



# Gainesville Camellia Society

Affiliated with the American Camellia Society

*Editor: Anna Langford*

*May 2018*

## *President's Message*

Well it's May already. Thought it would never come, weather wise, but it IS here and so is the warm weather. Hope everyone made that second fertilizer application already so it will soak in during the week of much-needed rain. My plants look great with the exception of a few leaves with the Swiss cheese feature provided free of charge by the nocturnal seed beetles. These beetles have been particularly active on Virginia Creepers where some of the leaves have been completely skeletonized.

It is now possible to tell on most varieties whether or not a flower bud is forming at the end of a branch. A branch with no flower bud forming will at most have a pointed growth bud at the tip. Branches with flower buds forming will have what looks like a knob at the tip, which will later divide into flower buds and growth buds. By the end of June there should be complete differentiation on most plants and preliminary dis-budding and gibbing can begin.



*Yushienensis*



*Lauren Tudor morphing*

I was not available for the April meeting, but understand it went ok except for some unscheduled bad weather. Glad nothing became of that and I appreciate the enthusiasm of the members who took over during my absence. I understand that everything was planned for our picnic on the 20th and I'm sure it will be fun. I have missed the last two so I am looking forward to being there. I'm sure Anna will have details in other parts of the newsletter. We will also install the new officers sometime during the feeding frenzy!

I am going to cut this short because I am a bit late and Anna is waiting! So look forward to seeing everyone on Sunday. We can also auction off anything you would like to donate! See you soon!

Cheers,

***Jerry Hogsette, President***

Hope some of you have begun to air layer your plants or someone's plants! By now the bark is no longer tightly attached to the plants and it will easily slip off no matter which technique you use to remove it. Putting on air layers while sweating profusely and dodging hungry mosquitoes can be a challenge, but it will all be worthwhile when you remove these air layers in the fall and have new plants to show for your efforts.



*Midnight Magic Variegated*

***Minutes for GCS Meeting - April 15, 2018***



*Ville de Nantes*

John Swanson opened the meeting at 2:15 pm. Attendance was light, because a notice had been sent out that the meeting was cancelled due to bad weather.

The program, presented by Hawser Pearce, described techniques, equipment, and supplies for spraying camellias to control insects and other damage.

John then made several announcements.

1. He reminded us of the air-layering event at the Swansons' home on April 27th at 9 am. Hawser will demonstrate air-layering techniques and then participants will air-layer plants in the Swanson garden. This will be followed by a pot luck lunch.
2. On April 20th and 21st, Wilmot Gardens will have their semi-annual sale of garden plants, including camellias. The sale will be from 11 am to 5 pm on Friday and from 9 am to 1 pm on Saturday.



*White Giant*



*Tomorrow's Dawn*

3. We will have our year-end party and installation of officers at our next meeting, on May 20th. We will meet at 1 pm for drinks, appetizers, and socializing, with food being served at 2 pm. This is a pot luck occasion, and everyone is to bring a side dish, dessert, or appetizer, as well as any wine or other beverages you would like to have. Meats will be provided by GCS. Anna Langford passed around a sign-up sheet for table hosts and will email everyone, since so many people were absent today.

Our usual plant auction was held, with plants being donated by the Swansons.

The meeting adjourned at 3 pm.

***Anna Langford for  
Karen Peeples, Secretary***

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***Things to do in May***

When it is hot and dry, the top priority is keeping plants, particularly recently planted ones, well watered. With the heat come the spider mites. Spray with horticultural oil (with some Orthene added if you can), but be sure to do it late in the day so the sun does not shine on the leaves until the oil has dried. The spraying should be on both the top and underside of leaves. This will take care of tea scale as well as mites.

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***Program Chair:*** Hawser Pearce

***Date:*** Sunday, April 18, 2018, at 1 pm

***Place:*** Kanapaha Botanical Gardens

***Program:*** End-of-Year Party

***Refreshments Chair:*** Anna Langford

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April is here, we've had some rain, and the camellia garden is a sea of spring green. The green is beautiful, the leaves are large, but the seed beetles have been working overtime after dark! Some of the leaves look like Swiss cheese and the others have only a few sickle-shaped cuts here and there. I went out last night about 9:00 PM with a flashlight and saw much damage but few perpetrators. It was cool and beetle activity was slow. I did see a few males sitting at the tips of the leaves waiting for females to pass by. I ruined their expectations by mashing them flat!

Can these beetles be controlled? Not easily. First of all they also feed on Virginia Creeper and other non-camellia native and non-native plants in the landscape. Secondly, if you have many large plants, spray applications are timely.



*Rainbow Seedling, Dinh's Delight*



*Rebel Yell*

The beetles cause an unsightly cosmetic problem that does not usually kill plants. Young plants are another story and they can be sprayed and protected to some extent with Orthene or Orthenex if you can find it (Orthenex is Orthene plus a fungicide). Follow the instructions on the label and spray the new growth. This is a systemic product which means it is picked up by the plant's circulatory system and transported mainly to the new growth where it remains active for 2 to 3 weeks killing only the critters that eat the leaves. If one of these products is applied as the new leaves begin to grow, the toxic effect should last until the leaves harden off. After the leaves harden off, the beetles lose interest. Bayer Tree and Shrub comes in a liquid and granular form and does much the same thing as the Orthene and Orthenex, but the time it takes to kill the beetles is slow and it allows them enough time to make a nice hole in a leaf before they expire. The Bayer product is quite expensive unless you want to protect only a few plants. Just one dose per year.

Our second biggest event of the year, the Kanapaha Spring Garden Festival, occurred last month. I hope everyone who participated had as much fun as did the group I was in at 9:00 AM Saturday morning. It was the first decently warm Gainesville day in several weeks and people were rushing out to take full advantage of it. By the time I left at 1:00 PM, we had sold numerous raffle tickets, given out loads of free camellia information, and maybe even had a few potential new members lined up! I'm sure Irma will give us a complete report about the overall affair. Thanks to everyone who volunteered to man the booth. It was a stellar weekend.

Unfortunately I will not be able to attend the April meeting because I will be on a plane heading for Costa Rica to attend a fly meeting (what else?!). But, Bruce Cavey will once again stand in and conduct the meeting. If you have any old or new business that needs to be discussed at the meeting, contact Bruce ahead of time or at the meeting and let him know.



*Midnight Magic Variegated*



*Night Rider*

The only new item I know of for discussion at the April meeting is the Luncheon at the May meeting. For those of you who have not experienced one of these events, you are in store for a good time. Someone from the group usually volunteers to bring the meats and I think this might have been the Swansons over the past few years. I was not present at last year's event so this may have changed hands. Although some folks have volunteered the meat items, this is a reimbursable task. Seems there are usually 2 meats, for example chicken and ham. Everything else consists of salads, veggies, or desserts from the members. Someone also usually brings the beverages, like a jug of water or iced tea, soft drinks, or wine. If you noticed the great selection of drinks that Charles and Diane Simon brought to the Chili Cook-off, that would more than do. Individual members usually bring their personal favorite bottles of wine. All of this can be decided by the group at the April meeting.

Besides the wonderful food and frivolity, the new Officers and Board Members will also be installed. This is usually a short formality. Then if anyone brings auction items, they will be sold to the highest bidders. Sometime before, during, or after the Luncheon (or at the April Meeting or anytime), you should plan a stroll through the Kanapaha Camellia Garden, supported by our society with cash donations, and by Irma and her Master Gardeners with dedication, sweat, and mosquito repellent. There are few flowers to see right now, but the garden is a beautiful example of what can be done with large and small camellias interspersed with azaleas. Other plants dot the shaded gardens to round out the treat. If anyone has the urge to participate in this living project I'm sure that Irma will be happy to sign you up!



*Miss Charleston Variegated*



*Gustav Gerbing*

I think I will end at this point. It is almost time to begin air layering and it seems that John Swanson has an air layering event scheduled at his house sometime in April. I wish you another fun and successful meeting and I look forward to seeing everyone in May.

Cheers and best wishes,

***Jerry Hogsette, President***

### ***Air Layering Event***

On Friday, April 27, starting at 9 a.m. a session to instruct on how to air layer camellias will be held at the Swanson residence, 2607 NW 25th Place, Gainesville FL 32605. After the demonstration, participants will air layer plants they have selected from the attached plant list. Lunch will be a pot luck event with participants bringing a side dish of vegetable, salad, or desert. The Swansons will provide the main course and drinks. Lunch will be at about Noon.

Attached are a list of plants available for air layering and a list of items needed to carry out the air layering process. Hope you can make it to this fun camellia event. If you have not yet signed up but wish to participate, please phone (352) 672-2644 to be included. Thanks much.

***John Swanson***

**Minutes for GCS Meeting - March 18, 2018***Northern Lights*

The meeting was opened by the president, Jerry Hogsette, welcoming members and guests. Irma Velez introduced two visitors who came as a result of the camellia classes that Irma has been giving at Kanapaha. Jerry Hogsette thanked Charles and Diane Simon for the chili fest they provided for our refreshments today.

Our guest speaker for today's meeting was Ben George, a camellia grower and show judge from Deland, Florida. His PowerPoint presentation was entitled "Camellias in the Central Florida Garden, Environmentally Friendly Care."

**TREASURER'S REPORT – Merry Reid**

- Savings Account - \$10,770.78
- Checking Account - \$2,862.60
- Total Funds: \$13,632.38
- Merry reported that all expenses from the show had been paid. The total cost for the show was approximately \$8,300; \$1,200 of which was for prizes. The balance from the show was \$3,735.18.

*Mrs Woodrow Hathorn*



*Punkin Variegated*

Jerry Hogsette asked if there were any additions or corrections to the February minutes as published in the newsletter. Charles Simon moved to accept the minutes as published and the Treasurer's report. The motion was seconded by Debbie Ellis and passed. Appreciation was expressed for Anna Langford's efforts in publishing the newsletter each month.

