

# SUMMER NEWSLETTER

## GETTING READY FOR FALL SHOWS!



**Thursday Sept. 6 - 6pm**



Membership Meeting - Guest Night at Masee Lane - \$10/ Guests Free

**Friday Oct. 12 - 6pm**



Georgia National Fair Show Judges Reception at the Rumph Home in Marshallville - \$25.00 and Members bring dessert!

**Saturday Oct. 13**

Georgia National Fair Show!

### Message from outgoing President

I have just completed my third term as your MGCS president. I would like to thank the membership for participating in all we do as a society. Having three shows and a workshop require lots of help to be successful. I can tell you that MGCS is held up at numerous ACS meetings as the kind of club each society should strive to be.

In addition, to the shows and workshop, MGCS has a workday at Masee Lane and is very supportive of ACS. We just voted to fund (\$300) the purchase of two mobile sound amplifiers for tour guides to use at Masee Lane. MGCS members lead many of the tours and there is always a need for other volunteers. I also encourage you, if you are not a member, to join the American Camellia Society in addition to the Middle Georgia Camellia Society.

Finally, let's continue to support MGCS and our new incoming president, William Khoury. See you at our September Chicken Que.

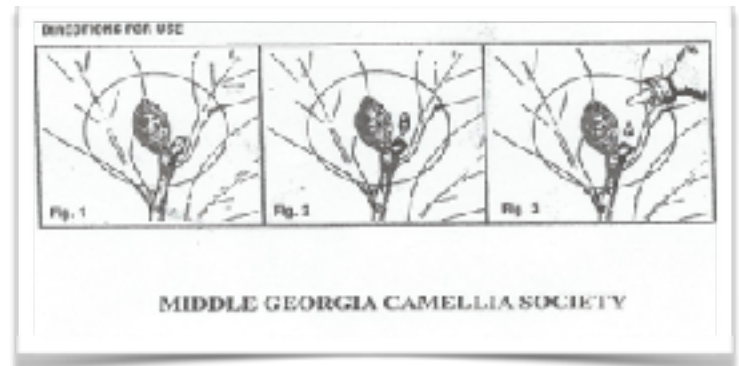
Best Regards,  
Tommy Alden - Immediate Past President

## Camellia Gibb

### INFORMATION:

This product is ready-to-use liquid form of Gibberellic Acid (4%) that will increase size and advance the bloom date of camellias when used as directed. Gibberellic Acid has been used for years by camellia enthusiasts to force camellias to bloom up to six (6) weeks, or more, earlier than they would normally bloom. Most varieties will respond to Gibb treatment. It only takes one treatment per bud. Another advantage is a bud treated with Gibb tends to be larger in size than if left untreated to open in its normal season.

There are two disadvantages to treating with Gibb. First, on deep red flowers, sometimes Gibb treatment will cause the bloom to take on a purplish color. Show judges recognize this and generally do not penalize a bloom that displays this purplish color. Second, since you must remove growth or vegetative bud, the stem will not regenerate a new bud at that point. Usually new growth will initiate at the next lower leaf axis.



## How to use this product

Locate the flower bud (fig. 1). There should be a vegetative bud adjacent to the flower bud. Carefully pinch out the vegetative bud (fig. 2). This usually creates a “cup” next to the flower bud. Place one (1) drop of Camellia Gibb in this “cup” (fig. 3) or wound area next to flower bud. Do not retreat this bud. Usually treatments can begin in August and by treating a new bud at weekly intervals, the bloom period may be extended considerably over non-treated camellias.

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**WORKSHOP & AUCTION**

JANUARY 27TH AT  
MASSEE LANE

**DETAILS BELOW**

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**Middle Georgia  
Camellia Workshop  
& Auction  
January 27, 2018**



- **Silent Auction**
- **Educational Workshops**
- **Garden Tours**
- **Hands-on Training**
- **Boehm Porcelains**
- **ACS Gift Shop**

**More details and registration information will be sent at a later date. Call Tommy @ 478/825-1337 with questions or suggestions.**

**WE NEED YOU!**

**THIS IS ONE OF OUR MOST INFORMATIVE AND FUN EVENTS! PLEASE CONTACT SANDEE KHOURY AT 478-320-5551 IF YOU HAVE AN ITEM YOU CAN DONATE FOR THE BOX AUCTION AT THE WORKSHOP ON JANUARY 27TH.**

Dear MGCS members,

We have the Camellia workshop coming up January 27th (the last Saturday in January). This will be the 4th year and it has been very well attended. This year we will charge attendees \$20 which cover donuts and coffee, a Chick-Fil-A meal and a camellia understock for grafting, as well as supplies for waxing camellias.

