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OCALA CAMELLIA SOCIETY NEWSLETTER

Laura Perdomo, Editor

It Was a Great 2023-2024 Year!

March 2024

NEXT MEETING SET FOR Sunday, March 3, 2024

Our next meeting is set for
Sunday, March 3rd at 1:00* PM.

*We meet an hour earlier than usual
in March for our delicious End of
Season Pot Luck meal.

We meet at:

**Marion County Sheriff's Office
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3260 SE 80th St.
Ocala, FL 34480**

**(This is where we have met this
year, but different from last year, so
check your GPS if this is your first
meeting of the season you're
attending)**

Our program topic this month is:
The Zen of Gardening with speaker
Lucy Tobias. See page 3 for more
info.

Refreshment Volunteer Reminder:

Everyone! This is our Pot Luck!

What a Great Show!

**Our annual show in
January was a huge
success,
with close to
1000 blooms entered,
over 200 plants sold,
participation from a
couple dozen members
and a good time.
Thank you!**



PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Well, Everyone just want to congratulate all our members that participated in any fashion at the Camellia Show. Just bringing in your blooms was a help. The weather was perfect, publicity did its job. The camellias sold like chili on a cold winter day, we had less than 40 bushes by Sunday morning. Our show ROCKED, simple as that!!!! All your hard work paid off. Jill will give us a full accounting at the meeting.

This is our last meeting which of course means it's Pot luck, so please everyone bring one of your favorite dishes. Members will be voting the slate of officers for the next two years, so this is important for the future of the club. We will have installation immediately after elections.

I want to thank all the members that have contributed in any manner for the last two years. My presidency concludes with this meeting, but I plan to continue in whatever capacity for the good of the Ocala Camellia Society.

Respectfully submitted,

Ann Greenwood, President

March 3rd Meeting Program Speaker:

Lucy Tobias is a former award winning reporter and photographer for the New York Times Regional Group, including the Ocala Star Banner. She bought a home in the Highlands built in 1964 that came with 31 camellia bushes.

Lucy has written travel books, a memoir, a children's book and three gardening books. The most recent one, *The Zen of Florida Gardening*, won first place in outdoor books at the 2022 Florida Outdoor Writers Association conference. Moving to Sarasota twelve years ago, her back garden currently has a butterfly walk, two ponds and way too many goldfish.



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Email: _____

Do we have your permission to share your member info with other chapter members? Yes ___ No ___

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Happy New Year!

Mid January/ February 2024

NEXT MEETING SET FOR Sunday, February 4, 2024

Our next “meeting” is a fieldtrip set for Sunday, February 4th, at 2:00 PM.

Field Trip To:

Miguel and Hilda Pagan’s house. The former home/grounds of Patrick and Bob. Miguel and Hilda have graciously invited our members to come back and walk the grounds, take plenty of pictures and view how they have put their stamp on their forever home. If you plan on being there, please bring yourself a chair and your own beverage and snacks. They are letting us on the grounds not inside their home. The GATES will be opened at 2:00 for us and we will be there till 4:00. The address is:

950 NE 189th Lane
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Annual Show 1/27 and 1/28!

Our Camellia Show is:
January 27th and 28th at
the Ocala Golf Club.
3130 East Silver Springs Blvd.
Ocala, FL 34470

Friday 1/26:
Set Up at Golf Course at 2:00

Saturday 1/27:
Entries: 7:00-9:30
Plant Sales: 9:00-5:00
Judging: 10:00-12:00
Show Open: 1:00-5:00

Sunday 1/28:
Plant Sales: 10:00-4:00
Show Open: 10:00-4:00

See Page 3 for more info!



PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Our up-coming show is right around the corner and everything has been checked out several times and all is in place. We are scheduled to have a beautiful weekend weather wise, bit on the warm side for the outside plants, but Sunday it cools down and the plants will appreciate this.

I have looked over our sign-up sheets and there is one item that will need several more volunteers that's for sure. We have eight/nine judges that will be here and they need 2 Clerk volunteers each. We have according to our list only Nine members that have signed up to clerk, so we are a bit short. I would hope that the day of the show that some of our members that weren't at the last meeting will volunteer for this. Clerking is one of the best experiences that one can have mainly because you get to tag along with the judges and experience how and the why's they pick one bloom over another one. It's one of the most valuable learning experiences you will get at the show!!

