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CAMELLIAS IN THIS MONTH'S AUCTION

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Alba Plena (Japonica, medium to large, 3-gallon size)



Frank Houser (japonica/reticulata hybrid, very large, 3-gallon size)



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What a wonderful show we just had! We had beautiful blooms, lots of helpers, everything was kept so clean and tidy, we got some new members, the public came by and enjoyed, we sold some plants, ate some good food, enjoyed the beautiful springs, worked together and had fun! THANK YOU to everyone that helped in ANY WAY, from spreading the word around town, to entering your blooms, to helping roll up that laaaaast table cloth at the end. GREAT SUCCESS!

We've got a great blueprint now for hosting the National ACS show here next year. LOL! We've got this!

We've got some great field trips coming up, starting with the party at Bob and Patrick's house Sunday, February 2. You are in for a real treat to go see this! A beautiful sight and a great time.

The Bok Tower field trip is Saturday, February 15. We will discuss this more at the February meeting. If you would like to carpool and meet to leave here at the Police Department, we need to finalize this at the February meeting.

The Gainesville Camellia Society is having a bus tour to Massee Lane Gardens in GA on February 22. Please let me know ASAP if you'd like to sign up for this. It's \$15 for the bus trip and leaves at 8 a.m. from Oaks Mall in Gainesville, and then returns around 8 p.m. to Oaks Mall. So far, four people from our club have signed up to go.

I'm excited we will have some new members at our February meeting. Let's all give them our sweet Ocala Camellia Society hospitality and help answer any questions they may have.

Thank you again for a great show. It's one of those things where you lay awake the night before going through the check list and think is this really going to happen?? And then, sure enough, here comes everyone out of the woodwork, right on time, bringing their piece of the puzzle to help and make things happen.

I'll see everyone at the meeting!

Laura

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Minutes from January 2, 2020 Ocala Camellia Society Meeting

By Cindy Witmer, Club Secretary



Before the meeting was called to order, Laura and Marge gave a presentation on how to present camellias for showing. They advised us how to transport blooms to the show, how to properly present them in the water cups, and how to fill out the tags to go along with each bloom or set of blooms.

The meeting was then called to order by President Laura Perdomo. After welcoming several guests, she asked for the minutes from last month to be approved, which was done.

Bob gave the treasurer's report as follows: Beginning balance was \$8,704.73. After spending \$3,390.50 to County Line Nursery for this year's plants to be sold at our show, the balance was reduced to \$5,314.23. We had income of \$633, which brings our current balance to \$5,947.23.

Sign-up sheets for the various jobs at the shows were available. Jill is making tags for the plants to be sold at the show if not already available. Laura has large postcards announcing the show including pertinent information for us to take and distribute around the area. Belea has a write-up which will appear in *Ocala Style* magazine. Newspapers and other venues have also been contacted to promote our up-coming show.

Patrick brought up some new business regarding whether anyone would want to volunteer to be the liaison to the ACS. He currently holds this position. A motion was made and approved to donate \$500 to ACS for a new building currently under construction at Massee Lane.

Reminders were made for the up-coming Open House party at Bob and Patrick's in Citra on February 2; and, for the trip to Bok Tower on February 15th.

The meeting was adjourned. The plant auction followed.

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I grew up in Ft. Lauderdale and Haiti with my three sisters, Mom and Dad. After graduating from FSU, I moved to Chagrin Falls, Ohio to find a career in food service sales using my home economics education and dietary background from college. My husband Robert and I dated for eleven years before we married. We lived in Chicago for many of our early years of marriage while he traded on the board of trade and I worked in food sales. Once we had our daughter and son we knew that living in the city wasn't the safest choice, as we lived in a changing city neighborhood. We moved back to the Chagrin Falls area to raise our family and lived there for over twenty-five years. We had lots of horses, goats, dogs and rabbits over the years.