For those club members who will not be grafting, the fee will only be \$10 (to cover your meal), since you will not be taking a plant with you. I would, however, encourage any new members to participate in all the seminars, including grafting (\$20).

We will need HELP in several areas--raffle, meals, greeters, registration, hospitality (serving donuts and coffee, then collecting meal tickets and distributing meals. I will be contacting members for help but if you see a particular area in which you would like to help, please let me know as soon as possible. More information will follow soon.

Best Regards,

Tommy Alden  
President, MGCS

work 478/825-1337, cell 478/217-0345, home 478/825-1406  
[tommy@countylinenursery.com](mailto:tommy@countylinenursery.com)

***SOME OF THE ITEMS AVAILABLE TO BID ON AT THE AUCTION***

**CAMELLIAS - AT LEAST 2! DONATED BY COUNTY LINE NURSERY**

**WINE - THE GOOD STUFF! DONATED BY REAL ESTATE SOUTH**

**LARGE DECORATOR BOWL HAND DECORATED IN TUSCANY, ITALY DONATED BY REAL ESTATE SOUTH**

**PROFESSIONAL GRAFTING TOOL KIT DONATED BY WILLIAM KHOURY**

**MGCS MEMBER**  
**Workshop Registration Form**

Make check payable to the Middle Georgia Camellia Society. Please mail check and registration form to:

**Brenda Alden, Secretary**  
**3204 Burnett Rd**  
**Byron, GA 31008**

*Please call or Email Tommy Alden with questions. 478/825-1337;*  
[tommy@countylinenursery.com](mailto:tommy@countylinenursery.com)

 LUNCH ONLY -- \$10

FULL SEMINAR ----- \$20

**Total Payment Enclosed .....** \$ \_\_\_\_\_  
**(Pre-registration is required by Mon, Jan 22<sup>nd</sup>)**

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City, State, Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Email: \_\_\_\_\_

(A detailed schedule will be sent at a later date. All communication will be by email, so please provide your email address. Thanks.)



**FALL SHOW**  
 NOV 11TH  
 Byron Municipal  
 Complex  
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**CHRISTMAS  
 PARTY**  
 MASSEE LANE  
 DECEMBER 7TH  
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**WORKSHOP &  
 AUCTION**  
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 AT  
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**JUDGES RESULTS OCTOBER  
 14TH**  
**RICHARD BUGGELN DOES AN  
 AWESOME JOB SHARING SHOW  
 RESULTS**  
[www.atlanticcoastcamelliasociety.org/2017-2018](http://www.atlanticcoastcamelliasociety.org/2017-2018)

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**WE HAD A  
 SUCCESSFUL  
 FAIR SHOW  
 WITH LOTS OF  
 BEAUTIFUL  
 BLOOMS THANKS  
 TO ALL OF YOU!**

PLEASE REVIEW THE  
 NEWSLETTER FOR MORE  
 INFORMATION ABOUT  
 UPCOMING EVENTS!  
 CAN'T WAIT TO SEE YOU  
 GUYS THIS FRIDAY AND/  
 OR SATURDAY!

Pictured left are some great  
 photos from David Williams  
 of our Low Country Boil in  
 October!



## Georgia National Fair Show Weekend

What a perfect Friday night we had for a delicious low country boil and judges' reception at the beautiful Rumph home in Marshallville! Approximately one hundred judges, guests, and members enjoyed an evening of fun, food, and warm fellowship. It's thrilling when an event, so anticipated by so many, comes off so well.

Of course, it came off well, because so many wanted it to, and made sure of it. It starts with location: In that, we are most blessed. A great big thanks to the Rumph family. We must also thank Debbie Liipfert and the hospitality committee, they carry an impressive load. At the center of the whole thing is the fresh shrimp. I dare say they're the best I've ever had – year after year. We must recognize and thank Grady Stokes and the team of dedicated cooks who prepared the feast so perfectly. It was a wonderful evening. Making it complete is a long list of tasks, all of which I cannot name; but some are preparing desserts, hauling tables, setting up, and cleaning up. It was a huge effort shared by many and enjoyed by all. Many thanks, everyone!

