

# Oregon Camellia Society

Sept 2023

## Presidents Message



Greetings and Salutations,

As your new President, I will try to do the best I can, but I have very different talents, and priorities than your recent President, Collier. One talent that I can't match Collier with is the writing of President's messages. I.e., I'm not the chatty type. 😊

We will begin our camellia year in September as usual with a presentation that I developed that I am calling Bloomin' Summer. Why emphasize summer? Because, that's when camellias don't bloom. However, we might have to change don't to didn't. Because, camellia Azalea blooms year round in hot and humid southern China. And, there have been hybrids created from crossing camellia Azalea with more cold hardy camellias, primarily camellia Japonica that are being grown in more northern locales.

As far as how I will conduct meetings is concerned, I want to establish the practice of asking for committee reports at each meeting. By the bylaws, we have a standing Program Committee, a standing Membership Committee, a special purpose nominating committee that is to be in effect from January thru April, and a select propagation committee. If the committee has done nothing, they need only state "no report." When a committee gives a report, I would like the reporter to send a brief write up to the Newsletter Editor, which by tradition has been the secretary, for inclusion in the next newsletter.

Farewells and Valedictions,  
Garland

# Brady's Propagation Report

Propagation Report Our Hillsboro grow facility is in great shape. Many thanks go to Linda, Robert, Greg, Chris, Denis, and Kathy. We met on a Friday morning in August and were able to get all tags updated, fertilization complete, dead leaves picked up, and weeds pulled. We had such a hard working crew, that all was completed in less than 2 hours! Everyone took home some garden grown cantaloupe for their efforts. Now we are ready to receive the 100+ plants that Van Veen nursery has been holding for us. By the time you are reading this likely they will be in Hillsboro also. The glitches in the new automated watering system have been worked out. The system has been reliable and effective, a good investment for the club. The club has decided to sell plants at the Hardy Plant Society PlantFest, happening the end of September. Robert, Linda, Martha, and Kathy will be our sales force.

## Picnic report:

It was a nice day and lots of the most fabulous food. Special thanks to Kathy for bringing Rogers favorite dessert Apple tart with fresh whip cream. After a rocky start the auction sold 35 plants and brought in a total of \$422.00

## Meeting Calendar:



**Saturday, September 16, 2023, 11:00 am to 1:00 pm**

Moreland Presbyterian Church, 1814 SE Bybee Blvd., Portland, OR 97202, between SE 18<sup>th</sup> and SE 19<sup>th</sup> Avenues in the Westmoreland area of Portland. Parking behind church. Entrance to our meeting place, the church dining hall on the lower floor, is through double glass doors down the steps at the northwest corner of the church parking lot.



**Saturday, October 21, 2023, 11:00 am to 1:00 pm**

Open board meeting at the home of Susan Watts and Greg Anderson in SW Portland. The address is 11610 SW Woodlee Heights Court, Portland, OR 97219. Phone # 503-245-0926.



**Saturday, November 18 at 12 Noon** - OCS has a reservation for our holiday lunch at Authentic Thai at 3829 SE Division St, Portland. 503-234-2521. Parking lot to the east of the restaurant. As in the past, we'll be seated in the area to the right of the entrance that is set aside from the rest of the diners.

Secretaries Message: Apologies for the change in newsletter format. I'm not the computer whiz Garland is and I'm figuring this out as I go. Chris

