

Wiregrass Camellia

Society



May 2016

Meeting Date: May 15, Sunday

Time: 4:00 p.m.

Place: Christine's Camellias

1845 Milton RD

Program: Approach Grafting

Jerry Selph

Joint Picnic with the Valdosta

Camellia and Garden Club

Bring: A covered dish and a friend

Installation of Officers

President: Jerry Selph

Vice-president: Carol Selph

Secretary: Myra Jordan

Treasurer: Terry Terlep

Social Chairpeople: Susan Bodine and Marilyn Terlep

New Board Members: J. D. Thomerson and Patti Niewoehner

Board Members: Sandra and Fred Jones, Carol and Jerry Selph, Terry and Marilyn Terlep, Nancibeth Shealy, Harley and Susan Bodine, Susannah Borg, J. D. Thomerson, Patti Niewoehner, Myra Jordan, and Bob Gaines.

A big thank you to the outgoing officers and board members Nancibeth Shealy, Sandra Jones, and Annelle Lauder.

Scenes from April

Please enjoy these photos taken at Camzalea during the April meeting. We had two great speakers. J. D. Thomerson who taught us how to airlayer and Mrs. Florence Crowder who spoke on Heirloom Varieties. Many thanks to the Jones who are so gracious in sharing their wonderful garden.





Memories

Sandra Jones did an excellent job as the Vice-President in charge of programs. The programs were educational and interesting. We especially enjoyed all of the hands on projects. Thank you Sandra.





Jerry's Camellia Tips

Summer Camellia Activity

Well, summer is upon us! We have by now pruned, fertilized and done our first spray of the year. Now is the time of the year for our leaves to complete their expansion and harden off to a lovely green color. It is also the time of year for the crawler stage of scale and their cohorts in crime, the spider mite, to emerge. If you see small, light colored individuals crawling under your leaves it is probably scale crawlers. If you see vivid red individuals moving about on your leaves it is probably spider mites. Oil at 1% wetting under the leaf as well as all of the rest of the plant will control these pests.

A good fertilization and spray of micro-nutrients with 1% oil is a good summer spray to be applied in late June. Add Orthene or any other good general insecticide to help control Cranberry Weevils (they make holes in the freshly flushed leaves).

A repeat of the same (without the insecticide) in early August should have you in great shape for the fall and for blooming season.

This month's meeting is about approach grafting. There will be a short demonstration on approach grafting before the meeting starts at 4:00 pm. This is the type of grafting that anyone can do. The technique is absolutely fool proof even with very adept fools. So show up and learn a grafting technique that anyone can be successful at.

Jerry Selph

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April 2015

Meeting Date: April 19, Sunday

Time: 4:30 p.m.

Place: Camzalea

4773 Dixie-Barwick Rd.

Boston, GA

Program: Camellias in Portugal and Spain

Bring: A covered dish (Southern Soul Theme) and a friend

President's Message

Sandra Jones

Dear Wiregrass Camellia Society Members,

The March meeting was a great success! Thank you Susannah for hosting it at you family's beautiful Black Waters plantation. Everyone enjoyed watching Jerry work up a sweat pruning that big ole camellia. Thank you Jerry for the very informative program. Some of us even put that lesson to practice when we met at the Northside cemetery in Quitman. You could hear different ones say,

"Now, Jerry said...." Thank you again Jerry, not only for that program, but for all the informative and useful programs during the year that have helped us grow and appreciate camellias.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank each of you for allowing me to serve as your first president. This has been a learning year and I am sure the "best is yet to come" as Nancibeth takes over at our May meeting. We have all supported each other this year and I am sure that will continue. Many thanks to all of you. You have made this club and will continue to make it even better.

Our April meeting will be April 19th at Camzalea. John and Dinh Swanson from Gainesville, Florida will present our program. They will share their experiences from the International Camellia Congress held in Spain. We will begin around 4:30 with greeting and cocktails. Our program will begin at 5 pm followed by a short business meeting and installation of officers and we will eat around 6. Since this club has so much soul, I felt compelled to suggest that the theme for this meal should be "soul food." Please invite friends to join us.

Sandra Jones

Pruning at Blackwater Plantation

These photos are from our last meeting at Blackwater Plantation. We appreciate you Susannah!