Bright and early on Saturday morning members were at the Georgia National fairgrounds assisting exhibitors, putting final touches on the bloom exhibit area, getting coffee brewing, setting out breakfast, running and placing blooms, organizing clerks, and otherwise preparing for the first camellia show of the season. Head Judge, John Newsome, from the North Georgia Camellia Society directed judging of the 644 gorgeous blooms entered resulting in a fabulous show that was enjoyed by many hundreds of fairgoers on Saturday afternoon and Sunday. William Khoury and other members discussed camellias and promoted both ACS and MGCS membership with those who passed through the Miller-Murphy-Howard building following the judging. We owe a great debt of gratitude to the Georgia National Fair for hosting, sponsoring, and facilitating the show.

It was a fabulous show weekend, the first of three our club will host this season. Many thanks, MGCS members!

Sandra Williams  
Georgia National Fair Show Chair

### *Photos from this years fair show*



*Middle Georgia Camellia Society*  
**Fall Flower Show Weekend**  
 November 10—12, 2017

<p>❀❀❀</p> <p><b>SHOW SET-UP</b></p> <p><b>Friday, November 10<sup>TH</sup> 9:00 AM</b></p> <p><b>VOLUNTEERS NEEDED TO HELP SET UP FOR FLOWER SHOW BYRON MUNICIPAL COMPLEX CONFERENCE CENTER</b></p> <p>❀❀❀</p>	<p>❀❀❀</p> <p><b>JUDGES RECEPTION</b>  <b>Friday, November 10<sup>th</sup>,</b>          6:00 p.m.</p> <p>At the home of          Sandee &amp; William Khoury          692 Giles Rd., Byron</p> <p>From Hwy 49, turn onto Hwy 42. Travel 1.6 miles to Giles Road, which is the second paved road on the right, just past the Church of Christ. DRIVE CAREFULLY. Giles Road makes a hard left followed by a hard right. It is .7 mile to 692 Giles Road on the right.</p> <p><b>Remember!</b>  <b>All members are to bring heavy hors d'oeuvres &amp;/or Desserts</b>  <b><u>Wear your Name Badge!</u></b></p> <p>❀❀❀</p>	<p>❀❀❀</p> <p><b>FLOWER SHOW</b>  <b>Saturday, November 11<sup>th</sup>,</b>          7:00 a.m.-          Blooms will be received          between 7:00 &amp; 10:30 a.m.          Judging will begin at 11:00          a.m.</p> <p><b><u>YOUR HELP IS NEEDED!!</u></b></p> <p><b><u>Jobs Include:</u></b>          10:30 a.m.--Converting          bloom prep area to dining          area          1—5 p.m.--Greeting and          promoting MGCS/ACS in          the entry lobby, as well as          selling camellias (1-5 p.m.)  <b><u>Wear your Name Badge!</u></b></p> <p>❀❀❀</p>	<p>❀❀❀</p> <p><b>FLOWER SHOW</b>  <b>Sunday,</b>  <b>November 12<sup>th</sup>,</b>          1—4 p.m.          Greeting and          promoting          MGCS/ACS in the          entry lobby, as well as          selling camellias</p> <p>4:00 p.m.          Breakdown show,          discarding blooms,          clearing tables and          storing supplies  <b><u>Wear your Name Badge!</u></b></p> <p>❀❀❀</p>
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*Middle Georgia Camellia Society*  
**HOLIDAY DINNER**

Thursday, December 7<sup>th</sup>  
 6:00 p.m. Social – 7 p.m. Dinner  
 Catered by Donna Matthews - \$25 per person  
 Entertainment Provided by  
 “Talented Club Members”

Annabelle Fetterman Bldg. @ Masee Lane Gardens  
 100 Masee Lane, Fort Valley, GA



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OCTOBER 13TH

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BOIL AT THE RUMPH  
HOME IN  
MARSHALLVILLE

**FALL SHOW**  
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## **Georgia National Fair Camellia Show October 14, 2017**

The Middle Georgia Camellia Society kicks off the camellia season each year with a show at the Georgia National Fair. The show will be in the Miller Murphy Howard building the second Saturday of the fair. A highlight of the year is the low country boil held the evening prior to the show for judges, our membership, and guests.