So we look forward to seeing as many members as possible at our show at the Ocala Golf Club, 3130 E. Silver Springs Blvd, Ocala this Saturday January 27. For showing blooms doors open at 7:00 am. Sunday January 28, we are open from 10: am until 4:00 pm. So do come and enjoy the camaraderie, the blooms and of course we would love to see our members buying more plants for their gardens.

Our next meeting will be the following Sunday, February 4th and this will take place at the former home/grounds of Patrick and Bob. Miguel and Hilda have graciously invited our members to come back and walk the grounds, take plenty of pictures and view how they have put their stamp on their forever home. If you plan on being there, please bring yourself a chair and your own beverage and snacks. They are letting us on the grounds not inside their home. The GATES will be opened at 2:00 pm for us and we will be there until 4:00pm. The address is: 950 NE 189th lane, Citra, Fla 32113. So I certainly look forward to seeing you all there.

I am excited for this coming weekend and hope to see our members out enjoying this upcoming show!!

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Show Time!

The following sign-up sheets for volunteers were sent out at the January meeting. If you did not attend that meeting, you are still able to participate, here are the times:

Friday, January 26th:

1:00 Plant Pick up at Jill Reed's House- 19800 N Highway 329, Micanopy, FL 32667. Jill's number is (352) 317-3876

*Susan D., Jill, Jennifer, Marge, Kathryn (with her truck and trailer), Justin, Martha and Susan C.

2:00 Set-up at Ocala Golf Club 3130 East Silver Springs Blvd Ocala, FL 34470

*Ann, Dick, Laura, Belea, Zlata, Jill, Judy, Jennifer, Marge, Kathryn, Justin, Lisa, Sally L.

Saturday, January 27th: All taking place at Ocala Golf Club

7:00 - 10:00: Entries and Placement

*Susan D., Jill, Judy, Marge, Martha, Lisa, Gwynn, Sally L., Jennifer

9:00 – 5:00: Plant Sales

*Annie, Cash, Jennifer, Laura (this group from 8:30-12:30)

*Susan D., Jill, Martha (this group from 12:15-5:00)

9:40: Clerks Report for Instruction

*Susan D., Belea, Judy, Jennifer, Justin, Martha, Gwynn, Sally L., Diane

10:00-12:00/completion: Judging and Clerking

1:00-5:00: Show Open to the Public.

-Greeters:

*Gail

-Raffle/Membership Table:

*Kristin, Marge

Sunday, January 28th: All Taking place at Ocala Golf Club

10:00-4:00: Plant Sales, Show Open

Plant Sales- *Susan D., Jill, Zlata (after 1:00)

Greeters- * Kathryn (10:00-1:00) and Annie (12:45- 4:00)

Raffle/Membership Table- *Zlata (10:00-1:00), Frank and Marge (12:45-4:00)

4:00- Break Down: *Susan D., Belea, Diane, Jill, Marge, Annie, Justin, Dick, Ann, Laura, Frank

Thank you to Annie and Kathryn for being in charge of our refreshments for the weekend!



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Meeting Minutes- November 5th, 2023

Meeting started at 2:15

32 people in attendance, we had 3 guests present.

1. After the meeting today Zlata Sabo's has opened her Camellia Gardens at her home which is close by at: 2494 SW 76th Lane, Ocala, 237-5537. Joe and her favorite plants are blooming like crazy.

Many of us were amazed at how healthy, beautiful and prolific their gorgeous bushes were. It was truly a way to get a person to want to take better care and do more with their camellias. Several varieties have not been named yet and were amazing. Our thanks to Joe and Zlata for allowing us to enjoy them.

We had a very informative speaker, Mary Reed, from FDA who is Assistant Bureau chief of Plant and Apiary Inspection speak about their responsibilities in keeping pests under control and how they do this. It was very well received and appreciated.

Ann passed around sign-up sheets for the various things we could sign up to participate with. If anyone was not in attendance but can volunteer to help please contact Ann or Belea and let them know or just come to the Ocala Municipal Golf Course..

