



# CAMELLIA CHATTER

Tallahassee Camellia Club affiliated with the American Camellia Society

November 2012

### ***Camellia Club to Hold November Dinner Meeting and Program***

The Camellia Club will meet Tuesday, November 6, 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 "Show and Tell on Trip to China" will be presented by Mary and Howard Rhodes and you will not want to miss their most interesting experiences. Members will be reached by e-mail or the telephone committee will call you. However, should the messages miss you, please call Esther Lawrence at 523-3230 for your dinner reservation. The cost is \$10.00 per person. Betsy is providing dinners. Remember that guests are welcomed at all meetings and events. We hope that you will plan to join us.

### ***Dues are Due***

There is an annual membership form enclosed 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.

### ***November in Your Garden***

Many of the Sasanquas are blooming and early bloomers will soon be flowering. This is probably the most exciting time of year for camellia growers. If you have not begun to "gib" some of your blooms, now is the time to start. See Randolph Maphis at the meeting to get "gib". Camellias require sufficient water during bloom season. It is best to water well and less frequently than to water small amounts more frequently. Growers who are interested in producing larger flowers will disbud leaving a fewer number of flower buds. Flower buds are quite cold hardy and do not generally receive damage if they are tightly closed. Buds showing color are usually damaged in freezing weather. The fall and winter months are usually the best time of year to plant and transplant camellias. If plants are very large you may need to hire a landscaper with equipment so that the move will be successful. Visit shows and other gardens to see camellia flowers at their very best and select new varieties that you would like to plant in your garden. Enjoy your bloom season. And remember to share your bloom with friends. The club will be holding the annual plant auction and also a sale of plants. Now is also a good time to look at the local nurseries for new varieties to add to your garden. It seems that each year more varieties are available. It is a good idea to buy plants early in the season when selection is best. Plants also make good gifts for friends and Christmas will be here soon. Camellia plants will give them much pleasure for years to come.

***Tell Friends about the Camellia Waxing Event  
Saturday, December 1 at 10:00 AM at Oven Park***



### ***Leslie Ann***

*Leslie Ann* is a Sasanqua and one of the finest landscape camellias. It received the Ralph Peer Sasanqua Award in 1961 and has been a favorite in gardens for over half a century. The blooms open as a formal double which fully open into a semi-double form with many gold stamens. The petals have a lavender pink border around each edge. The flowers are small to medium sized. *Leslie Ann* blooms from fall to mid-winter. What the blooms may lack in size is made up for in the numbers of blooms. Plants can be covered in blooms with buds to open later. It has beautiful dark green foliage, is disease resistant and grows upright. It is striking in the landscape and much more than a pretty flower.

### ***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.

### ***Officials for the 2012-2013 Year***

President	Alex Hinson	627-7814
Vice-President	Everett Ogilvie	562-2726
Secretary	Mary Rhodes	877-2685
Treasurer	Gayle Lawrence	656-8348
Board Member	Cindy Cospers	224-5857
Board Member	Stephen Suber	668-4084
Board Member	Sharon Ogilvie	562-2726
Board Member	Debo Powers	878-1937
Past President	Peggy Coppins	893-7218
Show Chairman	Randolph Maphis	878-3872

***See you at the November Dinner Meeting!***