

Oregon Camellia Society

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JANUARY MEETING

January 21, 2023, 11 am – 1 pm

Moreland Presbyterian Church, 1814 SE Bybee Blvd., Portland, OR 97202, between SE 18th and SE 19th Avenues in the Westmoreland area of Portland. Parking behind the church.

Camellias: Beautiful and Versatile. OCS member Kathy Lintault will present an overview of our beloved genus, Camellia. Camellias are so diverse they appeal both to those who appreciate quiet and simple blooms as well as to those who enjoy the brilliant and eye-catching. Their flowers and shining leaves brighten our landscape through an amazing four seasons, though luckily for us, their full glory appears during the doldrums of our winter and early spring. Kathy will discuss the camellia's six flower forms and their color range and patterning, the importance of various species, planting techniques, a few camellia problems, and the camellia's intriguing history. Also, camellias will be shown to be exceptional partners with companion plants in the landscape.

FEBRUARY MEETING

February 18, 2023, 11 am – 1 pm

Moreland Presbyterian Church, same as January meeting above.

It's fascinating that our favorite plant, the camellia, also produces one of the world's most famous drinks, tea. Come and enjoy the documentary video—**Robert Fortune: The Tea Thief**, 2001, directed by Diane Perelsztejn.

In the middle of the 19th century, the West developed a passion for tea. But China was the sole producer and seller of tea, jealously protecting its tea camellia plants and its techniques for producing these prized dried leaves. The powerful British Empire plotted to break China's stranglehold on tea production by devising a spy mission—send the Scottish botanist Robert Fortune to steal the secrets of tea from China.

EXCITING EVENTS FOR YOUR CALENDAR

March 25-26, 2023: Peoples' Choice Awards Camellia Show, Portland Japanese Garden

April 15, 2023: Oregon Camellia Society Show, Newberg Camellia Festival

REMINDER: NUCCIO'S NURSERY SUBSIDIZED ORDER

For each family or individual member, OCS will pay half the purchase price and shipping for two camellias of the smallest size currently available from Nuccio's Nursery. Members may order additional plants (up to 10 per family) and still get free shipping, but they must pay the full price of the additional plants themselves.

We strongly suggest listing about three alternates for each primary selection. Once you've chosen, please communicate your choices and alternates (in order of preference) to Christie by sending your choices to Christie at irishlady@yahoo.com. You may also call Christie at 503-543-7940 and leave a voice mail message specifying your order if not answered.

Consult your email received December 10th for full description and information.