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What's Out In Autumn



Camellia japonica 'Kogane Yuri'



FROM THE EDITOR

The icy weather and other commitments saw fewer than normal in attendance at the June Meeting

However, that did not dampen the spirits of those who braved the inclement conditions.

Good numbers of blooms were displayed in every Class and the Champion Blooms were of a high standard as judged by our two most experienced judges, Marion and Chris

Daniel Low, Newsletter Editor

Looking forward
to seeing
everyone at our
Annual Show:
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JUNE MEETING AND THE BLOOM COMPETITION

PHOTOS: EDITOR

As mentioned earlier it was a cold and bitter night, but a number of stalwarts turned up to enter blooms or to judge them. When benching was completed and Marion and Chris were on task, I began a talk to the membership. With the help of Richie we were hoping to enlighten them on how to get the most out of their blooms at our Annual Show, The Illawarra Annual Show, The National Show, the Berry Camellia and Floral Show, The Highlands Garden Society Bowral Camellia Show and the Illawarra Reticulata Show which will keep everyone very busy for a month and a half.

While waiting for the very busy judges the members staved off the cold with cups of tea or coffee and some supper. The results were a revelation as to what different members (especially Novices) have blooming at the moment



Open Champion 'Winter's Own Variegated', Richie Griffiths



Novice Champion 'Debutante', Cheryl Earl



Miniatures



Reticulatas



Singles



Semi-Double



Irregular Semi-Double



Elegans

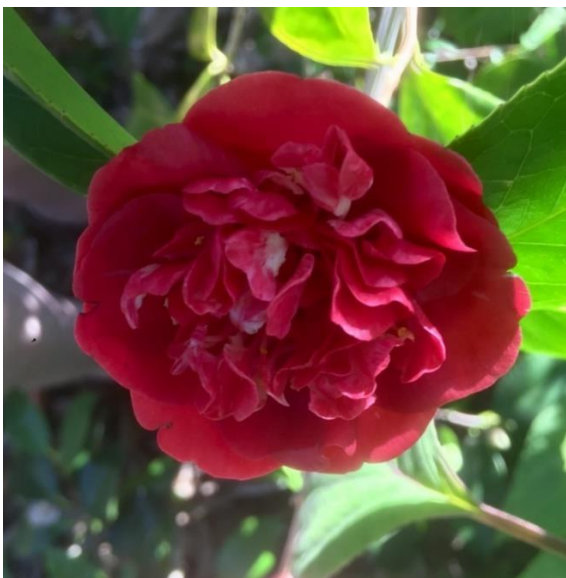


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Camellia japonica 'Grape Soda'

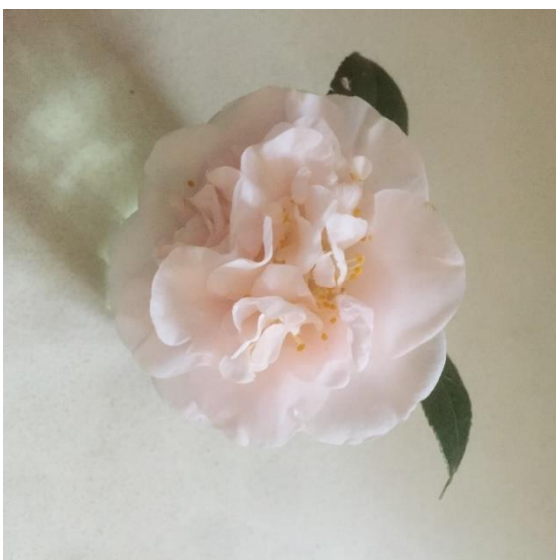
IT IS FOR JULY AND ...



Jazz



Jennifer Susan



Julia France



Just Sue Rubra



THE SHOW IS ON. . .

NSW Camellia Research Society Inc., presents its 54th Annual

Camellia Show

at Ravenswood School for Girls, Henry Street, Gordon.

Saturday 12th July 2025

Sunday 13th July 2025

1.30pm to 4.30pm

10.00am to 4.00pm



Judy Horton will open the show

2.30pm Saturday 12th July.

Admission: \$5.00. Children free.

Ask at front desk for wheel chair access directions.

Hundreds of beautiful camellia blooms

Sogetsu Ikebana display

Café for refreshments

Camellia plants for sale, courtesy of *Camellia Grove* Nursery.

Quality gardening tools for sale, courtesy of *CutAbove* Tools.

Camellia identification, advice on pests, disease, and cultivation.

Madhu Shah will demonstrate arranging with camellias

10.30am and 12 noon, Sunday 13th July.



Camellia Grove Nursery

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MONTHLY MEETING SCHEDULE 2025 (CHANGES TO BE NOTIFIED)

July 2025	
Thursday 10 th From 1.30 pm	Show Setup Main Hall Ravenswood
Saturday 12 th and Sunday 13 th	NSW CRS Annual Show. The hall will be open from 7am for entries up to 11am on when all persons must leave the competitive areas to facilitate judging. Special Guest: Judy Horton
Saturday 19 th Sunday 20 th	National Camellia Show, Ribbonwood Centre, Dapto Further details page 8 in this Newsletter
Monday 21 st	NSWCRS Monthly Meeting Gordon Baptist Church, 20-22 Park Ave, Gordon 7pm benching of blooms for 7.30pm meeting. Review Show
Saturday 26 th Sunday 27 th	Berry Camellia and Floral Show, Berry School Of Arts Alexandra Street, Berry. Details page 11. Also Open Garden at Graeme Oke's Nursery 116 Broughton Vale Rd Berry
August 2025	
Date and Venue to be Announced	The August meeting format has not yet been decided
September 2025	
Monday 15 th	NSWCRS Monthly Meeting and AGM Gordon Baptist Church, 20-22 Park Ave, Gordon 7pm benching of blooms for 7.30 Annual General Meeting
November 2025	
	Annual Dinner and Presentations. Date and Location TBA