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I got involved with camellias through inheriting my mother's house and her love of flowers. We sold our house in Ohio a few years ago and are full time Florida residents again. Our yard has about twenty plants and I love them all. Of course the reticulatas are my favorite, but I think my Mom liked the miniatures more, so now I add some larger varieties. I do plant sales with my sisters and that makes me love and plant a variety of plants that I never knew about before. I got involved in the camellia club because of my sister Margie and I enjoy it very much. That is where I learn about camellias and other plants, too.

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October Affair



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Island Sunset Var. (This pic is solid; the one up for auction is variegated with white)

C.M. Gordy



Helen Beach



Jimmy Carter



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Some results from the Ocala show per Patrick's show report:

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News Flash!

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The excitement of a new decade is upon us! We are getting ready for our show coming up in less than a month at Silver Springs State Park. We are back to our beautiful setting looking out at the springs, with our Camellia Garden looking all edged, weeded and tended-to just down the path. We are really getting into camellia season here—our show coming up and two field trips offered in February. Check out the show calendar (on the back page) for some other camellia shows in the area coming up as well.

The plants from County Line are in at Bob and Patrick's house. We'll have a list of those for sale to send around to see if you'd like to purchase anything before we bring it all to the show and offer it to the public. A big THANK YOU to Bob and Patrick for putting together the order and looking after the plants until we are ready for sale time.

I really enjoyed our holiday party and Dr. Clark was so energizing on his topics of coleus and basil. He has really built up a program there at UF! That is amazing the system he has with students being excited to join his program, the selection and trials of the plants, and then how there is an actual OUTPUT, a place to go for both the students and the plants when everything is finished. He takes the students that are graduating on field trips through the industry to meet potential employers, a great fit for both parties.

And as far as the plants go, they don't just do these experiments and then say, "Looks good, oh well..." they actually have competitive companies vying to get some of the next best things from that program. Very impressive from input to output. Teaching the youth to enjoy and understand the plants. Excellent.

I'll be bringing the sign-up sheets to the next meeting for the various show tasks to either remind you of what you've signed up for, or to give you a chance to fill in your name.

See you at the meeting!

Laura



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Laura opened the meeting after a delicious pot luck dinner, which began at 6:00. The tables had centerpieces of camellias and greenery made by Marge Hendon. She later gave our two-minute talk on flower arranging with camellias.

Dr. David Clark from UF spoke to us about his program of raising coleus. UF produces seeds and small plants for growers around the state, who, in turn, supply stores such as Lowe's. He and his group of students are constantly grading their plants for sale. His group recently began growing basil and perfecting a strain for sale.

Judy Vaughn won the door prize tonight.

The minutes from last month were approved as submitted. Laura gave the treasurer's report which showed a current balance of \$8,632.73.

Sign-up sheets were available for the various duties assigned for our upcoming show in January. In addition to those duties, Bob will need help unloading the plants at his house when they are delivered from the nursery, and when they are delivered for the show on set up day.

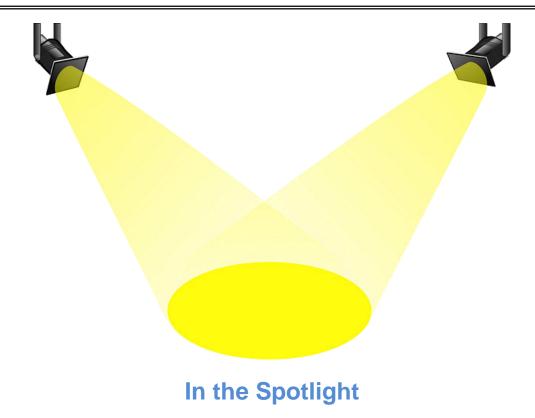
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The meeting closed and our auction began.







Tom Niehus

I'm originally from Columbus, Ohio and have lived in Los Angeles, San Francisco, Nashville, Austin, Bend, Oregon, Detroit, Miami, Orlando, Denver, Bloomington, Indiana, and Sebastopol, California. Most of my working career has been church oriented, helping people work through their growth in understanding their relationship with God and the healing that brings. In the past, I have been a musician at times, landscaper, house painter.