2. Show duties, Friday: Ann & Dick will be there to let Party Time rentals to unload the 50 tables and set them up according to the diagram.

Plant Pick up: AT Jill Reeds need volunteers 1:PM

Kathryn will have volunteers load into the trailer. Meet back at Golf Club to unload and place in order with Pictures of Flowers on plants 2:pm.

We could start to set up trays and water jugs and cups.

SET UP Meet & Greet Tables at front of room. ALSO the ACS member Table with Camellia info sheets, tickets and raffle plants

3. SATURDAY at 7 am, Open doors to exhibitor's room, help people with set up of their blooms and prep of flowers.

ASSIGN placement Staff and place flowers of exhibitors, they DON'T place their own flowers our STAFF does this. PLACEMENT ENDS 10:15

Belea in charge of clerks. Martha and Laura offered to help Belea with her assignment. Belea was given the supplies the clerks will need to do their jobs. Clerks to assemble for assignment to Judges, 2 per each group of judges.

SET UP SiZING TABLES Prior to 10:30 near Contention Tables

HEAD judge to get Judges their packets and clerks will be given their aprons
Head Judge and Show Chair should manage process.

When judging ends the sizing tables are moved, final show winner chosen.

SHOW CHAIR will instruct the clerks when to pull cards for 1st,2nd & 3rd place winners.

Judges can then have lunch and the Official/final count of cards begins.

Prizes awarded in cash if Winners are present, Jill Reed to have the money at the show and then to compile list of those that will need to have checks mailed.

ACS member table with raffle plants and drawing info sheets will be manned.
Doors are Open to Public at 1PM

4. SUNDAY: Doors open at 10AM, TABLES should be manned (ACS INFO TABLE), pull any flowers that need be and have fun talk it up, go out and buy plants and interact with public.

AT 4PM start clean up, supplies go to Marge and Laura, Break down tables and place by doors near bathrooms per golf club.

5. MONDAY: Ann & Dick will be there to let Party Time in to pick up tables.

6. Justin showed samples of the ladies and men's polo and tee shirts, and hats with our new logo that is available for purchase. Many members ordered items from him at the meeting.

7. Show sponsors; the club will pay for that instead of members donating for sponsorships. Marge Hendon, for Sunshine State Llamas, was added to the list of show sponsors.

8. The motion to have the club buy a shirt or hat with the new club logo for any members who were volunteering for this year's show was turned down. It will possibly be considered before next years show when we know what we have in the treasury after this show season.

9. Marge Hendon had show flower cards explained to members and they were available to all to take at the end of the show. We are using tan cards for miniatures, yellow cards for Reticulatas. If you are from our club put at O on the blank folded section of the card for small, medium and large japonicas so at the end they can be judges in that category.

10. Treasury report - \$13,876.34 in October. After \$4,600.61 expenses for plants, show expenses, etc. we now have \$8,613.17 as our balance.

Meeting adjourned at 4:30

Respectfully submitted on January 16, 2024 by Kathryn Sickling, Secretary

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Plant Inspection and regulation.
What the state looks for to keep our
agriculture safe with Mary Reed. See
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We will also discuss our upcoming
show at this meeting.

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Placement

Plant Sales

Clerking

Greeting

Staffing Tables

Refreshments

Presentations

Sunday 1/28

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Clean Up



PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Golly gee whiz, it seems like forever since we all were together. Hoping everyone's holidays were memorable, festive amongst family and friends.

Well, this meeting has got to be very productive since it is only about four weeks till our show. We need to set in place ALL our volunteers for the jobs required to have a successful show. So we surely hope to see our numerous members attend this meeting on January 7th at 2:00 PM. Plus, we have another fantastically interesting speaker for everyone also.

Also, Justin will be bringing some different samples for anyone that's interested in purchasing items that have our club logo to the meeting.

Plants, boy do we have them and Jill will let you know more about coming out to pick up directly or you could purchase them and pick up at a convenient time for you both. So, she will explain all this at the meeting.

What about this beautiful perfect weather for the holidays and our Camellias. I just love to see how the Camellia bushes just snap to attention when the weather starts to cool down and the flowers seems to be Vibrant. I am enjoying mine and hope you too are enjoying your gardens of Camellias.