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ABN: 16 873 158 367 Incorporation No.: Y17693-47		

JULY BLOOM COMPETITION: COMPLETE BENCHING BY 7.30PM

Class	Description	Jun
5	Japonica/Hybrid Single	✓
6	Japonica/Hybrid Semi-Double	✓
6A	Japonica/Hybrid Irregular Semi-Double	✓
7	Japonica/Hybrid Elegans Form	✓
8	Japonica/Hybrid Informal Double	✓
9	Japonica/Hybrid Formal Double	✓
10	Japonica/Hybrid Miniature	✓
13	Reticulatas and their Hybrids Up To 130mm	✓
14	Reticulatas and their Hybrids Over 130mm	✓
15	Other not listed	✓
16	Clusters & sprays of multi-flowered species & hybrids	✓
17	New seedling or sport (1 to 3 blooms)	✓
C2	Collection: Any Camellia, any form, 3 blooms	✓



Classes

Classes 1 to 17: each bloom, with a maximum of 2 attached leaves

Classes C1 and C2: a collection of 3 blooms, with a maximum of 2 attached leaves

Competition

A 'Novice' exhibitor has not won the annual 'Novice' championship, nor have they scored 20 points in a monthly 'Open' competition. The competition year starts in March, and a 'Novice' in March remains so to the end of that year. A bloom exhibited by a 'Novice' can win in 'Open' classes.

Points

'Open' and 'Novice' Classes 1 to 16: 1st = 3 points; 2nd = 2 points; 3rd = 1 point (if required)

'Open' and 'Novice' Collections Classes C1 to C2: 1st = 6 points; 2nd = 4 points; 3rd = 1 point (if required)

'Open' and 'Novice' Champion bloom (from the winning blooms) Extra 3 points.

MONTHLY BLOOM COMPETITION AGGREGATE RESULTS 2025 TO DATE

MONTH	MEMBER	PTS	SAS	SPR/ CLSTR	RETICS	GRADE N or O	TOTAL/ Mnth	RUN TOTAL
TO JUNE	J. Goodwin	2				N	2	2
	B. Walker		3			O	3	7
	J. Muras	4	11	3		O	14	14
	J. McGill	7	4	3		O	4	14
	G&V Vissel	28	9	5		N	42	103
	D. Low	25	2	2		O	29	103
	R. Griffiths	12			8	O	20	47
	D. Andrews	24				O	24	32
	J. Hood	1				N	1	1
	L. Cross	3		3		N	6	6
	C. Earl	14	5			N	14	32

VAUCLUSE GARDEN CLUB LEARN MORE ABOUT CAMELLIAS

THE EDITOR

Wednesday the 18th June, and the weather was still quite cold over at Double Bay where the Editor spoke to the Vacluse Garden Club about the "Care and Selection of Camellias in Australia". Special Guest at the meeting was the President of Gardening Clubs of Australia, Lorraine Emerson who added welcoming remarks. Having good technology at my disposal I was able

to deliver my PowerPoint from Tokyo and many comments were passed about how informative it was. The slideshow was followed by a Camellia Q&A and some general horticultural questions as well. I presented some products from our Major Sponsor, Neutrog which I had in stock, and they were greatly appreciated by the lucky winners. Following the meeting we had a quiet lunch in one of the nearby cafes. It was a very lovely afternoon all round.



The Bloom Table



Lucky Door Prize Winner Kerry



National President, Lorraine Emerson



UPCOMING SHOWS FOR YOUR DIARY

Camellias Illawarra Inc.

71st. Annual CAMELLIA Show

* this year incorporating *

Camellias Australia Inc.

2025 NATIONAL Awards



Ribbonwood Centre

93 -190 Princes Highway

Dapto

Saturday, **July 19th. 2025**

1.00pm—5.00pm

Benching 8.00am –10.15am

Sunday, **July 20th. 2025**

9.00am— 3.00pm

Admission—Free

Entry via **Moombara St**, (*behind McDonalds
and next to Dapto Showground*)





HIGHLANDS GARDEN SOCIETY BOWRAL CAMELLIA SHOW

Uniting Church Hall
Cnr. of Boolwey and Bendooley Streets, Bowral

Saturday 6th September 2025
10.00 am to 2.00pm

10.15 am - Official Opening and Presentation of Trophies

Devonshire Tea Available All Day

The hall will open at 7.00am for the staging of exhibits,
which must be completed by 8.45am,
when the hall will be closed for judging.



Camellias Illawarra invite you to the
25th.
ANNUAL CAMELLIA RETICULATA SHOW

At
Northern Illawarra Uniting Church,
Cnr. Princes Hwy & Point St, Bulli

On
SATURDAY 9th. AUGUST 2025
11am—3.30 pm

This is the only show in Australia that is dedicated to the
Camellia species “Reticulata”.

*For further information please contact us via our website
or phone: 0411 527 406*



Otahuhu Beauty



Dan's Johannah



TikTok



61st Berry Camellia & Floral Show

Presented by

Berry & District Garden Club



SCHEDULE 2025

Berry School of Arts Alexandra Street, Berry

Saturday July 26th & Sunday July 27th

Doors open

Sat 12 - 4pm & Sun 10am - 2pm

Presentation of Trophies, Saturday 12.30pm

Admission \$7.00 into the show

(Children under 18 free)

Light Lunches available



PLANTS FOR SALE

www.berrygardens.org.au

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WHAT'S OUT IN AUTUMN



Imperial Splendour



Black Tie



Elegans



Wildfire Variegated



Oleifera



Emperor of Russia Variegated



White Waratah