

CSPV 50th Annual Spring Camellia Show at US National Arboretum April 10-11, 2004

Bill Miller will chair the CSPV's 50th Annual Spring Camellia Show this year on Easter weekend in the Auditorium of the Administration Building of the US National Arboretum. We are looking forward to an exciting season of flowers. Members report some foliage damage, but bloom has started and continues apace.

Entry cards are available from Bill Miller or Kitty Ackerman. The show schedule is on pages 3 and 4.

Welcome CSPV New Officers

Despite the snow in December, our nominating committee got busy by telephone and email to develop a new slate of officers for confirmation in their 2-year terms at February's meeting. The following agreed to serve and were confirmed on February 8th:

President, Harry Dewey
 1st Vice President, Diana Nicholls
 2nd Vice President, Jacquelyn McGrail
 Treasurer, Kathleen Graham
 Recording Secretary, Kitty Ackerman
 Corresponding Secretary, Alice Davis
 Director-at-Large, Bill Ackerman
 Director-at-Large, Bill Miller
 Director-at-Large, Arthur Maryott
 ACS Area Director, Louis Daudt

Congratulations to our new officers and thank you to all of you who keep our society operating. The Committee Heads for the Society are confirmed by the new President and the Board after the new officers start their terms later this spring.

Stadler's Nursery in Laytonsville, Maryland, Hosts CSPV 2004 Bennett Creek Plant Delivery, March 5-6

We tried a change in our plant ordering this year and asked Stadler's Nursery in Laytonsville, Maryland to receive our Bennett Creek order. They responded with amazing kindness and enthusiasm. Not only did they lend us inside space to receive and sort our plant order, but when the truck was delayed in Virginia on Friday evening, Stadler's staff sent our volunteers home while they stayed and helped the driver unload the 305-plant order. The Ackermans, who live nearby, stayed to supervise.

By 8 the next morning Stadler's was open and our volunteers returned to sort orders and organize plants for member pickup during the day. Pete Stadler, his daughter, Lisa, and their staff could not have been kinder. They made us feel welcome, supported, but in *continued, page 2*

Holiday Meeting and Party on Sunday, December 14, 2003 -- Snowed Out!

The December 14th 2003 holiday party was cancelled by the CSPV Board late on Friday, December 12, due to bad weather reports (borne out when the Ackermans started Sunday with 4 inches of snow in Ashton.) Kitty Ackerman and Chuck Fairchild did most of the communicating, with some last minute calls by Karen Fairchild.

We've been very lucky over the years not to have had more in the way of weather-related cancellations. As a result of this one, Kitty held the Bennett Creek plant order open until the following Friday, December 19.

The CSPV Attends the Maryland Home and Garden Show in Timonium

Thanks to a diligent invitation process and presentation from Mr. Barry Woolf of Druid Hill Park in Baltimore, and the determination of a few Baltimore area members, the CSPV was represented at the Maryland Home and Garden Show held March 5, 6 and 7, 2004. This was our first display at this important plant and garden show. Members Alice Davis, Norma and Bo Heikes, Jacquelyn McGrail and John Pumphrey organized and tended the display, picked up materials and plants and talked to interested visitors.

“Our display consisted of backboards with photos of cold hardy camellias, Dr. Ackerman's books, twenty 1 gallon Camellia plants from Bennett Creek Nursery for sale, and thirty of the Daudts camellia blooms left from the Pioneer Camellia Society Flower Show held March 6th. We sold 16 plants and 1 book. We did not sell any memberships, but talked to many people and tried to solve their garden questions. We collected \$296.00, of which we had to pay the Garden Show Production Committee \$44.00. AND, we enjoyed ourselves.”
Alice Davis, Corresponding Secretary

Stadlers and Bennett Creek, cont'd.

no way a problem. The work area they lent to us was huge and bright, with a large number of carts suitable for collecting and moving 3 gallon potted plants. By 10 a.m. we had sorted the 35 family plant orders and further separated the 200 plants we had ordered for the Brookside and FONA plant sales.