Irma Velez gave an update on the GCS booth for the Kanapaha Gardens Spring Festival. All time slots have been filled and members are encouraged to stop by even if they have not signed up for a time. Setup will be Friday at 2:00 p.m. Charles Simon has a Frank Houser camellia for the plant raffle and Bruce Cavey would be bringing specimen plants for display. Volunteers are asked to bring camellia flowers if they have blooms. Irma will email booth info to volunteers as soon as she receives details from Kanapaha. As GCS only receives 2 admission bands, volunteers will have to pay the entrance fee and can receive reimbursement at the next GCS meeting.

Diane Simon presented the slate of officers and board members for the 2018-2019 year. Nominees were: President – Jerry Hogsette; 1st Vice President (Show Chairman) – Bruce Cavey; 2nd Vice President (Program Chairman) – Hawser Pearce; and Treasurer – Merry Reid.

There were no volunteers for the position of Secretary and Karen Peeples asked if the position of Secretary could be a shared position among several people. Charles Simon and Debbie Ellis volunteered to serve with Karen Peeples as a team for the position of Secretary. Jerry Hogsette asked members if there was any objection to having a trio take over the duties as Secretary. There were no objections and the position of Secretary would be filled by Karen Peeples, Charles Simon and Debbie Ellis.



*R L Wheeler Variegated*



*Nancy Lynn*

John Swanson will be hosting an opportunity to air layer plants at his garden on Friday, April 27th at 9:00 a.m. He had a sign-up sheet for anyone wanting to air layer, as well as a list of over 100 suitable plants. He provided a list of supplies needed to bring for the air layering alcohol. There will be a potluck lunch once air layering is finished. The Swansons will provide the meat and drinks. Participants should bring a side dish or dessert to share.

***Karen Peeples, Secretary***

Board member nominees were Patrick Andrews, Jay Ellis, Bill Hayes, Bev Ritter (replacing Joel Schwiebert), Chuck Ritter, Charles Simon, John Swanson, Irma Velez, Ken Wagner and Nicki Whittaker. Newsletter Editor nominee to the Board was Anna Langford.

Jerry Hogsette opened the floor for nominations and there were none. Irma Velez moved that nominations be closed; seconded by Bruce Cavey and passed. Irma Velez then moved that the slate of officers and board members be accepted as presented. Seconded by John Swanson and the slate of officers and board members was approved by members.



*Debutante*

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Sunday, April 15	Kanapaha Botanical Gardens	Tara Gill Nicki Whittaker
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***Things to do in April***

Pruning should be on going or already done. Our dry and warmer conditions are suitable for insect development. A granular pesticide from Bayer will help control beetle damage and it is generally helpful in protecting the new flush of growth. These holes in the leaves are not lethal, but are just rather unsightly. Orthene is a spray that can be used to help control the beetles.

Spider Mites like hot and dry conditions, so watch for damage, and spray with Horticultural Oil (Volck or other brand), but as temperatures are rising it is safest to spray late in the afternoon when temperatures are receding. It is best not to spray in mid-day as leaves can be scorched and may drop off if that is done. Make sure to check the underside of leaves for tea scale. The oil spray will help control both spider mites and Tea Scale.

Leaf drop at this time of year is normal, as when the new flush of growth comes on, the three year old leaves drop off.

If you have not yet applied fertilizer, it can still be done, although the first (and largest) flush of growth might not benefit so much, since an earlier application would have had time for absorption and use by the plant.

April is a good time to start air-layering.

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**Program Chair:** *Hawser Pearce*

**Date:** Sunday, April 18, 2018, at 2 pm

**Place:** Kanapaha Botanical Gardens

**Program:** Jack Gold from Ft. Lauderdale will give a talk on oil spray and application techniques.

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A month ago we were experiencing our more familiar shorts-n-T-shirt weather, but March has roared in like the proverbial lion and along with it came colder temperatures. AGAIN!!! Fortunately there have been no prolonged temperatures below freezing. The sun is so warm now that colder nighttime temperatures quickly fade after sunrise. Even with the upcoming week with several nights forecast to be in the 30s, the camellias are safe. The surprising thing to me is the fact that new growth is popping out. I thought that with the intermittent cold and hot weather this might be delayed until later in the month. But not so! I applied 200 lbs. of fertilizer on Saturday and Sunday so hopefully we will have some rain to water it in. If you have not yet fertilized, do not wait any longer.



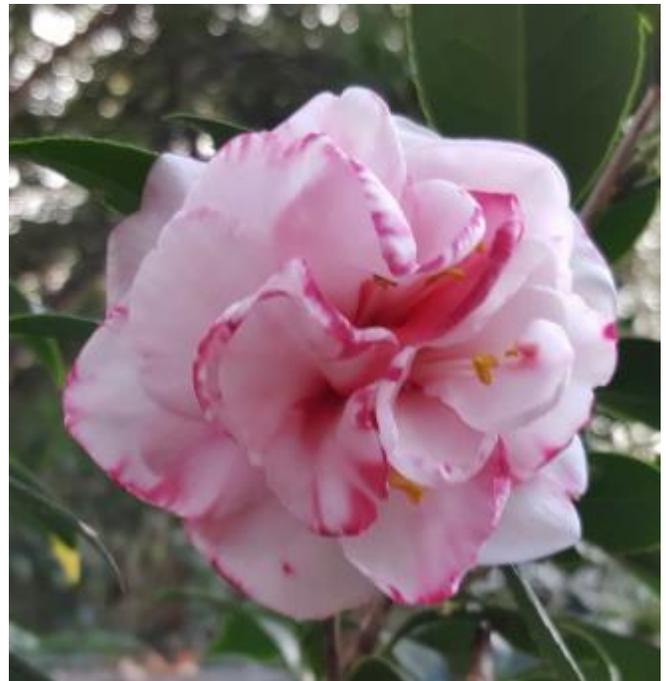
*Elsie Jury*



*Lover Boy*

The weekend after our meeting, March 24th and 25th, the Kanapaha Spring Festival will be underway. I heard that members have signed up for essentially all of the available time slots to man the GCS booth on both days. However, I understand that there are still a few slots available. Irma will certainly have some updates for us and ask for additional volunteers if they are still needed. The Spring Festival is a fun time with lots of vendors selling all kinds of different plants. What we do is offer free advice to people interested in learning more about camellias. Besides our annual show, this is the only other opportunity we have to meet the public and possibly attract a few more new members. So if you have not signed up to man the booth, Sunday will be the time to do so. You might have to pay admission to enter the Festival, but you will be reimbursed by bringing your ticket stub to the next meeting.

I missed last month's meeting because of travel but I understand that everything went smoothly. That was to be expected with the very capable elected officials we have at the helm. And speaking of elected officials, at the March meeting we will be presented with a slate of candidates who have agreed to serve as Officers and Board Members during the next camellia year. And in accordance with our new voting procedures, a slate of candidates will be presented to the members in attendance. After a call for additional candidates from the floor, the members in attendance will vote to accept or not to accept the slate of candidates. Newly elected Officers and Board Members will be installed at the May meeting.



*Mercury Supreme*



*Marilyn Maphis*

Sunday, March 11, I fertilized the 50 camellias at the North Florida Regional Hospital Camellia Garden. I have not had a chance to visit since the hurricane in September, but fortunately no plants were damaged by the storm. There was still plenty of Spanish moss hanging from many plants, but this was not a problem to remove. After removing the moss, fertilizing, and doing a modest bit of trimming, the garden looked pretty much like it should. There were still some beautiful blooms on some of the plants, especially Charlean, Mathotiana, Carter's Sunburst Variegated, and all 3 plants of Rena Swick Variegated.

Since the last meeting, I had a chance to visit Irma and her Master Gardeners at the camellia garden at Kanapaha. Everyone was picking up fallen twigs and branches from a recent rain event and still picking up fallen blooms. The garden really looks great and Irma mentioned some the current projects, like finding places for new plants, the need for more species plants to replace the many that were destroyed by a huge fallen tree during the hurricane, and the upcoming task of fertilizing the entire camellia collection. Always something to do. If you have a chance before or after our meetings, take a stroll through the garden and look at the progress.



*Mathotiana Variegated*



*Governor Mouton*

We just changed our clocks to spring forward today and I am not really sure what time my body thinks it is! Maybe I will know by tomorrow. So I will end here and look forward to seeing everyone at the meeting on Sunday. Be sure and come so you can vote. See you there.

Cheers and best wishes,

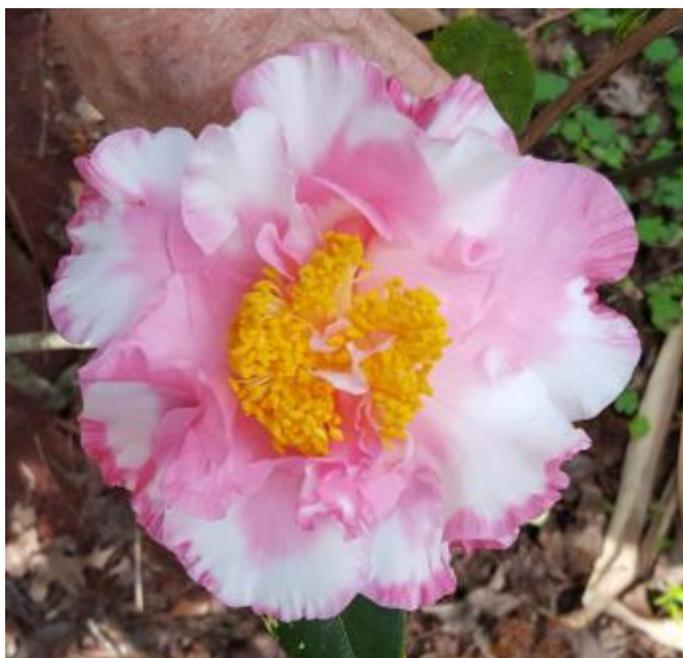
***Jerry Hogsette, President***

***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 the GCS Facebook page.



## *Minutes for GCS Meeting - February 18, 2018*



*Mona Jury Variegated*

The February GCS meeting was held at Wilmot Gardens, which was appropriate as our program speaker was Irma Velez who gave an oral history of the gardens. Bruce Cavey chaired the meeting in the absence of the president, Jerry Hogsette. New members, Tanya and Matt Andoniadis, who joined during the Camellia Show, were introduced. Bruce Cavey thanked John and Dinh Swanson and Bill Hayes for providing the refreshments for today's meeting.

