

# Wiregrass Camellia

## Society



October 29, 2017

**Meeting Date: October 29, Sunday**

**Time: 4:00 p.m.**

**Place: Brooks County Museum and Cultural Center**

**Program: Preparing and entering blooms at our local show**

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

plants to sell at the Festival and at the Boston Show. A huge thank you to Keegan Meadows for driving the horse trailer to Byron and back fully loaded with plants.

Sandra Jones and her committee chair people have spent many hours planning the Boston Show. It is November 4<sup>th</sup> and 5<sup>th</sup> at Boston's First Baptist Church Fellowship Hall. If you are willing to clerk please contact Susannah Schmoe. If you have experience in placing blooms and would be willing to help, contact Susan Yonge. You can send an email to this address if you wish to be included on a list, and I will pass it on to the correct person. We need to give Sandra all the support possible.

Come to the meeting on the 28<sup>th</sup> to learn more about placing your blooms in the show. Placement cards will be available so you can fill those out before the show. If you have sasanquas blooming, you are able to enter those into the main show. So show up at the museum with a covered dish, a friend, a smile, a few blooms if you happen to have some to spare, and the expectation of having an enjoyable evening.

## President's Message

CAROL SELPH

It has actually felt like fall for the last couple of days. It may be just a tease, however, as the temperatures are expected to be a little higher for the next week.

Quitman's Skillet Festival is Saturday, October 21<sup>st</sup>, on the courthouse square. If you are willing to help sell plants, call Patti Niewoehner. We have 200 beautiful

# Patti's Minutes

## **Minutes from the Camellia meeting on Sunday, October 1<sup>st</sup> 2017**

The meeting was held at Camzalea at 4:00 PM with roughly 50 members and guests in attendance. Tommy Alden was the guest speaker. Tommy spoke about Sun Trails (Growing Camellias in Full Sun)

Marilyn and Terry Terlep were the hosts for the meeting.

Following a covered dish dinner the following was discussed.

The skillet festival – Susannah Borg will have the camellias picked up from County Line Nursery (200 plants or so and half will be for skillet festival and the remaining plants are for show in Boston) and delivered to Christines' Camellias. Patti, Harlie, and Phil will pick up plants at Christines' and deliver the camellias to the court house square on morning of the festival. Myra Jane and Bob will help sell plants and several other members agreed to help also. The plants will be sold for \$25.00 and \$30.00 each.

Terry Terlep gave a financial update.

### **The Wiregrass show to be held on November 4<sup>th</sup> at the Boston Baptist Church:**

This show is dedicated in memory of Nancy Schmoe. Sandra Jones is Show Chairman. We have beautiful signs and brochure detailing sponsors, awards and show rules. Thanks to the many members and guests that sponsored awards. Please see brochure for details. Jerry Selph is chairman of the judges. Jerry has the judges lined up and all is finalized.

The Judges reception will be held at Ag Pro Corporate office on Friday the 3<sup>rd</sup>. The reception will be at 6:00 PM and dinner served at 7:00 PM. Patti and Susan Bodine have confirmed the details with Catering.

Sandra Jones, Susan Yonge, and Marian Jones have volunteered to put the judges' gift bags together.

Members will gather on the 3<sup>rd</sup> at the church fellowship hall 9:00 o'clock AM to start setting up for the show. We will have lunch at the Boston Café then put the final touches on the set up.

On show day all entries need to be and entered by 10:00 AM. The Boston Merchants Association is in charge of breakfast that is available for participants and judge. Bob Gaines and Mary McRae are in charge of the lunch from the Boston Café and is free to all judges and workers. Phil Yonge is in charge of something giving out placement cards to participants. Susan Yonge will head up the bloom placement and will need 10 placers. Susannah Borg is, again this year, in charge of clerking for the judges. We will need 16 clerks.

Myra and Emily Wall will be finalizing the tallying for sweepstakes. Andrea DeSantiago is in charge of the scoring of the judges ballots for each class with the computer. She is getting volunteers to assist. Annalle and Julie will be working ACS table. Brandon DeSantiago is in charge of the plant sales. Thanks to all the members for stepping up and making this show a success!\The next Wiregrass Camellia meeting will be hosted by Jerry and Carol at the Brooks County Museum and Cultural Center on October 29th.

The following meeting dates, host, location and topic:

January 21<sup>st</sup> Patti Niewoehner and Nancibeth Shealy at Museum ----- grafting

February 21<sup>st</sup> Andrea and Brandon DeSantiago at Museum ----

March 18<sup>th</sup> Susan and Phil Yonge at their home

April 15<sup>th</sup> Sandra and Fred Jones at Camzalea ----- air layering

May 12<sup>th</sup> Last meeting Picnic

## Skillet Festival Scenes from Last Year

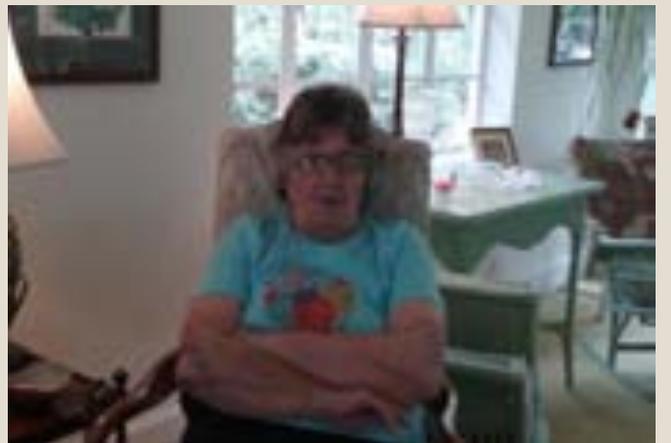




## Photos from the September Meeting

A special thank you to Sandra and Fred Jones for having our large group at Camzalea at the last minute. It was the perfect location for our last meeting. Thank you to Marilyn and Terry Terlep for hosting the evening. The food was delicious, and there was so many great dishes for our crowd of 49 people. Tommy and Brenda Alden gave an informative presentation on growing camellias in the sun. Thank you to all involved with making our first meeting of the season so special.







# Jerry's Camellia Tips

## **November Camellia Activity**

The November time of year usually involves cool nights, lower than normal humidities, warm afternoons, and breezy afternoons and nights. All are exceptionally good growing conditions for spider mites. Be on the lookout for red-purple spider mites. Spider mites grow huge populations in very short order. Spray oil can still be safely used to control them.

We also usually have our first killing freeze around November 15<sup>th</sup>. Be prepared to cover any tender vegetation and prepare your camellias in advance with a good deep watering prior to the frost-freeze event. Speaking of watering, remember that a camellia flower is over 90% water. The more water available (within reason) the larger the flower will be. So water deeply at least twice weekly if you wish to present large beautiful flowers at the Quitman and Thomasville shows.