Stadler staff helped direct CSPV members to the pickup point and by 3:30 p.m. 34 of the 35 orders were picked up and the plants for the sales loaded on the Ackerman's truck by a crowd of CSPV volunteers, the last order was taken over by the nursery staff to hold for pickup, cars were loaded and we had experienced the least stressful plant order distribution ever. Only one order experienced any confusion, and that was simply a case of one plant being moved less than a foot from where it should have been. A big improvement!

The CSPV members manning the Timonium show were able to get plants thanks to Jacquelyn McGrail, and we all got our orders thanks to Kitty Ackerman's indefatigable organization and care.

THANK YOU to the Stadlers, their Nursery staff and the Ackermans for all their kind efforts!

February 2004 Meeting

February's meeting was extremely busy. Not only did we confirm our new slate of officers, have an airlayering demonstration by charter member Arthur Maryott (April and May are the best time for airlayering and propagating your larger plants), we also had two guest presentations. We had signup sheets for activities going the rounds at this first meeting since November and our last full meeting this year due to the conflict between the Brookside show and our meeting schedule on March 14.

Kevin Conrad, head of the Arboretum Herbarium Collection, spoke to members to get their help on his collecting flowers at the end of our shows for pressing and including our camellias in the Arboretum's dried flower collection. Members were fascinated to learn of the Herbarium's mission and methods. Many of us were amazed to learn that one of the missions was the collection over a period of years of the same cultivar from a particular location. Locations are tracked at a level of detail that includes addresses and street corner descriptions. Kevin brought many copies of the Herbarium's February, 1994 publication: *A Catalog of Cultivated Woody Plants of the Southeastern United States*, for distribution. He invited us to organize a visit (or more) to the Herbarium to see their work in progress, and made his card available for members to further arrange specimen donation.

We hope to invite Kevin back for a longer talk another time and thank him very much for this talk.

Barry Woolf of Druid Hill Park in Baltimore, spoke to the members about our exhibiting at their display at the Maryland Home and Garden Show, March 5-7, and March 12-14, 2004, at the Maryland State Fairgrounds in Timonium, MD. John Pumphrey agreed to be there, but he needed volunteers from our Society to help. We arranged to furnish him with literature, Membership Brochures and Bill Ackerman's books and some plants. Members Bo and Norma Heikes and Jacquelyn McGrail responded and with Alice Davis' support, the Society had a booth for the 5th through the 7th.

Everyone enjoyed the refreshments provided and organized by Betsy Miller. Please call her to help with the lunch for the show workers in April. Please speak to Bill Miller and Kitty Ackerman about roles and responsibilities for the April show.

THE 50th ANNUAL SPRING CAMELLIA SHOW
of the
CAMELLIA SOCIETY OF THE POTOMAC VALLEY

Administration Building, U.S. National Arboretum

Entrances at:

3501 New York Ave., NE, Washington, DC 20002

and

24th and R Streets, NE, Washington, DC 20002

Saturday, April 10th 2003, 8:00 am to 5:00 pm

Open to Public: 1:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m

Sunday, April 11th 2003 Open to Public 12:30 p.m. to 4:30 p.m

CAMELLIA EXHIBITS

- DIVISION 1. OUTDOOR JAPONICAS & HYBRID SPECIMEN BLOOMS Small, Medium and Large (white cards)
1.1 Best Matched Group of 3 Outdoor Blooms, same variety
- DIVISION 2. JAPONICA BLOOMS GROWN UNDER PROTECTION
A. GREENHOUSE (or similar structure: green cards)
B. MICROFOAM (Blanket or cage: blue cards)
C. OTHER (porch, garage, coldframe, windowbox, etc.: yellow cards)
- DIVISION 3. RETICULATA AND RET. HYBRID BLOOMS (buff cards)
- DIVISION 4. NON-RETICULATA HYBRIDS AND OTHER SPECIES (buff cards)
- DIVISION 5. MINIATURES (includes all species and hybrids grown outdoors or under protection; buff cards)
- DIVISION 6. SEEDLINGS (pink cards)
- DIVISION 7. NON-COMPETITIVE BLOOMS DISPLAYS AND OTHER EXHIBITS