### TREASURER'S REPORT – Merry Reid

- Savings Account - \$10,770.78
- Checking Account - \$2,862.60
- Total Funds: \$13,633.38
- All the plants for the show have sold and to date the show balance is \$3,958.78. Charles Simon noted that we had over 500 plants available to sell.

Karen Peeples asked if there were any additions or corrections to the January minutes as published in the newsletter. There being none, John Swanson moved to accept the minutes as published; seconded by Irma Velez; and passed.



*Mathotiana Supreme*



*Melissa Anne*

Irma Velez announced that the paperwork had been submitted for the GCS booth at the Kanapaha Gardens Spring Festival, March 24 and 25. She circulated a sign-up sheet for volunteers to man the booth during the festival. Volunteers will have to pay the Kanapaha admission fee, but can be reimbursed by GCS if they give their admission tags to the Treasurer at the next meeting. Irma suggested signing up as a Kanapaha volunteer during the show and Kanapaha would give volunteers free admission and preferred parking. Charles Simon has a Frank Houser camellia available for the plant raffle

John Swanson will be coordinating a date with the Ridaughts to come to their gardens and dig up seedlings that have grown there. John will let members know so that they can participate.

Jay Ellis thanked everyone for coming to their home and gardens for the January meeting and invited everyone back again next year. Jay advised that now was the time to do grafting of camellia plants.



*Men's Mini*



*Lindsey*

John Swanson advised it was time to:

- Prune plants (so much so that you could throw a cat through the plant!)
- Fertilize.
- Apply an insecticide. His recommendation was Tree and Shrub Protect and Feed by Bayer.
- Air layering should begin in late April or early May. Hawser Pearce will be giving a demonstration on how to air layer a camellia plant.

The meeting adjourned and Irma Velez gave her oral history of Wilmot Gardens. Irma has been actively involved in efforts to restore the gardens to a place of beauty. Members were invited to tour the gardens and therapy greenhouse on the grounds with Irma after the meeting.

***Karen Peeples, Secretary***



*Magic City*

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\*Charles and Diane want to announce that this will be a 'CHILI FEST' next Sunday, with beef and bean chili and Vegan chili, rice, bread rolls, non-fat yogurt, grape leaves, humus with lime, celery sticks and pita chips, cheap wines and probably a fruit bowl. Please post this in the newsletter and tell everyone to come hungry! We'll have take-home containers for everyone IF there are any leftovers!!

<b>Things to do in March</b>
<p>We are introducing something new for our newsletter: a list of what needs to be done in our gardens each month. This may be particularly of interest to new members. Much of this information comes from John Swanson's advice in earlier newsletters. The editor would welcome suggestions from our seasoned members.</p> <p>.....</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The busy season for camellia maintenance is with us. There is still time to spray with horticultural oil for the control of tea scale and spider mites.</li> <li>• It is not too late to apply a slow release fertilizer to give a boost to the new growth.</li> <li>• This is the time to finish up pruning and shaping plants to improve their efficient use of available light and to increase air flow for good plant health and vigor. Trimming off low-hanging branches can also be an aid to reducing the chances of scale insects getting well established.</li> </ul>

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A month ago we were experiencing freezing and below-freezing temperatures but this weekend has certainly been our more familiar shorts-n-T-shirt weather. It couldn't happen soon enough for me.

The cold certainly affected the blooms on my plants and the outdoor blooms of other growers as well. After attending shows in Orlando, Ocala and Lakeland during the past 3 weekends, it has been interesting to see which blooms were being displayed and which ones were obviously absent. The cold weather damaged certain varieties and it shifted the blooming schedule by several weeks. For instance, Ruby Mathews is a commonly exhibited small seen in January shows in the Florida area. I cannot remember seeing any at the shows I attended. Mathotianas were scarce as were Betty Sheffields, among others.



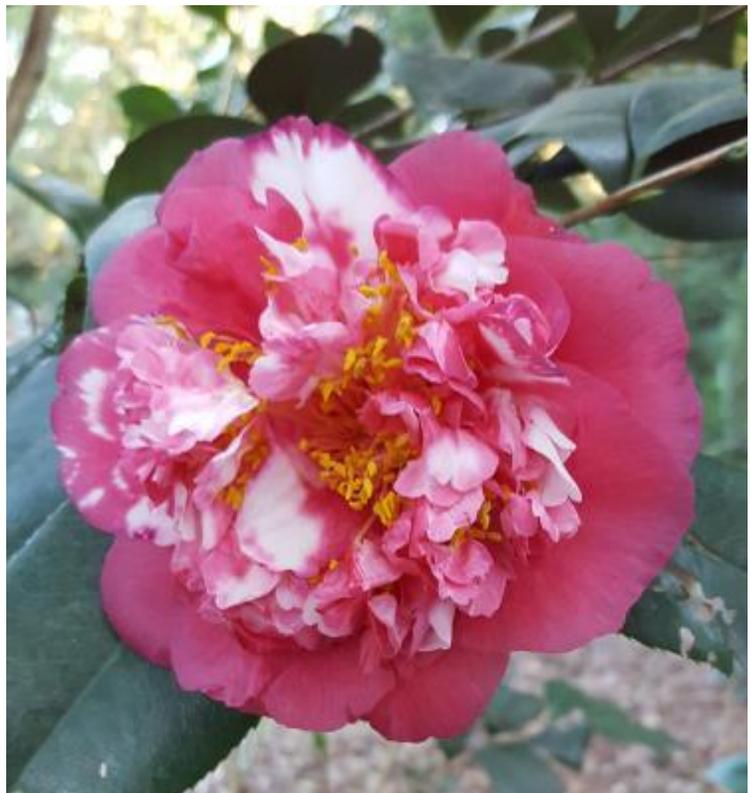
*Kay Berridge*



*Leah Gay*

The flowers I gibbed for our show all froze because they were in the last stages of opening when the freezing weather arrived. Tightly closed buds survived but many are now producing misshapen flowers because the cold temperatures damaged the water transport system on one side of the buds. Other buds are opening as if nothing bad had ever happened. This morning I cut two show-quality 5-inch Tiffany blooms that were at the top of an 8 to 10 foot high shrub under the open sky. Many dead buds remain attached to the bushes. These should be removed because they can cause the adjacent stems along with their growth buds to rot. This can limit the spring growth on your plants and young plants can be critically affected.

Those who made it to the residence and camellia garden of Jay and Debbie Ellis last month were rewarded with a fun meeting and a great program presented by Tom Johnson. Tom was formerly the horticulturist at the American Camellia Society Headquarters in Ft. Valley, GA, but for the past 11 years he has been the horticulturist at the Magnolia Plantation and Gardens in Charleston, SC. Tom is an easy-to-get-to-know guy with a dry central Georgia sense of humor and a head packed with loads of knowledge about camellias. The refreshments and drinks were wonderful and it was fun to walk around Jay's wonderful camellia jungle.



*Ellen Daniel*



*Easter Morn*

Another item for discussion at the February meeting is the upcoming Kanapaha Spring Festival in late March. Irma Velez has been and still is in charge of organizing our participation in this festival, and also the set up and take down of the booth. This is always a fun event and I encourage you to participate if you can. We provide camellia information to the public and get to see things going on at the festival. A sign-up sheet will be circulated at the February meeting so sign up to work with a seasoned member if possible or just wing it. There will be handouts to cover most things asked about camellias.

I will unfortunately be unable to attend the February meeting because of a trip to Boston. More cold weather! I have contacted people in the chain of command to find a substitute to be at the helm and run the program. One thing that needs to be done is to appoint a Nomination Committee Chair, who has to be a member of the Board. Feelers have been sent out and hopefully we will soon have someone to fill this position. The committee will contact incumbent Officers and Board members to see if they will serve another term. If not, new candidates must be found. A slate of Officers and Board members will be presented to the group at the March meeting. After asking for additional nominations from the floor, the final slate will be subjected to a vote.



*Gustav Gerbing*

## GCCS Financial Statement

7/1/2016 to 6/30/2017

Mike Ruth, Treasurer

DEPOSITS	16,119
Transfer from Investments:	1,000
Dues:	1,544
Donations:	1,209
EXPENSES	
2016 Meeting Expenses	-8,338
2017 Meeting Expenses	-1,165
Camellian Expenses	-5,211
Meeting Refunds	-480
Misc. Mailing	-27
Checking Balance 6/30/2017	10,720
TRUST FUND	
Portfolio Balance 7/1/2016	89,827
Appreciation	15,530
Payments	-7,000
Portfolio Balance 6/30/2017	98,357
Total Net Worth 6/30/2017	\$109,077

At the last meeting I was asked to present the Financial Report of the Gulf Coast Camellia Society (as published in the Gulf Coast *Camellian*, Winter 2018, Vol. 44, page 7) showing their trust fund. The last time I sat in on one of their Board Meetings was probably 15 years ago and the trust at that time was valued at \$45,000. It has more than doubled since then and is used to fund Society events. I do not know how it is handled legally but it might be something for us to look into.