My wife, Leiza, and I bought a 1930-era house in Ocala. Only one owner before us built it and had an interest in camellias. And so we discovered them upon coming to this property. We have counted fifty some bushes that she planted, (mostly old school variety) and there are also babies coming up from those. I love the shape that camellia branches grow—kind of crooked, always a surprise. And I love that they are hardy and evergreen. A nice landscape option.

We have Pink Perfection, Professor Sargent, Herme, Mathotiana, Brooke variegated, and Sasanquas. My favorites are Pink Perfection, Frank Hauser, and Mathotiana. We get all our information from the Ocala society and the camellia show. Very helpful!

We planted two live oaks in the front yard recently to help beautify our street and recreate a nice street canopy in the future.

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Miss Lillian



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It is so wonderful to see everyone at our meetings. Thank you to everyone for coming and contributing through conversation, food, door prizes and knowledge. I really look forward to our meetings every month.

Our December meeting starts early this month! We will have our potluck holiday dinner, celebrating this whole approaching holiday season. Bring your best side dish, dessert or specialty to share with everyone. Kathryn is bringing the meat, plates and cutlery; now we need YOU to get out your best recipe and bring something to help fill those plates!

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Minutes from November 7, 2019 Ocala Camellia Society Meeting

By Cindy Witmer, Club Secretary



Laura called the meeting to order at 7, as usual. She provided the program tonight and spoke to us about the history of camellias. She touched on taxonomy, planting and caring of the plants. Camellias were introduced in Asia and gained popularity in the 1700s. Carl Linnaeus was instrumental in determining how to name the various plants.

Tonight's raffle was won by Tom Nilky. The raffle prize was provided by the Pealers, a beautiful orchid. Last month's minutes were approved as submitted. Although our treasurer was not present, Laura reported our current balance as \$8,572.73.

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Please note: there will be NO raffle or auction plants this month or next as Bob and Patrick will miss these meetings. They will resume in January.

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The sasanquas are in bloom! Do you have any in your yard blooming right now? We have several in our neighborhood that are just beautiful, and I have a couple "Northern Lights" in my yard that are nice right now.

I'm enjoying all the fall festivals right now! Kanapaha Botanical Gardens just held their annual orchid show and plant sale. It was such a nice weekend. So many nice orchids and displays. Kanapaha is a beautiful garden, and it is also where Gainesville Camellia Society holds their annual show in January.

Frank and I went to FAFO (Fine Arts For Ocala), last weekend. Usually we are vendors at an outdoor show, so it was so nice to walk around and enjoy just strolling together, enjoying the art and not having to worry about our tent—we were just customers! Did you go to the Micanopy Fall Festival and get a coffee and pastry from our last speaker Joe Pierce from the Mosswood Farm Store? Make sure to go check it out up there, and this is a nice time to just walk through the town of Micanopy, looking at the antiques, art, as well as just the huge old oak trees!

I really enjoyed Joe talking to us about permaculture, working with the land that you have, and including edibles and plants that have a function or purpose, in your landscape. Just like our first speaker we had this year, Hawser Pearce, it is so nice to see someone so enthusiastic about what they are doing. (Just an FYI—we are at a 100% Pearce/Pierce rate for our speakers so far this year.) You could tell Joe really loves what he does and is always learning. That is one of the things I love about our club—our love of learning and eagerness to hear about and show one another new ideas, plants, and ways of doing things.

As our days get shorter and things start to (hopefully!) cool down, we see our camellia buds coming on, and get excited for a new camellia season *juuuuust* getting started. Which of your plants will be the showiest this year? How are your new plants doing that you got last season? Maybe that plant you've had for a few years will FINALLY bloom this year—you've seen the pictures, now let's see a bloom in real life—on THIS plant! LOL!

If you ordered plants from County Line Nursery, they will be delivered mid-December, we will let you know once they arrive. I hope to see everyone at our meeting on the 7th!

Laura



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In the Spotlight - Tom Boss

Born in Chicago, I moved to the Dunnellon area when I was five years old. I went to Dunnellon schools and graduated in 1979. I was fortunate enough to play on Dunnellon State Championship football team in 1978-79. After graduating, I got a job at Florida Power Corporation in Crystal River as a laborer. I started as a laborer, moved up to mechanic apprentice, mechanic, master mechanic and spent some time as a maintenance supervisor. After 37 years and three different company changes, I was offered a retirement package. Welcome to full-time camellias. Ha ha.

