

Picnic July 20th at Margaret White's

Margaret White has once again graciously invited us to have our picnic in her lovely air-conditioned porch on Saturday, July 20th at 3:00PM. If it is pouring rain, please come anyway because Margaret's porch is fully enclosed. The address and detailed directions to Margaret's house is at the end of this newsletter.

This year we are planning on using paper plates and plastic utensils, so all you have to bring is your folding chair and your dish to share. Mary McCormack (703-836-6594) and Betsy Miller (703-354-7184) are in charge of the general logistics and sign-up for food. Call them and they will give you suggestions for what they need (those that cannot cook, can bring other items such as soft drinks, ice, etc.)

The Park Commission has already made some repairs at Margaret's home, including the barn roof, so it will be interesting to see how things are progressing.

If you have a plant to share, such as a

perennial or small shrub, that you would like to bring for a door prize, we would be happy to receive them. There will also be camellias of all sizes, available for sale.

There will be free gibberilic acid (GIB) available, as well as instructions for those who would like to get their spring camellias to produce a few blooms in fall. "Gibbing" can start as soon as buds are the size of a pea (from August 1st on).

There will also be handouts about how to make cuttings, as JULY is the ideal time to get fast rooting!

Outgoing President's Message

Before I sign off, I would like to express what a pleasure it has been to serve these last two terms as your President. It has been a lot of fun! This has come from the excellent and enthusiastic support we have received from you members on the projects undertaken.

However, I am leaving office with the knowledge that Karen Fairchild (our first

woman President) will introduce a new youthful outlook to future events! It is time we seniors pass on the management of our society to our younger generation. That time is here, and I am glad!

Our flower shows at the National Arboretum and Brookside Gardens had many members helping and were well attended. New Camellia collections have been established at Greenspring Park and at Brookside Gardens. At the same time, the planting at Bon Air Park has been expanded. This has all helped to make the general public more aware of the beauty of our chosen flower and the practical aspects of growing them in the Washington, DC metropolitan area.

Bill Ackerman

Karen's Message As Our New President

Well, thank you very much. I remain very surprised to be president of anything, and very honored to have been asked to do this. I hope you will all help me to know what you want me to do. Thank goodness our senior members are here to instruct all of us. I could not have considered doing this without their support.

This society was started when I was a little girl, so it has been a part of my life for 50 years. I clearly remember the fascination of all those flowers in glasses and standing looking up at them from the table edge. I hope that it can be as entrancing for children and adults today, and I look forward to seeing the continued involvement of our families and friends, old and new.

We have lost some old friends this past year and especially this spring, and gained, I hope, some new ones. I hope everyone will welcome our new members, and enjoy their help in our society's aim to grow and display and enjoy the Camellia in its universe of variety.

I hope to see you all at the picnic and thank Mrs. White once again for hosting this wonderful tradition!

Have a wonderful summer!

Karen Fairchild

Report on the March 10th 2002 CSPV Meeting At the National Arboretum

Bill Ackerman opened the meeting of 42 members. He thanked the 4 who collaborated on the Newsletter, for their success in making it so outstanding. They were Chuck Fairchild, Joy Erdman, Pat Laane, and Harry Dewey. He also thanked Betsy Miller and her crew for the delicious refreshments that we enjoyed while looking over the Mini-show and Door prizes.

Next, Bill called on Chuck Fairchild, Chairman of the Nominating Committee (also included Harry Dewey and Morgan Mickles). Chuck read the slate of officers selected (including our first woman as President!).

The membership in attendance unanimously

approved the slate as follows:

President, Karen Fairchild
1st Vice President, Bill Ackerman
2nd Vice Pres., Carroll Clatterbuck
Recording Secretary, Kitty Ackerman
Corresponding Secretary, Alice Davis
Treasurer, Kathleen Graham
Director at Large, Bill Miller
Director at Large, Arthur Maryott
ACS Area Director, Betty Daudt

Chuck also reported that he has received over 70 renewals in the last few weeks.

Our program was a "Q & A" program with a panel consisting of Bill Miller, Bill Ackerman, Arthur Maryott and John Pumphrey. The audience was full of questions, especially among the many newer members attending. A summary of Q's and A's is in draft, compliments of our recording secretary, Kitty Ackerman and will be printed in the Fall newsletter. *Thanks Kitty!!*

The CSPV is on the web:
www. CSPV.org

CSPV Camellia Show ***April 13 & 14th, 2002***

...Another wonderful show at the National Arboretum! The weather had been cool enough that we had over 650 blooms! There was lots of help Friday, and with our new clear plastic cups in various sizes, both setup

and cleanup were a breeze. The 950 cups fit into 2 light cartons!!