The next meeting will be at Wilmot Gardens on the University campus near the Shands Cancer Center just off of Archer Road. For those of you who have not visited these historic gardens, this will be a treat. There is a nice meeting room and the camellias should still full of flowers. Thanks to Irma Velez and many others, this garden was rescued from a serious state of disrepair and restored to the beautiful show place it once was.

Wish I could be there to enjoy the beauty but I will be flying back from the cold north. Enjoy your camellias while they are blooming, but get ready because new leaves will be appearing in the not-too-distant future. See you in March.

Cheers and best wishes,

***Jerry Hogsette, President***

**Minutes for GCS Meeting - January 21, 2018**

*Frank Houser Variegated*

Jerry Hogsette opened the meeting by thanking Debbie and Jay Ellis for opening their home for our meeting. Members were encouraged to walk through the gardens to view the blooms. He thanked Lucille Little, Margaret Wagener, & Laura Davis for providing refreshments for the meeting. Jerry welcomed Cathy Martin who joined GCS at the January show

- TREASURER'S REPORT – Merry Reid
- Savings Account - \$10,777.46
- Checking Account - \$4,605.74
- Total Funds: \$15,383.20



*Frank Houser*



*Henry Parrish Variegated*

#### January Show Report:

- We had 479 blooms entered in the show. Bad weather the week before the show reduced the number of show-quality blooms.
- Charles Simon reported that all but 12 plants had sold.
- Fourteen people joined GCS.
- Jerry Hogsette, on behalf of Bruce Cavey, who was unable to attend this meeting, thanked all the many volunteers who made this show a success.
- A complete show report appeared in the January newsletter.

#### Other show updates:

Tallahassee's show which was the week after ours had to be cancelled.

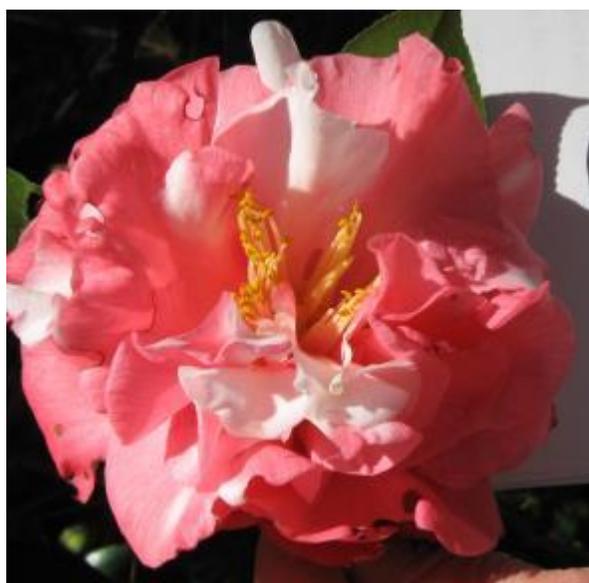
Ocala will be holding their show next weekend.

Lakeland will hold their show the week after that.

Jerry Hogsette noted that there has been a rule change concerning leaves that should be placed with blooms. Other shows have adopted the rule that there can be between 0-2 leaves included with each bloom, thus not requiring leaves be included with blooms. Jerry Hogsette moved that GCS adopt the guidelines that show blooms may contain between 0-2 leaves. Seconded by Charles Simon. Approved by members. Jerry Hogsette would direct the individual who prepares the program flyer to make this change for the 2019 show.



*Erin Farmer*



*Betty Sheffield Pink Variegated*

John Swanson attended the American Camellia Society convention in Louisiana as Florida's regional representative. He gave a report of the meeting and the gardens that he and Dinh visited. Weather there was not kind to camellia blooms either.

Hawser Pearce announced that February's meeting would be held at Wilmot Gardens near Shands Hospital. Directions will be in the February newsletter.

Our guest speaker was Tom Johnson, Executive Director for Magnolia Plantation in Charleston, South Carolina. He spoke about the history of Magnolia Plantation and the role the plantation played in camellias in America.

A plant auction followed. Meeting was adjourned.

*Karen Peeples, Secretary*

**2017-2018 Meeting Schedule for the Gainesville Camellia Society**

<i>Date and place of meeting</i>		<i>Refreshments</i>
Sunday, February 18	Wilmot Gardens, UF campus	John & Dinh Swanson Bill Hayes
Sunday, March 18	Kanapaha Botanical Gardens	Charles & Diane Simon
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Sunday, May 20 End-of-year Party	Kanapaha Botanical Gardens	Table set-up: tba

***Directions to Wilmot Gardens (GCS Meeting Sunday February 24, 2018)***

Wilmot Gardens is located at the SE corner of Mowry Road and Gale Lemerand Drive on the University of Florida campus.

There are six parking spots and one official handicap spot right there. We are going to reserve one of those parking spots for the person bringing refreshments. Less abled body members can have the remaining spots. However, most people should plan on parking in the parking garages. One is just to the north and the other just east of Wilmot Gardens. It will be free since it's Sunday.

The meeting itself will be in the conference room right next to the Wilmot Gardens parking lot.

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***Monthly Meeting of the Gainesville Camellia Society***

***Program Chair:*** *Hawser Pearce*

***Date:*** Sunday, February 18, 2018, at 2 pm

***Place:*** *Wilmot Gardens - UF campus* (see directions above)

***Program:*** Irma Velez - guided tour of Wilmot Gardens and Greenhouse

***Refreshments Chair:*** *Anna Langford*

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# Gainesville Camellia Society

Affiliated with the American Camellia Society

*Volume 58*

*Editor: Anna Langford*

*January 2018*

## *President's Message*

### **President's Message, February, 2010**

“Who would have believed that we would have such a beautiful show!?! We only had 526 blooms, but they were all beautiful. All of the outdoor blooms from the Gainesville area had been in the refrigerator for at least 8 days. We did not plan to have any greenhouse blooms at our show this year, but many growers had their shows canceled out from under them and had no place to take the large number of flowers they had in their refrigerators! We gave 3 of them a place! Annabelle Fetterman called at 11:00 AM on the Friday before the show to say that she was pulling out of her driveway in Clinton, NC, with a car full of greenhouse blooms, and heading for Gainesville. The Mizzels from South Carolina had done the same. Clayton Mathis, our Head judge for a number of years, also brought many outstanding greenhouse blooms. It was a beautiful show. Some things need to be changed, but our first attempt at having a show at Kanapaha Botanical Gardens happened with very few significant snafus.



*Doris Ellis*



*Don-Mac*

The weather had not been kind to us in the southeastern US. In Gainesville, we had experienced 8 nights in the mid to low 20s. Having lived in Florida all of my life (so far), I can never remember having so many consecutive nights with temperatures this low. Although the low 20s are not necessarily that cold, temperatures this low are devastating to camellia blooms. Even tightly closed buds can be adversely affected at temperatures lower than 25°F.”

**If you noticed the title above**, these first two paragraphs were from the February 2010 President’s Message. Another cold January and another small but beautiful show.

At the 2018 show we had 479 blooms, less than were exhibited at the 2010 show, but beautiful blooms under any circumstances. It was estimated that there were 469 attendees. This is many times more than the number at the 2010 show when we first moved to Kanapaha from the Oaks Mall. Overall it was a good show. We had many people filling key positions for the first time and things went quite smoothly. We are missing the names of a few bloom in the final show report and hope that these can be added soon. The complete show report, as it stands, can be viewed at:



*Ellen Daniel*

<http://www.atlanticcoastcamelliasociety.org/2017-2018/Gainesville%20Show%20Results%20-%20010618-Gainesville.html>

*Coral Delight*

Plant sales were excellent despite the cool weather. Many thanks go to Charles Simon and his staff of volunteers. Plants had been delivered to the homes of Bill Hayes and Charles and Diane Simon at some prior date, and these were moved to Kanapaha by a dashing group of GCS members (Simon's Volunteers) on the Thursday before the show. Plants were grouped and covered with plastic to protect the blooms. Friday morning, Charles Simon (and some volunteers) arranged the plants alphabetically, placed identification photos and generally got them ready for the sale on show day, January 6. Meanwhile in the afternoon of Friday, January 5, the show preparations were made inside the Summer House. Tables, delivered later than requested, were placed in position and covered with table cloths, water was poured into containers to accept exhibitors' blooms and other arrangements were made to be ready for blooms to arrive early (6:00 AM) on January 6.

At 6:00 AM on January 6, Irma opened the gates, and the Selphs, followed by me, drove into the gardens to begin the show. I must admit that this was the earliest arrival I had made at any camellia show. First time for everything! The Ritters arrived about 6:30. Tara Gill arrived shortly thereafter and breakfast was served. She followed this with a wonderful lunch after the judging was completed.

There are too many people to thank by name for making the show a success. However many thanks go to Eileen Hart, our Head Judge, and to Ben George, who organized the Head Table and the judging for the top prizes. As with all shows, we see things that need improvement. We can always do better. But overall, it was a great show, despite the weather.

*Edna Bass Variegated*



*Dr Ed Porubsky*

Our next meeting will be at the home and gardens of Jay and Debbie Ellis. I'm sure Anna will have details somewhere in this Newsletter. I hope the weather will be warm again by then! Cold weather is forecast for the remainder of the week of January 14th, which could affect bloom numbers at the Orlando and other shows scheduled for the weekend of January 20. Everyone stay warm and we'll see you in Keystone Heights.

Cheers and best wishes,

***Jerry Hogsette, President***

***2017-2018 Meeting Schedule for the Gainesville Camellia Society***

<i>Date and place of meeting</i>		<i>Refreshments</i>
Sunday, January 21	Jay & Debbie Ellis's, Keystone	Lucille Little, Margaret Wagener, & Laura Davis
Sunday, February 18	Wilmot Gardens, UF campus	John & Dinh Swanson Bill Hayes
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**Minutes for GCS Meeting - October 15, 2017***Dr Zhivago*

In the President's absence, Bruce Cavey called the meeting to order at 2:00 p.m. Members had enjoyed drinks and appetizers beginning at 1:00 p.m. and our annual Christmas Potluck would follow our regular meeting. Anna Langford thanked those who had provided the decorations and table set-ups for lunch. Bruce welcomed a new member, Ron "Steve" Stevenson.