Before



After . . .





A popular spot.

Camellias in Portugal and Spain in photos by
John and Dinh Swanson



Dr. John and Dinh Swanson attended the 2014 International Camellia Congress. We are very fortunate that they will share with us their interesting narrative and photos on the 19th. John is the Vice-President of the Gainesville Camellia Society and is their Show Chairman. John and Dinh are the Historians for the Atlantic Coast Camellia Society. They are both very involved in

many camellia organizations. Their home in Gainesville, Florida displays beautifully their love of plants, especially the camellias. John worked for the US Agency for Internal Development. In this position he traveled the world helping developing countries with organizing their agriculture. He still works from time to time with extended trips to exotic lands. He and his lovely wife are true friends to camellias.

Treasurer's Report

Beginning Balance 10/7/14:	\$ 00.00
Total Deposits:	\$ 390.00 (Dues for 26 members)
Disbursements:	\$ 00.00
Ending Balance 4/7/15:	\$ 390.00

Jerry's Camellia Tips

April Camellia Activity

April is here and the wonders of nature once again express it'self. The ugly highly pruned remains of our camellias are covered in bright green new flushes of growth! The promise of beautiful flowers in the fall and winter is assured. This is the time to be vigilant for aphids, grasshoppers, and stink bugs. All of which attack the tender young flushes of growth. If you think that you need to spray Orthene or Image is the ticket!

This is also a great time to remove a large part of the flushes if you wish to obtain the "Cat thrown through" look! You also could remove selected flushes to obtain a better and balanced appearance. At any rate enjoy the look of fresh new leaves as the turn dark green. Camellias go from the worst to the best (short of flowering) they can possibly look. See you at the meeting Jerry Selph

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March 2016

Meeting Date: March 20, Sunday

Time: 4:00 p.m.

Place: Camzalea

4773 Dixie-Barwick Rd.

Boston, GA

**Program: Pruning Small Camellias
and Naming Camellias**

Speaker: Randolph Maphis

Bring: A covered dish and a friend

About the Program

Sandra Jones

We are looking forward to seeing everyone March 20, 2016 at Camzalea, 4773 Dixie-Barwick Road Boston, Georgia. Please come around 4 pm. Randolph Maphis, one of the leading camellia experts from Tallahassee, Florida, will be presenting our program. Randolph grows some of the most beautiful blooms ever seen in his green houses. He has developed raised-

bed grafting techniques where he gets 100% take. He is a head judge, master hybridizer, and leading camellia authority.

Now is the time to begin thinking about pruning. Randolph will show us the proper way to prune small plants. Many of you purchased plants this past year that will need a little attention soon. After that, you will hear Randolph's program on Naming Camellias. He has presented this program nationally and it is always a favorite. Since he has developed and named many new varieties, he will share with you his method of selecting the right name for the right flower.

Please go ahead and mark April 10th as the next meeting. We have another very special program planned for you that will also be at Camzalea. Florence Crowder of Baton Rouge, Louisiana will present a program on ancient camellias and their preservation. She is the chairman of both the American Camellia Society and the International Camellia Society preservation committees. She was unable to come in March, but has arranged her plans to be with us in April. Please try and come to both these meetings. I promise you will love both!

Important Dates

- April 10th Meeting at Camzalea
- May 1st at Christine's Camellias (Joint meeting with the Valdosta Camellia & Garden)

Board's Slate of Officers

The Wiregrass Board of Director's meet recently and recommended the following slate of Officers for 2016-2017:

President—Jerry Selph

Vice-President in charge of Programs – Carol Selph

Secretary –Mrya Jordan

Treasurer – Terry Terlep

2016-17 Board Members: Susan Bodine, Harley Bodine, Susannah Borg, Myra Jordan, Bob Gaines, Sandra Jones, Fred Jones, Nancibeth Shealy, Carol Selph, Marilyn Terlep, Terry Terlep

Scenes from the Wiregrass Thomasville Camellia Show







The Thomasville Show was a great success. Congratulations to Annelle Lauder, chairperson and Nancibeth Shealy, co-chairperson.

More kudos to Jerry Selph, Chairman of the Judges and Clayton Mathis, Head Judge. Many thanks to the other show committee members: Sandra and Fred Jones, Terry Terlep, and Carol Selph.