Actually, when my wife and I built our home in 1995, we had a heck of a time getting grass to grow under our oak trees. So I started buying small camellias and planting them where the grass wouldn't grow. We have roughly 150 camellias now. I really like formal doubles and am starting to get into growing retics; I like the large flowers.

I like starting out with small 1 or 2 gallon plants, so I can watch them grow. My favorite plant is really any formal double, Frank Houser, Ray Gentry, Grand Marshall Royal Velvet, or Georgia Fire. I try and listen to as many different camellia people on their experiences.

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By Cindy Witmer, Club Secretary



Laura opened the meeting at 7:00 after our social gathering beginning at 6:30. She introduced our guest speaker, Joe Pierce, who is the owner of the Mosswood Farm Store and Bakehouse in Micanopy. Not only does Mr. Pierce bake the breads offered at the store, he cultivates varieties of gingers grown in the rich soil surrounding the property. Mr. Pierce also grows banana plants and bamboo.

Next, Bob Weidman gave the treasurer's report, advising the current balance is \$8,572.73.

New member, Tom Boss, won our raffle and will be highlighted In the Spotlight next month. The minutes from our March meeting were approved as submitted, as well as those of last month.

Signup sheets were circulated for open spots for refreshments and openings for our Two Minute Tips. A sheet was also circulated for the sign up for the Bok Tower trip coming up in February. Susan recounted the success of our recent volunteer work at SSSP. Seven members were there to work on what was designated as National Public Lands Day.

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It was so wonderful to see everyone back together again at our first meeting last month! Everyone is looking good and I'm so happy to see so many people contributing, helping out, winning auctions, and signing up for various activities! And how about the Pealers winning the door prize AND the raffle! Way to go Gwynn and Cash. Fantastic!

Such an informative program last month from Hawser Pearce. He really had a feel for what he was doing; he just jumped right in there and went to work with his demonstration on grafting. It is always so interesting to me to see people that really have a muscle memory for what they are doing, like when Bob and Patrick show us how they air layer, and you see how they know JUST what to do. So, Hawser told us the best time to graft is in January and February, he really conveyed that feeling of freezing juuuuust right when he was describing being out there in the elements, having the warm water, and being all bundled up.

I hope you are thinking about grafting a camellia. I only have several plants and none are large enough yet to cut down. That is a real commitment to try to graft something because once you cut down your camellia, it is over if nothing takes. But, it would be worth it to pry the bucket from the sand after a couple months and see that scion from a prized plant you want to have is growing! Great presentation!

I also hope to see you at some of our extracurricular events coming up this month, including the meeting at my shop to plan our annual show on the 26th, our Silver Springs clean-up day on the 28th, and keep in mind our field trip to Bok Tower coming up in February.

Fall Festivals are starting up soon. Sasanquas will start to put out their blooms soon. Change is in the air with the seasons. Happy Fall!

Thanks everyone for a GREAT start to a new Camellia Year!

Laura



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In the Spotlight - Cash Pealer

President Laura (she is going to be a great president!) asked for a newsletter write up for Cash Pealer since he won the door prize this past month. I am well acquainted with Cash since I have known him for 77 years; I will try to make this interesting so you don't nap during this part of the newsletter.

He was born at a very early age in Schoharie, NY, an upstate rural dairy farm area of 1000 people. He spent his youth doing what many do, participating in sports, trying to graduate from high school. His summers were spent on Otsego Lake in Cooperstown, New York where his parents built a summer camp.

In 1960 he went to Hartwick College in Oneonta, NY. After graduation, he went to St. Thomas, US Virgin Islands for a one-year stint in the hotel field. He was invited back to Hartwick as an Admissions Officer and stayed four years as Assistant Registrar and Financial Aid Officer. He met Gwynn at Hartwick, while she was a student. They got married in 1968; in 1969 they moved to Ocala for a position Cash was offered at what is now the College of Central Florida.