Charles Simon moved to accept the minutes of the November meeting as published in the newsletter. Seconded by Carter Wittman and passed.

- TREASURER'S REPORT – Merry Reid
  - Savings Account - \$3,378.38
  - Checking Account - \$2,466.08
  - Total Funds: \$5,844.46
  - Most of the show expenses have been paid. The next upcoming major expense will be to Kanapaha Gardens for the annual rental of our meeting room.

*Flowerwood*

*Alba Plena*

Status on the January show:

- Gates to Kanapaha Gardens will be opened at 6:00 a.m. on Saturday.
- Bruce circulated sign-up sheets for show volunteers.
- He also showed members the show signs that will be placed on Archer Road the days of the show and at the plant sale area.
- Merry Reid needs additional staffing for the Information Table. Irma Velez has taken care of copying the educational materials.
- Tara Gill is coordinating the food for the judges' lunch and volunteers. Irma Velez has the table and drink supplies covered.

- Irma Velez has the bloom cups and still needs water jugs for volunteers to fill the cups on Friday.
- Nine Master Gardeners have signed up to work as clerks on Saturday.
- Table rental has been paid for and will be delivered on Friday.
- Karen Peeples reported all publicity notifications have been made. The print ad in The Gainesville Sun Scene Magazine has been ordered and paid for. There has already been an announcement on the Channel 9 Community Calendar. Kanapaha Gardens has posted it on their FaceBook page and TV resources.
- Larry Hice created a flyer/handout announcing the show. A link will be emailed to members so they can print their own flyers. It is suitable for posting on social media.

*Aunt Jetty*



*Emperor of Russia*

- All the plants have been delivered. A list has been emailed to members and if you would like to pre-purchase a particular plant, contact Charles Simon or Bill Hayes to arrange pick-up. Plants will be moved to Kanapaha Gardens on Thursday.
- John Swanson has show cards for anyone needing them today.
- Charles Simon encouraged members who have not competed to enter a bloom in the Novice Category which would provide the show experience and a potential award. You can continue to enter blooms in the Novice Category until you have won in that category and then move up to the regular competition.

Hawser Pearce announced that January's meeting would be at the home and gardens of Debbie and Jay Ellis. Directions to their home will be in the January newsletter.

Charles Simon moved to adjourn the meeting to enjoy our Christmas luncheon; seconded by Carter Wittman.

*Karen Peeples, Secretary*



*Buttons and Bows*

## *Items of Note*

### **The Gainesville Camellia Society Camellia Show**

**January 6-7, 2018**

**Kanapaha Botanical Gardens**

**Show Chairman - Bruce Cavey**

**481 Blooms Exhibited**

**469 Attendees**

**20 Exhibitors**

### **AWARDS**

(This is only a partial listing; see ACCS website for complete results)

### **SWEEPSTAKES**

**Gold Certificate (unprotected):** 93 Blue Ribbons, Chuck & Bev Ritter

**Silver Certificate (unprotected):** 33 Blue Ribbons, Jay & Debbie Ellis

**Gold Certificate (protected):** 69 Blue Ribbons, Jerry & Carol Selph

**Silver Certificate (protected):** 13 Blue Ribbons, Howard & Mary Rhodes

### **OUTSTANDING BLOOM CERTIFICATES**

**Best Bloom in Show unprotected:** 'Ray Gentry Var.', Chuck & Bev Ritter

**Best Bloom in Show protected:** 'Elaine', Howard & Mary Rhodes

**Best White Bloom unprotected:** 'Frances Council', Chuck & Bev Ritter

**Best White Bloom protected:** 'Melissa Anne', Jerry & Carol Selph

**Novice:** 'Pirate's Gold Var.', Madison Grubbs

### **GAINESVILLE CAMELLIA SOCIETY AWARDS**

**Founder's Trophy – Best unprotected bloom by GCS Member:** 'Tomorrow Var.', Jay & Debbie Ellis

**Sweepstakes Award:** 'Shishi-Gashara', Jay & Debbie Ellis

***Directions to Ellis Home (GCS Meeting Sunday January 21)***

From the intersection of University Ave and Waldo Rd, take SR 26 18.5 miles to Melrose.

Turn left at the traffic light onto SR 21 and go 7 miles.

Turn left at the traffic light onto Hwy 100 and go 1.5 miles.

Turn left onto 3rd Ave (BP convenience store on the corner).

At the dead end, turn right.

Take the next right onto 46th Loop.

Pass a big brown house on the right and a blue house on the left. Turn left onto Ellis driveway.

Since the Ellis's house is at the bottom of a hill, more able-bodied members should park closer to the top of the driveway and let others park closer to the house.

**699 46th Loop. Keystone Heights FL**

Jay phone # 352-473-3453

Debbie phone # 904-290-0356

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***Program Chair:*** *Hawser Pearce*

***Date:*** Sunday, January 21, 2018, at 2 pm

***Place:*** Jay & Debbie Ellis's in Kaystone Heights (see directions above)

***Program:*** Speaker Tom Johnson, subject tba

***Refreshments Chair:*** *Anna Langford*

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## *President's Message*

December comes in with a bang, and the temperatures are dropping below freezing for several nights. As much as I dislike temperatures below 65° F, the real nuisance is having to take in the orchids and other tender potted plant for just a few nights! So after writing this, my afternoon has been planned. Hopefully any upcoming cold snaps will occur after the week of our show! This week's cold should not harm our camellias except possibly the open flowers.



*Merry Christmas*

*Yuletide*

Many thanks to John Swanson and his legions of plant handlers for making that possible. Without mentioning names (and forgetting to mention some), I am sure that all committees have been working towards getting things ready for January 5th and beyond. The most important thing is the support of the members. The best way to support the show and to have a full show experience is to come to the set-up in the afternoon of Friday, January 5th, and come early on Saturday, January 6th, and participate in the fun as the show comes together. Some growers will have blooms ready to enter at 6:30 AM on Saturday and they will need every minute to complete the entry process before the 10:00 deadline!

When cold weather is forecast, check the hourly temperature forecast available on several weather web sites. See when and for how long the temperature will be at its lowest point. A temperature of say 32° F that occurs from 6 to 7 AM is not nearly as bad as a temperature of 32° F that begins at 10 PM and lasts through the night. The low temperature is important but so is the duration of that temperature.

Show time is getting ever closer, and I trust that final preparations are being further finalized. Our sale plants have been delivered and will hopefully be full of blooms for potential customers to see.

*Charlean*

*Cherries Jubilee*

In the evening of January 5th after set up, you are invited to a covered dish gathering at our house (11407 S. W. 24<sup>th</sup> Ave, Gainesville, 352-328-6839) beginning about 5:00 PM so you can arrive before dark and tour the yard (jungle). Please bring your favorite covered dish (veggie, salad, or dessert) and I will have the meats and refreshments. We will have some wine and wine glasses available so bring along a bottle of your favorite if you wish. We usually have a group of about 25 to 30 people and sometimes some of the out-of-town judges show up. We are leaving for Boston on December 30 and return January 3, so hopefully the house will not be too much of a disaster zone on January 5th!

The next scheduled event is of course the Christmas party at Kanapaha on December 17th. Please come and bring your other favorite covered dish and enjoy the fun. Turkey and ham will be provided. The tables will be set in holiday style by committees who have an informal and friendly competition. All will be winners I'm sure! Unfortunately I will be unable to attend because we are spending December 14-24 in Germany, where I will be paying money to be cold for more than a week! It should be fun but I hope to be at the GCS party in 2018.

*Dad's Pink*



*Dahlohnega*

Cannot think of anything else to add so I will end here. Look forward to hearing good things about the upcoming party and will see everyone at the show next year! Here's wishing everyone a Merry Christmas, Happy Holidays and a very Healthy and Happy New Year!

Cheers!

***Jerome Hogsette, President***

<b><i>2017-2018 Meeting Schedule for the Gainesville Camellia Society</i></b>		
<b><i>Date and place of meeting</i></b>		<b><i>Refreshments</i></b>
Sunday, December 17 Christmas Party Drinks at 1pm Food at 2 pm	Kanapaha Botanical Gardens	Table set-up: Jay & Debbie Ellis Linda & Alan Hyde Anna & Gerald Langford Mark & Lori Murton Merry Reid Dinh & John Swanson
Sunday, January 21	Kanapaha Botanical Gardens	Lucille Little, Margaret Wagener, & Laura Davis
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*Dautell's Supreme*

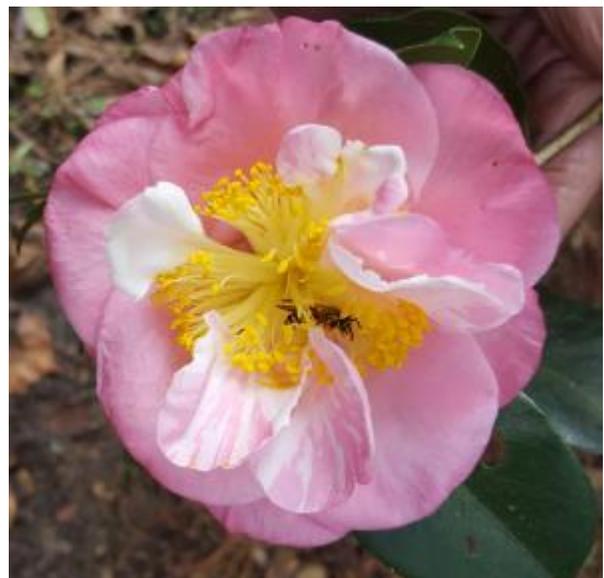
Jerry Hogsette advised there was some concern among exhibitors regarding the decision by the Board of Directors to reduce the number of camellia categories in our annual show. Jerry contacted each of the Board members regarding this concern and by electronic vote the Board rescinded their previous action and will keep the same bloom categories as per the 2017 show. The show categories are posted on the ACCS website under the Gainesville Camellia Society.