Here are the results as posted on the American Camellia Society website.

Wiregrass Camellia Society
Trinity Anglican Church
325 West Jackson Street
Thomasville, GA 31792

Total Number of Blooms Exhibited: 1,263

Total Number of Attendees: 332

Total Number of Exhibitors: 45

Number of ACS Memberships Sold: 0

Show Chairs: Annelle Lauder & Nancibeth Shealy

Show Reporter: Nancibeth Shealy

Judges Chair: Clayton Mathis

Judges: Tommy Alden, Fred Binder, Jo Creel, Alex Hinson, William Khoury, Ester Lawrence, Gayle Lawrence, Steve Lawrence, Richard Mohr, John Swanson, Sandra Williams, David Williams, Kyle Purvis

SWEEPSTAKES

Gold Certificate (unprotected): Fred & Sandra Jones

Silver Certificate (unprotected): Iris Shealy

Gold Certificate (protected): Jerry & Carol Selph

Silver Certificate (protected): Steve & Gayle Lawrence

OUTSTANDING BLOOM CERTIFICATES

Best Bloom in Show - unprotected 'Kagirohi' Fred & Sandra Jones

Best Bloom in Show - protected: 'Redwood City' Jerry & Carol Selph

C. japonica unprotected VLg: 'Show Time' Ester Lawrence RU: 'Grand Prix' Alex & Jane Hinson

C. japonica unprotected Lg: 'Wendy' Clayton & Nedra Mathis RU: 'Royal Velvet' Williams

C. japonica unprotected Md: 'Ville de Nantes' Iris Shealy RU: 'Grand Marshal Var.' Hinson

C. japonica unprotected Sm: 'Red Hots' Clayton & Nedra Mathis RU: 'Pink Perfection' Binder

C. japonica protected VLg: 'Show Time' Jerry & Carol Selph RU: 'Lauren Tudor Pink Var.' Selph

C. japonica protected Lg: 'Kirsti Leigh' Jerry & Carol Selph RU: 'Mary Ann Lawrence' Lawrence

C. japonica protected Md: 'Dixie Knight Supreme' Jerry & Carol Selph RU: 'Midnight Magic Var.'

C. japonica protected Sm: 'Little Babe Var.' Steve & Gayle Lawrence Sm RU: 'Tudor Baby'

C. reticulata unprotected VLg: 'John Hunt' Fred & Sandra Jones RU: 'Hall's Pride' Ellis

C. reticulata Lg unprotected: 'Adrienne Bowers' J.D. Thomerson RU: 'Valentine Day' Hinson

C. reticulata unprotected Md: 'Mary Catherine Cape' J.D. Thomerson RU: No bloom

C. reticulata VLg protected : 'John Hunt' J.D. Thomerson RU: 'Nancy Reagan' Selph

C. reticulata Lg protected: 'Valentine Day Var.' Jerry & Carol Selph RU: 'Phyllis Hunt' Selph

C. reticulata Md pr: 'Prof. John Spencer' Jerry & Carol Selph RU: 'Black Lace Peony Var.' Selph

Hybrids Lg/VLg unprotected : 'Anticipation' Fred & Sandra Jones RU: No bloom

Hybrids unprotected Md: 'Nicky Crisp' Fred & Sandra Jones RU: 'Island Sunset' Jones

Hybrids unprotected Sm: 'Buttons'n Bows' Iris Shealy RU: 'Night Rider' Kyle Purvis

Hybrids protected Lg/VLg: 'Tom Perkins' Jerry & Carol Selph RU: 'Super Star' Selph

Hybrids protected Md: 'Raspberry Flambé' Jerry & Carol Selph RU: 'Julie Var.' Lawrence

Hybrids protected Sm: 'Spring Daze' Steve & Gayle Lawrence RU: 'Freedom Bell' Selph

Best Miniature unprotected: 'Sweet Jane' Alex & Jane Hinson RU: 'Helen B' Kyle Purvis

Best Miniature protected: 'Sweet Jane' Steve & Gayle Lawrence RU: 'Fircone Var.' Lawrence

