

# Camellia Times

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## Meeting Date

Monday, February 27, 2017

7:00 P.M.

Lutheran Church of the Master

1900 Potrero Way

## President's Message



Hello Camellia Friends,

Hope your February is going well! I am enjoying seeing all the colorful camellias wherever I go these days! With all the rain we've had, when the sun *does* come out, it is just glorious seeing all the camellias blooming! It makes me smile!

Our shows have begun! If you have a chance to take in some of them, please do. We were down in Modesto for the NCCC meeting and the mini-show on February 4th. LOTS of blooms were brought. So pretty! Our members who attended did very well! Helmuth and Leone Wildemann won Flower of the Show with their Margaret Davis! Don and Joan Lesmeister, Gary and Carol Schanz, Don and Mary Bergamini and myself did well also! I think our society took home the most trophies!

Be sure to attend our February 27<sup>th</sup> meeting. Carol Schanz and Jackie Randall will be talking about their trip to the 2016 ACS Convention in Charleston, South Carolina. It should be a very humorous and interesting presentation! We will have some great plants for the raffle, and will have sign-up sheets for more people to help at the show. Wow, it is just around the corner!

So bring a friend and plan to attend our meeting on February 27<sup>th</sup>.

Your Camellia Friend and President,

Julie

Join the fun!

**ANNUAL  
MEMBERSHIP DUES  
ARE DUE NOW AND  
PAYABLE:**

\$10 a year per household,  
electronic newsletter

\$15 a year per household,  
USPS newsletter

\$20 a year per household,  
Sustaining membership



**Membership:**

**LuAnn Lantsberger**

2960 Brenda Way

West Sacramento, CA  
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**If dues were not paid by  
January, your name will be  
dropped from the Roster.  
The monthly Camellia Times  
will also be discontinued.**

You can pay your dues with  
a credit card at the meeting.  
See **Rosemary** to pay with  
credit card.

**Camellia Society of Sacramento**

**2016 - 2017 Executive Board**

President	Julie Vierra
1st Vice President	Don Lesmeister
2nd Vice President	Ron Morrison
Recording Secretary	Lana Paulhamus
Corresponding Secretary	Carol Schanz
Treasurer	Rosemary Spasovich
Historian	Bill Kitagawa
NCCC Rep	Joan Lesmeister

**2016 - 2017 Advisory Board**

ACS/ICS Representative	Don Bergamini
Education, Research & Science	Don Lesmeister
Greeter	Anne Pomer
Hospitality	Rosemary Spasovich
Meeting Bloom Display	Gary Schanz
Membership	LuAnn Lantsberger
Nominating Committee	Don Lesmeister
Outreach/New Member Liaison	Tanis Toland
Show Chairmen	Don Lesmeister and Julie Vierra
Sunshine	Jackie Randall
Ways & Means	Julie Vierra, Joan Lesmeister, Carol Schanz
Website	Carol Schanz & Julie Vierra
ACS Pacific Director	Carol Schanz
Past President	Carol Schanz

**Culture Corner by Don Lesmeister**

Well, our Camellias are starting to bloom real well, after a few days of real cold weather. In addition to the normal disbudding, clothes pinning & touch up pruning, there are a couple of items we are suggesting you accomplish. First, be sure to come down to the Memorial Auditorium on Friday March 3rd to help with setting up for the show. The doors open around 9:00AM. You will be amazed at the activity and the number of people to come and help. (never enough) You can just sit there, eat snacks and observe. You might even want to do a few thing to help the Society. You can even make it a family tradition.

Another thing you can do is pick up all your surplus blooms and circulate somewhere around your neighborhood. After all, Sacramento is the Camellia Capital in the USA. The receptionist at your doctor's office, dentist, church or any organization meeting place you attend would love a few of your beautiful camellias. The nurse at my doctor's office usually saves off a couple of pounds off my weight in her report to the doctor in exchange for a nice white camellia. Joan's mother is 101 years old and in a care facility. When we take a flower to her, it adds a little more longevity for her. All the other ladies in the facility are also pleased to see the different camellias. You would be amazed how much a camellia can add both happiness and conversation to other people.

Use your imagination, come up with your own ideas how you can share the beauty of your camellias. You will be surprised how much joy you can spread to others...and as a bonus, it will bring satisfaction to yourself.