Respectfully,

Ann Greenwood, President

January 7th Meeting Program Speaker:

Mary Reed, currently the Assistant Bureau Chief for the Bureau of Plant and Apiary Inspection, joined the Florida Department of Agriculture in early 2022. Prior to her current role, Mary worked for the Texas Apiary Inspection Service for 8 years, first as an apiary inspector and later overseeing inspection operations as the State Apiarist. Mary has also worked at the University of Florida Citrus Research and Education Center and holds a degree in Entomology from the University of Florida.



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Meeting Minutes- November 5th, 2023

Editor's Note: There are no meeting minutes from December as we did not meet since the meeting space was unavailable at the last minute. These minutes are what was posted in the last newsletter.

Meeting Minutes- November 5, 2023

Refreshments were provided by Annie Aierstock, Laura Perdomo, and Judy Vaughn. The featured speaker was Dr. David Clark, who gave us some terrific insights into coleus breeding and new varieties. He also invited us to visit the UF breeding nursery out on CR 318 in the future. He advised anytime between June and November as good times to visit.

Old Business

1. The reading of October's meeting minutes was approved.
2. Treasurer's Report- Jill was not present at the time.
3. Ann suggested all members have name tags and wear them for our meeting and show. They are only \$12.00 and available from Laura.
4. Zlata had offered a tour of her gardens after an upcoming meeting, and Ann will follow up with on this. Ideally, this would be during the bloom season.
5. The mystery of the OTW(Allstate Insurance) sponsor was cleared up; Justin got their sponsorship and says a formal thank you card isn't needed. Laura's Peacock Cottage is also a sponsor. Their names will be displayed on a banner at the show and used in our social media. New sponsors are encouraged!

New Business

1. Those members who went to the air layering session on May 20, 2023 in Hawthorne, it's time to harvest the results of all our labor. Jill has arranged the date of December 9th and will put our more information as time draws closer.
2. Ann asked if any new sponsorships for the show have been received and reminded us that this is our opportunity to promote our club and camellias! The monies might be spent paying our bills, throwing a party, funds for our local 4H club, or setting up a yearly scholarship for young people that are interested in pursuing a higher education in horticulture.
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December 2023

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The Zen of Gardening with speaker
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info.

Refreshment Volunteer Reminder:

Everyone! This is our holiday Pot Luck!

Air Layers are ready!

December 9 is the day we will go collect the
air layers we made at Taylor Glass's place
back in May. 10 am. If anyone arranged to
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on the same day. Contact Jill for more info.

Our annual upcoming
Camellia Show is:
January 27th and 28th. We will
need help on the days of the
show, as well as on the 26th to
help set up.



PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Oh boy, the Camellias are blooming and loving this rainy cool weather as many of us also have enjoyed relief from our HOT and Muggy Summer!! Hopefully everyone had an enjoyable and filling Thanksgiving, having attended their House of Worship and by all means giving thanks to celebrating this Holiday amongst our family and/or friends.

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December 3rd Meeting Program Speaker:

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I would be remiss if I didn't thank our guest speaker from October, Amanda Marek for sharing her passion and knowledge and being a "plant nerd".

Hope all our members have enjoyed what Mother Nature has provided us this October!! Weather has been everything our plants have been longing for, being COOLER WEATHER!!! In the mornings you can sit out and enjoy the weather and your gardens and the evenings are beautiful for taking one last walk around the neighborhood. Yes, it's been dry and we've got to quench their thirst and it's been windy so our plants dry out faster. The healthier Camellias are going into the blooming season the longer they bloom and better looking the bush and less chance for disease to get hold.

Now onto our November 5th meeting, which means another month closer to our show. Our chips will start to fall in place because we have prepped and everyone is pitching in and has a job to do. Our site is secure, down payment sent and has been cashed, plants have been ordered and should be coming. We need to push on getting Sponsors, this will help the club. This is our first year for this but it will get familiar and easier the longer we do this. We are bringing up some new ideas this meeting, so if you want to have a say or make suggestions for the good of the club and to vote you have to attend!!

