



Gainesville Camellia Society

Affiliated with the American Camellia Society

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President's Message

Well it's May already. Thought it would never come, weather wise, but it IS here and so is the warm weather. Hope everyone made that second fertilizer application already so it will soak in during the week of much-needed rain. My plants look great with the exception of a few leaves with the Swiss cheese feature provided free of charge by the nocturnal seed beetles. These beetles have been particularly active on Virginia Creepers where some of the leaves have been completely skeletonized.

It is now possible to tell on most varieties whether or not a flower bud is forming at the end of a branch. A branch with no flower bud forming will at most have a pointed growth bud at the tip. Branches with flower buds forming will have what looks like a knob at the tip, which will later divide into flower buds and growth buds. By the end of June there should be complete differentiation on most plants and preliminary dis-budding and gibbing can begin.



Yushienensis



Lauren Tudor morphing

I was not available for the April meeting, but understand it went ok except for some unscheduled bad weather. Glad nothing became of that and I appreciate the enthusiasm of the members who took over during my absence. I understand that everything was planned for our picnic on the 20th and I'm sure it will be fun. I have missed the last two so I am looking forward to being there. I'm sure Anna will have details in other parts of the newsletter. We will also install the new officers sometime during the feeding frenzy!

I am going to cut this short because I am a bit late and Anna is waiting! So look forward to seeing everyone on Sunday. We can also auction off anything you would like to donate! See you soon!

Cheers,

Jerry Hogsette, President

Hope some of you have begun to air layer your plants or someone's plants! By now the bark is no longer tightly attached to the plants and it will easily slip off no matter which technique you use to remove it. Putting on air layers while sweating profusely and dodging hungry mosquitoes can be a challenge, but it will all be worthwhile when you remove these air layers in the fall and have new plants to show for your efforts.



Midnight Magic Variegated

Minutes for GCS Meeting - April 15, 2018



Ville de Nantes

John Swanson opened the meeting at 2:15 pm. Attendance was light, because a notice had been sent out that the meeting was cancelled due to bad weather.

The program, presented by Hawser Pearce, described techniques, equipment, and supplies for spraying camellias to control insects and other damage.

John then made several announcements.

1. He reminded us of the air-layering event at the Swansons' home on April 27th at 9 am. Hawser will demonstrate air-layering techniques and then participants will air-layer plants in the Swanson garden. This will be followed by a pot luck lunch.
2. On April 20th and 21st, Wilmot Gardens will have their semi-annual sale of garden plants, including camellias. The sale will be from 11 am to 5 pm on Friday and from 9 am to 1 pm on Saturday.



White Giant



Tomorrow's Dawn

3. We will have our year-end party and installation of officers at our next meeting, on May 20th. We will meet at 1 pm for drinks, appetizers, and socializing, with food being served at 2 pm. This is a pot luck occasion, and everyone is to bring a side dish, dessert, or appetizer, as well as any wine or other beverages you would like to have. Meats will be provided by GCS. Anna Langford passed around a sign-up sheet for table hosts and will email everyone, since so many people were absent today.

Our usual plant auction was held, with plants being donated by the Swansons.

The meeting adjourned at 3 pm.

***Anna Langford for
Karen Peeples, Secretary***

2017-2018 Meeting Schedule for the Gainesville Camellia Society		
<i>Date and place of meeting</i>		<i>Refreshments</i>
Sunday, May 20 End-of-year Party	Kanapaha Botanical Gardens	Table set-up: Anna & Gerald Langford Cathy Martin Merry Reid Dinh & John Swanson Margaret Wagener & Lucille Little Eileen & Ken Wagner

Things to do in May

When it is hot and dry, the top priority is keeping plants, particularly recently planted ones, well watered. With the heat come the spider mites. Spray with horticultural oil (with some Orthene added if you can), but be sure to do it late in the day so the sun does not shine on the leaves until the oil has dried. The spraying should be on both the top and underside of leaves. This will take care of tea scale as well as mites.

Officers

President: Jerry Hogsette
1st VP & Show Chair: Bruce Cavey
2nd VP & Program Chair: Hawser Pearce
Secretary: Karen Peeples
Treasurer: Merry Reid

Board Members

Patrick Andrews Charles Simon
Jay Ellis John Swanson
Bill Hayes Irma Velez
Chuck Ritter Ken Wagner
Joel Schwiebert Nicki Whittaker

Monthly Meeting of the Gainesville Camellia Society

Program Chair: *Hawser Pearce*

Date: Sunday, April 18, 2018, at 1 pm

Place: Kanapaha Botanical Gardens

Program: End-of-Year Party

Refreshments Chair: *Anna Langford*

The Gainesville Camellia Society meets at 2 pm on the third Sunday of each month from September through May in the GRU Conference Room at Kanapaha Botanical Gardens. Any changes to meeting dates, times, or venues are posted in this newsletter.