

# ***Oregon Camellia Society***

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**March/April 2020**

## **Japanese Garden People's Choice Show March 21-22**

### **Portland Japanese Garden, Washington Park, Portland**

We will be presenting an informal "People's Choice" camellia show and camellia culture and history exhibit at the famous Portland Japanese Garden in Washington Park—the perfect locale for these lovely Asian flowers. This will take place the weekend of March 21<sup>st</sup> and 22<sup>nd</sup>. Public garden hours are from 10:00 a.m. until 7:00 p.m. Greg Anderson is our OCS liaison with the Japanese Garden.

Our blooms will be displayed by flower form only (single, semidouble, formal double, etc.) using simplified entry tags requiring only the bloom's name, flower form and your name. Small trophies will be awarded for each of the six flower forms. The judging will be done by garden visitors on Saturday under the expert guidance of our own Garland Bayley. Denis will be giving his program on camellias for non-enthusiasts on Saturday, and Alan will be giving a program on bonsai on Sunday.

We'd very much like to see you at the show. Come as a [paid] visitor to the Japanese Garden, or current OCS members can gain free admission in two ways--either bring flowers to the show on Saturday morning between 8 and 10 a.m. (the earlier the better) or agree to help staff the show either day for a couple of hours. Regarding the first option, the Japanese Garden is now trying to limit cars driving to the top of their hill. Unless you have more blooms than you can reasonably transport in the visitor van, or your physical condition makes that difficult, please plan to park in the lower lot, or in nearby spaces (at city rates, alas), and hop in the van. If you do need to drive to the top of the hill, please call Greg at 503-245-0926 no later than 3/18 so he can make arrangements. If you're current with dues, your name should be on a list at the ticket booth. Having your OCS membership card would be extra insurance.

The second free-admission option, helping staff the show (answering questions, talking to prospective club members, etc.)- please e-mail Greg at andersong@hevanet.com and specify what day you'd like to volunteer and whether you'd like to put in a couple of hours before 2 p.m. that day or after. Please let him know your plans before 3/18 and include a phone number. He will call or e-mail you if there's a problem. If all this seems a bit involved, be aware that in addition to the new facilities the Japanese Garden has enhanced security as well and we must comply with their guidelines as best we can.

## **Lan Su Chinese Garden Camellia Exhibit March 27-29**

Denis asks that OCS members provide camellias for a display at Lan Su Chinese Garden from March 27—29, 2020. Camellias can be dropped off at Lan Su, 239 NW Everett Street, Portland, on Friday, March 27, at 8:00 a.m.

## **Camellia Festival April 18**

## **79<sup>th</sup> Annual Camellia Show**

### **Chehalem Cultural Center, Newberg**

Our 79<sup>th</sup> Annual Camellia Show at the Chehalem Cultural Center, 415 E. Sheridan St., Newberg. Make this a fabulous show by bringing your blooms to the show from 8—11 am on April 18<sup>th</sup>. 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.

The show schedule is included for your information.

## **January Meeting Report**

### **OCS Minutes—January 18, 2020**

**Bud Bowen**, an OCS member and one of the proprietors of **Ainsworth House**, an historic mid-nineteenth century property south of Portland, gave a talk and slide show showing 15 years (2005-2020) of gardening at Ainsworth House. Bud and his partner also provided refreshments for the meeting for which we are thankful.

In the business meeting, Brady moved, and Roger seconded that the minutes of previous meetings be approved as they appeared in the newsletter. Motion carried. Brady moved, and Kathy seconded the approval of a \$100 budget for Grace to purchase additional trophies to meet the demand of upcoming shows.

In news reports at the meeting, Kathy distributed thumb drives with the files saved from the Yahoo website, and reported that we had sold two New Moon Rising plants to the Japanese Garden. Collier reported on contacts with the Leach Botanical Garden to help them improve their camellia collection, reported on camellia propagation progress. Greg reported that the two camellias have been planted at the Ann Rasmussen memorial at PCC Sylvania. Finally Robert showed two camellia branches he had cut and brought to the meeting. One was clearly a wabisuke, which was determined to be Sukiya by Grace researching Japanese resources after the meeting. The other was suggested to be Showgirl, a Retic x Sassanqua hybrid at the meeting.

## **February Meeting Report**

### **OCS Minutes—February 15, 2020**

The meeting was to be held at Moreland Presbyterian Church. The group that met there before our group had been instructed to leave the door unlocked when they left. They failed to do so, and with Martha out of town and unreachable, we were not able to get in. Greg graciously offered to host the meeting at his house, and also graciously offered, wine, beer, coffee, and soft drinks if we were to take him up on the offer. Therefore, we headed to Greg's house to hear Denis's program on camellias for non-enthusiasts. The obstacles that prevent enthusiasm are blight, bloom drop, lack of fragrance, etc. Therefore, Denis showed a selection of plants that could be promoted to non-enthusiasts that do not have such negative characteristics.

## **Future Meeting Schedule**

May 16—Visit Cecil & Molly Smith Garden, St. Paul, Oregon

July TBD—Picnic and plant auction