President, Jerry Hogsette, called the meeting to order at 2:05 p.m. Jerry thanked Mona Rippe for providing the food and Debbie Ellis for the drinks for today's meeting.

The minutes of the October meeting were accepted as published in the newsletter.

**TREASURER'S REPORT – Merry Reid**

- Savings Account - \$11,562.28
- Checking Account - \$260.74
- Total Funds: \$11,823.02
- Merry reported that the Loch Laurel plants for the show have been paid for.



*Cara Mia*



*Chang's Temple*

- Irma Velez will contact Master Gardener volunteers for clerking and bloom setup.
- We are in need of gallon jugs at Friday's set up to fill the individual bloom cups. Irma Velez has the cups and will bring them that Friday.
- Bruce is following up with the hospitality committee for volunteers to help with food for the show. Tara Gill will be handling the judges' lunch.
- Bruce also brought an example of the signage that will be placed at the Kanapaha Gardens entrance on the days of the show. Everyone agreed the signage was excellent.
- If there are any questions regarding the show, contact Bruce Cavey at [brucecavey@gmail.com](mailto:brucecavey@gmail.com).

Bruce Cavey gave an update on plans for the January show.

- Set up will be on Friday, January 5th, after 2:00 p.m.
- Breakdown will be on Sunday afternoon, probably around 4:00 p.m. Volunteers are welcome for both set up and breakdown.
- Bruce has sign-up sheets for show volunteers on the back table.
- Merry Reid requested volunteers to help at the Information Table. Irma Velez will make sure we have sufficient printed materials.



*Carter's Sunburst*

Jerry Hogsette will be hosting his Friday night pre-show potluck dinner at his home. He will have placement cards at that time. If an exhibitor needs cards prior to that time, just contact Jerry.

For next month's Annual Christmas Potluck, Anna Langford advised she needed hostess volunteers for another table and volunteers to pick up the meat course. Jerry Hogsette will contact the Swansons for the turkey. We will have a Crazy Gift Exchange, so members should remember to bring their wrapped silliest gift to participate.



*Carol Humphrey*



*Ballet Dancer*

Appetizers and drinks will begin at 1:00 p.m. on December 17th.

Jerry Hogsette complimented Irma Velez for the fine job she and her helpers have done in maintaining the camellia garden at Kanapaha.

Our program was "How to Prep Flowers for Shows, and a Demonstration on How to Gib Camellias" presented by Jay Ellis. Jay had a complete demonstration including the preserving and packaging of blooms for transportation.

***Karen Peeples, Secretary***

## ***Items of Note***

### ***January Plant Sale***

For members who wish to purchase plants early to get their pick, plant lists are attached. Sale prices will be the same as last year:

2 gallon plants - \$ 20

3 gallon Japonicas, Sasanquas and Hybrids \$25

3 gallon Reticulatas - \$35.

For County Line plants, call Bill Hayes at (352) 222-4114

For Loch Laurel Plants call Charles Simon at (352) 213-3154

to make arrangements and a convenient mutually agreeable time to pick up the plants.

There will also be over 100 other camellia plants for sale at the show, donated by: Jerry Hogsette (75), Joel Schwiebert (23), and the Swansons (27). Prices will vary depending on pot size. Several will be one gallon plants, but there are some 2 and 3 gallon plants also.

### ***A Note of Thanks***

A thank you goes out to:

Bill Hayes, Charles Simon, Joel Schwiebert, Larry Hice, Bart Maris, Konrad Hooper, Dinh Swanson

for helping to unload the County Line plant order.

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***2017 Camellia Nomenclature***

The new 2017 Southern California Camellia Society *Nomenclature* is now available through Amazon. The price is \$20 each. If you order two or more there is no shipping! Printing is done in Charleston, so shipping should be very prompt. An electronic version of the 2017 SCCS Nomenclature is available with links to over 2400 pictures. Order your copies now.

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***Monthly Meeting of the Gainesville Camellia Society***

***Program Chair:*** *Hawser Pearce*

***Date:*** Sunday, December 17, 2017, at 2 pm (1pm for appetizers/drinks)

***Place:*** Kanapaha Botanical Gardens

***Program:*** Annual Holiday Potluck Party - Bring a side dish or dessert and a present for the Gift Exchange

***Refreshments Chair:*** *Anna Langford*

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## *President's Message*

Another month has flown by and another President's Message has to be put together. I am actually writing this a bit early while sitting in a hotel room in Denver, Colorado. It has been quite cold for this Florida native, but it was sunny and clear today. Obviously no outdoor camellias are grown here. But 3,600 entomologists from all over the world invaded Denver earlier in the week for a huge bug meeting.



*Betty Sheffield Supreme*



*Imagination*

Probably the biggest happening between meetings was the re-visiting of the program changes made by the Board at its annual meeting during the past summer. After hearing much enthusiastic disagreement at our September meeting about the changes to combine the treated and untreated classes into a single undesignated class, plus the addition of more muffled comments at the October meeting, I thought it prudent to poll the members of the Board and ask for support of the change or a decision to revert to the 2017 program. There was overwhelming support by 12 out of 15 Board members for reverting back to the 2017 program. That is what will be done. This support seemed to coincide with the feeling expressed by many of the members at the last two meetings.

So on with the show. We will hope for updates from Bruce Cavey, our Show Chairman, about the status of the show preparations and the show committees. Bruce was unable to be present at the September meeting but it sounded like things were largely underway with plenty of supportive suggestions from John Swanson and Irma Velez. The December meeting will be our Annual Christmas/Holiday party and general plans should be discussed at the November Meeting. I have unfortunately missed this great event during the past few years, and I will miss it again this year. Hopefully there will be assistance from the audience about how to proceed in 2017.



*Adolphe Audusson*



*Joan Holden*

Our Program Chairman, Hawser Pearce, made yet another enlightening presentation at the October meeting, this time on planting and care of air layers after they have been removed from the parent plants. He had plenty of tips on potting, soil preparation, watering and fertilization. Those of us who put on air layers earlier in the year know that the time to remove them is approaching. So this was a very practical presentation.

We will soon be within 2 months of our show and adequate plant care is important for good blooms to exhibit. Those who will be forcing blooms to open with gibberellic acid (gibbing) should be making weekly applications by now to ensure that buds will be open in time for the show. Although gibbing can produce some spectacular blooms, it is not recommended for small (less than 3 to 4 feet) plants. This is because the application of gib usually requires the removal of a growth bud adjacent to a flower bud. The removal of too many growth buds on smaller plants reduces the production of new growth in the spring. This is not as much of a problem with larger plants which have more branches.



*Blood of China*



*Bobby Fain Variegated*

We have had very little rain since the hurricanes so hope everyone is keeping their plants well-watered. Water is essential for maximum flower size.

See you on Sunday!

***Jerome Hogsette, President***

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***Minutes for GCS Meeting - October 15, 2017***



*Whoopee*

Jerry Hogsette opened the meeting, welcoming members and guests. He also thanked Eileen Wagner and Marni Most for providing refreshments for today's meeting. Minutes for the September meeting were approved as published in the newsletter. Jerry Hogsette thanked Anna Langford for the excellent job she does putting together the newsletter.

**TREASURER'S REPORT – Merry Reid**

Savings Account - \$11,536.58  
Checking Account - \$1,995.28  
Total Funds - \$13,531.86

The treasurer's report was approved as presented.

Merry Reid advised members that she was collecting dues for 2017-2018.

*Brooke*

The Board had approved the creation of a “Be My Guest” business card which was now ready for members. Cards list the time and location of the regular meetings and the date of the 2018 show. The cards were designed to be given by members to people who express an interest in camellias. The cards would also be given out during the annual camellia show and the Kanapaha Gardens Spring Festival.

Jerry Hogsette gave an update on show plans. He has confirmations from individuals who will be judges. John Swanson had compiled a list of approximately 380 plants to be ordered from Loch Laurel and County Line nurseries. He expects to receive confirmation of our orders from the growers within the next week or so. County Line Nursery will deliver plants and Joel Schwiebert will coordinate the pick-up of plants from Loch Laurel Nursery. Bill Hayes will house the plants until they are moved to Kanapaha Gardens. Publicity notices will be sent beginning the end of November.

*Bob Hope Variegated*



*Camile*

John Swanson announced the upcoming plant sale at Wilmot Gardens on November 3rd and 4th. They will have camellias and azaleas in addition to other plants for sale. Irma Velez works with Wilmot Gardens and may call upon volunteers from GCS to help on the days of the sale.

Charles Simon gave members the information for purchasing the Southern California 2017 Camellia Nomenclature book on Amazon Kindle.

Jay Ellis brought several blooms from the plants in his garden. These plants had been gibbed, thus the early blooms. Members could take the flowers home.

Hawser Pearce's program was a hands-on demonstration on how to plant air layers, including soil mixtures, fertilizers and tips on successful planting.

Meeting closed with our regular plant auction.

*Karen Peebles, Secretary*



*Capricci*

### *Items of Note*

#### *Hawser Pearce's Not-So-Secret Potting Soil*

My not-so-secret formula for air layer potting soil is:

- one part decomposing tree bark and sap wood
- one part decomposing leaves
- one part dirt (loamy soil)
- a small shot of Perlite wouldn't hurt

Alachua Seed and Feed on NW 6th St sells **Sungro** potting soils. The coarsest one is "3B". This comes in a 48 lb bag for \$20.99. They'll load it in the car for you. Looks to be about 10 gallons as a guess. This might be more convenient for someone who only had a few air layers to pot up.