Best White Bloom unprotected: 'Mary Alice Cox' Jay & Debbie Ellis

Best White Bloom protected: 'Ruffian' Jerry & Carol Selph

Best Sasanqua (and related species): 'Star Above Star' Alex & Jane Hinson RU: 'Shibori Egao'

Best Seedling Lg/VLg: 2005-01 J.D. Thomerson

Best Sport (Mutant) Bloom: 'Mrs. R.L. Wheeler' Sport Iris Shealy

TRAYS

Tray of 3 unprotected: 'Maroon and Gold' Clayton & Nedra Mathis RU: 'Royal Velvet' J.D. Thomerson

Tray of 3 protected: 'Mary Ann Lawrence' Steve & Gayle Lawrence RU: 'Freedom Bell' Selph

Tray of 3 Including one of each: Large; Medium, Small Unprotected: Fred & Sandra Jones

Tray of 3 Including one of each: Large; Medium, Small Protected: Jerry & Carol Selph

Tray of Five-different varieties unprotected: Fred & Sandra Jones RU: Iris Shealy

Tray of Five-different varieties protected: Jerry & Carol Selph RU: Jerry & Carol Selph

OTHER AWARDS

Best Collection of Three Different Thomasville varieties, any color:

'Tar Baby', 'Tick Tock Red', 'Tomorrow's Dawn' Fred & Sandra Jones

Best 'Tomorrow' Sport: 'Tomorrow Var.' Jerry & Carol Selph

LOCAL AWARDS

Best Locally Grown VLg: 'Frank Houser Var.' Leon Blair

Best Locally Grown Lg: 'Royal Velvet' Jeane Jinright

Best Locally Grown Md: 'Elaine's Betty' Jeane Jinright

Best Locally Grown Sm: 'Pink Perfection' Susannah Borg

Best Locally Grown White: 'Imura' David & Linda Ward

Jerry's Camellia Tips

March and April Camellia Activity

March is when most of your camellias have finished blooming. This is when you are advised to do some pruning. Plants (especially camellias) will grow too large and too thick (too much foliage) if left un-attended. So now is the time to give them a good haircut! Pruning improves plant vigor by more closely matching a plants ability to gather water and mineral nutrients with it's needs. Pruning also maintains a state of juvenility (balanced growth). This deminishes the probabily of decline and even untimely death.

The rules of pruning are really quite simple. Lower the shrubs height to a manageable height (this sometimes takes several years to be safe), remove all crossing branches, remove all branches that are within 1 ft of the ground (this helps with scale problems), and remove excess interior branches and twigs to obtain air movement, anind in the case of intrepid exhibitors prune to ge long exterior twigs to display buds and then blooms on. REMEMBER! A CAMELLIA IS NOT A BOXWOOD! DON' T TRIMIT IT AS SUCH! Jerry Selph

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January 2016

Meeting Date: January 10, Sunday

Time: 4:00 p.m.

Place: Camzalea

4773 Dixie-Barwick Rd.

Boston, GA

Program: All about Hulyn's Camellias

By Mark Crawford and

Grafting

Bring: A covered dish and a friend

About the Program

Sandra Jones

January is the month for grafting camellias, so our program will be a make and take grafting experience.

There will be three grafting stations with Jerry and Carol, Nancibeth, and Fred sharing tips and instructions for grafting in a container. When you leave, hopefully your graft will take and live and you will be able to graft at your home. If there is a particular camellia you would like to have, please let me know and we will try and have a scion of that variety for you (sandrayjones@windstream.net or 229-403-0025). Please come around 4 o'clock so that you can get your grafting done before happy hour.

After the grafting experience and happy hour, Mark Crawford of Lock Laurel Nursery will present a program on camellias developed by the late Hulyn Smith of Valdosta Georgia. Hulyn Smith is known world-wide for the beautiful japonicas and reticulatas he hybridized, developed, and propagated. Mark is bringing some of these varieties that will be available for you to purchase.

Important Dates

- Jan. 9th Tallahassee and Gainesville Shows
- Jan. 26th District Garden Club Meeting at the Brooks County Museum and Cultural Center
- Feb. 6-7 Quitman Camellia Show
- Feb. 13-14 Thomasville Camellia Show

Scenes from Waxing Camellias at the December 2015 Meeting



