

OCALA CAMELLIA SOCIETY NEWSLETTER

Patrick Andrews, Editor

HAPPY ST. PATRICK'S DAY!

March 2014

NEXT MEETING SET FOR TUESDAY, MARCH 4, 2014

The next meeting of the Ocala Camellia Society will be on Tuesday, March 4, 2014, at the Marion County Public Library in meeting room A. The main library is at 2720 E. Silver Springs Blvd.

We will meet at 6:00 for our end-of-the-year potluck dinner and socializing. We will elect officers at this meeting. The nominating committee submitted the following slate for election and installation at the March meeting: President – Susan Dunn (second term); Vice-President – Bob Weidman (second term); Secretary – Gwynne Pealer (first term); Laura Perdomo – Treasurer (second full term) and the following Directors: Patrick Andrews; Marge Hendon, Charles Nichols; Madeline Braisted, Charlotte Bunyan, and Jill Reed.

We will discuss what to do to take care of camellias through the spring and summer months, and answer members' camellia culture questions.

The meeting will conclude with a plant raffle and auction to benefit the Ocala Camellia Society.

DUES

If you haven't paid your current year's dues yet for this year, please pay Laura Perdomo at the upcoming meeting to make sure you are current. This is the last meeting until next season, which will begin the first week in September 2014.

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Susan Dunn, President

It is hard to believe that we are completing another camellia season of beautiful blooms and society meetings, but here we are at the month of March! What a wonderful season it has been with many accomplishments along the way. Our annual January show was very successful and we now have a community project at the Silver Springs State Park underway. Thanks to Bob Weidman, the monthly programs have been very informative and helpful in making us even more educated and proficient gardeners.

Many thanks to all of you for your support during the year and for being faithful members that are dedicated to showcasing these most beautiful of flowers. I appreciate all the hard work that you have done to make my job as president fun and memorable.

Please plan to attend our last meeting on March 4th and be ready to choose the officers and directors for next year. And don't forget that we will enjoy another potluck meal together starting at 6:00 at the Headquarters of the Marion County Public Library. Bring your best dish to share! See you then. Susan Dunn, President

ACS and ACCS WEB SITES

If you haven't done so lately, please visit the Ocala Camellia Society pages on the ACS (<http://www.americancamellias.org/display.aspx?catid=7,125,322,183&pageid=79>) and ACCS (<http://www.atlanticcoastcamelliasociety.org/Ocala%20CS.html>) websites.

MINUTES OF THE FEBRUARY MEETING
by Madeline Braisted

President Susan Dunn began the meeting at 6:05 with 19 people present. We celebrated Marge Hendon's 61st birthday with goodies and a birthday cake. Susan spoke about our camellia show: 350 people were present and more than 1000 blooms were entered! Positive comments about the breakfast (provided by Cash and Gwynne Pealer) and the new location were heard all morning. Bob Weidman moved to approve the minutes from the January meeting, seconded by Frank Braisted. Laura Perdomo gave the treasurer's report.

New members were introduced: Daryl and Edna Driscoll from Ocala Forest and Carol and Bob Burkert from Ocala. Laura Perdomo will e-mail a list of members with phone numbers to Patrick Andrews and it will be included with the February newsletter.

Marge announced that she has 16 plants left over from the show for sale for \$20.00. The March meeting will be a pot-luck dinner. The meat will be supplied by the club.

Under new business, we discussed whether next year's show (January 24, 2015) should be one day or two. Susan, Marge, and Zlata will form a committee to look for other venues for next year's show. We also discussed the issue of helpers carrying flowers to the wrong tables, clerking, and runners pulling off bottom tags. A suggestion was made to bring flyers to Ocala community garden clubs for their December meetings for publicity. A change in meeting night and location was also discussed. It presently costs \$450 a year plus a deposit for damages here at the library.

The nominating committee recommended the following officers and directors for next year: President, Susan Dunn; Vice-President, Bob Weidman; Secretary, Gynne Pealer; Treasurer, Laura Perdomo. Directors: Patrick Andrews, Charles Nichols, Marge Hendon, Madeline Braisted, Charlotte Bunyan, and Jill Reed. Susan mentioned that we can maintain the camellia garden at Silver Springs State Park. Bob Weidman demonstrated air-layering with several handouts. Raffle for a camellia was won by Edna Driscoll. The meeting ended with a plant auction to benefit the Ocala Camellia Society.

CAMELLIA CULTURE – SPRING AND SUMMER

GRAFTING: There is still plenty of time for grafting, although all grafting should be completed before new growth begins. Scions will keep in a sealed plastic bag in the refrigerator for three weeks or longer, so even if you aren't ready to graft immediately, cut your scions now, before they start to grow, and store them for later. Once the growth bud has begun to feather it is too late to be used as a scion.