**Member of the Month : Ron Morrison, 2nd Vice President**



**Got Plants?**

1. I was born in Long Beach CA.
2. I attended Our Lady of Mercy and Merced High
3. I had no camellias growing up.
4. I got interested in 1964 when I met Gene Bussy of Lafayette. CA.
5. I really enjoy grafting and creating some new varieties.
6. One of my hobbies is flying control line model airplanes which started in the early 1950's . I got back into the hobby in 2000 building and flying radio control planes.
7. My late wife Elsie and I had two daughters, Lisa and Judy. We got into the camellias as a family affair. Elsie was trophy chairman for a few years and the girls helped set up the trophy table. My current wife, Arlene was membership chairperson. She is also active in the Camellia Society and helps out in many capacities.
8. My job, as 2nd VP, is to babysit all the plants for the raffles at the meetings and plants to be sold at our show.
9. We do travel to some of the shows outside Sacramento.
10. I have about 50 plants in the ground and 50 in pots.

### Monthly Meeting Programs

October 24	Don & Mary Bergamini	ICS Convention in China
November 28	Jackie Randall	Photo Contest
December 19		Potluck and Gift Exchange
January 23, 2017	Don Bergamini	NorCal Camellia Shows
February 27	Jackie Randall & Carol Schanz	ACS 2016 Convention, Charleston, So Carolina
March 27		TBA and ice cream social
April 22		End of the Year Luncheon, Installation of Officers and Silent Auction and Lots of Fun.

### February Plant Raffle

<b>Ruta Hagman Retic.</b>	<b>Door prize</b>
<b>Sweet Jane</b>	<b>Hybrid</b>
<b>Frank Houser Var.</b>	<b>Retic</b>
<b>Autumn Jewel</b>	<b>Hybrid</b>
<b>Nicky Crisp</b>	<b>Hybrid</b>

Tickets are \$1.00 or  
6 for \$5.00  
Special \$2.00 a ticket



### Board Meeting Schedule

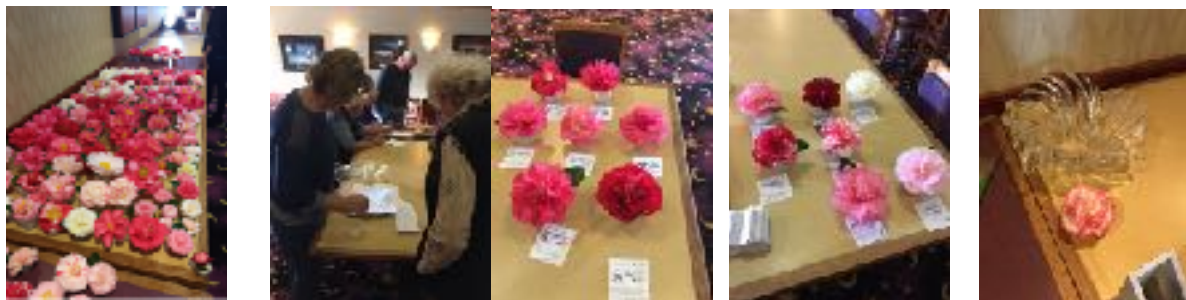
October	Julie and Ernie Vierra	1048 Longcroft Street	916 371-2174
November	Carol and Gary Schanz	1177 Cavanaugh Way	916 447-1969
December	Joan and Don Lesmeister	4512 Marble Way	916 967-8420
January 9, 2017	Leone and Helmuth Wildmann	31 Rosemead Circle	916 422-4128
February 6	Arlene and Ron Morrison	2712 Ripon Court, 95826	916 383-7005
March 13	Rosemary Spasovich	6129 Landis Avenue, Carmichael	559-779-1197
April 3, 2017	Jackie Randall	1156 Rose Tree Way, 95831	916 421-2456

## California Camellia Show Schedule

February 4, 2017	Northern California Camellia Council meeting and Mini Show	John's Incredible Pizza 2225 Plaza Parkway Modesto, CA
February 11 & 12	San Francisco Peninsula Camellia Show	CAB Community Activities Bldg. 1400 Roosevelt Avenue Redwood City, CA
February 18 & 19	Northern California Camellia Society	St. Andrew's Celebration Center 1601 Mary Drive Pleasant Hill, CA 94523
February 25 & 26	Camellia Society of Santa Clara County INC.	Community Recreation Center 969 Kiely Blvd Santa Clara, CA
March 4 & 5	Camellia Society of Sacramento	Sacramento Memoria Auditorium 1515 J Street Sacramento, CA
March 11		Open
March 18 & 19	Camellia Society of Modesto	Ernest & Julio Gallo Administrative Building, Modesto, CA
March 25 ?	Broadway Plaza?	TBA
April 5 - 8	ACS National Convention and Show	NEWBERG, OREGON

