellia Garden.

OLD BUSINESS

Kanapaha Spring Festival

Jerry Hogsette circulated the sign-up sheet for the GCS booth. There were still some time slots to be filled. Kanapaha has changed the staging area for the GCS table to outside in the gardens. He will let volunteers know the location of the display and how volunteers are to gain access as soon as Kanapaha gives him that information.

Election of Officers and Board of Directors for 2014-2015

The Nominating Committee presented this slate:

Officers

President – Patrick Andrews
 1st Vice President – John Swanson
 2nd Vice President – Irma Velez
 Secretary – Karen Peeples
 Treasurer – Merry Reid

Board of Directors

Bruce Cavey
 Jay Ellis
 Bill Hayes
 Jerry Hogsette
 Lee Kline
 Ruth Milton
 Roberta Parks
 Chuck Ritter
 Nikki Whittaker

Jerry Hogsette moved to approve the slate of officers and directors as recommended by the Nominating Committee; seconded by Bill Hayes; approved by members. Officers and Directors will be installed at the May meeting and take office on July 1st.

Hospitality Committee

With the retirement in May of Hospitality Chair Dolly Warner, Eleanor Thrasher has volunteered to oversee the committee. She recommended several changes in procedures so that more members are involved. (See details below.)

The Warners and Thrashers have large coffee pots to lend if needed. Patrick Andrews has suggested the Society purchase a coffee pot; decision pending.

For the January Camellia Show, responsibility for hospitality aspects will transfer to the Show Committee, and the 1st Vice President /Show Chairman will recruit volunteers.

Members approved the Hospitality Committee protocol changes.

NEW BUSINESS

Patrick Andrews read a letter from the Valdosta Camellia Society asking whether the Gainesville Camellia Society would like to join the Jacksonville, Orlando and Tallahassee Camellia Societies in contributing \$440 each toward a bench in the Huly and Janet Smith Camellia Garden at Christ Episcopal Church in Valdosta.

Patrick said that Jacksonville and Tallahassee are making a donation. The Ocala club discussed the request, but declined. He did not know Orlando's decision.

Discussion followed regarding possible GCS participation in the project. John Thrasher moved that the Gainesville Camellia Society decline participation in the bench project. Seconded by Jerry Hogsette and approved by members.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

The April GCS meeting will be held on April 27th, because our regular meeting date falls on Easter Sunday.

Anna Langford extended Linda Leucking's invitation to the Wilmot Gardens Greenhouse Opening on March 24th. The official invitation was included with the March newsletter e-mail. Anyone who plans to attend should contact Anna so she can give a total to Linda. (A note about Linda: her medical problems continue, but she feels much better and is able to work at the Gardens each day.)

Patrick Andrews's gave a tip for the growth pattern in newly planted camellias – "Sleep, Creep and Leap." A new planting *Sleeps* the first year, *Creeps* the second year, and *Leaps* the third year. Remember to plant camellias an inch or so above ground level for the best growth.

Fertilizer recommendation: Patrick uses ordinary azalea-camellia fertilizer; 6-6-6 or 10-10-10 plus Milorganite. It's best to apply by the end of March.

Patrick explained that the pear-shaped pods that appear on camellia plants are seed pods. Check the internet for additional information.

PROGRAM

Program Topic: "Invasive Plants & Noxious Weeds"

Speaker: Marc S. Frank, Botany Section, Division of Plant Industry, Florida Department of Agriculture & Consumer Services

Plant Auction

Camellias for the plant auction today are plants remaining from the January Show, with one special plant raffled.

Patrick Andrews declared the meeting adjourned at 4:15 pm.

Karen Peeples, Secretary

New Protocols - Hospitality Committee - Eleanor Thrasher, Chair

At the March meeting members voted to revise the work of the Hospitality Committee so that everyone will be involved and share responsibilities.

Eleanor will circulate a sign-up sheet for members to select a meeting (September through May) at which that person will provide food or drinks. She will call to remind those in charge of refreshments before each meeting.

MONTHLY MEETINGS (Remember: keep it simple. You are there to refresh, not to feed.)

The person bringing food will provide:

1. Light snacks for about 20-30 people
2. Tablecloth if desired
3. Paper plates or bowls
4. Plastic utensils
5. Paper napkins

The person supplying drinks will provide:

1. Beverages, such as tea, sodas, and/or fruit juice for about 20-30 people
2. Plastic or paper cups
3. Ice as needed, with container and scoop

CHRISTMAS DINNER and MAY PICNIC

At the Christmas Dinner, we'll have a Santa Claus to conduct the Gift Exchange. Remember, the crazier the gift, the more fun it is! On both occasions, GCS pays for the meat, which volunteers prepare. Submit receipts to the Treasurer for reimbursement. Each person or couple brings a covered dish, and if you like, appetizers or a bottle of wine to share.

Eleanor will ask for a volunteer host or hostess for each table, which seats six to eight people.

Each table's host or hostess will provide:

1. Tablecloth
2. Paper plates (large and small)
3. Plastic utensils
4. Paper napkins
5. Decorative center piece (for Christmas Party)

One person will supply coffee, cream, sugar, coffee cups, cups for tea or soft drinks, and ice.

Everyone will help clean up..

