



CAMELLIA CHATTER

Tallahassee Camellia Club affiliated with the American Camellia Society

October 2012

Camellia Club to Hold First Dinner Meeting and Program for 2012– 2013 Year

The Camellia Club will meet Tuesday, October 2, 2012 at the Jubilee Cottage, Goodwood Museum and Gardens beginning at 6:30 pm with check in and social time. Plan to be with us to get the year off to a great start. Dinner will be served at 7:00 p.m. and the business meeting and program will follow. The program “WHAT IS GOING ON IN THE AMERICAN CAMELLIA SOCIETY” will be presented by Mark Crawford and he will be bringing us up to date on a variety of subjects. If you have questions about ACS, be sure to be there to get answers. 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. See the schedule of events which is enclosed for the other monthly dinner meeting dates. The cost is \$10.00 per person. Betsy will again be providing dinners. Remember that guests are welcomed at all meetings and events. We hope that you will plan to join us for all of the events planned for the year.

Dues are Due

There is an annual membership form enclosed. 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.

October in Your Garden

It will soon be time for camellias to begin to bloom. Now is the time to begin to “gib” for those extra special early blooms. If you have never used “gib” before give it a try this season. The process is quite simple and not terrible time consuming. You may want to mark a nearby leaf of your plant so that you know which buds you have gibbed. One way is by using a permanent marker with the date the “gib” is applied. You will need to carefully twist out the vegetative bud next to a well-developed flower bud. This leaves a cup that you can place a drop of “gib” into. Do not “gib” too many buds on your plants. Most growers leave 80% of the buds untreated. Plan to gib weekly. It is not advisable to gib buds on very young plants. Since plants cannot support the many buds that are formed, it is a good idea to disbud by removing some of the side buds and leaving the large bud to bloom. Be sure that your plants receive sufficient water during the bloom season. If you apply fertilizer now, be sure that it is low nitrogen content such as 0-10-10 or 2-12-12. Further leaf growth should be discouraged in the fall. Oil sprays may be applied in the fall for the control of scale insects. Best controls are to spray when scale is first seen and only use oils when the temperature is between 40 and 85 degrees. Experienced members are always willing to share information and answer your questions.



Carter's Sunburst

Carter's Sunburst, a japonica, has a very beautiful large to very large pale pink bloom. It has distinctive deeper pink markings. The form of the bloom is listed as semi double peony or formal double. It has produced a number of sports which can produce show winning blooms. It was introduced in 1959 by Elvin H. Carter from Monterey Park, California. Although it is not a new flower it still has winning blooms from early to late season. It has received many awards among them the American Camellia Society National Hall of Fame Award in 1978. It is featured as the spotlight camellia in the most recent issue of the Camellia Journal. It could make a great addition to your garden.

Events for 2012-2013

The board of directors has worked throughout the summer planning for the coming year of programs and events. We know that you will be pleased with the many programs and events that will bring you information on camellia culture and related information on camellias. The show will again be the major event of the year. Be sure to help spread the word about these activities by telling your friends and neighbors and inviting them to come.

Officials for the 2012-2013 Year

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See You at the First Meeting of the Year!