

SUMMER NEWSLETTER

GETTING READY FOR FALL SHOWS!



Thursday Sept. 6 - 6pm



Membership Meeting - Guest Night at Masee Lane - \$10/ Guests Free

Friday Oct. 12 - 6pm



Georgia National Fair Show Judges Reception at the Rumph Home in Marshallville - \$25.00 and Members bring dessert!

Saturday Oct. 13

Georgia National Fair Show!

Message from outgoing President

I have just completed my third term as your MGCS president. I would like to thank the membership for participating in all we do as a society. Having three shows and a workshop require lots of help to be successful. I can tell you that MGCS is held up at numerous ACS meetings as the kind of club each society should strive to be.

In addition, to the shows and workshop, MGCS has a workday at Masee Lane and is very supportive of ACS. We just voted to fund (\$300) the purchase of two mobile sound amplifiers for tour guides to use at Masee Lane. MGCS members lead many of the tours and there is always a need for other volunteers. I also encourage you, if you are not a member, to join the American Camellia Society in addition to the Middle Georgia Camellia Society.

Finally, let's continue to support MGCS and our new incoming president, William Khoury. See you at our September Chicken Que.

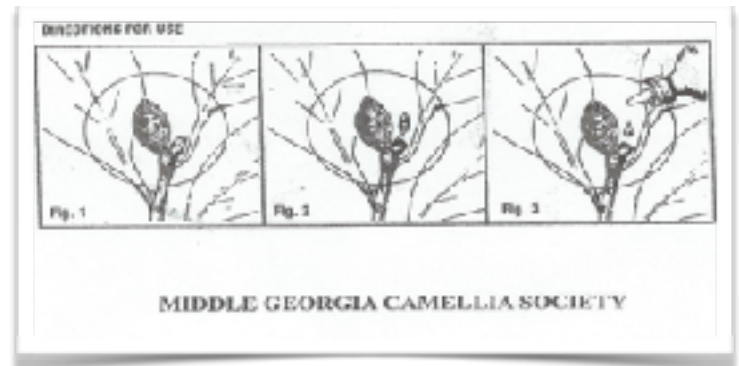
Best Regards,
Tommy Alden - Immediate Past President

Camellia Gibb

INFORMATION:

This product is ready-to-use liquid form of Gibberellic Acid (4%) that will increase size and advance the bloom date of camellias when used as directed. Gibberellic Acid has been used for years by camellia enthusiasts to force camellias to bloom up to six (6) weeks, or more, earlier than they would normally bloom. Most varieties will respond to Gibb treatment. It only takes one treatment per bud. Another advantage is a bud treated with Gibb tends to be larger in size than if left untreated to open in its normal season.

There are two disadvantages to treating with Gibb. First, on deep red flowers, sometimes Gibb treatment will cause the bloom to take on a purplish color. Show judges recognize this and generally do not penalize a bloom that displays this purplish color. Second, since you must remove growth or vegetative bud, the stem will not regenerate a new bud at that point. Usually new growth will initiate at the next lower leaf axis.



How to use this product

Locate the flower bud (fig. 1). There should be a vegetative bud adjacent to the flower bud. Carefully pinch out the vegetative bud (fig. 2). This usually creates a “cup” next to the flower bud. Place one (1) drop of Camellia Gibb in this “cup” (fig. 3) or wound area next to flower bud. Do not retreat this bud. Usually treatments can begin in August and by treating a new bud at weekly intervals, the bloom period may be extended considerably over non-treated camellias.