Saturday morning, we had many members registering, helping each other put out blooms, judging and clerking. With Carlton Maryott in charge of placement, things went smoothly and we were able to partake of Betsy Miller and Mary McCormack's luncheon at 12:30!

We thank all who brought food for the luncheon and helped in so many other ways to make it a successful show. Alice Davis made arrangements that graced the 3 pedestals and several of the tables. Oh yes, we got 3 new members! Lots of attendees and much interest kept our members busy answering questions.

Sunday, we found that the flowers had held up very well (the auditorium was kept cool overnight). As we started our cleanup at the end of the afternoon, we gave people plastic containers and let them choose flowers to take home. This was a big hit!

Gift certificates to Hill's Nursery were awarded for the 14 prizes (\$100 certificate for the Margaret White Award for Best White, \$50 certificates for firsts, \$25 for seconds). Everyone agreed this was a great idea. The Phillip and Marjorie Ireland Memorial Trophy, arranged by Treasurer Kathleen Graham, went to Best in Show as planned by their bequest.

For more information on who won what and the flowers involved, see Chuck Fairchild's report later on in this issue. Thanks again to everyone!

Brookside Show and Sale on March 23 & 24, 2002

The Brookside Show and Sale was a complete success! This is our third year there and it has many advantages. The most important advantage is that most of the visitors are plant people and come because they are interested in Camellias (Brookside advertises widely) and may want to purchase them. By the end of the weekend, we had sold ALL of the plants! Some visitors said they had purchased our plants last year, and waited eagerly for our return.

The judged show on Saturday included two teams of judges and clerks who accomplished their task with aplomb. Since it was not an accredited show, we allowed the visitors to come in during the judging, and it proved to be no problem in the spacious auditorium. Best of Show was won by John Pumphrey, other top awards went to the Fairchilds, Ackermans, and Clatterbucks.

There were many exhibits, including Bill Ackerman's cold hardy series. Alice Davis made arrangements for each of the tables. Kitty Ackerman and Pauline Clatterbuck had a nice selection of their Camellia paintings. There was an exhibit of fragrant camellias and another exhibit on the use of Microfoam. Kitty also set up her Chinese painting supplies to show visitors the types of brushes, paper, and paints used. Immediately, 2 Chinese girls wanted to try it. This led to a steady stream of children trying their hand, with visitors and parents cheering them on. A notice had been put up for free

flowers at 4:05PM, so many visitors went home with a bloom!

Brookside personnel were very helpful - even to helping unload the truck and cars. They quickly took care of any need we had (such as extra tables, etc.). Lots of members helped. We had 9 on Friday for setup, 17 on Saturday, and 8 on Sunday. The beautiful location is also very convenient for many of our Maryland and DC members.

April Spring Camellia Show Report

We held our 48th Annual Spring Show at the National Arboretum on April 13 and 14, 2002. This report lists the members who received awards or had blooms on the Honor Court and Superior Table, but the statistics about the show don't begin to convey the beauty of the blooms and the enjoyment they brought to our exhibitors and our many visitors. There were 22 exhibitors who displayed a total of approximately 630 blooms, including 510 in competitive classes and 120 in arrangements, displays, and exhibits.

One of the joys of each show is the large number of blooms, and as in the past the Ackermans displayed largest number, about 200 in total. Don't we all wish we had their energy and the facilities to grow so many plants! In addition, the Daudts, the Fairchilds, Carlton Maryott, the Millers, and John Pumphrey all brought more than 30 blooms each.

As always in the Spring show, all competitive entries were judged by registered members of

the American Camellia Society (ACS) with the assistance of novice judges and clerks. Prizes and awards are given to blooms on the basis of voting by the judges. The Best Bloom in Show is awarded the annual Philip and Marjorie Ireland Memorial Trophy. The prize and award winners were as follows:

Best in Show

Mr. & Mrs. Charles K. Fairchild were awarded Best in Show with a large Royal Velvet. This bloom also won Best Outdoor Bloom. Mr. & Mrs. John Rountree won 2nd Best in Show with their Snowman, which also won the award for Best Greenhouse Bloom.

Best White

Carlton Maryott won Best White with his Potomac Pillar, which was also 2nd Best Outdoor Bloom. Rix Perkins won 2nd Best White with his Leucantha.

Division 1 - Outdoor Japonicas & Hybrids

As noted above, the Fairchilds' Royal Velvet was awarded Best, and Carlton Maryott's Potomac Pillar was 2nd Best.

Division 2A - Greenhouse

Mr. & Mrs. John Rountree won Best with their Snowman. Mr. & Mrs. Louis Daudt won 2nd Best with their Marie Bracey.

Division 2B - Microfoam

Mr. & Mrs. William Miller won Best in Division with a Grand Prix and 2nd Best with their Ville de Nantes.