SPRAYING: Spider mites and scale insects can still be a problem at this time a year, so keep a close eye out for them. Spider mites cause the leaf to appear bronze, particularly along the central rib, and can ruin the look of the foliage. Scale insects can be seen on the lower surface of leaves and result in yellowing and dropping of the leaves. You can spray with chemicals such as Orthene to control mites, but a better, more environmentally friendly solution would be to spray with insecticidal oil (such as Super Fine or Ultra Pure) or insecticidal soap. These oils and soaps kill mites and scales but be sure to coat both sides of the leaves, and do not spray during hot temperatures. Check with local camellia growers for other spraying tips and to find out what they spray with to control these insects.

PLANTING: You can still plant and move camellias, as they are still dormant. Potted camellias can be planted at any time of the year, but remember to water at least twice a week. Be sure to plant them above the soil level to allow for settling. Never plant a camellia at a level lower than it is growing in the pot.

MULCHING: Camellias should be mulched to help keep the roots cool and to help the soil retain water. Mulch also cuts down on the need to weed, while contributing to the organic content of your soil.

WATERING: Watering is extremely important during the blooming season, as flowers consist mostly of water, and during our usually dry spring, when camellias start to put on a major flush of growth. A well-watered plant will bloom much more freely and the flowers will be much larger if the plant is watered well. It is very important to water regularly during any dry periods. Camellias should receive a deep watering (1 inch) once a week. This is true year-round, but is more crucial during dry periods.

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FERTILIZING: It's time to start thinking about applying the first round of fertilizer to your camellias. You can use any fertilizer, but a Camellia, Azalea, Gardenia fertilizer is ideal. Be sure to spread the fertilizer out to the drip line. Many local camellia growers fertilize during the first week of April, the middle week of May, and the last week of June or first week of August. Other gardeners fertilize at the beginning of each season, so this would mean the first application would be in the latter part of March. Your last application of fertilizer should probably be in late August or early September, as fertilizing after this may cause camellias to grow again, and the new growth may not harden off before cold weather starts. Some growers like to apply a light application of a low-nitrogen fertilizer in the fall to stimulate root growth.

PRUNING: There is plenty of time to prune, but it is best to prune before growth has begun in earnest. Prune for shape, to limit the size, and to produce new growth for next season's flower buds. Be sure to remove dead wood. You may wish to seal large cuts with a commercial tree sealer. After pruning one plant, sanitize your clippers with a mild bleach solution before pruning another plant.

AIR LAYERING: Air layering can be done at any time where temperatures remain above freezing. Some people air layer as early as February, but many wait until May, when the parent plants are actively growing and the bark peels away easily. Air layers done in May are generally ready to harvest by August and September, and on into the fall for some slower-rooting varieties.

CUTTINGS: Cuttings are generally taken during the summer, around June or July, when they will root quite readily. Reticulatas are the hardest to root (and many varieties won't root from cuttings at all), so it's a safer bet to stick with japonicas and non-reticulata hybrids. Take cuttings with about four leaves; snip off the lower two leaves and cut the others in half. Trim the base just below a leaf axil, dip it in a rooting hormone, and insert the cutting into a small pot filled with a moist, sandy potting medium. You may want to put the pot in a plastic bag (to keep the air around the cutting humid) and place in a shaded spot. Check the bag regularly and add water when needed. The roots don't develop immediately, but they should form within 4-6 weeks on some varieties, longer on others. Cuttings can be taken at other times of the year, too, but rooting takes longer.

OCALA CAMELLIA SOCIETY
EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

The officers of the Executive Committee of the Ocala Camellia Society for 2013-2014 are:

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APPLICATION FOR MEMBERSHIP FOR 2014-2015

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Single Membership () \$10.00
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Total Enclosed \$ _____

Date of Application _____
Name: Mr. _____
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Address _____
City _____ State _____ Zip Code _____
Telephone Number: Home () - _____ Cell () - _____
Email: _____

Please make your check payable to OCALA CAMELLIA SOCIETY and send to: Laura Perdomo, Treasurer, Ocala Camellia Society, 11960 NE 52nd Place Road Silver Springs, FL 34488.

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The meeting will begin at 6:00 p.m. with light refreshments. Our speaker will be local member Bob Weidman. Bob will demonstrate how to air layer a camellia. Air layering is a great way to propagate camellias when you want to make a clone of a known variety. Like cuttings, it is an exact clone of the original plant. Bob is an expert at air layering, and all members are urged to attend to find out his secrets.

We will also review the results of our camellia show (winners on pages 4-5). The meeting will conclude with a plant auction to benefit the Ocala Camellia Society.

ACS CALENDARS

We still have a number of Calendars available for sale. The 2014 ACS calendar contains a beautiful camellia photo for each month of the year. See Laura Perdomo at the meeting to purchase one.

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PLANTS FOR SALE

We have the following plants still for sale from this year's show. They will be available for purchase at the meeting.

