

Oregon Camellia Society

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Camellia Festival April 10 80th Annual Camellia Show

Chehalem Cultural Center, Newberg

Our 80th Annual Camellia Show at the Chehalem Cultural Center, 415 E. Sheridan St., Newberg. We will have a bit of a restricted show this year. Depending on how Newberg officials see the situation, we may have restricted viewing of the show. For judging, we have made special rules to keep judges apart in this contagious virus situation. Bring your blooms to the show from 8—11 am on April 18th. You need to have them there in time to get them entered before judging begins at 11. Also, OCS will be selling camellias that it has propagated—a bonus for any of us looking for that special camellia.

One rule change to note: Since the ACS has stopped (for some time now) the special judging for seedling and mutants, and simply made it a trophy competition like all other judging, we will no longer be requiring the special seedling or mutant entry tags for those flowers.

For those of you wondering about this being the 80th Annual Show, we are counting the countless hours Kathy put into last years virtual show as being the 79th Annual Show. Thanks again to Kathy.

The show schedule is included for your information. Also, Collier recommends <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=xb7WVRuUmgk>

Call Collier Brown Today

Call 503-239-6542 to order your show tags for the Camellia Festival April 10th.

Call Garland Bayley Today

Call 503-459-7419 to volunteer to be an officer next year. It may be time to replace the old man as President.

President's Message

Greetings, fellow camellians and welcome to spring.

It's been a great blooming season so far. I've been surprised by unusually large blooms this year. I really don't know why. I've also noticed, for the first time, marauding bloom-eating wildlife—specifically squirrels. Beware—your potential show winning bloom could become lunch.

Speaking of the show, plans for the Newberg Camellia Festival on April 10 are going forward, though events will be pared down to three featured events: our flower show; a plant sale; and the city-sponsored 5k early morning walk/run. We'll stage our show in the usual space inside the Chehalem Cultural Center. Plants will be sold in the large auditorium (a very roomy space, given there won't be entertainment this year; nor rows of folding chairs). In the show schedule (included with this newsletter), you'll note a couple of provisions for social distancing among the judges and masks will be worn. We hope as many of you as possible will come and participate although, as previously written, only if you're comfortable doing that. We'd love to see your blooms and we can always use volunteers to help with clerking and the plant sale.

Chris Dooley has once again volunteered to oversee the plant sale. Bryan will be furnishing three-gallon camellia plants for sale at \$20.00 each and we'll bring a nice selection of one-gallon varieties to be sold for around \$12.00. Plus, perhaps, a few seedlings if they're in bloom. We'll have a member discount on our own one-gallon plants and hopefully be able to contribute to the Newberg Festival as well.

In Other News

In response to the epidemic and resulting society inactivity, the OCS board has voted to suspend club dues for the 2020-2021 year (this will enable you to purchase more plants.) If you've already paid dues for this year (as some new members have done), your dues will be applied to the following year.

Additional Plants for Sale in Annual May Auction

Knowing that some members won't be at the April show and that more of you (hopefully) will have been inoculated by May, we've elected to have our annual OCS plant auction on our regular meeting date of the third Saturday in May (May 15th) at the home of Brady and Pat Sheets in Hillsboro, the site of our plant nursery. I hope you'll mark your calendars for this. We might encounter rainy weather, but there are a lot of plants of various sizes in our Hillsboro collection, and this will be the biggest and best Society sale in my 30 years with the group. Directions to Brady's home and a full list of available plants will be sent to you in advance, and we'll try to make provisions for absentee bidding. More details later but please save the date!

Charitable support

Our generous member, Linda Rectanus, has been participating in several neighborhood plant sales in Portland raising thousands of dollars for the Oregon Food Bank. We understand from Linda that another neighborhood sale will take place late in April. I'm proposing that we donate or provide at minimal cost some of our plants. We have lots, and many more in the pipeline. If you object to this, please let me know. If you'd like more details about Linda's charitable work in the community, she'll be at the Newberg show April 10.

Elections

We've kind of ignored this always burning issue this spring (in violation of our bylaws). I made an impassioned plea last year for new blood in our leadership—I shan't repeat that here. We need someone(s) to serve on a nominations committee and/or step up to become officers. I've been president a year longer than I originally agreed to and am ready to pass it on. I need a break at this time. Please contact our loyal secretary, Garland Bayley (at 503-459-7419, or bokuhan_hagaromo@yahoo.com) if you can help with this.

Hoping you're safe and happy. And hoping to see you soon.



Collier