



Oregon Camellia Society

January/February 2026 Newsletter

President's Message

Greetings and Salutations

As you will see below in the January meeting announcement, the meeting will be devoted to holding a judging school for any members that are interested in becoming or renewing judge accreditation. It will also be educational for members not involved in the judging.

Since our last judging school, we were faced with the conundrum of having three certified judges and three novice judges. Since a novice judge can only be part of a judging team with two accredited judges, some logistical judge switching out was utilized. As a solution to this problem, we petitioned the ACS to get early certification for novice judge Brady Sheets. Fortunately, ACS concurred and granted him full accreditation. One of the factors in this accreditation was Brady's perfect score on the judging test when he took it to become a novice judge.

We have had previous meetings where a judging school was held. I do not know if I have uncovered all of them, but I can report on a couple from past newsletters.

In February 2012 we had the Community Room at the Chehalem Cultural Center for almost four hours to host a program by Larry

Landauer who showed us pictures of camellias from Italy and talked about his meeting with Franco Ghiardi, the author of *Higo Camellias* and is a resident of Italy.

Quoting the January 2006 Newsletter, "The January meeting was a judging school. Novice judge Jack Campbell took the test after the school and passed with flying colors."

"There was a good turnout for the meeting including members that we don't see much of, but are always happy to see."

Farewells and Valedictions

Garland

Blue



Red



Yellow



Honorable Mention



January Meeting Announcement

January 17, Holgate Library, 11 am to 1 pm

As Garland wrote in his President's message, the meeting will consist of a judging school.

Garland has registered the school with the ACS and their announcement appears at <https://www.americancamellias.com/camellia-shows/judging-school-novice-re-accreditation-symposium>

Garland will do the instruction with Collier doing the color commentary as the school proceeds.

The Judges Have Spoken



February Meeting Announcement

February 21, Location TBA, Time TBA

Christie Dooley will be presenting the program and her topics are hybrids, seedlings, cuttings, methods for propagating camellias, which method works for each situation

Oregon Camellia Society originated seedlings Historically

Lily Pons



Fircone



Recently

Dark of Night



New Moon Rising



November Meeting Report

We had about the usual dozen attendees for the annual pre-holiday luncheon at Happy Spice. Grace instructed attendees about the menu items and ordered a variety of delicacies. The food and camaraderie were fine as usual.

Additionally, Martha brought information on the Camas, Washington plant sale that Linda had previously informed us about. As a result, Garland has submitted an application for us to become vendors at the sale.

Remaining 2025-2026 Meeting Schedule

January 17 – Judging School

February 21 – Hybridizing and growing camellias from seed –
Christie Dooley

March 21 – 2nd Annual Camellia Test – Garland Bayley

April 11 – 18th Annual Camellia Festival

April 18 – Pruning camellias with emphasis on large camellias –
Christie Dooley at Collier's garden

May 16 – Garden Visit – Leach Garden

July picnic – TBA