AWARDS

Prizes will be given, subject to the discretion of the Judges, for the First and Second Best Large, Medium and Small Blooms in Division 1. Prizes will also be given for the First and Second Best Blooms in divisions 2(A), 2(B), 2(C), 3, 4 and 5. A prize will be awarded to the Best Matched Group of 3 (same variety) in Division 1.1. American Camellia Society certificates will be awarded for the Best and Runner-up Blooms in Divisions 1, 2, 3, 4 and 5; for the Best White Bloom; and for any Highly Commended Seedlings in Division 6. BEST BLOOM IN SHOW will receive the Philip and Marjorie Ireland Memorial Trophy. BEST WHITE BLOOM IN SHOW will receive the Margaret White Trophy.

RULES AND REGULATIONS

1. The SHOW is held in cooperation with the American Camellia Society and operated under the Rules and Regulations governing Procedures and Judging of the ACS Cooperative SHOWS.
2. Divisions 1, 2, 3, 4 and 5 are open only to amateur growers, and plants must have been in their possession for at least 2 months prior to the SHOW. An Amateur is one who does not engage in the sale of camellia plants or flowers for any significant part of his or her livelihood. Divisions 6 and 7 are open to any exhibitor.
3. OUTDOOR BLOOMS refer to blooms from plants grown in the ground without the aid of protective enclosures or coverings such as those included in Division 2. The use of overhead slat frames or cages, unheated and enclosed only around the sides is permissible.

Show Rules and Regulations, continued from page 3

4. Entry cards may be obtained in advance from either the Show Chairperson or the Chairpersons listed below. It is requested that exhibitors cooperate by preparing the proper entry cards before arriving to enter blooms.

5. Entries will be accepted between 8:00 AM and 10:15 AM on Saturday, April 10, 2004. Judging begins at 10:30 AM.

6. Each bloom must be fully open on a 1-2" stem with one, but no more than two, leaves. A bloom may be wired to its own wood and with leaves from the same plant, providing wiring is not noticeable. In the judging, no distinction is made between blooms chemically treated with gibberellic acid and untreated blooms, except in Division 6.

7. Division 6 is a general class for all seedlings. It should be noted, however, that only seedlings conforming to certain regulations of the American Camellia Society are eligible for the Highly Commended Seedling Certificate (i.e. not treated with gibberellic acid, not commercially available, not exhibited in shows for a period of more than five years, etc.)

8. Blooms will be classified according to varietal names and sizes given in the most recent Nomenclature Book of the Southern California Camellia Society. Placement of Blooms in Divisions 1, 2, 3, 4, 5 and 6 will be by the Show Committee. Judging will be according to the rules of the American Camellia Society. Decisions of the Judges will be final.

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Hospitality	Mrs. James McCormack Mrs. William L. Miller
Invitational Arrangements	Mrs. Alice Davis
Judges	Dr. William Ackerman
Judges Aides	Mrs. William Ackerman
Placement	Mr. Carlton Maryott & Mr. & Mrs. Carroll Clatterbuck
Registration	Mrs. Arthur A. Maryott
Tabulation	Mr. Charles Fairchild

Membership Report, Winter and Spring 2004

Chuck Fairchild

We have had an excellent spring for new members! Since our last newsletter, we have gained 18 new members. Of these, 13 joined at the Brookside Show and Sale and 2 joined at Bill Ackerman's presentation at Homestead Gardens. The new members are listed below.

We currently have 169 active members. Of these, 103 paid dues for 2003, 39 have paid for 2004, 3 are prepaid for 2005, and 1 has paid through 2006! Dues notices were mailed to all active members at the end of March. To update each member on dues status, we included the amount and date they last paid dues. For those members who have already paid, including some who have paid for future years, we included the year through which they have paid.

Please welcome our new members and update last Fall's membership list with their names.