Cash got his bachelor's, master's and doctorate in business, counseling and college administration, and worked for 44 years as a college administrator. He retired in 2008 in his 40th year at the College of Central where he was Vice President of Institutional Advancement and President of the College's Foundation.

Cash and Gwynn have one son, Casius III, who directs the Master's Degree Program in Sustainable Real Estate at Tulane University. Casius and wife, Libra, live in New Orleans. Cash and Gwynn have two granddaughters who are delightful. Cash also has one brother, David, a retired US Customs Officer who lives in Ocala with his wife, Sheryl.

Over the years Cash has been involved with United Way, Chamber of Commerce, EDC, VISION 2020, Ft. King Presbyterian Church, the Marion County Parks & Recreation Advisory Committee, and the Ocala Utilities Advisory Committee. Now, his retirement time is taken up by trying to keep Gwynn happy and any left over time is used for reading, movies, Senior Learners classes, travel, photography, church, and a variety of cultural activities at the college, Appleton, Ocala Civic Theater, and Ocala Symphony Orchestra.

Cash's relationship with camellias began after he retired. Susan Dunn got him and Gwynn interested in camellias and involved with the OCS; her enthusiasm is contagious! His favorite camellias are Frank Hauser and Royal Velvet. He and his wife successfully air-layered a China Doll, Pink Perfection, and Elegans Supreme; next spring these will be given to their children for their new home in New Orleans. The most fun is Gwynn displaying camellias around the house and giving them to friends and neighbors.

He spends a lot of time outdoors mowing, edging, weeding, planting, and tending to their 27 camellias; his collection is designed to have camellias blooming seven months of the year. He has also planted a fringe tree, a hickory tree, a golden dew drop, fire bush plants, and lots of caladiums. All this activity he calls "yard play." See the attached picture. All are welcome to stop by, just bring a pair of gloves!

Well, nap time is up and if you want more information, you can connect with him at the monthly Camellia Society meetings which are always filled with fun, camraderie, timely information, and some good food along the way. Let's get back to reading the rest of the newsletter!



Cash and friend

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Minutes from September 5, 2019 Ocala Camellia Society Meeting

By Cindy Witmer, Club Secretary



Laura called the meeting to order at 7:00. She then introduced our next speaker, Hawser Pearce, from Micanopy. Mr. Hawser demonstrated two methods of grafting camellias: cleft graft and saw curve graft. He prefaced his demo by saying that grafting is not done until January with results showing sometime in April.

After Mr. Pearce's demo, Laura continued the business portion of the meeting by introducing the new officers and board members:

President- Laura Perdomo

VP- Ann Greenwood

Treasurer- Bob Weidman

Secretary- Cindy Witmer

Board Members: Patrick Andrews, Mike Dorsey, Susan Dunn, Dick Greenwood, Marge Hendon, Belea Keeney, Jill Reed, Zlata Sabo, Kathryn Sickling, and Judy Vaughn.

Bob gave the treasurer's report, stating our current bank balance is \$8,043.73, plus an additional collected \$60 in dues. He reminded those of us who have ordered plants from County Line or want to order to pay for those tonight. This year's dues are also payable.

The two-minute tip was given by Jill Reed. She discussed using alfalfa pellets for fertilizer as they are filled with nitrogen as well as a plant hormone that enhances growth. She used this when planting dayliles recently.

Laura advised that there will be a show planning meeting held at The Peacock Cottage on September 26 at 6:30. The meeting is open for anyone who would like to participate in planning our show. The show will be held on January 25 and 26, 2020 at Silver Springs State Park.

Susan Dunn shared info on upcoming sessions to work on the camellia garden at Silver Springs. The first session is on September 28th at 8:30. Please bring your favorite garden tools for weeding, mulching, and beautifying the garden. Other dates include December 7, which will also include an educational session and promotion for our show. The last work date is planned for February 8, 2020.

Cash Pealer won the door prize tonight and will be highlighted In the Spotlight.

We are also planning a Field Trip to Bok Tower on 2/15/2020. A sign-up sheet was passed for those wanting to attend and those volunteering to drive.