2 Alba Plena, 1 Blue Danube, 1 Debutante, 1 Early Autumn, 2 Elaine's Betty, 1 Elegans Supreme, 2 Esther Smith, 1 Fircone Var., 2 Grand Marshal, 1 Guest Star, 1 Herme, 1 Melissa Anne, 2 Professor Charles Sargent

MINUTES OF THE JANUARY MEETING

By Gwynn Pealer, Acting Secretary

President Susan Dunn opened the meeting with reminders: February refreshments: Marge and Laura; March meeting: Pot Luck Dinner

President Dunn introduced the speaker: Judy Brown of Garden Gate Nursery in Gainesville. Topic: Managing a Small Independent Nursery

Minutes of last meeting were accepted as printed in the newsletter. Treasurer reported a balance of \$6267.95 and reminded members that there are 10 Camellia Show Awards that still needed donations.

Old Business: Patrick & Susan discussed the Camellia Show. David Holmes will have an article in the January 18 Star Banner about camellias and will announce the show. Idea for future show: Susan mentioned a card published by the Camellia Society of Central Florida in Orlando that describes their show. The card is distributed to nurseries in the vicinity. Volunteers needed: Friday afternoon, 1/24 for set up; Saturday no later than 7:00 for taking in submissions; 10 people have already signed up for this; Saturday by 9:45: 12 clerks and 3 rovers to follow judges are needed.

New Business: Silver Springs State Park discussed by Susan -- volunteers are needed to improve the gardens. Volunteer forms were distributed. There is a camellia grove at the park that The Camellia Society could adopt as a community project. We will discuss this further after the Show. The Silver Springs Park could have space for the Camellia Show after renovations are completed but now date for that is available.

Nominating Committee must be appointed this month by the president and report to the February meeting. Patrick presented the revised by-laws. Charles Nichols moved the by-laws be approved and Joe Sabo seconded. Membership voted to approve the by-laws.

Reminders: Sabo's open house next Sunday; Bob & Patrick's open house the following week.

After the camellia auction, the meeting was adjourned at 8:50.

CAMELLIA CULTURE -- WINTER

(Continued from the previous column)

PLANTING: This is the best time of year to plant camellias. They are dormant now, so they won't be putting on leaf growth. The roots, however, will continue to grow all winter. You may want to add a little Super Triple Phosphate fertilizer to the hole when planting, but don't overdo it. This fertilize promotes root growth but not leaf growth. Be sure to plant them above the soil level to allow for settling. Never plant a camellia at a level lower than it is growing in the pot. Keep newly planted camellias well watered.

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GIBBING: You can still gib blooms to make sure you have blooms to enter into specific shows this winter. Gibbing is the process of removing the growth bud next to a flower bud and filling the "cup" with a drop of gibberellic acid. This causes the remaining flower bud to swell and bloom much earlier than it normally would, and in most cases the flower is much larger. Be sure not to gib more than one or two buds on small bushes, if at all. You can order a gib on the web; just Google Progibb.

DISBUDDING: Continue disbudding if you find more than one bud at the tips of branches to ensure that the remaining bud will open larger and more beautiful.

UPCOMING ACS COOPERATIVE SHOWS AND EVENTS IN 2014

QUITMAN, GA, Quitman Garden Club, 2/1-2/2014, at Brooks County Extension Office, 400 East Courtland Avenue, Nancibeth Shealy, (229) 263-8661, nursenbs@windstream.net

WEST COLUMBIA, SC, Mid-Carolina Camellia Society, 2/8/2014, at South Carolina State Farmers Market-Phillips Market Center, 3483 Charleston Highway, Cary Chamblee & Richard Mims, (803) 438-9741, chambleec@gmail.com

THOMASVILLE, GA, Thomasville Garden Club, Inc, 2/8/2014, at Thomasville Garden Center, Pat Johnson & Briarcliff Garden Club, (229) 377-5548, mtomlin@rose.net

COLUMBUS, GA, Chattahoochee Valley Camellia Society, 2/15-2/16/2014, at The Columbus Museum, 251 Wynnton Road, Sam Wellborn, (706) 615-0965, sammwellborn@gmail.com

FORT VALLEY, GA, Middle Georgia Camellia Society, 2/22-2/23/2014, at Fetterman Building, Masee Lane, John Gamble, (478) 825-3749, jsgamble@earthlink.net

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SHOW RESULTS
2014 OCALA CAMELLIA SHOW
January 25, 2014
Ocala Golf Club, 3130 E. Silver Springs Blvd., Ocala, Florida
1062 Blooms Exhibited
350 Attendees
36 Exhibitors
1 New ACS Member

CERTIFICATES

Gold Certificate (unprotected): 67 Blue Ribbons, Chuck & Bev Ritter
Silver Certificate (unprotected): 38 Blue Ribbons, Jerry & Carol Selph

Gold Certificate (protected): 64 Blue Ribbons, Howard & Mary Rhodes
Silver Certificate (protected): 21 Blue Ribbons, Jerry & Carol Selph

