



CAMELLIA CHATTER

Tallahassee Camellia Club affiliated with the American Camellia Society

December 2012

Camellia Club to Hold December Dinner Meeting and Program

The Camellia Club will meet Tuesday, December 4, 2012 at the Jubilee Cottage, Goodwood Museum and Gardens beginning at 6:30 pm with check in and social time. Dinner will be served at 7:00 p.m. and the business meeting and program will follow. The program an "In-House-Show" will be presented by you the members by bringing your blooms to exhibit and judge. Members are asked to bring no more than seven entries, each a different variety. There will be cards for exhibitors to fill out class and variety with exhibitor name on the reverse. This will make it easier to set up the show. See the enclosed schedule for more details. Members will be reached by e-mail or the telephone committee will call you. Should the messages miss you, please contact Esther Lawrence at 523-3230 estherl@appalacheecenter.org for your dinner reservation. The cost is \$10.00 per person. Members are responsible for reservations made. Remember that guests are welcomed at all meetings and events. We hope that you will plan to join us. Bring blooms, join the fun and learn some new camellia varieties. There will be prizes.

Dues are Due

If your dues have not been paid. Please bring your dues to the meeting or mail directly to the Treasurer, Gayle Lawrence. Should you have questions please contact her at 656-8348.

December in Your Garden

More varieties are beginning to bloom and you can see camellias at many homes, businesses and parks throughout Tallahassee. Camellias are truly the winter flower! They are well adapted to our area and add much beauty to many landscapes. Now is an excellent time to see blooms and select new plants for your garden. Remember to pick up dropped blooms from under your plants and discard them. This is probable the best way to eliminate as much petal blight as possible. If rain is not sufficient, water your plants. Plants need water to produce good blooms. Well watered plants are better able to withstand severe cold weather. You can "gib" for earlier blooms and larger flowers for the holidays and for the annual show. See Randolph Maphis for "gib" solution.

The Camellia Waxing Event

Saturday, December 1 at 10:00 AM at Oven Park

This annual demonstration and workshop was held on Saturday, December 1 at Dorothy B. Oven Park, 3205 Thomasville Road and began at 10:00 am. It was a successful event. The club furnished all supplies including blooms. Attendees waxed blooms following the demonstration. Peggy Coppins did the workshop and Roberta Hardison and Stewart Tomlinson offered and provided blooms to be waxed. The late Martha Roberts had done many demonstrations and the club presented her technique and tips. Printed instruction were available. If you missed it this year, plan to go in early December next year. Remember this is an annual event sponsored by the club.



Daydream

Daydream is a sasanqua which is white edged deep rose pink. The bloom size is medium and the form is single. The blooms are quite showy with many beautiful yellow stamens and there are many blooms. The leaves are small and are glossy green. Its bloom time is fall and the plant growth is upright. It can grow to be quite tall. Pruning should be light and should take place after flowering, removing any dead or damaged branches. It can be grown in sun to partial shade. This is probably the bloom that was used in the table arrangements for the November meeting. However, the plant label has been lost and it cannot be positively identified. It could be an excellent landscape plant to add to your garden for early bloom.

Quilt Raffle

Sharon Ogilvie has donated a handmade quilt for the annual raffle. Tickets are ten dollars each or three for twenty dollars. The drawing will be at the close of the show Sunday, January 13, 2013. The quilt will be on display at camellia club events. Get your tickets and help to spread the word to others. All proceeds go to help support the many club activities. Our special thanks to Sharon for her donation.

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Show Chairman	Randolph Maphis	878-3872

Annual Show Date

The annual show will be Saturday, January 12 and Sunday, January 13, 2013. Contact Randolph Maphis and volunteer to help. Plan to exhibit too! There will be more details in the January Camellia Chatter.