

Oregon Camellia Society



March / April 2024

Greetings and Salutations

As you know, our January meeting was postponed because of the inclement weather.

Our February meeting went ahead as planned. I presented a tutorial on planting and Christie presented a tutorial on propagating camellias from cuttings. Each of us got valuable feedback on our presentations. Much of the feedback I got can be incorporated into a Planting 201 tutorial. A possible addition to the Planting 101 tutorial is Collier's diagram on planting camellias.

I have embarked on a planting project that I can share with you at this time. Before the meeting I had started on a planting project to test out the methodology shown in the books I used as a resource for my tutorial. It seems to me that the material is oriented to planting much larger camellias than the small bushlike camellias we acquire in pots. Therefore, my project was to plant a significant sized tree.

I started digging a hole to match one of the diagrams from my presentation.



I had always criticized the diagram as depicting a hole that was impossible to dig. However, since then I have found there is a trench spade depicted in the second picture. Therefore, I started my hole using that to dig the ring. A suggestion that I got during my meeting presentation was that a post hole digger depicted in the third picture could be used in digging the ring. I found it to be very useful to remove dirt from the hole. However, since I am working in ground that has a lot of rocks the trench spade was much more adept at dislodging them. The third picture also depicts a bag of leaf compost to amend the soil when it is returned to the hole. In my case a second use of the compost was to replace the volume of the larger rocks that were removed from the hole.



The hole matching the diagram from my presentation is shown. One conclusion that I have come to is that the people that write books on camellias undoubtedly have great financial resources available

to hire gardeners to plant their large camellia acquisitions and describe the planting process those gardeners employ. As you can see from the final picture, I was planting a chimonanthus praecox (common name wintersweet) tree. The variety is luteus, which is much preferred over other varieties. We have been looking for this variety for several years after first seeing it in a mountain national park in Taiwan. It turns out that 99 Ranch Market in Beaverton has been selling it each of the last three Januarys. They get it from Canada, which is I presume the wholesale nursery near Vancouver, which is the one location I had identified had it in my searches, but being a wholesale nursery wouldn't sell it to me.

Farewells and valedictions, Garland

MARCH MEETING

The Oregon Camellia Society's upcoming March meeting is scheduled for Saturday, March 16, at Moreland Presbyterian Church, 1814 Bybee Boulevard, Portland, 97202. The meeting runs from 11:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. in the downstairs dining room of the church. The entrance is from the parking lot at the rear of the church. If you stand in the lot, you'll see the double glass doors in the northwest corner. Descend by the stairs to the doors or stroll down the long ramp under the windows and let yourself in. There should be a sign on the door announcing the meeting.

We'll have our usual business meeting and have two speakers as well. Brady Sheets will talk to us about the shade cloth structure he graciously has maintained on his Hillsboro property over recent years for OCS. He'll also show us pictures of how things are done there. At a guess, we now have around 200 camellia plants sheltering there.

Not only are plants protected from summer sun and winter winds, but Brady has rigged a system that waters plants during spring, summer, and fall dry spells. In this way, we nurture plants for future plant sales. When they're sufficiently grown, we offer them to new owners at Newberg's Camellia Festival, at our own summer picnic and auction, and at other local plant sales. We can do this because our plants are kept in excellent shape under their protective shade cloth.

Japanese Garden Event

The Japanese Garden will not host our Peoples Choice show this year because the garden's event coordinator will be out of town at that time. Instead the garden has come up with six one hour programs to celebrate the camellia blooming time of year. After discussions with them on what the events will be and how to staff them, they will only be utilizing us for one event. Garland will be presenting a program on Higo Camellias on March 23rd from 1:15-2:15 pm. We will be allowed to display some blooms on a

table at the talk. Garland will be in contact with members about gathering blooms for display as event nears.

Newberg Show Saturday April 13th

8am to 4pm

Pioneer district Luncheon

Oregon Camellia Society members are invited to The Pioneer District Spring Luncheon hosted by the Tigard and Chehalem Garden Clubs Thursday, April 18, 2024. The luncheon will be held at Rise Church, 10445 SW Canterbury Lane, Tigard, Oregon 97224, with registration beginning at 9:30 or 10:00 a.m., followed by a Pioneer District business meeting.

The exact itinerary of the rest of the morning hasn't been published, but the program features Speaker Dave Bugni, a private Oregon tree farmer. He'll give a talk on "Discovering Stream and Riparian Restoration and Protection Practices." He'll also touch upon the program's theme ("Natives—Naturally"), discussing native plants (forbs, graminoids, shrubs and trees) that can be used in these riparian areas.

At noon, for a cost of \$25.00, Kam & Kam catering will serve a Cobb Salad Bar with grilled chicken and fresh-baked rolls and a dessert of lemon cake with strawberries and whipped cream on the side.

Interested in attending? Make a reservation by sending a check payable to the Oregon Camellia Society to Martha Ragland at 4115 SE 33rd Place, Portland, OR 97202. Send your check by **March 29, 2024**. Martha will pass the names of all attending to the Pioneer District treasurer by April 1. Thank you.