## Mini Show:

Our **1st Camellia Show of the 2017** season was held on February 4th. The Northern CA Camellia Council hosted the show and NCCC meeting. We met at John's Incredible Pizza. New NCCC board members were elected. They are President: Don Bergamini, VP: Cindy Cook, Secretary: Linda Kancev, and Treasurer, Joann Logan. The next NCCC meeting will be held 9/24/2017 at the home of Don and Mary Bergamini. A potluck will follow the meeting.



Best of Show: Margaret Davis, grown by Leone and Helmuth Wildemann

## Mini Show Winners

Best of Show -----Margaret Davis----Wildemanns  
Best Reticulata--Loretta Feathers----Bergaminis  
Runner up Reticulata---Beautiful Day--Lesmeisters  
Best Hybrid--Coral Delight Var--Bergaminis  
Runner up Hybrid--Julie Var--Lesmeisters  
Best Large -VL Japonica Elegans Splendor --Julie Vierra  
Runner up Large-VL Japonica—Carter’s Sunburst -Julie Vierra  
Best Medium--Margaret Davis- Wildemanns  
Runner up Medium - Midnight--Bergaminis  
Small-Miniature--Something Beautiful--Lesmeisters  
Runner up Small-Medium--Little Babe Var.--Schanzs

## Photo Contest:

**FIVE** photo sections. Camellia(s) must be in each photo. **NO PHOTO SHOP.**

<b>Section #1.</b>	Single Camellia
<b>Section #2.</b>	Baby Bloomers (Children 4 & under. <b>NO PETS</b> ) (New)
<b>Section #3.</b>	Camellia(s) with Children ( <b>ages 5- 12</b> ) and/or Pets
<b>Section #4.</b>	Patriotic /Camellia(s) ( <b>New</b> ) ( <b>No Children or Pets</b> )
<b>Section #5.</b>	Humorous Camellia(s) ( <b>No Children or Pets</b> ) (Something that will make the judges smile!)

### RULES:

1. Contestants must be amateur photographers. **This year, the public is invited.**
2. Contestants may enter in **any or all 5 categories**. **Please**, only one entry *per household* in each category. **Please do not use photos previously entered.**
3. All entries must be **8x10**, vertical or horizontal, and displayed in a **11x14 Black Mat**. (Mats available at art stores, Michael’s, photo shops, etc.)
4. Entries must have the photographer’s name, address & phone number on the **back** of each photo mat. It should not be visible from the front.
5. In addition, contestants need to fill out a Camellia entry card to submit with each photo. These are completed the same way as if you were entering a bloom.  
**Example.** Front of card: Section: No.5; Variety, Humorous Camellia(s)  
Inside of card need only exhibitors name & address in both places.
6. All photos, with completed entry cards, should be placed in the correct photo Section by **10:00 am, Saturday, March 4<sup>th</sup>, 2017**. Photos will be returned.
7. Photos will be judged on the overall quality of the composition with emphasis on the Camellia bloom(s).
8. Ribbons and trophies will be awarded to winners in each division.

**February Program:** Jackie Randall and Carol Schanz will have a presentation on the ACS Convention held in Charleston South Carolina 2016. Great fun.



## Plant Sale

Members will have an opportunity to purchase the camellia plants that will be for sale at the show, March 4 & 5, before the show for a member discount. We will have a list of plants and prices at our next meeting this month. Hard to find varieties at good prices.

## Did You Know?

When given as a gift, the camellia flower always represents something good. Although they are predominantly considered an emblem for varying shades of love, they are also thought to be lucky – especially when presented to a man. The basic hues are all given their own meaning: red meaning passion, pink meaning longing, and white meaning admiration and perfection. Camellias can be given in the traditional bouquets, corsages or as single flowers. However, they can also be given in small, pretty gift baskets that

**Hostess Help:** Contact Rosemary if you would like to provide some yummy treats for one of our meetings, [rspasovich@aol.com](mailto:rspasovich@aol.com) or 599 779-1197.

*Love is all around just  
look at your camellias.*



Valentines Day

### Newsletter Information

Articles for the Camellia Times are due by the board meeting date, the first Monday of every month. If you have questions or ideas, please just call or email me.

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