

Oregon Camellia News

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Member Cards Enclosed

If your new membership card is not enclosed, then we don't have a record of you paying dues for 2017/2018. The dues for the next year are \$10 per single membership and \$15 per family. Send them to Secretary, Oregon Camellia Society, 38008 Evergreen Blvd., Unit A, Washougal, WA, 98671.

January Meeting

January 20, 2018, 1-3 p.m.
Robert Herald, Wisley Gardens

Belmont Library, 1038 SE Cesar Chavez Blvd. Parking is available in the library lot or in the Walgreens lot across street to the north of the library.

Wisley Gardens, Surrey England holds an impressive collection of Camellias in addition to its other world class collections and displays. Visitors can easily spend an entire day exploring this incredible treasure - the flagship garden of the Royal Horticultural Society. Wisley expansive gardens include woodland gardens, water gardens, rock & alpine gardens, greenhouses, conservatories & trial gardens. For the past 5 years, Robert Herald has visited Wisley to admire and photograph its camellias, and other special plants. Join him in a visual tour of Wisley, and other London & English highlights from his travels.

Robert is a new member of the OCS, having grown up and spent most of his adult life working outside of Philadelphia. He worked for 18 years at Longwood Gardens: the 1,100 acre estate garden of the late Pierre Samuel du Pont. While at Longwood, he worked both in the plant records office which tracked over 12,000 different kinds of plants. He also was a head garden for a special section called the Hillside Garden - a hillside of hardy perennials, annuals, bulbs, heaths & heathers, rhododendrons, magnolias, dwarf conifers, and a few camellias! Before moving to Portland in 2011, he worked at another Public garden called Chanticleer - also in suburban Philadelphia. Robert loves all plants, of all

shapes and sizes. Since moving to Portland, he has become especially fond of Camellias.

February Meeting

February 17, 2018, 1-3 p.m.

Kathy and Roger Lintault, Gardens and Camellias in New Zealand

Midland Library, 805 SE 122nd Ave, Portland

New Zealand is such a stretched-out, north-south country, spreading over two islands, that its gardens are diverse, from sub-tropical to sub-alpine. Camellias and many other plants love its lush climate as do the millions of sheep that graze and contour its very green countryside. And somehow everything looks very exotic sitting next to fantastic tree ferns. Cultural influences from the native Maori to imported English traditions add to the mix. Kathy and Roger Lintault will highlight the gardens and camellias they enjoyed touring both islands in fall 2016.

Roger and Kathy have a 3.5 acre garden outside McMinnville where their enthusiasm for rhododendrons, camellias, bamboo, and Japanese maples can run wild. Also, they have lush and colorful xeriscape perennial beds which flourish even without summer water. Traveling often throughout Europe, Asia, and North America refreshes their gardening ideas. Before retirement, Kathy was an art librarian while Roger was an art professor. His focus was on sculpture, with a special interest in how various peoples relate to and design the landscape, both historically and to the present day. They've just transferred their love of art and design to their garden.

November Meeting Report

The November luncheon was held at Authentic Thai Cuisine. Other than consuming tasty selections from their menu, only one business item was done.

Garland moved and Roger seconded that we move the ACS subscription to Bryan Stewart. Carried.

October Meeting Report

Martha Ragland submitted the Treasurer's Report, listing the total receipts and expenses for the last three fiscal years. OSC has \$6865 in a single account. The Pioneer District Garden Clubs annual dues have increased to \$2.50 per member. The Treasurer's Report was approved.

Since our club is stable financially, Martha discussed a donation to the Pioneer District Garden Clubs Scholarship Fund. After consideration, \$250 was decided upon. Roger moved to give \$250 to the Scholarship Fund and Susan seconded it.

If we were to consider other donations, it was suggested that funds could be directed to the Leach Botanical Garden for its camellia section.

Kathy reported that the National Garden Clubs has a new Community Project Grants program in which up to \$1,000 per project will be available every two years. Gaye Stewart, the new President of the Oregon State Federation of Garden Clubs, has asked that each club develop annually a bee pollinator garden in a public place. Martha will check with Marcia Kay Whitelock, Insurance Chair, whether we need to specifically order liability coverage for our events. Kathy will check that OCS is listed properly on the OSFGC and Pioneer District websites.

From his propagation efforts, Collier reported he has 800 camellia plants in Newberg. A number are designated for Bryan Stewart, but they need to grow larger. Having additional light in a growing area would speed up their development. Four camellias that OCS has propagated are now planted in barrels in Newberg—Berenice Boddy, Lady Vansittart, Finlandia, and Betty's Beauty.

Martha will check about any programs that ACS has available.

After Collier let members know that fall was a good time for planting camellia seeds, Kathy found that Brad King had a good article about this process in *The Camellia Journal*, Sept.-Nov. 2008. She will ask his permission to add this article to our website.

Collier mentioned the importance of adding camellia name tags on side branches. Placement on its trunk can girdle the camellia. Hanging labels

have been purchased locally at Portland Nursery and can also be obtained through Amazon. Also check Paw Paw Everlast Label Co. for many label types.

Collier will contact Mike Rego about visiting the garden to look at the location where the show will be held.

Rather than using October of the current season as our planning meeting, it was discussed that we use the May meeting, the last one of a season, to discuss plans for the future. With this in mind, here are possibilities for the 2017-2018 season.

2018 Meeting Schedule

January 20: Robert Herald, Wisley Gardens

February 17: Lintaults, New Zealand

March ?: Chinese Garden Display. Denis/ Glin.

March 17: no meeting/two events in March.

March 23: Set up Japanese Garden Show

March 24-25: People's Choice Show at the Japanese Garden

April 7: Oregon Camellia Society Show at Newberg Camellia Festival

April 21: Camellia Culture, e.g., pruning, air layers

May 19: Planning for 2018-2019 season

July: Picnic and Auction. TBD