In order to have blooms to exhibit at the fair, you'll need to Gibb. There is an excellent [You Tube](#) video on-line by Mark Crawford that demonstrates and discusses the benefits of disbudding and gibbing.

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## Presidents Message

It's camellia season! Sasanquas are beginning to bloom as are a few of the early varieties of Japonicas. Our Georgia National Fair Show is only three weeks away! Be sure you send in your reservations for the Low Country Boil to Sandra Williams (478/836-4249, 478/361-0405, [dscm@pstel.net](mailto:dscm@pstel.net)) or Bonnie Wirsing (478/825-3769, 478/957-0992) ASAP

Invite others to join you as well.

There is still time to gibb flower buds to have blooms for the Fall Show in Byron, November 11th. If you need gibb, MGCS has some available at County Line Nursery, 3204 Burnett Rd., Byron, GA.

This coming Saturday, September 30th, MGCS members will help spray for scale in the gardens at Masee Lane. If you can help, please give me a call at 478/825-1337. We will have gas powered sprayers with 100 ft. hoses and help will be needed to maneuver the hoses and sprayers throughout the formal gardens area. We will begin at 8:00 a.m.

If you have a nice bloom, take a picture and post it on Facebook. We need to let everyone know what beautiful flowers we can grow right here in Middle Georgia.

Hope to see you at the Low Country Boil and the Fair!

Tommy

## Georgia National Fair Show

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It's short, only 2 minutes, and very helpful. Google Gibbing Video by Mark Crawford or click on this link – [https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=UeNTP\\_51EK8](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=UeNTP_51EK8) I recommend that you watch it. If you attended the camellia workshop in January, you'll remember Mark as the keynote speaker. He owns Loch Laurel Nursery in Valdosta and has degrees in plant science and plant pathology.

Gibb is available from MGCS by contacting Tommy Alden - 478-825-1337.

Sandra Williams

### Photos from last years show





Low Country Boil  
& Judges' Reception

Friday, October 13, 2017

5:30 p.m. to 9:30 p.m.

(Judges arrive at 6:00 p.m.; Clean-up starts at 8:30 p.m.)

The Rumph Home  
213 McCaskill Street  
Marshallville, GA

Cost: \$25.00 per person

Respond by Sunday, October 8<sup>th</sup>

Bonnie Wright (478) 875-3769, (478) 957-0992

or  
Sandra Williams (478) 836-4249, (478) 361-0105, [sdwm@state.net](mailto:sdwm@state.net)

Bring a dessert.

Bring your dues and renewal form if you haven't already done so.  
Wear your name badge to all events.

Notify Cindy Stokes if you are allergic to shrimp (478) 951-8809, [scstokes10@gmail.com](mailto:scstokes10@gmail.com)



### PAULA DEEN'S CORN SALAD RECIPE

#### Ingredients:

- 1 (15 ounce) cans whole kernel corn, drained
- 2 cups grated cheddar cheese
- 1 cup mayonnaise
- 1 cup green pepper, chopped
- 1/2 cup red onion, chopped
- 1 (10 1/2 ounce) bags coarsely crushed Fritos chili cheese corn chips)

#### Directions:

Mix first 5 ingredients and chill. Crush and stir in corn chips just before serving.

### FALL SHOW IN BYRON!

November 10th

JUDGES RECEPTION AT  
WILLIAM & SANDEE  
KHOURY'S HOUSE

692 Giles Rd

Byron, GA 31008

Members bring a favorite  
dish to share!

November 11th

The show begins at the  
Byron Municipal Complex.  
Please contact Sandee  
Khoury if you can clerk!

[sandee.khoury@gmail.com](mailto:sandee.khoury@gmail.com)

478-320-5551

Georgia National Fair Show Chair

## CARE AND CULTURE

Lots of resources are available on the ACS website.  
Don't forget about this valuable resource that is  
available with your ACS membership!

<https://www.americancamellias.com/care-culture-resources>

CAN'T WAIT TO SEE ALL OF YOU AND YOUR BEAUTIFUL CAMELLIA BLOOMS AT ONE OF  
THE MANY UPCOMING EVENTS!