OUTSTANDING BLOOM CERTIFICATES

C. japonica unprotected:

Lg/VLg: 'Ginny Anderson Var.', Joseph & Zlata Sabo
RU: 'Bobbie Fain Var.', John & Dinh Swanson
Md: 'Dixie Knight Supreme', Louis & Joanne Raska
RU: 'Sawada's Dream', Chuck & Bev Ritter
Sm: 'Jackie D.', Donna & Charles Nichols
RU: 'Maroon and Gold', Chuck & Bev Ritter

C. japonica protected:

Lg/VLg: 'Georgia National Fair', Howard & Mary Rhodes
RU: 'Pirate's Gold Var.', Howard & Mary Rhodes
Md: 'Cherries Jubilee Var.', Howard & Mary Rhodes
RU: 'Margaret Davis', Steve & Gayle Lawrence
Sm: 'Black Gold', Steve & Gayle Lawrence
RU: 'Ruby Mathews', Howard & Mary Rhodes

C. reticulata (Inc. hybrids w/retic parent) unprotected:

VLg: 'Frank Houser Var.', Chuck & Bev Ritter
RU: 'Ray Gentry Var.', Chuck & Bev Ritter
Lg: 'Valentine Day Var.', Louis & Joanne Raska
RU: 'Terrell Weaver Var.', Patrick Andrews & Bob Weidman
Sm/Md: 'Crimson Candles', Jerry & Carol Selph
RU: 'Elizabeth B. Hunt', Chuck & Bev Ritter

C. reticulata (Inc. hybrids w/retic parent) protected:

VLg: 'Frank Houser Var.', Howard & Mary Rhodes
RU: 'Hall's Pride Var.', Howard & Mary Rhodes
Lg: 'Phyllis Hunt', Howard & Mary Rhodes
RU: 'Forty-Niner Var.', Howard & Mary Rhodes
Sm/Md: 'Elizabeth B. Hunt', Howard & Mary Rhodes
RU: 'Mary O'Donnell', Howard & Mary Rhodes

C. hybrid (w/no retic parent) unprotected:

Lg/VLg: 'Tom Perkins', Chuck & Bev Ritter
RU: 'Cile Mitchell Var.', Charles & Donna Nichols
Md: 'Julie Var.', Chuck & Bev Ritter
RU: 'First Blush', Patrick Andrews & Bob Weidman
Sm: 'Spring Daze', Chuck & Bev Ritter
RU: 'Punkin', Chuck & Bev Ritter

C. hybrid (w/no retic parent) protected:

Lg/VLg: 'Mona Jury Var.', Howard & Mary Rhodes

RU: 'Jubilation', Howard & Mary Rhodes

Md: 'Raspberry Flambe', Howard & Mary Rhodes

Sm: 'Buttons 'n Bows', Howard & Mary Rhodes

Best Miniature unprotected:

BB: 'Buttermint', Jerry & Carol Selph

RU: 'Sweet Jane', Louis & Joanne Raska

Best Miniature protected:

BB: 'Sweet Jane', Steve & Gayle Lawrence

RU: 'Fircone Var.', Howard & Mary Rhodes

Best White Bloom Unprotected - Annie Drake Award: 'Nuccio's Gem', John & Dinh Swanson

Best White Bloom Protected: 'Melissa Anne', Howard & Mary Rhodes

Best sasanqua, vernalis & hiemalis

BB: 'Star Above Star', Katie Wollam

RU: Chansonette, John Opperman

All other species

BB: 'C. nitidissima', Howard & Mary Rhodes

RU: C. edithae, Louis & Joanne Raska

Best Reticulata Seedling: 'Sang Jie', Randolph & Marilyn Maphis

Best Japonica Seedling: '#1125', Lillian Gordy

Best Sport Bloom: 'Raspberry Flambe Red', Howard and Mary Rhodes

TRAYS

Tray of Three-same variety unprotected:

BB: 'Frank House Var.', Chuck & Bev Ritter

Tray of Three-same variety protected:

BB: 'Pete Galli Var.', Howard & Mary Rhodes

Tray of Five-different varieties protected:

BB: 'Five Beautiful Blooms', Chuck & Bev Ritter

Tray of Five-different varieties protected:

BB: 'Five Beautiful Blooms', Jerry & Carol Selph

Tray of Three different varieties (Small, Medium & Large):

BB: 'Three Beautiful Blooms', Lillian Gordy

Best Novice Bloom:

BB: 'Mathotiana', Patricia Thomas

Club Members and Marion County Residents

Best Small Local Bloom: 'Maroon and Gold', Joseph & Zlata Sabo

Best Medium Local Bloom: 'Can Can', Patrick Andrews & Bob Weidman

Best Large Local Bloom: 'Scarlet Glory', Charles & Donna Nichols

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HAPPY NEW YEAR!

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The meeting will begin at 6:00 p.m. with light refreshments. Our guest speaker is Judy Brown, Director of Garden Gate Retail in Gainesville. Judy received an AA degree in fine arts from Santa Fe Community College, and studied landscape architecture and ornamental horticulture at the University of Florida. Judy has been with Garden Gate Nursery in Gainesville for 27 years. She will be speaking about the ins and outs of an independent garden center in 2014.