OCS Meeting April 20, 2024

Saturday, April 20, 11:00 a.m.—2:00 p.m. Grafting, Camellia Viewing and More at the Home of Kathy Lintault, 7180 SW Lebold Road, McMinnville, Oregon. 503-434-5472 home, 503-550-4008 cell.

The mysteries of grafting camellias will be explained with a demonstration by former OCS President and camelliophile Collier Brown. Before and after, enjoy exploring Kathy's garden in the wilds of McMinnville, about seven miles outside of town, up at 1000 feet. Besides over 200 camellias, the garden is full of Japanese maples, rhododendrons, and flowering bulbs. Bring a lunch and Kathy will offer some delicious desserts. Drinks will be provided. When you head home, there are lots of vineyards in the area where you can enjoy wine tasting. Or check out popular Third Street in downtown McMinnville or the Spruce Goose at the Evergreen Aviation & Space Museum. Make a day of it! Carpool if you can because parking is limited, though all are welcome.

Directions: From the Portland area, there are various ways to get to McMinnville. Check out Google Maps for delays. You can travel south from Portland on I-5 to Exit 294 and travel to McMinnville on 99W through a number of towns and a lot of stoplights until you reach Newberg where you can pick up the Newberg-Dundee bypass by taking a left at

Springbrook Road and following signs. After completing the bypass, turn right onto 99W. Then follow the directions in the last paragraph.

Or you drive farther south on I-5, taking Exit 278 at Ehlen Road whose name changes to Yergen Road and then McKay Road (but it's the same road.) When the road ends, turn right on OR-219. Drive for 3.1 miles and turn left onto OR-18/Newberg Dundee Bypass. At the end of the bypass, turn right onto 99W.

Leaving Dundee, proceed 3.5 miles and turn left onto Route 18 for the Oregon coast. It's just after the Sokol Blosser Winery. Stay on Route 18 for about 8 miles. You will come to a stoplight with Willamette Valley Medical Center on your left and Chemeketa Community College on your right. Just after this light, get in the left lane. Bypass the downtown McMinnville exit and remain on 18 to the exit marked Corvallis and McMinnville (99W). At the end of the exit ramp, turn right. Approaching the second stoplight and Shell station, take the left lane to go straight through the intersection to get on Old Sheridan Rd. After .3 mile and passing a church, turn left to remain on Old Sheridan Rd. Drive .8 mile and turn right on Peavine Rd. which goes straight through farmland, then curves RIGHT at a fork and climbs for 4.7 miles to Lebold Rd. Make a sharp left on Lebold and drive straight on asphalt, ignoring all turns, going down and then up a small hill. Now you have three choices. Take the center gravel road and go downhill for 100 yards. At 7180 on a fir tree, turn right. Proceed 800 feet and push button to open deer gate. Park close together in front of the first building.

Imagine Pics of Kathys glorious camellias that wouldn't fit in this document

February Business Meeting

Nominating Committee Report

Candidates to be voted on:

President: Garland Bayley Secretary: Chris Dooley Treasurer: Martha Ragland

1st Vice President: Brady Sheets 2nd Vice President: Susan Haywood

2024-2027 Board of Directors Grace Bayley Jewel Walters

2022-2025 Board of Directors Collier Brown

Candidates continuing in their position:

2023-2026 Board of Directors Kathy Lintault Denis Dooley

2022-2025 Board of Directors Greg Anderson

Minutes

Collier moved that the minutes that appeared in the newsletter be approved. Kathy seconded and the motion passed.

Martha reported that the treasury balance is down after paying Van Veen for rooted cuttings, but we have a large number of plants to sell.

We earlier decided not to sell plants at the Hardy Plant Society spring sale to save plants for selling at the show.

Kathy moved that we sell plants at the Hardy Plant Society meeting at the Rock Creek campus. Denis seconded the motion and it passed.

Martha was asked to report on efforts to start accepting credit cards at our sales. She reported on credit card possibilities through US Bank, and Square. Brady knows Square and can help. For Square, each of one to five people must be registered with Square to use the account. It appears that Square has easier maintenance and less cost. We could possibly buy a device to use for the group. We will consider a proposal to buy such a device at a future meeting.

Collier was requested to report on the information he has collected from ACS about judging. Right now we have three accredited judges and one judge emeritus. Possible novice judges are Kurt Honore, Chris Goldstein, Brady Sheets, Susan Haywood, and Greg Anderson. To be a judge one must belong to ACS. Collier pointed out that the current rules require a novice judge to judge at six shows within five years before they can advance to accreditation. Garland pointed out that the rules say that only one novice can judge with a team of two judges. Therefore, it is nearly impossible accommodate five novice judges with only four judges.

Denis moved adjournment, inaudible second, passed.

February Meeting Program

Garland presented a tutorial on planting camellias and got a lot of suggestions for enhancing Planting 101 and topics for Planting 201.

Chris presented her fine tutorial on propagation by cuttings. With at least four members who have been successful at propagation by cuttings a lively discussion ensued.

Judged Camellia Show in Newberg Saturday April 13th

See attached document