#### *A Note of Thanks*

Joel Schwiebert and Bill Hayes traveled to Loch Laurel Nursery and brought back over 160 plants for our show sale. Further thanks are due to Ken Wagner and Larry Hice, who helped unload the plants at their Gainesville destination. Even more thanks are due to Charles and Diane Simon who will care for the plants until show time.

#### *A Condolence Note*

The father of Bart and Burt Maris passed away in Michigan over the summer. The brothers spent much of the summer there but are now back and plan to be active in the camellia circuit later this year and in 2018. GCS sends our condolences to Bart and Burt on their loss.

#### *Wilmot Gardens Newsletter*

Wilmot Gardens has published a very informative newsletter, which you may wish to access. The URL is:

[http://wilmot.sites.medinfo.ufl.edu/?wysija-page=1&controller=email&action=view&email\\_id=11&wysijap=subscriptions&user\\_id=114](http://wilmot.sites.medinfo.ufl.edu/?wysija-page=1&controller=email&action=view&email_id=11&wysijap=subscriptions&user_id=114)

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*Camellia Sinensis*



*Cile Mitchell*

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***Monthly Meeting of the Gainesville Camellia Society***

***Program Chair:*** *Hawser Pearce*

***Date:*** Sunday, November 19, 2017, at 2 pm

***Place:*** Kanapaha Botanical Gardens

***Program:*** “How to Prep Flowers for Shows, and a Demonstration on How to Gib Camellias” presented by Jay Ellis

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# Gainesville Camellia Society

Affiliated with the American Camellia Society

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## *President's Message*

Nothing makes a month fly by like having a monthly deadline, such as writing the President's Message! Ha! Seems like the last meeting (and hurricane Irma) just happened. Meanwhile we have had near misses by hurricanes Maria and Nate.

I am writing this from the front porch of our cabin in Vogel State park, near Blairsville, Georgia, and yesterday on the drive here, Harriet and I were buffeted by winds and bands of rain from the eastern edge of hurricane Nate. But we arrived safely and the continued winds and rains made for peaceful sleeping!



*Aztec Warrior*



*Blue Danube*

At the meeting on Sunday we will get updates from our Show Committee Chairmen and see how things are falling in place as our show date draws closer. We have a few first-timers serving as committee chairmen, which is great! Some parts of the operation of a camellia society may seem to be somewhat mysterious to the general membership only because they had not had the opportunity to experience what goes on at these committee levels. Hopefully more first-timers will take the opportunity to chair or serve on committees to see how our organization operates. It is a little bit like rocket science, but the rockets are extremely small!!! The more members we have participating in GCS operations, the stronger our society will be.

Our Program Chairman, Hawser Pearce, made an enlightening presentation on camellia companion plants at our September meeting. Keeping your yard full of color during the camellia off-season requires a good knowledge of what is available so plants that provide a cascade of color during the summer months can be added to the garden. Hawser showed us quite a few. He also has some good speakers lined up for future meetings.

If you know of any potential speakers, please let Hawser know just in case he still has a few slots available.



*Adolphe Audusson Variegated*



*Bev Piet's Smile*

I do not know much else to add to this message today. The camellia season is moving on and many people have had sasanquas in bloom since our last meeting.

There is still time to dis-bud plants, which generally means removing all buds on a branch except one nice one at the tip. This was and still is particularly hard for me to do after watching them develop during the summer. It is a highly recommended procedure, particularly for small plants, because the opening of each bud requires energy from the plant. Opening too many buds this year may force the plant to set fewer buds next year. Fewer buds left on plants also generally means larger flowers. There are exceptions.

Fall fertilization is also a consideration. We have had a wet summer and with each rain some nutrients are lost through erosion. If fertilizer was last applied in May, a small amount of additional fertilizer to help plants perform during the bloom season may be beneficial. The idea is to give them a taste of nutrients but not enough to stimulate growth. People who regularly apply fertilizer in the fall probably use amounts of fertilizer based on past experience. I use one fourth of the recommended amount at best. If bloom fertilizer can be found, this is a good option.

Hope everyone is having a fun fall and is urging their camellias on to produce prize-winning blooms! See you on Sunday!

***Jerome Hogsette, President***



*Ave Maria*

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**Minutes for GCS Meeting - September 17, 2017**



*April Remembered*

President Jerry Hogsette opened the meeting at 2:10 pm and welcomed members back. He reviewed actions taken by the GCS Board at the meeting in August, for which minutes were published in the recent newsletter. These included:

1. The proposed change to the By-Laws regarding timing of nominations.
2. Changes in categories for the show. Discussion ensued with regard to doing away with treated and untreated classes, with the concern raised that this may discourage locals who do not gib from entering the show. Jerry mentioned the increase in prize categories for local growers, which may alleviate some of the concern.

3. He has received positive responses from twelve judges for the show, which will be enough, and has not heard from the others he contacted.

John Swanson talked about the recent ACS meeting. He showed a brochure that the State of Georgia hands out at Welcome Stations that describes the Georgia Camellia Trail, a list of camellia gardens in Georgia, with other interesting camellia information. He plans to contact Kanapaha and Wilmot Gardens to see if there is interest in producing similar promotional material for a Florida Camellia Trail.



*Ashton's Ballet*



*April Tryst*

John also displayed informational tags about camellia varieties, etc., that the ACS is providing. We can add these to plants we sell at our show. He mentioned that the ACS is working to preserve antique camellia varieties - those brought to the US before 1900 - and also older varieties introduced between 1900 and 1950. Some shows have categories for these antique and older varieties. John invited members to bring him any concerns he should take to the next ACS meeting, which - unfortunately - coincides with our show in January.

The Atlantic Coast Camellia Society meeting that would have been held yesterday was cancelled due to Hurricane Irma.

New Nomenclature books are available for purchase on Amazon. The ACS, the ACCS, and the Southern California Camellia Society have collaborated on an on-line version of the Nomenclature book which includes pictures and is very well done. This can be accessed with a fee. Charles Simon suggested that GCS subscribe so that we can make this available for buyers at our plant sale. Jerry Hogsette asked whether we can get a club rate so that all of our members can get access and asked Charles to look into this.



*Anita*



*Blaze of Glory*

The minutes of our May meeting as published in the newsletter were approved by a unanimous vote.

#### **TREASURER'S REPORT**– Merry Reid

- Savings Account - \$9,541
- Checking Account - \$1,554
- Total Funds - \$11,095

At the recent Board meeting, it was decided that we will maintain a sufficient balance in the Treasury to fund two shows. Charles Simon asked how much that would be, and Jerry Hogsette said that we have that amount in our treasury at present.

John Swanson expressed our condolences to member Larry Hice, whose wife recently passed away, and moved that GCS send a \$25 memorial in her honor to Haven Hospice of Alachua County. Jeanne Earnest seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

Hawser Pearce gave an interesting slide show presentation on "Sunny Side Camellia Companions".

Several camellias and other plants brought in by John and Dinh Swanson were auctioned.

The meeting adjourned at 3:25 pm.

*Anna Langford for Karen Peeples, Secretary*



*Big Beauty*

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### ***Wilmot Gardens 3rd Annual Camellia & Azalea Plant Sale***

The third annual Camellia and Azalea Sale fundraiser at Wilmot Gardens is the perfect place to get inspired and pick up some new plants for your home garden. This year's sale will take place on Friday, November 3, from 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. and Saturday, November 4, from 9:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. Pre-orders for the sale will be accepted before October 25th, 2017. For a full list of available plants and to download the order form contact [bahillman@ufl.edu](mailto:bahillman@ufl.edu) or **(352) 273-5832**.

Available ornamental plants highlighted in the sale will include both japonica and sasanqua camellias, indigenous and non-indigenous azaleas, and encore azaleas. To present the widest possible variety of plants, quantities of each are limited and popular items may sell out quickly. Shoppers are advised to arrive early for the best selection. Knowledgeable staff members and volunteers will be available during the sale to provide recommendations and answer questions.

Completing the restoration and enhancement of Wilmot Gardens is a substantial initiative and financial resources are one of the most precious commodities. Wilmot Gardens receives limited financial assistance from the University of Florida and is primarily supported by the contributions of donors and profits generated by semi-annual plant sales. All proceeds generated at the plant sales are used towards maintenance of the gardens and to sustain the therapeutic horticulture program.

Admission to the sale is free and cash or check payments will be accepted. Weekend parking is free on campus for all surface lots. Parking signage will be posted to direct traffic to free parking and parking and loading attendants will be available for assistance as needed. Wilmot Gardens is located at the corner of Gale Lemerand Drive and Mowry Road on the main campus of the University of Florida at **2023 Mowry Road**.

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***Date:*** Sunday, October 15, 2017, at 2 pm

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## *President's Message*

**President's Message:** Once again it is a pleasure and an honor to serve as President of the Gainesville Camellia Society (GCS). I do not remember when I last served as President so I guess sufficient time has passed to do it again. When Anna's email arrived last week, we were in Germany for our annual vacation where we try, unsuccessfully, to help the locals get rid of their extra Riesling wines. We will try again next year. The two camellias I know of in Bernkastel-Kues were full of buds, much like the ones in my yard.

The annual summer Board meeting was held Sunday, August 19, at my home and enough members were present to constitute a quorum. Many things were discussed, including changes to the show program, amounts given for awards, and changes to the schedule for election of officers. Also, Show Program Committee Chairmen were asked to say a few words about the status of their committees and everything seems to be in good shape for August/September. Board Meeting details can be found in the minutes included below. Other camellia societies have been moving towards elimination of the treated and untreated bloom categories and accepting treated and untreated blooms in a single category. The Board decided to make this change in our show schedule. For example, instead of having one category for Japonicas, Large, Treated and another category for Japonicas, Large, Untreated, there will be a single category for Japonicas, Large, in which treated and untreated blooms will be entered. There will still be separate categories for blooms grown outdoors (unprotected) and blooms grown in greenhouses (protected). It is important to establish ample categories where local members can compete for awards, and this was done.