We will also review the final details of our upcoming camellia show, discuss a revision of our Constitution and By-Laws (please review the copy attached to this newsletter), and the meeting will conclude with a plant auction to benefit the Ocala Camellia Society.

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Susan Dunn, President

Hello OCS Members! The exciting news for January 2014 is that we have another opportunity to share the beauty of camellias with our community through the annual OCS camellia show! Don't miss out on the pleasure of making this presentation to the public and highlighting the beauty of these blooms!

Whatever your particular talent is, we can use your help! Come to our next meeting and find out the details of entering flowers from your own garden as well as taking on one of the many jobs required to make the show a success. Remember, many hands make light work; anything you can do to help in this tribute to camellias will be appreciated! See you at our next meeting!

MINUTES OF THE DECEMBER MEETING

By Madeline Braisted, Secretary

The meeting began about 7 p.m. following a wonderful pot-luck dinner compliments of our members. A great way to begin our holiday season! Susan Dunn, our president, asked for corrections or additions to the minutes of November's meeting. There were none and Bob motioned to accept the minutes and Marge seconded his motion. Laura Perdomo gave the treasurer's report: ending balance of \$4634.95.

The Christmas Open Houses were announced: Linda Sanders on December 8 from 2 to 5; Zlata and Joe Sabo on Sunday, January 12 at 1 p.m., and Patrick and Bob's on Sunday, January 19 at 12. Addresses are in the November newsletter. ACS calendars are for sale for \$15.00.

Patrick and Zlata came in with their entourage of helpers from the Prestige 55 presentation. They were a roaring success! Second presentation will be on Thursday from 4-5:30. If you can, please bring flowers.

Our annual camellia show will be on January 25th for one day only, on Saturday. Help is needed to set up on Friday at 4 p.m. and cleanup on Saturday at 5 p.m. Help -- major help -- is needed working with the judges. Please volunteer. There were 36 present at the meeting, and we have 3 new members. Gwynn and Cash Pealer will be in charge of providing breakfast for the judges and early volunteers. Zlata read us a great joke -- Bridal Registry at the Pharmacy. Six beautiful plants donated by Patrick and Bob were auctioned off, and the meeting was adjourned at 7:30.

JOE AND ZLATA SABO OPEN HOUSE

Zlata and Joe Sabo will have their open house on Sunday, January 12 around 1 p.m. Their address is 700 SW 96th Lane, Ocala, FL. Don't miss this chance to see one of the most beautiful camellia gardens in Florida!

Here are some more pictures of flowers blooming in my garden that were registered by local camellia growers!

Frances Boswell, registered by M.B. Boswell, Ocala, 1973



Early Autumn, registered by Clarence and Lillian Gordy, 2001



Esther Smith, registered by J. C. (Jim) Smith, 1989



YOU ARE INVITED TO OUR TWELFTH ANNUAL CAMELLIA OPEN HOUSE

Please join us on Sunday, January 19, 2014, at 12:00 noon, for the twelfth annual tour of our Camellia and other gardens -- rain or shine! We are constantly planting new cultivars and other types of plants, so there are plenty of new plants and flowers to see. This is also a chance to get first choice of the camellia plants that will be sold at our upcoming show. The japonicas and hybrids are \$25, and the reticulatas (only four left!) are \$35. We will be hosting the Ocala Camellia Society, the Gainesville Camellia Society (meeting at 2 p.m.), and other gardening friends. Delicious refreshments will be served – we will provide all food and beverages, including wine and beer.

Our address is 950 NE 189th Lane, Citra, FL.

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

From Ocala: Go north on US 301 to intersection with CR 318 in Citra, go west on CR 318 about a mile, and then right on NE 10th Avenue. Follow the paved road around (it changes name three times in a few short blocks) until the pavement ends. Take a sharp right onto NE 189th Lane (dirt road), and our house is the third on the right (you will pass a tall Red Cedar hedge).

The house is white with dark green trim. Be sure to wear comfortable clothes and walking shoes. We hope to see you! Bob Weidman and Patrick Andrews. 352-595-3365



CAMELLIA CULTURE -- WINTER

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BY-LAWS OF THE OCALA CAMELLIA SOCIETY

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Section 5. The Directors shall assist the Officers in all matters, and shall attend any Executive Committee meetings set by the President.

ARTICLE 7 – DUES

Section 1. The annual dues of the Ocala Camellia Society shall be reviewed by the Executive Committee and approved by 2/3 of voting members present. Any changes to the annual dues shall be presented at the final meeting of the year for approval by 2/3 of the voting members present. Membership in the American Camellia Society is recommended but not required, and is considered as important as membership in the Ocala Camellia Society.

Section 2. Dues must be paid to be a member in good standing.

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Section 1. The Executive Committee shall have the power to fill vacancies of any Officer or Director.

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OCALA CAMELLIA SOCIETY NEWSLETTER

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MERRY CHRISTMAS!

