

# SPRING NEWSLETTER

SAVE THE DATES!

## ANNUAL CAMELLIA WORKSHOP:



## CAMELLIA WORKSHOP A SUCCESS!

On Saturday, January 26<sup>th</sup>, the Middle Georgia Camellia Society held its 5<sup>th</sup> annual Camellia Workshop at Masee Lane Gardens. Attended by some 100+ participants, the popular event featured guest speakers, and local members offering information and hands-on sessions on camellias and their culture.

After a welcome by William Khoury, President of the Middle Georgia Camellia Society and Celeste Richard, Executive Director of the American Camellia Society, Mark Crawford overviewed the general culture of planting and growing camellias.

Tom Beckman introduced camellia grafting and the crowd broke into groups learning about bonsai, planting, and waxing blooms.

Lunch was served followed by a silent auction and more workshops on grafting, gibbing, bloom preparation, hybridizing, air layering, and guided tours of the gardens.

The Camellia Workshop was quite successful in terms of attendance and educational outreach. This success is thanks largely to MGCS members' help with the myriad tasks required for an event of this kind.

Huge kudos to everyone who moved tables, toted boxes, made phone calls, registered guests, coordinated food and donations, ran auctions, printed forms, taught classes, operated audio-visuals, cleaned up, –you get the idea.

The first-class staff and facilities at Masee Lane made it a wonderful day for everyone involved.

Looking forward to next year!

## FEBRUARY SHOW NUMBERS - GREAT SHOW!

**February 23, 2019**

**Middle Georgia Camellia Society**

**Flint Energies Show at Masee Lane**

**Masee Lane Gardens 100**

**Masee Lane**

**Fort Valley, GA 31031**

**Total Number of Blooms Exhibited: 1,218**

**Total Number of Exhibitors: 36**

**Total Number of Attendees: 285**

**Number of ACS Memberships Sold:**

**25**

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AND SHARE YOUR PHOTOS

AND MGCS UPCOMING

EVENTS - THIS IS AN

EXCELLENT WAY FOR OUR MEMBERS

TO SHARE OUR LOVE OF CAMELLIAS!

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LANE**

**APRIL 13TH - ANNUAL PICNIC &  
AUCTION AT CONNIE AND FRANK  
FRESHWATER HOME**

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DEC 5TH - CHRISTMAS PARTY**

# WINTER NEWSLETTER

GETTING READY FOR WINTER SHOWS!



## Georgia National Fair Show:

The time and effort by our volunteers paid off for the Fair Show! The food was delicious and the decorations were lovely! The Georgia National Fair Show had beautiful blooms as always, but it would be great if we would have had more! We had 599 blooms and 780 attendees.

Chuck & Bev Ritter won best "Georgia National Fair" bloom. Best Bloom Unprotected was "Jim Smelley" by Fred & Sandra Jones and Best Bloom Protected was "Mary Fischer" by Jerry & Carol Selph. For complete show results visit [www.americancamellias.com](http://www.americancamellias.com).

## Byron Show:

With 1185 blooms, 206 attendees, and 24 exhibitors the Byron show was a smashing success! There were so many winners, we definitely suggest going to the American Camellia Society site to see the list! Best Bloom in Show Unprotected "Jim Smelley" by Fred and Sandra Jones and Best Bloom in Show Protected "Mary Fischer" by Howard and Mary Rhodes.

## **ANNUAL WORKSHOP!**

JANUARY 26TH - WORKSHOP AT MASSEE LANE

The following workshops will be offered:

- “Camellia Culture” Mark Crawford
- “Grafting Introduction” Tom Beckman
- Planting Camellias with Mark Collier
- Waxing Blooms by JoAnn Dankle
- Guided Garden Tours with Tommy Alden
- Grafting with David Williams, Tom Beckman, Tommy Alden & Grady Stokes
- Gibbing and Bloom Prep with Sandra Jones
- Hybridizing with Grady Stokes

There will be a box auction and box lunches are available with ticket

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FEBRUARY 22-24TH - MASSEE LANE  
FESTIVAL OF FLOWERS SHOW

MARCH 21ST - MEMBERSHIP  
MEETING

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## **QUILT RAFFLE!**

Anyone that is unable to attend any of these events can contact Cynthia Simpson to purchase raffle tickets for the quilt! 478-951-6118 or email [cynthia31078@pstel.net](mailto:cynthia31078@pstel.net)

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