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Respectfully,

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November 5th Meeting Program Speaker:

Biography

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EMPLOYMENT

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> Old Business:

Jill made a motion to accept the minutes, Zlata seconded them. The show will open on Sunday at 10 instead of 9 a.m

Treasurers Report:

\$13,876.34 as of Sept 28th

New sponsor is OTW/Allstate Insurance (we need to know who secured this sponsor and what name to send the thank you note to)

Does anyone need Name Tags. They are only \$12.00 and Laura will get them done and returned at the following meeting. You can always call her at the Peacock Cottage and make arrangements with her.

New Business:

Does anyone have any inquiries concerning the show, or their plants?

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Marge Hendon gave some upcoming show dates and call for judges if any are interested:

January 6,7 Gainesville Show

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January 27,28 Ocala

Zlata said we could tour her homes garden after an upcoming meeting if we ever want to do it unofficially.

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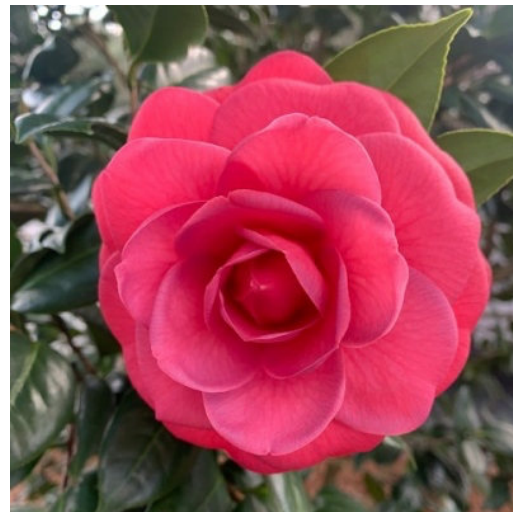
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'High Fragrance'



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Laura Perdomo, Editor

Happy Autumn!

October 2023

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**(This is where we met last month,
but different than last year, so check
your GPS if this is your first meeting
of the season you're attending)**

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"Florida-Friendly Gardening with
Master Gardener Amanda Marek.
See page 3 for more about our
speaker and presentation.

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Marge Hendon, Belea Keeney and
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Get Ready For Blooms!

Are your Sasanquas in
bloom yet?

Sasanqua camellias are the
first to come in to bloom in
the season with their smaller
petals, they usually bloom
almost all at once and put on
quite a show.



Camellia Sasanqua 'Yuletide'



PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Well, we had our first meeting and it certainly was wonderful to see returning members and some of our members who had been away a while for family matters. We had a packed house and certainly hope we have this as well for our October meeting, which is just around the corner come October 1st at 2:00 pm.

The weather is just like Fall, which I guess that's what technically we are in. It feels great, my dog has been frisky lately when walked when it's cooler and even my plants are starting to look perky.

We have a very interesting speaker lined up and know that everyone will find Amanda Marek's presentation very interesting!! Also, not to put a damper on things, but our dues are due and our lovely Treasurer, Jill, will be at the meeting to take your monies. Also, hope someone has sold a sponsorship and we can begin to get some money rolling in from that fund raising project. Have a beautiful week and I'm looking forward to October 1st @ 2:00pm.

Ann Greenwood,
President Ocala Camellia Society

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Sasanqua 'Cotton Candy'

October 1st Meeting Program:

Bio

Amanda Marek has served as the UF/IFAS Marion County Extension Florida-Friendly Landscaping Agent since 2017. Before then, she worked for the Florida Park Service and National Park Service protecting natural resources and providing environmental education programs. She is a double graduate from the University of Florida with a Master's in Forest Resources and Conservation. Amanda has a passion for the environment and is a self-proclaimed "plant nerd" who is always willing to learn more.



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Meeting Minutes- September 10th, 2023

Old Business:

Laura made a motion to accept the minutes and Sally seconded it.

Jill gave the current balance of \$13,725.46 as of Sept 10, 2023. We are asked to think about things to do for the members or community with some of the excess after our show expenses are figured out and we see what we have in excess.

We had an interesting speaker on Native Edibles from Valerie Anderson, Director of Communications and Programming of the Florida Native plant Society, (FNPS)

Valerie's presentation was informative and fun to taste the cordial, Kombucha and beauty berry jelly she made.