December 2013

NEXT MEETING SET FOR TUESDAY, DECEMBER 3, 2013

The next meeting of the Ocala Camellia Society will be on Tuesday, December 3, 2013, at the Marion County Public Library in meeting room A. The main library is at 2720 E. Silver Springs Blvd.

The meeting will begin at 6:00 p.m., and you will want to get there on time since it's the annual Holiday Pot Luck dinner. Meat and beverages will be supplied, so bring a side dish or dessert.

There will be a review of what we will need to do to have a successful show in January, and there will also be a camellia Q&A, where experienced members will answer questions about camellia collecting, culture, and propagation. The meeting will conclude with a plant auction to benefit the Ocala Camellia Society. Come prepared to purchase at least one of the beautiful plants that will be offered.

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Susan Dunn, President

Hello Camellia Lovers!

We are so lucky that our camellias are coming into full bloom and are adorning our gardens with gorgeous colors! It is lovely to also display them in our homes and workplaces as a way to introduce others to these winter showoffs! The holiday season is the perfect time to share the beauty of these flowers. Speaking of sharing, I have sent the American Camellia Society calendars to my two sisters in Georgia and they were thrilled to get them. So if you want a sure-fire gift idea, plan to purchase one or more of the calendars at our upcoming meeting on Dec. 3rd. And don't forget that this will be our holiday pot-luck dinner meeting so bring one of your best tasting dishes to share with our members and we'll enjoy a meal together! See you then.

MINUTES FROM THE NOVEMBER MEETING

By Madeline Braisted, Secretary

President Susan Dunn opened the meeting at 6:05 on Tuesday, Nov. 5, 2013. She introduced Marc Frank, our speaker, whose credentials were established by Bob Weidman. His topic for the evening was "Companion Plants for Camellias in Northern and Central Florida." This excellent program included a slide show of over 25 pictures of flowers and their varieties, along with descriptions for their care and propagation. He had numerous "pass-along" plants included as well. Some general recommendations were: 1) companion plants need similar cultural requirements as camellias; 2) they provide color when camellias are finished blooming; 3) mass planting for best effect; 4) should be planted in late winter and early spring, and water is essential for establishing the plants. Examples of companion plants: Lime Zinger, Blue Ginger, Bromeliads (need bright light to show off their silver foliage), Amazon Lilly, Dancing Girls, Nun's orchid, Kalanchoe, Cat's Whiskers, Mona Lavender, Salvia, Blue Anise Sage, Persian Shield, Crossandra, Purple Shrimp plant, Yellow Jacobinia, and Begonias. He answered many, many questions from the audience. We asked him to return to us with his Invasive Plant Presentation soon. A wonderful speaker!!!

Patricia Frawley was introduced as a guest at the meeting. Laura Perdomo gave the treasurer's report: Starting balance of \$6765.93, Dues of \$55.00, Plant Raffles \$53.00; County Line Nursery payment of \$2,109.00, Ending Balance of \$4,764.93. Zlata Sabo talked about the upcoming Prestige 55 program on Dec 3 at 5:30-7:00 p.m. and Dec. 5 at 4:00- 5:30. She asked for volunteers to bring flowers for the tables. If you volunteered, please don't forget! The date of our camellia show is Jan 25. Help is needed to set up on Friday and take down late Saturday afternoon. Three OPEN HOUSE celebrations were announced: Patrick and Bob will have their annual open house on Sunday, January 19, starting at 12. Linda and Lee Sanders will have their holiday open house on Sunday, December 8 (flyer was distributed with times etc.). Zlata and Joe Sabo will have their open house on Sunday, January 12 around 1 p.m. The December meeting will be the holiday dinner. The club will supply ham and we are asked to bring side dishes, veggies, and desert. Marge brought in a beautiful blooming Sparkling Burgundy branch to share with members. The plant raffle followed with plants donated by Bob Weidman and Patrick Andrews. Laura motioned to close the meeting and Marge seconded it.

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TREASURER'S REPORT

December 2013 Treasurer's Report
Laura Perdomo, Treasurer

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Reporting on what happened in November

Description	In	Out
Dues	\$55.00	
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Here are some pictures of flowers blooming in my garden that were registered by local camellia growers!

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CURRENT LIST OF AVAILABLE PLANTS

(Contact Bob Weidman if interested)

JAPONICAS

Alba Plena 3
Betty Foy Sanders 3
Black Magic 3
Bob Hope 2
Bobbie Fain Var. 2
Campari 3
Can Can 2
Carter's Sunburst Special 3
Cherries Jubilee 3
Debutante 2
Dick Hardison 2
Early Autumn 4
Elaine's Betty 3
Elegans Supreme 1
Esther Smith 3
Fircone Var. 2

Fran Mathis Var. 5
Grand Marshall Var. 2
Grape Soda 2
Guest Star 2
Happy Birthday 2
Helen Bower 1
Herme 1
Lady Laura 2
Magic City 3
Man Size 3
Margaret Davis 2
Mathotiana 3
Melissa Anne 3
Miss Bessie Beville 2
Miss Charleston Var. 2
Nuccio's Jewel 2
Pink Perfection 2

Prof. Charles S. Sargent 2
Raspberry Flambe 3
Raspberry Ice 1
Royal Velvet 2
Sea Foam 5
Something Beautiful 3
Tomorrow Park Hill 3

RETICULATAS

Frank Houser 3
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In 2003 Marc resumed his studies at the University of Florida to pursue his longstanding passion for botany and horticulture, and received a masters degree in Horticultural Science in 2005.