Division 3 - Reticulata and Ret. Hybrids

Mr. & Mrs. Louis Daudt won Best with their Harold Page. Mrs. John C. (Margaret) White won 2nd Best with her Valley Knudsen.

Division 4 - Non-Reticulata Hybrids and Other Species

Mr. & Mrs. Charles K. Fairchild were awarded Best for an Accent Spice
Mr. & Mrs. William Ackerman received 2nd Best for Golden Glow.

Division 5 - Miniatures

Mr. & Mrs. William Miller won Best with their Confetti Blush and 2nd Best with a Grace Albritton

Division 6 - Seedlings

Mr. & Mrs. William Ackerman won Best with a seedling named Intimidator and 2nd Best with O. P. Tiny Princess.

Honor Court

The Honor Court includes the blooms that won awards and those that were among the finalists for awards in each division. The exhibitors and blooms on the Honor Court were as follows:

Ackerman, Mr. & Mrs. William: Miss Charleston, and Night Rider

Daudt, Mr. & Mrs. Louis: C. M. Hovey, Eleanor Haygood, and Little Bo Beep

Fairchild, Mr. & Mrs. Charles K.: Kramer's Supreme

Miller, Mr. & Mrs. William: Imura

Rountree, Mr. & Mrs. John: Amanda, Clower's White, and Shikibu

White, Mrs. John: Howard Asper

Superior Table

The Superior Table displays the blooms that were considered superior in the original judging but did not reach the Honor Table. As those who attended the show are aware, each of these blooms might have been worthy of award.

Superior table notables and blooms were:

Ackerman, Mr. & Mrs. William: Carter's Sunburst, Don Mac, Kitty, and Meredith
Daudt, Mr. & Mrs. Louis: Clark Hubbs, and Kitty
Fairchild, Mr. & Mrs. Charles K.: Carlton Maryott
Laane, Pat: Mrs. Tingley
Maryott, Carlton: Ed. Greenberg, Katherine Maryott, Kumasaka, and Lady Vansittart, Red
McCormack, Mrs. James E.: R. L. Wheeler
Miller, Mr. & Mrs. William: Fragrant Joy, Leucantha, Mrs. Tingley, and R. L. Wheeler
Perkins, Wilmer: Pink Perfection
Pumphrey, John: Clower's White, Herme, and Paulette Goddard
Rountree, Mr. & Mrs. John: Grace Albritton, King Lear, and Lady Vansittart
Tamaro, William: Brilliant
Tognetti, Ann H: Nuccio's Jewel
Washer, Ms. Carol Y.: (no variety name)
White, Mrs. John C. (Margaret): Cinnamon Sensation, Nuccio's Gem, and Victory White

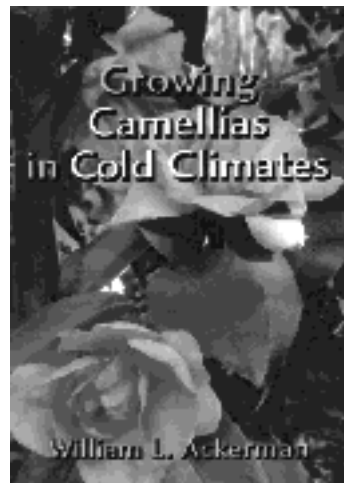
Finally, we want to thank everyone who brought blooms, food and good cheer, worked to get the flowers displayed, and answered questions from our many visitors. We especially wish to thank those who cleaned up on Sunday afternoon! We wish we had awards for everyone!



Bill Ackerman's book is finally out!

Signed copies of Growing Camellias in Cold Climates will be available for purchase (\$34.95) at the CSPV picnic July 20th.

This is a practical reference book, not just a glamorous coffee table ornament. It answers the questions of camellia growers in the North. It includes the best culture methods and propagation (seeds, cuttings, air layers, etc.). There are 86 color photographs of the recommended cold hardy hybrids and commercial varieties, and includes illustrations of various disease and insect damage, step by step drawings for propagation, hybridizing, winter protection, etc. This is a book you will be referring to again and again.



Membership News from Chuck Fairchild

We are pleased to welcome nine new members who have joined CSPV since the last membership update. Most joined as a result of the annual show. Their names and addresses are listed at the end of this report. New member directories will be printed and distributed at the annual picnic. I will mail directories to those not attending the picnic. In all, we currently have 86 members paid in full, including 75 renewals and 11 new members this calendar year.

Sadly, we note the passing of Mrs. Rosamond Noell and Mrs. Alma Hamer, and we send our best wishes to Peg Moss for a speedy recovery.

New members and changes in 2002

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Harry Dewey, who has the lead on our group
email list (CSPV@yahoogroups.com) can be
reached at

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Note: Harry's and Pat's emails are new.