Marge asked if we wanted to make a donation to ACS in memory of Dot Carey who recently passed. After discussion, we decided to donate \$50 in her name. The meeting was then adjourned by Laura.

Minutes from March 7, 2019 Ocala Camellia Society Meeting By Zlata Sabo

Following a wonderful potluck, Susan Dunn opened our last seasonal meeting on March 7th, 2019. While greeting members that were present she stated that we, the members, make a club. Without all of us there would not be OCS.

Minutes from the previous meeting, as published in the newsletter, were accepted.

Laura presented the financial report for the previous month. She reminded all that annual membership is from September to March and dues are to be paid in September. Kristin Schlegel won the door prize and will be featured in the spotlight in the next issue.

Susan reported that the last workday at Silver Springs had only three people working. She questioned whether one Saturday in May will have better attendance. The Bok Garden trip didn't materialize this year, and we think perhaps we need to start planning earlier for field trips.

Patrick gave a report from his trip to New Orleans where he represented our Ocala club. Jill questioned if anyone had any ideas on how to make society meetings more interesting and beneficial to all. She also wants to have a wrap-up board meeting this summer. She also suggested that we need to buy a microphone and a speaker in the price range from \$35.00- \$250.00. Patrick, Joe, and others will do research this summer.

Deb Worley did a two-minute tip on where to plant camellia plants according to their color. From her experience and research, early bloomers are best to be planted in the sunny spots, and red camellias are best when they have early sun or are on the north side. Plants in the full sun need to be heavily mulched.

The new officers for the next year were introduced. As a thank you, Sally gave Jill a bottle of wine named Last Camellia. Judy and Sally received door prize.

Patrick and Bob used the remainder of time to teach members how to air layer camellia branches. They remove bark about 1" wide all around the branch, including all green parts before wrapping it with rutting agent, moss, and aluminum foil, and then wait several months for the branch to start putting roots into the moss. They recently made 50 new plants by air layering from four bushes at Gordy's previous garden. When planting in the pot, they take all flower buds off accept one.

The raffle plant went to Kathryn, and the last four plants from the show were sold on the auction. Meeting was adjourned until next September.

Note: The minutes were inadvertently omitted from the September newsletter and will need to be officially approved.

CAMELLIA IN THIS MONTH'S RAFFLE

Greg Baker (sasanqua)



CAMELLIAS IN THIS MONTH'S AUCTION

Tama Vino



White Lightning Formal Double, M-L hybrid



Emmalene Var.



Early Autumn



Little Babe Var.



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CAMELLIA CULTURE -FALL

DISBUDDING: Disbudding is the process of removing all but one bud from the tip of a branch. You should never leave two or more flower buds side by side if you want big, beautiful flowers. Plants have only so much energy for each bud, and if there are too many, none of the buds may open completely. You may also want to remove interior buds from a branch, as these will also take energy from the terminal bud. Some growers even take single buds from some branch tips so the plant's energy will be directed to even fewer buds. If you have ever wondered how some growers consistently have larger flowers, this is the reason. Don't be shy about removing buds.

GIBBING: 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. Start gibbing around Labor Day, and treat several buds on large bushes at weekly intervals. Don't gib more than one or two buds on small bushes, if at all. You can order a gib on the web; just Google Progibb.

SPRAYING: Spider mites and scale insects are still 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 Orthene (or other chemical) to control mites. Insecticidal oil (such as Super Fine) kills 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.

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COLLECTING AND PLANTING SEEDS: Some of your camellia seeds have probably already matured, but you can continue to collect and plant fresh seed through September. Place the seeds immediately in moist vermiculite or other soilless mix, and cover with plastic wrap until they sprout, at which time you can plant them in pots.

PLANTING: 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.

WATERING: 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.

FERTILIZING: You probably do not want to fertilize after the end of August or very beginning of September, as you do not want to encourage plant growth at this time of year. You can use any fertilizer up until this time, but if you fertilize after September, you should use only a very low nitrogen fertilizer, and fertilize lightly. Be sure to spread the fertilizer out to the drip line.



