

# Wiregrass Camellia

## Society



May 2018

**Meeting Date: May 12, Saturday**

**Time: 11:00 a.m.**

**Place: J.D. and Kay  
Thomerson's**

**111 East Alden Avenue**

**Valdosta, GA 31602**

**Bring: A covered dish and a  
friend**

### President's Message

*Carol Selph*

Reflecting on this past camellia season I am very grateful for the best members and the most dedicated officers a President could ever have. Thank you for all of your hard work throughout our

two shows and for the help we gave to the Garden Club at the Quitman Show. So many of you went above and beyond the standard as we worked very hard and produced two excellent shows: Boston and Thomasville. Both shows were outstanding in Atlantic Coast Show Circuit. Our members showed hundreds of blooms and won many awards throughout the show season. Let's just say that the camellia world knows Wiregrass Camellia Society and respects the job we did this season. We had a lot of local exposure at a couple of festivals in Quitman and sold over two hundred camellia plants! The skillet festival was a great way for the community to learn more about the camellia plant. At the Christmas Festival we not only

sold plants but also sold waxed camellia blooms that the customer waxed on the spot. We celebrate with our five new novice camellia judges that they are in the middle of their two-year quest to become full-fledged judges, We had great educational programs this year thanks to Sandra Jones' decisions. Some of our grafts of doing fabulously, our airlayers are growing roots and our fertilizer program has been implemented. We learned more about the 'Marie Bracey' bloom and family, growing camellias in the sun, and the importance of heirloom camellias you have in your older gardens.

But best of all Randolph Maphis donated and named a beautiful Reticulata Camellia named in memory of our special friend, Charlotte Jones, who has left a big hole in our hearts and our club. Thank you for allowing me to be your president, and I wish the new officers the very best. Summer blessings to you all, and I will see you at the Thomerson's for the end of the year picnic on Saturday, the day before Mother's Day. You will enjoy.

## Installation of Officers

President: Sandra Jones

Vice-president: Jerry Selph

Secretary: Patti Niewoehner

Treasurer: Terry Terlep

Social Chair people: Myra Jordan and Bob Gaines

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

A big thank you to the outgoing President: Carol Selph .

# Scenes from April

Our Many thanks to Susan and Phil Yonge for hosting the April meeting. For the thirty members and friends who braved the weather and the short trip we were in for a huge treat. The ranch and home were so very inviting and the hospitality was phenonenal.







One of Susan and Phil's grafts



# 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 you leaves it is probably scale crawlers. If you see vivid red individuals moving about on your leaves is 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 Wevils (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.

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Jerry Selph