Notable emails:

Here are some helpful email addresses for the
crew that puts together the newsletters and
web information:

Society Calendar

Saturday, July 20th (rain or shine) Picnic : 3:00 PM. Bring your own
chairs, a dish (or something else) to share and a plant. Plastic cutlery and paper napkins will be
provided. The Ackermans will be bringing loads of camellia plants (all sizes that will be suitable
for our area).

October 13th (Sunday) Meeting: 1:30 PM at the National Arboretum
Classroom

November 10th (Sunday) Meeting: 1:30 PM at the National Arboretum
Classroom

December 8th The (Sunday) CSPV Christmas Party Meeting
will be at BROOKSIDE GARDENS in Wheaton, MD. from 1:30 to 4:30 PM. The new location
is because Greenspring is no longer open on weekends. As always, members should bring
goodies for refreshments and each attendee should bring one gift for a new door prize/gift
exchange.

***March 15 & 16, The CSPV BROOKSIDE Show, Saturday &
Sunday,*** with setup on Friday, March 14th, at Brookside Gardens in Wheaton, MD with
Camellia SALE.

For Fall Newsletter

Panel Discussion at the March 2002 Meeting

(some questions with answers)

1. When do you take off Microfoam?

Bill Miller stated that any time in March when the weather is mild. You should check under the foam periodically during the winter to see if the plants need water. Do not completely open the foam on a sunny windy day, wait for a cloudy day.

2. What is making holes in the leaves of my Camellias?

The panel felt that there were many causes of occasional holes in leaves from beetles, crickets, slugs, etc. and they were nothing to worry about if on a few of the lower leaves. Squirrels will sometimes eat the buds.

3. When is the best time to prune Camellias?

The group responded that after flowering was the best time. Never prune drastically but prune part-way down a branch and leave a central leader. Only if you have a bush growing in front of a window, then you can prune drastically and the bush will completely recover but take several years to make a nice looking plant.

4. What can I do about cottony scale, etc.?

The best remedy is to use dormant oil when the temperature is between 40 and 60 degrees. Use a summer oil if possible. Some of the members use Cygon (it is included in many rose sprays, such as Ortho) and paint a "Help Kitty!!" to 1" band (depending on size of plant) around the trunk about 2" from the soil line. Several members mentioned that Cygon is poisonous and extreme care should be taken (gloves, mask and protective clothing). This is put on in the spring once a year.

5. How do I know when my cuttings are ready to be potted up?

When you tug and there is resistance, carefully dig it up. If there are quite a few roots of at least "Help Kitty", you can put it in a Styrofoam drinking cup poke holes in the bottom for drainage), or a 4" pot. Bottom heat (on top of your hot water heater), a plastic bag over the cutting or mist, speeds things up. Putting cutting in a glass of water with other quick rooting plants may help to kick start the cutting.

6. When do you air layer?

Air layering is done in March or April, the earlier the better. The Society has instructions for air layering - call Kitty and she will send you one (301-774-7538).

7. Why are my camellias growing too fast and only a few flowers, or none?

The usual cause of too fast growth is too much Nitrogen. Growing too fast may mean the plant is reaching for the light. If it is against a fence and leaning away from it, you may tie it up loosely to a fence (panty hose was suggested). Also, superphosphate (0-0-20) or a fertilizer such as (0-10-10) are good. They help the plant develop better cold resistance as sap has more solids so it doesn't freeze as quickly. Apply in May. Another cause of poor flowering is too much shade. Move plant in late spring to a site with less shade.

8. Why does a variety and its flowers look different up here than down South?

It is a shock to bring a plant to a different climate zone and it may take several years for the plant to really acclimate. Also, different soil types, and other environmental elements affect the plant. One good thing, we do not have up here is Petal Blight, which is common on camellias in the South, because it is too cold for the toadstools to winter over in our area.

Cream together: 2/3 C. Light Olive Oil (or margarine)
 1 C. Brown Sugar
 3/4 C. White Sugar

Kitty's "Almost a Meal" Cookies

1 t. Vanilla & 1/4 t. Almond flavoring
1/2 C. Peanut Butter (optional)
2 EGGS (or egg substitute)

Mix together and add 1-3/4 C. Whole Wheat Flour (may include wheat germ). Then beat into ___ oat bran, etc)? Creamed mix in 1/2 t. Baking Powder & Salt (briefly) Fold in - 3 C. Quick Oats (raw) and then 2 cups of your choice of nuts, Choc. Chips, Sunflower Seeds, etc). If too stiff, add 1-2 T. water.

DROP by 1 T on greased baking sheets. Press to 1/3" thickness with wet fingers. Bake 375 degrees for 13-15 minutes (for crisp cookies, less for softer)