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Camellia Society's Brookside Gardens Camellia Show & Sale , March 13-14

The annual Brookside Gardens Camellia Show and Sale was held the weekend of March 13 and 14th. 140 blooms were displayed, there were 4 trays of 3 in competition and 9 glass bottle with camellia sprays from the Ackerman's greenhouses. Alice Davis made several lovely arrangements. There were only a very few outdoor blooms and the bulk of the display was made up by blossoms from the Daudt's and the Ackerman's greenhouses. Carroll Clatterbuck and Carlton Maryott were in charge of judging and placement. Judges were Betty and Lou Daudt, Rix and Carol Perkins, Alice Davis, and John Pumphrey.

Betty and Lou Daudt swept the highest honors again this year! Congratulations to them both and thanks for making this early season show such a success with their beautiful flowers. Carroll Clatterbuck was instrumental in organizing the display and placement of both blossoms and Kitty Ackerman's and Pauline Clatterbuck's flower paintings that lend so much to this event. Thank you, Carroll!

HEAD TABLE WINNERS

BEST OF SHOW Tom Perkins...Betty and Lou Daudt

BEST WHITE White Giant...Betty and Lou Daudt

BEST JAPONICA, UNPROTECTED

Mrs. Tingley...Chuck and Karen Fairchild

2nd BEST JAPONICA, UNPROTECTED

Amy Maryott...Chuck and Karen Fairchild

BEST JAPONICA, PROTECTED

Star of David...Betty and Lou Daudt

2nd BEST JAPONICA, PROTECTED

Royal Velvet....Kitty and Bill Ackerman

BEST JAPONICA, RETICULATA OR RET HYBRID

Valentines Day...Betty and Lou Daudt

2nd BEST JAPONICA, RETICULATA OR RET HYBRID

Elsie Jury...Betty and Lou Daudt

BEST JAPONICA, NON-RETICULATA HYBRID

unrecorded

2nd BEST JAPONICA, NON-RETIC HYBRID

Neon Tetra....Kitty and Bill Ackerman

BEST SEEDLING Compari(?)....Kitty and Bill Ackerman

PROTECTED JAPONICA TRAYS OF 3

First Adolphe Audusson....Betty and Lou Daudt

Second Pink Perfection....Betty and Lou Daudt

UNPROTECTED JAPONICA TRAYS OF THREE

First Mrs. Tingley...Chuck and Karen Fairchild

Second Amy Maryott...Chuck and Karen Fairchild

The sale was busy for both days. Many plants were sold and Bill Ackerman sold lots of his books. New members joined and Jack Engels, the Ackermans, Fairchilds, Jacquelyn McGrail and John Pumphrey talked all weekend to plant and Camellia lovers.

A short luncheon meeting was held at Brookside on Saturday. Marie Loucks brought a wonderful salad and she and her husband made sure the luncheon materials were set up in time for the meeting. Bill Ackerman shared some of his recent experiences speaking to the groups at Homestead, and at the Stadler's Nursery conference for Landscapers the week before. It was a wonderfully casual sit-down lunch and we are all grateful to Brookside for their hospitality. Special thanks to the Loucks for all their help.

Your Camellia Society is on the web

www.cspv.org

**use www.google.com and search "camellia"
for a whole world of camellia sites**

Plant Health Alert from ACS

Many of us received a mailing from the American Camellia Society (ACS) this past week (March 27th). It announces a quarantine on Camellias and other plants shipped from California and enforced in Georgia and Florida by the state departments of agriculture. It concerns a fungus disease called *Phytophthora ramorum*, or Sudden Oak Death (SOD).

This disease has been watched in California for the past few years but has recently been determined to be extremely serious and to pose a severe threat to a broad spectrum of woody plants and trees. Those that are not killed outright become carriers with foliar (leaf) and branch symptoms of spotting and dieback. It is very contagious and the vector has not been determined to be limited to any single element.

Going on the web to check the websites listed in the announcement, we further found that this disease is not known to kill camellias, but to affect their foliage and make them into disease carriers. It also affects such plants as azaleas, rhododendrons, viburnum, bay laurel and it kills oaks, maples, beeches and other large trees.