Our annual show in January, 2018, coincides with the annual American Camellia Society (ACS) Convention and several of our members who are ACS officers will be attending. This convention will also affect the numbers of judges available to judge at our show. With this in mind, it was suggested that judges be invited early for our show. As Chairman of the judges' Committee once again, I sent out the invitations to the judges on August 22.

Eleanor Thrasher contacted Anna Langford to let her know that she would not like to continue as Chairman of the Refreshments Committee. This is a position that Eleanor has developed and maintained for many years and she has done a wonderful job to schedule GCS members who volunteer to provide food and drinks for our meetings during the camellia season. Please join me in thanking Eleanor for her dedication and service to our society. Meanwhile Anna has decided to pick up the torch and become the new Chairman of the Refreshments Committee. Because no one had yet been contacted about bringing refreshments to our September meeting, Anna and Gerald have volunteered to bring those refreshments. Many thanks to Anna and Gerald. I am sure that Anna will be looking for volunteers to provide refreshments for future meetings, so please give her your support.

This has been an interesting growing year for camellias. The summer was hot and humid, but punctuated with numerous rain events. The rain produced luscious growth on my plants and kept spider mite populations in check. Air layers removed from the parent plants in the late fall of 2016 flourished under the rainy conditions and are ready for sale at the 2018 show. Several seedlings are showing buds for the first time, and it will be interesting to see if they produce an exciting new variety of just another 5-petal single. The fall seed crop was also tremendous and many seed pods have already ripened and their seeds planted. I somehow managed to put on 60 air layers sometime between July and early August. It will be interesting to see how well these late air layers develop roots. As I write this, Hurricane Irma is bearing down on Gainesville and supplying us with lots of rain, among other things. I hope you will escape Irma's wrath unscathed and look forward to seeing you at our meeting on September 17. Remember that annual dues are due at this time. See Merry Reid.

***Jerome Hogsette, President***

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### *Notice of Proposed Amendment to the Gainesville Camellia Society Bylaws*

The Constitution of the Gainesville Camellia Society provides that “the Constitution and Bylaws of the Society may be amended from time to time by a vote of two-thirds of the members present and entitled to vote at any regular or special meeting, provided that in either case at least thirty (30) days’ notice shall have been given to the members of the nature and wording of the proposed amendment or amendments.”

The Executive Board in their meeting on August 20, 2017 recommended the following changes to **Article VII ELECTION OF OFFICERS AND DIRECTORS:**

“**Section I.** The president will appoint a nominating committee consisting of three (3) members to suggest a panel of Officers and Board Members in ~~January~~ **February** of each year. The Chairman of the Nominating Committee shall be at that time an elected Director. The other two (2) members must be non-office holding members. The report of the Nominating Committee shall be made at the ~~February~~ **March** general meeting. Active members may make other nominations from the floor.”

“**Section III.** The election of officers will take place at the ~~March~~ **April** meeting. The installation of officers will take place at the May meeting or the last meeting of the year.”

Discussion of the proposed amendments will take place at the September meeting for a vote by the membership at the October regular meeting. Anyone wishing a copy of the amended Gainesville Camellia Society Constitution and Bylaws should email the Society Secretary at [ladypeeples@gmail.com](mailto:ladypeeples@gmail.com).

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### ***Gainesville Camellia Society Executive Board Meeting***

The Executive Board meeting convened at 2:00 p.m. on August 20, 2017, at the home of the President, Jerry Hogsette. Members present were Patrick Andrews, Bruce Cavey, Jerry Hogsette, Anna Langford, Hawser Pearce, Karen Peeples, Merry Reid, Chuck Ritter, John Swanson, Irma Velez, Ken Wagner and Nicki Whittaker.

The first item of discussion was the annual camellia show. These are the recommendations adopted by the Board:

- Eliminate “Treated and Untreated” from the list of show categories. “Protected” and “Unprotected” categories to remain.
- Award prize money was revised as follows:
  - First Place - \$25 (includes Novice category)
  - Runner Up - \$10 (includes Novice category)
  - Best White - \$50
  - Best in Show - \$50
  - Sweepstakes - (Gold) \$100; (Silver) \$50
- Awards for Local Exhibitors were expanded to include Best Small Japonica, Best Medium Japonica, Best Large Japonica, Best White Camellia and Best Reticulata or Hybrid (combined category). First Place award would be \$25. There would be no award, only recognition, for Second Place.
- Reserve funds (or Fall Back Funds) equaling two shows should be maintained in the GCS Savings Account.
- Richard Buggeln from ACCS will be able to assist in completing our program flyer.
- ACS will be hosting a show and meeting the same weekend as the GCS show, but we will keep our regular show schedule.
- County Line Nursery has increased the plant price for 2017. Loch Laurel Nursery will have the plant list and prices out by the first of September. GCS will have to review increasing show prices for 2018. Having more plant donations from members could be a potential offset to the nursery increases.

It has been noted that selection/election of officers and board members is a lengthy process, extending over a 4 month period. To facilitate elections, the Board recommends shortening the procedure by 1 month, to begin in February instead of January. This will require an amendment to the Bylaws. The Executive Board recommends amending the Bylaws to create the Nominating Committee in February, who will submit their slate of officers and directors in March, with elections to follow in April. In compliance with the GCS Constitution, the

Notice of Bylaw Amendment is to be published in the September newsletter and be voted upon by the membership at the October general meeting.

John Swanson brought to the attention of the Executive Board that Georgia is promoting camellias in their state by completing a Camellia Trail brochure which lists camellia gardens open to the public. The brochure has a description and location of the camellia garden and is available at Georgia Welcome Stations. He would like to see Wilmot Gardens and Kanapaha Botanical Gardens included in a Camellia Trail brochure. The Board agreed and authorized John to report on the possibilities.

The Board authorized the Secretary to design and order Gainesville Camellia Society “Be My Guest” business cards which would list meeting and show dates for the current year. These cards would be available for distribution at the Kanapaha Gardens Festival GCS booth and for members. This would be a handout to remind people of the dates and times of our meetings.

There being no other business, the meeting adjourned at 3:15 pm.

*Karen Peebles, Secretary*

**Minutes for GCS Meeting – May 21, 2017**

At 1:00 p.m. members joined together for appetizers and fellowship followed by our annual potluck luncheon.

After lunch John Swanson opened the meeting and thanked everyone for attending and providing food for the potluck. He welcomed a new member, Mark Fairchild, who has a particular interest in camellia sinensis (tea plants). When asked for additions or corrections to the minutes as published in the newsletter, Charles Simon felt the statement “plant sales for the show are now in the black” should be corrected to read “the Gainesville Camellia Society show budget is now in the black.” The minutes were approved as corrected.

**TREASURER’S REPORT – Merry Reid**

- Savings Account - \$9,540.10
- Checking Account - \$2,244.28
- Total Funds - \$11,784.38
- The show budget balance currently stands at \$1,702.98.
- The treasurer’s report was approved as presented.



*Edna Bass Variegated*



*Faith*

Karen Peoples moved to donate \$500 to Kanapaha Gardens to be used for maintenance and fertilizer of the Azalea and Camellia Garden at Kanapaha and an additional \$500 to the American Camellia Society, designated for the General Operating Fund. Motion seconded by Merry Reid. After discussion the motion was approved.



*Fire Falls*

Times for air layering at the Ellis's, Hogsette's and the Swanson's will be set within the next 2 weeks. Members can still sign up to air layer at the Hogsette's and Swanson's. The goal is to complete air layering by the end of June.

John Swanson showed the City of Gainesville Beautification Board Award that was given to the Gainesville Camellia Society for educating the public on the camellia gardens at Kanapaha Gardens, Wilmot Gardens, North Florida Regional Center and work with the Master Gardener program. The plaque will be on display at Kanapaha.

2017-2018 Officers and Board members were installed by John Swanson, outgoing president. John thanked everyone for their support during his term as president. He will continue to manage the GCS Facebook page and is an ex-officio member of the Board. Jerry Hogsette will contact Board members to set a date, time and location for the semi-annual Board meeting.



*Florence Stratton*

Charles Simon brought up the subject of honorariums for guest speakers for GCS meetings. Traditionally out-of-town speakers are given a nominal amount to cover the cost of gas. Discussion followed on the criteria to establish an honorarium system. Charles Simon moved that GCS offer out-of-town guest speakers who obviously have an overnight stay a \$200 compensation for travel expenses. Discussion followed. The motion was amended to read that the GCS Board consider offering out-of-town guest speakers who obviously have an overnight stay a \$200 compensation for travel expenses. Karen Peeples moved to table the subject until the September meeting and it can be reviewed by the Board. Motion to table the discussion was seconded and approved.



## ANNOUNCEMENTS

John Swanson recognized the passing of Ruth Starkey Ritter, mother of Chuck Ritter, at the young age of 104. Lady Ruth Ritter camellia was developed and registered by Chuck to honor his mother.

John Swanson has been elected as a Club Director Board member to the American Camellia Society for a 2 year term. He joins Tommy Alden and Darren Sheriff as other Club Directors for the Atlantic Region. The first meeting John will attend will be in June and will be glad to consider any concerns or suggestions members might have regarding the ACS.

The Atlantic Coast Camellia Society Fall meeting will be September 15th and 16 in Litchfield Beach, South Carolina.

A schedule of the 2017-2018 GCS meetings will be included in the September newsletter.

Now is the time to fertilize camellia plants. Gibbing of buds should begin in August in preparation for shows in October.

Meeting closed with our regular plant auction.

*Karen Peebles, Secretary*



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