UPCOMING ACS COOPERATIVE SHOWS AND EVENTS

(Listings per ACS website)



PERRY, GA, Middle Georgia Camellia Society, **10/12-13/2019**, at Boston Baptist Church, 143 S. Main Street, Sandra Jones, (229) 263-8661, sandrayjones@windstream.net

BYRON, GA, Middle Georgia Camellia Society, **11/9-10/2019**, at Byron Municipal Complex, 401 Main Street, Tommy Alden, (478) 825-1337, tommy@countylinenursery.com

PENSACOLA, FL, Pensacola Camellia Club, **12/14/2019**, at University of West Florida Conference Center 11000 University Parkway Building 22, Skip Vogelsang, (850) 438-3790, lbv3rd@gmail.com

OCALA, FL, Ocala Camellia Society, **1/26-27/2020**, at Silver Spring State Park, 5656 E. Silver Springs Blvd., Patrick Andrews, (352) 895-8762, patrickandrews@att.net

DOTHAN, AL, Southeast Alabama Camellia Society, **2/8/2020**, location not available. Judy B. Wise, (334) 685-0121, jw4cody@aol.com

FORT VALLEY, GA, Middle Georgia Camellia Society, **2/22/2020**, at Fetterman Building, 100 Massee Lane, Tommy Martin, (478)235-0096, massee.lane.camellia.show@gmail.com

THOMASVILLE, GA, Thomasville Garden Club, Inc., **2/9-10/2020**, at Thomasville Garden Center, 1002 South Broad Street, Annelle Lauder and Carol Selph, (229) 226-7398, 2015quitmancamellia3000@gmail.com

ACS ANNUAL CONVENTION, Norfolk VA, 2/13-17/2020, at Norfolk Waterside Marriott, Marietta Madden, (757)424-9605

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OCALA CAMELLIA SOCIETY EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

The officers of the Executive Committee of the Ocala Camellia Society for 2019-2020 are:

President: Laura Perdomo, 352-625-6467

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Secretary: Cindy Witmer, 352-804-6736 Treasurer: Bob Weidman, 352-840-3911

Directors: Patrick Andrews, 352-895-8762

Mike Dorsey, 608-548-1258 Susan Dunn, 352-694-4461 Dick Greenwood, 352-347-9992 Marge Hendon, 352-625-3510 Belea Keeney, 919-623-5375 Jill Reed, 352-591-4343 Zlata Sabo, 352-237-5537 Kathryn Sickling, 352-625-2179

Judy Vaughn, 352-502-3847

OCALA CAMELLIA SOCIETY

The Ocala Camellia Society meets on the first Thursday of each month, **September through March, at 6:30 p.m.**, at the Community Room of the Ocala Police Department, 402 S. Pine Ave., in Ocala. Members, friends, and interested gardeners from the general public are invited to attend. Guests are welcome!

October 3, 2019 November 7, 2019

December 5, 2019 – potluck dinner!

January 2, 2020

January 25-26, 2020, Silver Springs State Park February 2, 2020, Open house party, Citra

February 6, 2020

March 5, 2020 - potluck dinner!

OCALA CAMELLIA SOCIETY APPLICATION FOR MEMBERSHIP FOR 2019-2020

The Ocala Camellia Society is a local society, affiliated with the American Camellia Society, whose members meet the first Thursday night of the month, September through March, and presents an annual camellia show during January. Annual dues are \$10 for individuals and \$15 for couples. Dues are collected in September for the camellia season. Please complete the application below for membership in the Ocala Camellia Society.

OCALA CAMELLIA SOCIETY Single Membership Couple Membership Corporate Membership Total Enclosed				
Name(s):				
Address				
City	State	_ Zip Code		
Telephone Number: Home (Cell ()	<u> </u>
Email:				
Do we have your permission to sha	are vour member info wi	th other chapter mer	nbers? Yes	No

Please make your check payable to OCALA CAMELLIA SOCIETY and send to: Bob Wiedman, Treasurer, Ocala Camellia Society, PO Box 223, Citra, FL, 32113.