Some websites are:

<http://www.suddenoakdeath.org/>

www.aphis.usda.gov/ppq/ispm/sod.

www.aphis.usda.gov

www.ncpmc.org/sod

This is a dreadful disease. Please be careful with all plant orders and ask your nurseries about plant provenance. It has been seen in Europe, too.

CSPV CALENDAR for 2004

DECEMBER 1, 2003 through early April 2004 - The Friends of the National Arboretum (FONA) are collecting used gardening and horticultural books to sell at their Spring Plant Sale and Auction in April. Materials may be dropped off on Wednesdays at Arbor House at the Arboretum c/o Rindy O'Brien in the FONA office. Or they may be dropped off in Georgetown by calling Mary Gene Myers at 202-333-1198 and arranging receipt. Pick up is also available, again arranged by calling Mary Myers. Mary is Co-chair of the 2004 FONA Garden sale. Please leave your name and contact information and you will receive a receipt for tax deduction.

APRIL 10-11, 2004 - The Camellia Society of the Potomac Valley's Annual Spring Camellia Show at the U.S. National Arboretum, held according to the regulations of the American Camellia Society. New officers will be announced. Lunch will be served to those working to put on the show on Saturday. Please call Betsy Miller to help with lunch, 703-354-7184.

Setup on Friday the 9th - 1:30 to 3 PM.

Saturday - 10th - 8:00AM to 5:00PM. Entries in by 10:45AM. Open to public from 1 pm until 5 pm.

Sunday - 11th - Open to public from 1 to 4:30 PM

APRIL 23 & 24, 2004 - Friends of the National Arboretum (FONA) Plant Sale and Auction at the U.S. National Arboretum, New York Ave., Washington, DC --CSPV volunteers are needed.

Friday the 23rd, 1 PM - 7 PM for FONA members only, setup noon to 1 PM

Saturday the 24th, 10 AM - 5 PM for the public

ANNUAL JULY CSPV PICNIC - Date & place to be later determined

OCTOBER 10, 2004 - The Camellia Society's regular Sunday afternoon October Meeting scheduled to be held in the classroom downstairs in the Administration Building at the U.S. National Arboretum. Entrances at 3501 New York Avenue, NE, Washington, DC and at 24th and R Streets, NE. Meeting time is from 1 pm to 4:30 pm. Program to be announced.

NOVEMBER 7, 2004 - The Camellia Society's regular Sunday afternoon November Meeting scheduled to be held in the classroom downstairs in the Administration Building at the U.S. National Arboretum. Entrances at 3501 New York Avenue, NE, Washington, DC and at 24th and R Streets, NE. Meeting time is from 1 pm to 4:30 pm. Program to be announced.

Please save this calendar for your reference throughout the year!

More on Upcoming events:

The CSPV's 50th Spring Camellia Show will be held at The US National Arboretum Administration Building Auditorium on April 10 & 11, 2004

FRIDAY, April 9th will be setup from 1:30 to 3:00 pm.

SATURDAY, April 10th--the Show will be open Saturday at 8:30am for exhibitors to enter their blooms (the building opens at 8:00am).

See the Show Schedule from Show Chairman, Bill Miller on pages 3 and 4 of this Newsletter

Judging will start at 10:30 and we hope to be finished by 12:30pm, when there will be a simple luncheon upstairs for the judges and workers.

The show will be open to the public from 1:00 to 5:00pm, Saturday, April 10th.

There will be a Board Meeting at 1:30 pm upstairs in the Lunchroom on Saturday.

SUNDAY, April 11th, the Show will be open to the public from 1:00 until 4:30pm.

Friends of the National Arboretum (FONA) PLANT SALE on April 23 & 24, 2004

Friday April 23rd, sale open to FONA members only

Saturday, April 24th FONA sale is open to the public

Our Society will have a table in the Plant Society tent, as we have in previous years.

We will sell camellias and hope that some of you can call Kitty to offer to help for 2 hours.

The Camellia Society of the Potomac Valley

c/o Fairchild

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