New Business:

1. Show will be at the Ocala Golf Club on Silver Springs Blvd, Ocala, FL

The date is January 26, Set up, January 27 show opens to Public at 1:00, Sunday, January 28th, Open all day to the public.

We still don't have the food cost for the show.

2. County Line Tommy Alden, Jill's supplier and Jon, Laura's supplier, will be supplying the Camellias for the show. Their lists should be coming out shortly and when you receive this you should make your choices right away.

Jill ordered 170 Japonicas and 30 Reticulatas and was told they would supply the order per Tommy. Last winter was hard on the camellia stock. Told to pick no more than 5 of each variety. Might not have flowers on them, but we will do pictures as in past years. Laura can get more than 75 from Jon's Nursery if we need more. It would be a cost savings for the club if we did.

3. Justin has suggested and provided us with the means of lowering our expenses for the show by Sponsorship Opportunities. He can explain and provide you with what is necessary. We already have our First Sponsor!!

Sponsorship is \$250 for the show. Names of companies, individuals, etc. would be highlighted on a banner that Justin would have made. We also will promote this on Facebook, publications and any advertising of the show that we would do. Money should be sent to Jill and names sent to Justin. Belea will contact Tower Hill Nursery and Yard Stop. Peacock Cottage has signed up as our first sponsor. Show brings 800 to 1,000 people.

4. We are still waiting for Courtney for the price of Sandwiches(lunches).

5. Any other new business?

Laura can order name tags for \$12.

Dues for this year are due now. Forms will be at the meeting and are shown on our newsletter for mailing to Jill. Please get your dues and information back soon.

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Respectfully submitted by Kathryn Sickling on September 14, 2023

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usual spot. Please note the change in
venue for the meeting!

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Cindy Witmer, Laura & Frank Perdomo,
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Welcome to Our New Members!

A big Ocala Camellia Society

WELCOME

to our

NEW MEMBERS

who signed up at our show.
We look forward to meeting
you and sharing our love of
camellias!



Our new logo Justin commissioned for us
looks great! Thanks, Justin!

PRESIDENT’S MESSAGE

Hello everyone, it’s that time of year where I’m looking at new growth in my Camellias and watching for the buds!! Hoping we all are spared the worst of Hurricane Idalia and our gardens and homes weather the storm.

We have a new permanent site to hold our meetings this year. Starting the 10th of September we will be at the Marion County South District office. Their address is 3260 SE 80th St, Ocala. We look forward to seeing you at 2:00 pm on the SECOND Sunday of September. We will have lite refreshments being provided by, Cindy Wilmer, Laura & Frank Perdomo, Annie Aierstock and Ann Greenwood. At the meetings we pass a sign-up sheet for those who would like to provide refreshments for the following month.

Really excited about this up-coming year. We have a variety of interesting speakers lined up. Also, we were able to procure a venue for the Juried show this coming January 2024!! This will be held at the Ocala Golf Club on Silver Springs Boulevard so we have been busy with this. Shortly you should be receiving the list of Camellias selected by County Line Nursery that we will have available for sale at the show. There are only so many so you should really think about preordering what’s on your wish list!! Justin Schneider has come up with a way for us to defray some of the show expenses. Means some work on our part, but it’s a win/win outcome for the Camellia Society!!

I want to thank my Executive Committee and board members for their time and hard work during the course of the summer in that we met several times. They have a positive attitude and a will to accomplish what needs to be done. They are proactive and have come up with some novel ideas I feel to achieve the goals we have set. I am very grateful and blessed, they have my back and keep me focused. It takes a village not just one person to have a successful club and that’s what I love about the Ocala Camellia Society. We listen and learn from each other and endeavor to build our membership, popularize Camellias and promote the Ocala Camellia Society!! I can’t ask for more.

It’s going to be an exciting year, come join us and be part of it!!!

Ann Greenwood, President



**Camellia
‘Walker
Lewis’**

September 10th Meeting Program:

Bio

Valerie Anderson is the Director of Communications & Programming of the Florida Native Plant Society (FNPS). She started getting into native plants during Dr. Perez's Environmental Plant ID class in undergrad at UF. She started to expand her knowledge on native plants as she wrote her M.S. thesis on the historical ecology of a nearby forest. She is active in her local FNPS chapter (Pine Lily), botanizes, lifts weights, and does sprint triathlon.