From 2000 to 2008 he worked as the Assistant Collection Manager and Extension Botanist at the University of Florida Herbarium. After a 3-year stint managing the nursery at the Singapore Botanic Gardens, Marc is now a botanist at the Division of Plant Industry, Florida Department of Agriculture and Consumer Services. He specializes in horticultural taxonomy—the identification and classification of cultivated plants.

The meeting will conclude with a plant auction to benefit the Ocala Camellia Society. Please bring any plants or other items you would like to donate for the auction to the meeting.

See you there!

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Susan Dunn, President

Hello OCS members!

November is a month of reflection for all that we have to be thankful for so I want to start off my list with the Ocala Camellia Society! As we enter the blooming season, it will be fun to compare what is bursting into bloom in our gardens. My "Alabama Beauty" sasanqua is glorious!

I am also grateful to know what wonderful members we have and how nice it is that we can meet together and "talk flowers" each month! I am thankful that all of you will decide how you can help with our upcoming show in January and help make the work lighter for our show committee members by offering to work before, during, and/or after the show. Please sign up for at least one of the opportunities to work at the show and make this one of the best ever. There are also prizes that our members can volunteer to sponsor for a small amount if you are able to donate in this way to the show effort. This event is only a success because we can count on you for help and support! Thanks in advance for being a member of this society and spreading the word about these beautiful flowers!

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MINUTES FROM THE OCTOBER MEETING

By Madeline Braisted, Secretary

Susan Dunn opened the meeting at 6 p.m. and announced that the December meeting would be a potluck dinner. The minutes from the September meeting were approved as published in the newsletter. Laura Perdomo gave the treasurer's report: starting balance of \$6,854.93; dues \$150; plant raffle \$76; meeting space \$300 for 6 months; new balance of \$6,765.93.

Carol Selph of Quitman, Georgia, began her presentation on Betty Sheffield: The Woman and the Flower. Betty Sheffield's sister was our speaker's piano teacher. She had a wonderful collection of slides to accompany her discussion of Betty's life. Following her degree from Emory College she became supervisor of 2 employees from the town and they planted camellias all over the town -- in every vacant spot. In 1949 the Betty Sheffield camellia was registered and many sports arose -- pink, blush, silver, to name a few. There is a statue of her in Quitman, Georgia.

Patrick gave out press releases for our Jan show. The judges are lined up. He then discussed gibbing vs non-gibbing. He stated that by the end of January very little difference in size of flowers is seen. The decision was made to eliminate the gibbing categories for our January show. Bob Weidman mentioned polo shirts and T's were sitting in storage and needed to be sold. They will be brought to the next meeting. The next discussion was calendars, whether to buy online or not? It was decided that the club would order 25.

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TREASURER'S REPORT

November 2013 Treasurer's Report
Laura Perdomo, Treasurer

Starting Balance: \$6765.93

Reporting on what happened in October

Description	In	Out
Dues	\$55.00	
Plant Raffles	\$53.00	
County Line Nursery- Plants for sale		\$2,109.00

Ending Balance: \$4764.93

Dues Paid for October:

Jerome Johnson	\$10.00	cash
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Gwynn and Cash Pealer	\$15.00	check
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2014 NOMENCLATURE BOOKS

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CURRENT LIST OF AVAILABLE PLANTS

(Contact Bob Weidman if interested)

JAPONICAS

Alba Plena 3
Betty Foy Sanders 3
Black Magic 3
Bob Hope 2
Bobbie Fain Var. 2
Campari 3
Can Can 2
Carter's Sunburst Special 3
Cherries Jubilee 3
Debutante 2
Dick Hardison 2
Early Autumn 4
Elaine's Betty 3
Elegans Supreme 1
Esther Smith 3
Fircone Var. 2

Fran Mathis Var. 5
Grand Marshall Var. 2
Grape Soda 2
Guest Star 2
Happy Birthday 2
Helen Bower 1
Herme 1
Lady Laura 2
Magic City 3
Man Size 3
Margaret Davis 2
Mathotiana 3
Melissa Anne 3
Miss Bessie Beville 2
Miss Charleston Var. 2
Nuccio's Jewel 2
Pink Perfection 2

Prof. Charles S. Sargent 2
Raspberry Flambe 3
Raspberry Ice 1
Royal Velvet 2
Sea Foam 5
Something Beautiful 3
Tomorrow Park Hill 3