If you have any questions or suggestions, please call Eleanor at 352-466-0054

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Jerry Hogsette	Paul Warner

Bill Luecking, Program Chair***Date:*** April 27, 2014***Place:*** GRU Conference Room at Kanapaha Botanical Gardens***Time:*** 2:00 pm***Program:*** Speaker and Topic - tba***Dolly Warner, Refreshment Chair***Refreshments providers: Barbara Boothroyd, Snacks; Irma Velez, Beverages

The Gainesville Camellia Society meets at 2 pm on the third Sunday of each month from September through May in the GRU Conference Room at Kanapaha Botanical Gardens. Any changes are posted in this newsletter. Note date change for April. The schedule of meeting places and times is on p. 1. At the end of each meeting, we serve refreshments, and we often auction a few donated camellia plants.



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President's Message

The last of the flowers on our camellias signal the end of another camellia season. And what a season it has been! Most growers say that this has been the best year for flowers that they have ever seen – even those who have mature gardens and have been participating in this hobby for decades! I have to agree because I have never seen so many flowers in my own garden. The same holds true for seeds. Some varieties are covered with seeds, including all of the “Betty Sheffields.” I hope members will plant some of these seeds and come up with some great new varieties for the future.

Now it's time to maintain our shrubs and get them ready for the new buds they will soon be forming. As I write this, the magnificent flush of new growth on all my camellias is hardening off so they can endure the heat and punishment of our hot Florida summers. I will be pruning unnecessary branches throughout the summer (only those growing so low to the ground that they might harbor scale, or those that just don't look good. I'll probably only fertilize one more time this year, toward the end of June or beginning of July. Some growers fertilize three times a year. I used to, but find that two times is generally enough in my garden. I haven't had to water much, but it looks like May will be a little on the dry side. I'm ready, just in case. It looks like we'll be air layering on into June, making plants to auction at next season's meetings and to share with members.

I look forward to seeing everyone one more time this season at the annual picnic at Kanapaha. We will have a very short meeting just prior to the meal, and will install our new officers. I ask that all incoming officers and directors be present at the May meeting to participate in the installation ceremony. The club will provide the meat for the picnic, so members are asked to bring a side dish or desert to share with everyone. We have some fantastic cooks in our club, so this is a meal you won't want to miss.

See you at the meeting on the 18th!

Patrick Andrews, President

Minutes for GCS Meeting - April 27, 2014

Patrick Andrews welcomed everyone to this month's meeting and thanked those who provided refreshments for today's meeting.

APPROVAL OF MARCH MEETING MINUTES

Patrick Andrews had a correction to the minutes: under the Election of Officers, the motion should read "Jerry Hogsette moved to elect the slate..."

Chuck Ritter moved to approve the corrected minutes; seconded by Paul Warner; approved.

TREASURER'S REPORT – Merry Reid

Savings Account - \$7,166.91

Checking Account – 1,669.69

Total Funds - \$8,836.60

Merry noted that money was still coming in from the sale of plants and thus far we have realized a profit of over \$1,000 from plant sales from the 2014 camellia show.

Patrick Andrews will ask Anna Langford to include Merry's 2014 Camellia Show Financial Report as a separate attachment when she sends out the newsletter next month.

OLD BUSINESS

Kanapaha Spring Festival – Jerry Hogsette gave a report on the March festival. Placement of the GCS booth was a little out of the way, but there was a good interaction with people who stopped by. Irma Velez has the final report on the festival, but she was called out of town on a family emergency.

Merry reported that GCS took in \$102 for the camellia plant (Something Beautiful) raffle.

Bob Weidman suggested that next year we have an e-mail sign-up sheet for people who would like more information on GCS.

Others suggested ideas included having a newsletter to e-mail to contacts made at the shows, including date and time of the next meeting. And an application to join GCS should be included as part of this Contact Newsletter.

NEW BUSINESS

GCS Annual Donations to other organizations

Bill Hayes moved that GCS donate \$500 to Kanapaha Gardens designated for the general upkeep of the Camellia Azalea Garden. Seconded by Paul Warner. Approved.

Jerry Hogsette moved that GCS donate \$500 to the American Camellia Society designated for the Endowment Fund. Seconded by Ruth Melton; approved.

There was further discussion on other options for contributions by the GCS which included:

A bench or other recognition to be placed in the Kanapaha Camellia Garden.

Bob Weidman noted that the Ocala Camellia Society had switched their ACS membership to an electronic membership. The only advantage to having a regular membership is a show kit sent to the club which we do not have a need for. Patrick Andrews asked Bob Weidman to e-mail Lorie Huff at ACS to change the GCS membership to an online membership.

PROGRAM

Program Topic: Facts you always wanted know about Kanapaha Botanical Gardens.

Speaker: Roger Yorton, Master Gardener and docent at Kanapaha Botanical Gardens. He is also one of the main people who handle the phone desk at the Extension Office.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

May GCS Potluck meeting will be May 18th.

Patrick Andrews advised we should to plan to begin eating at 2:00 p.m.

The club will provide the meat dish and Eleanor Thrasher will check with Dolly Warner to coordinate.

Members should bring side dishes and desserts.

We will also have the installation of officers and Board members at this meeting.

American Camellia Society summer meeting will be the last weekend in June at Masee Lane Gardens.

Atlantic Coast Camellia Society annual meeting September 19 & 20, Litchfield Beach, South Carolina.

Camellias for the plant auction were part of the remaining plants from the January show.

Meeting adjourned at 3:45 p.m.

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Bill Luecking, Program Chair

Date: May 18, 2014

Program: no program - end of year picnic

Dolly Warner, Refreshment Chair

Potluck - all members contribute

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