Talk

There's food all around us; even in suburbia and the woods! Let your curiosity get the best of you and sample some native foods foraged and grown in Central Florida. Have a look at (and take home!) pots of cultivated edible natives brought over from Green Isle. Valerie will go over common wild edibles found in Marion County after introducing you to FNPS's work and native plants.



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Meeting Minutes- March 5th, 2023

OCALA CAMELLIA SOCIETY MARCH 2023 MEETING NOTES
MARCH 5, 2023
ANN GREENWOOD PRESIDENT RESIDED OVER MEETING

At 1:00 we started with a delicious pot luck lunch provided by our members.
Our meeting officially started at 2:00 with a call to order by Ann Greenwood.

Request for people to sign up for next year's refreshments with a sheet sent around for this.

Patrick did a recap of the fun at the ACS convention and meeting held this year in Macon, Georgia. Several garden tours including Massie Lane Gardens and tour of Capricorn Studio and lots of fun with convention related things were done. He encourages us to go to the next gathering. With ACS there are several discounts you can get related to plants, etc.

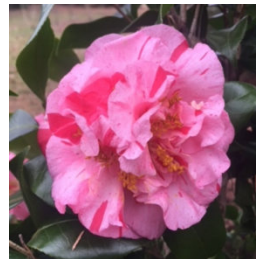
Patrick Andrews made a motion which was seconded by Belea and approved by the members, to add Annie and Paul and the current list of directors to the upcoming years list of directors for the club. We will meet in May and again later in the summer to discuss location, speakers for the meetings, plants for sale and many other topics to plan for September.

Ann to talk with Susan Dunn to learn her plans for being a director.

There were no changes or additions to the January notes so that was approved by the members.

Treasurer's Report given by Bob Weidman

Beginning balance	\$9,185.07
Expenses	-852.35
Income	\$13,608.08
Show Expenses	-4,565.00
Income Show	7,235.36
Profit from Show	\$3,027.76



'Patricia
Hemingway'

Patrick Andrews made a motion and Kathryn Sickling seconded it to elect the following members to the positions in the club, they were approved by our members and are as follows:

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Jill Reed will be added to the bank approval and Bob Weidman will be taken off the account. All correspondence for the bank information, ACS, and County Line ordering will be mailed to a new address for Jill to be the contact. Jill will contact the post office and make the change as well as these other groups. She will have to go to the bank with a copy of OCS meeting notes to verify proof of her new role for the club.

Meeting Minutes- March 5th, 2023 (cont.)

Great turn out for our last meeting till September. With a wonderful recap by Ann of all the positives from the Camellia festival. Members really stepped up and got very involved and helped in all areas including bringing lots of beautiful blooms, flower arrangements by Marge, speakers on camellias, food by Annie and Laura, plant sales headed by Justin and Jill and additional members manning the membership table and other areas too numerous to mention.

Laura Perdomo did a survey on Plants that are recommended for new members:

Black Velvet, Pink Perfection, Marthoniana Rubra, Debutant, Professor Sgnt.
Frank Houser, Valentines Day, Royal Velvet

We have a variety of watering methods mentioned by members including hand watering, drip, irrigation and mother nature.

Recommendations for camellias included label plants, do a journal of layout, when planted, fertilized, issues, etc., don't plant too deep, do not plant under a magnolia tree or where there are a lot of roots from other trees. Plant in shade but not where it doesn't get filtered light. It needs some light. Plan your garden ahead. Buy what you like.

Reasons people like OCS are the people, education, plant auction, food, fellowship, fun.

Laura gave a very moving thank you recap of all that Bob and Patrick have willingly and lovingly done for our club over the years. There wasn't a dry eye anywhere. We wish them happiness in St. Augustine but hope they will continue to come to our meetings and stay involved.

Laura also welcomed long time members Ginny and Don Wills to our meeting .
We welcomed a new member Pamela Larsen to our meeting.

Laura to change Bob and Patrick's address on the roster.

Bob Weidman to email Jill's contact information to County Line Nursery. Usually orders in July or August and gets a list to send out to us to order ahead from. Plants arrive later in the fall.

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