

NSW Camellia Research Society NEWSLETTER

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Camellia japonica 'Mark Alan Variegated'



FROM THE EDITOR

A reminder that our September Meeting will be the **Annual General Meeting on Monday 21st September** at which all Executive Positions in the Society will be declared vacant. Nominations will be accepted beforehand on paper or in an email with the Nominee agreeing to be nominated by two financial members of the Society or at the meeting in person under similar rules.

August witnessed one of the busiest months ever for the Society. I had the pleasure of joining our members, James and Leonie Furber twice to identify Camellias at two historic houses. Firstly, we met at *Vaucluse House* to put names to some of the mystery blooms there and then a week later we went to *The Annery* in Darling Point for a similar purpose.

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FROM THE PRESIDENT

What a fantastic day for those members who could make it to our outing in the Blue Mountains. First and foremost a big thankyou to Juliet for arranging the bus service. Our driver was excellent in every way, making sure we got to our destinations on time and in total safety. Although we made it to Bilpin directly, Sally had to do a huge detour just to get back to Carolyn's at Bowen Mountain. What a sterling effort. It was unfortunate that the road crash a little further west, prevented Craig Carroll from coming just a few kilometres down the hill to join us.



*Wayne and Sue Tapping, Our Hosts
at Wildwood Bilpin*



Two Tourists at Wildwood



*Our Hostess Carolyn
at Camellia Cottage, Bowen Mountain*



On the Benches at Wildwood



Carolyn's 'Catherine Stimson'

Following a very welcome Devonshire Tea at Wildwood we were taken on a guided tour of the garden followed by ample time for shopping at the nursery or in the gift shop. What generous hosts Sue and Wayne are. Any trip to the Blue Mountains in the Camellia season is well worth stopping off in Bilpin. Then of course you can go a short distance further to see the new Japanese Garden at Mt Tomah Botanic Garden.

Then we were off down to Carolyn's house and garden to view her and her neighbour's collection. Before the tour we had a sumptuous lunch, all home cooked, and then afterwards a yummy afternoon tea before collecting recipes and heading home.



THE AUGUST MEETING BLOOM COMPETITION

EDITOR



Open Champion, Lila Naff,
Richie Griffiths



Novice Champion, Desire,
Louise Owens



Japonica and or Hybrids Classes



Judge, Marion with Secretary, Louise Comparing a Bloom

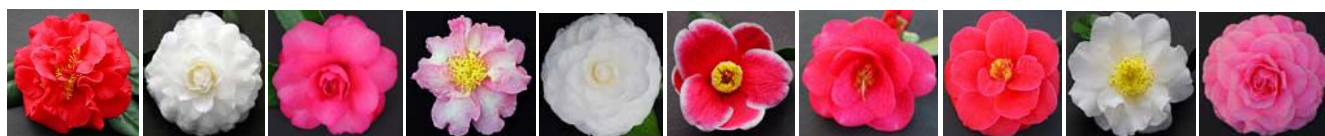


Retics Over 130mm, Under 130mm and Collections



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MONTHLY MEETING SCHEDULE 2026 (CHANGES TO BE NOTIFIED)

September 2026

Monday 21st September

NSWCRS Monthly Meeting and ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING
Garden Square Hall, 7pm benching of blooms for judging at 7.30pm

November 2026

Annual Dinner and Presentations: date and location TBA

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING MONDAY 21ST SEPTEMBER

This meeting will also be the Annual General Meeting of the New South Wales Camellia Research Society Inc. In accordance with the Constitution of the Society, notice of this meeting has been given to all members of the society in every posted or emailed Newsletter from April until September 2026.

All Executive Positions in the Society will be **Declared Vacant** at the meeting and nominations will be taken from the floor or on paper or by email, provided that they are proposed and seconded by two financial members of the society.

As our financial year has concluded, **Annual Subscriptions are now due.**

Bank Deposit Details: Account Name: NSWCRS, BSB: 062247 Account Number: 0090 0966

Reference: "Membership and Your Surname" \$30.00 Single and \$40.00 Household/Family

NSWCRS Monthly and Annual General Meeting: *Garden Square Hall 7pm benching of blooms for judging at 7.30pm*

September Bloom Competition Classes

Class	Description	Aug
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	✓



Special Class

Present a Vase of any single flower or bunch of flowers of any variety excepting Camellias.
There will be a special Trophy for the Best Presentation as judged by all members present.

Classes 1 to 15: One bloom, with a maximum of 2 attached leaves

Classe C1: A collection of 3 blooms, with a maximum of 2 attached leaves

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.

'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

Point Score Aggregate, including August 2026

Name	Grade Open or Novice	Points
D Andrews	O	9
E Foulsham	O	11
R Griffiths	O	49
D Low	O	118
J McGill	O	22
J Muras	O	62
G & V Vissel	O	3
B Walker	O	14
J Hood	N	6
L Owens	N	103
C Sherriff	N	127
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Out this Month



Matijja Poppy



Fashionata



Haru-No-Utena



SOME OF SEPTEMBER'S REDS



Ace of Hearts



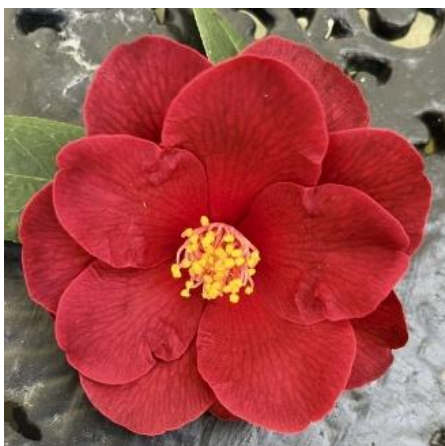
Black Tie



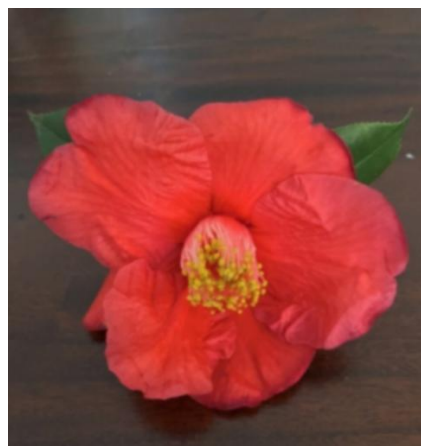
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