

# ***Oregon Camellia Society***

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## **President's Missive**



Greetings, fellow camellians:

I hope that you and yours have been well and reasonably comfortable during these difficult times. I've been in touch with a few of the members we haven't heard from, and would like to say a few words about them. I was concerned about Jewel Walters and her mother, Frances, during the fires because they live east of Oregon City. Thankfully, while they were packed and ready to evacuate, they didn't have to. They stayed indoors for a week, though, during the smoky times. Alan Taft reports life as usual and Bryan Stewart tells me that after significant concerns about tax income, the Chehalem Park & Rec. District is doing much better than expected. Because of school shutdowns, he had more student workers available for landscaping than usual and the golf course, with so much else shut down, did a land-office business this summer--every day was like Saturday! Brady Sheets, alas, has been somewhat sidelined with a back injury but between us, the OCS plants in his shade-cloth area have done very well this year--bright green and growing well with few losses. There is still some winterizing to do there and 89 two-gallon plants need to be moved there from Newberg but those should be manageable.

Speaking of plants, our group is truly awash at this point. I have done a recent inventory of our Newberg and Hillsboro holdings and some of my own as you will see in the enclosed list. You will also see Kathy Lintault's list of plants for the group, amazing in itself. I also have a few other special things here for the group plus about 120 rooted cuttings I'll be holding in my greenhouse over the winter. In addition (whew!), the Van Veen Nursery has about 120 cuttings they will be potting up for us soon including some from Tiller, OR.

Having missed our annual member's plant auction, we really need to figure out how to get some of these cultivars distributed to you. I've been talking about a Nuccio's order but it doesn't look like that will likely happen. Fortunately, we don't need to get a lot of money for these plants but this is a wonderful chance for you to get some really fine varieties with the best selection available I've seen in my thirty years with OCS. Any ideas? Please let me, Garland, Kathy or Denis know what you think

about this (I'm a little stumped on how to proceed- you should obviously have elected a better president).

Within the next few weeks I hope to have some updated pictures of the Hillsboro facility. In the meantime, I hope you've enjoyed the videos sent by Garland. Kathy Lintault is seriously considering registering Feathers's Fragrant with the ACS--I've been enjoying doing some research on a similar cross made in Georgia reported in 1966. The recent mild weather has been nice for sasanquas--I've enjoyed mine and also Kathy Van Veen's sas. Carol Buckner--not registered but a lovely white with tinges of red at the bloom edges. While I've not actively propagated sasanquas for a long time, our group actually has a pretty nice selection of them to work with (see the list). I also, of course, have Rainbow, sas. Apple Blossom, Yuletide and Hana Jiman as well. My foliage variegated rusticana Taiyo has for once beaten J. Benten Kagura as the first japonica to bloom this year with its lovely deep pink blooms--always a favorite of mine. It grows like a weed and I like mixing its branches with bouquets whether it's in bloom or not.

Well, enough of this for right now. We all owe a considerable debt to our loyal secretary, Garland, for continuing to keep us in some sort of contact. I miss seeing all of you very much and I really look forward to getting together again eventually. Let us all share our very best wishes for the world and each other in these unprecedented for us times.

Thank you, friends, for reading.      Yours, Collier

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