RETICULATAS

Frank Houser 3
John Hunt 1

HYBRIDS

Blue Danube 2
Buttons n' Bows 1
Dream Boat 1
Kagirohi 1

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GAINESVILLE, FL, Gainesville Camellia Society, 1/4-5/2014, at Kanapaha Botanical Gardens, 4700 Southwest 58th Drive, John Swanson, (352) 672-2644, johnbssquaredetc@gmail.com

TALLAHASSEE, FL, Camellia & Garden Club of Tallahassee, 1/11-12/2014, at Doyle Connor Administration Building, 3125 Connor Boulevard, Randolph Maphis, (850) 878-3872, crmaphis@comcast.net

WINTER PARK, FL, Camellia Society of Central Florida, 1/18/2014, at Mead Gardens, 1500 South Denning Drive, Katie Wollam, (352) 227-8011, kwollam@gmail.com

OCALA, FL, Ocala Camellia Society, 1/25/2014, at Ocala Golf Club, 3130 E. Silver Springs Blvd, Patrick Andrews, (352) 595-3365, patrickandrews@att.net

QUITMAN, GA, Quitman Garden Club, 2/1-2/2014, at Brooks County Extension Office, 400 East Courtland Avenue, Nancibeth Shealy, (229) 263-8661, nursenbs@windstream.net

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NEWSLETTER

Patrick Andrews, Editor

October 2013

NEXT MEETING SET FOR THURSDAY, OCTOBER 1, 2013

The next meeting of the Ocala Camellia Society will be on Thursday, October 1, 2013, at the Marion County Public Library in meeting room A. The main library is at 2720 E. Silver Springs Blvd.

The meeting will begin at 6:00 p.m. Bring light refreshments if you wish to share.

Carol Selph of Valdosta, Georgia, will be our guest speaker. Her topic will be "Betty Sheffield - The Person and The Flower." Carol is a native of Quitman Georgia, where Betty Sheffield lived most of her life, and Carol knew Betty and her family.

The meeting will conclude with a plant auction to benefit the Ocala Camellia Society. Please bring any plants or other items you would like to donate for the auction to the meeting.

MINUTES OF THE SEPT MEETING

The September meeting began at 6 p.m. with 21 members and guests present. President Susan Dunn introduced the officers and board of directors. Two new members were introduced. Laura gave the treasurer's report - we have a beginning balance of \$6854.93. Marge explained why we were meeting at the Main Library and not back at the Pioneer Garden Club. It had been put up for sale because the garden club could no longer afford the exorbitant cost of electricity, etc.

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Marge and several others looked at possible places for our camellia show in January and consideration was given to the Ocala Golf Club. It will continue to be held the 4th weekend in January. Friday will be set-up and Saturday will be the flower show. The show will only be on Saturday this year, and tear-down will be after 6. The members were urged to look for alternate locations for next year. In order to enter a flower in the show you must own the plant for 30 days (or more).

Patrick asked for a volunteer to assume publicity for the upcoming show and club activities. Jerome Johnson volunteered with Patrick acting as his mentor. Zlata read a letter from Prestige 55 regarding the dates of presentations for December. They are Tuesday, December 3 from 5:30 to 7:00 at ACC, and Thursday, December 5 from 4:00 to 5:30 at Timber Ridge.

Patrick mentioned that we are looking for the latest versions of our constitution and bylaws as we need to amend some items. He will present the changes for approval in October or November. In our general discussion about camellias, Laura asked about planting a hedge of sasanquas. Members advised her to plant the camellias 3 to 4 feet apart. She also talked about having calling cards made with information about our club and our January show.

Bob announced that the speaker for the October meeting will be Carol Selph. Her topic is Betty Sheffield - the woman and her camellias. The November topic is companion plants for camellias. The plant auction followed with 6 lucky members gaining a new plant propagated by Patrick and Bob. The meeting was adjourned at 7:55.

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AMERICAN CAMELLIA SOCIETY CALENDARS

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To order, please call toll free at 1-877-422-6355. Calendars will be held by a credit card but not charged until shipped (est. shipping date 10/29/13). Shipping and handling charges will apply. Limited quantities of the 2014 Calendar will be ordered, first come, first serve basis only, no reorders.

ATLANTIC COAST CAMELLIA SOCIETY

The Atlantic Coast Camellia Society met in Litchfield Beach, South Carolina on September 20-21. This regional camellia society is affiliated with the American Camellia Society and serves the states all along the Atlantic Seaboard from Virginia down to Florida.

All Florida camellia society members are welcome to join the Atlantic Coast Camellia Society, and those Florida members in attendance were very warmly welcomed at this year's meeting. Contact Patrick Andrews if you would like more information on how to join the ACCS. Patrick is the second vice-president, and is also the membership committee chair.

Dues are currently \$15 and will remain the same next year for individuals and couples.

The benefits of being a member of the ACCS are the wonderful magazine they publish, and the friendships made between camellia lovers all over the south and east at the annual meeting, and the fantastic auction where you can get those plants you have been wishing for.

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