

Oregon Camellia Society

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March 2023

OCS Meeting March 25

March 25, 1:00 pm—3:00 pm

Note the afternoon start time

1505 SE Oxford Lane, Milwaukie, Oregon

Become a camellia detective. Get together in the garden of Nancy and James Dalton in Milwaukie to help identify more than 200 camellias, probably planted from the 1940s onward. OCS was contacted by the Portland Garden Club to find out if earlier owners of the Milwaukie property had been members of OCS. After research in our archives, no connection was found, but our interest was sparked to investigate such an extensive camellia garden. The Daltons have asked that we let them know how many will be attending, so if you will be coming to the meeting, please contact Kathy Lintault by Tuesday, March 21, by email at lintault@onlinemac.com or call/text at 503-550-4008.

From the intersection of SE 17th Ave., SE Waverly Drive (going west), and SE Milport Road (going east), turn west onto Waverly Drive. To reach 1505 SE Oxford Lane, you will be looking for Cambridge Lane which is the first street to the left of Waverly Drive (there will be a few driveways to pass by before reaching Cambridge Lane). Turn left onto Cambridge Lane. Oxford Lane will be the first right off of Cambridge Lane. Once on Oxford Lane look for driveways to the right. The driveway to 1505 is between two brick gateway markers (There may be a marker for 1505 as a metal plate on the ground leaning against the base of a small tree, likely with a white camellia blooming beyond it.) If you get to a driveway funneled between two wrought iron fences, with a post saying 1507, you have gone too far.

We had originally scheduled our People's Choice Show for this date, but the Japanese Garden had to cancel, because they lack staffing. Maybe some of our retired members can apply for part time positions at the garden, and help them out.

Camellia Festival April 15

82nd Annual Camellia Show

Chehalem Cultural Center, Newberg

Our **82nd Annual Camellia Show** at the Chehalem Cultural Center, 415 E. Sheridan St., Newberg. (<https://www.chehalemculturalcenter.org/camellia>) Make this a fantastic display by bringing your beautiful blooms to the show from 8:00—11:00 am on April 15. Entering blooms is open to all, but blooms must be entered before the judging begins at 11:00 am. The show is open for viewing from 10:00 am—4:00 pm. For those new to entering camellias, experienced OCS members will be available to assist you. Also, if you are eager to add some hard-to-find camellias to your collection, stop by the OCS Plant Sale, beginning at 8:30 am—a bonus for any of us looking for that special camellia.

A show schedule is included for your information.

Bloom entry tags for the show

If you can't attend the March meeting to pick up entry tags for the show, call 503-239-6542 to order your entry tags from Collier for the Camellia Festival April 15th.

January Meeting Report

Oregon Camellia Society met on January 21, 2023 at Moreland Presbyterian Church in Portland. Business topics discussed:

- President Collier Brown mentioned that a Nominating Committee needed to be formed to put together

possible officers for 2023-4, and he urged members to offer to become an officer.

- OCS has signed up to become a vendor at the Newberg Camellia Festival. Though OCS has camellias at Van Veen Nursery, there might be a problem moving them to Brady's because the soil that holds the potted camellias at Van Veen's is very porous and does not hold water well. Wetting agents have been considered without much luck.
- Collier will talk to Chris Dooley about the Nuccio's order.
- About a show at the Japanese Garden—if we do not have a lot of blooms available, our contact person at the Japanese Garden is willing to work with us.
- Collier suggested that we plan a program on camellia culture in the future.

The program at the meeting featured Kathy Lintault presenting, *Camellias: Beautiful and Versatile*.

February Meeting Report

Unfortunately, due to lack of staff, our March camellia show at the Portland Japanese Garden was canceled. Collier has been in contact with Kelsey Cleveland, Cultural Programs Manager at the Japanese Garden, emphasizing that OCS wants to continue being a part of their programs in the future. Nuccio's Nursery finally has published a new catalogue, deep pink in color, with a small increase in prices—for example, a \$12 camellia is now \$15 and a \$15 camellia is now \$17.50. Call Nuccio's at 626-794-3383 to order this updated version. Brady will distribute Oregon nursery guides at future meetings. We are trying to arrange a March 25 meeting at a garden in Milwaukie where over 200 established camellias are growing. OCS has applied to be a vendor at Newberg Camellia Festival in order to sell our camellias there. A Nominating Committee needs to be formed to fill positions in Oregon Camellia Society. Garland will handle this process.

OCS is a member of the Pioneer District within the Oregon State Federation of Garden Clubs, whereby OCS gains insurance for its events. The Pioneer District is presenting a Spring Luncheon on Thursday, April 20, and McMinnville Garden Club and OCS are the hosts. OCS found a speaker for the luncheon—Kevin Vaughn will talk about his adventures in hybridizing irises and many other plants. Martha and Grace will attend the Oregon State Federation of Garden Clubs annual convention in Wilsonville in June.

Squirrels have shown a preference for specific camellias in Collier's and Martha's garden—they have attacked 'Brigadoon' and 'Hana-jiman.' Sadly, lots of leaves and buds are down.

The meeting's program was a fascinating documentary, *Robert Fortune: The Tea Thief*, about the British theft of tea plants and seeds from China in the mid-nineteenth century to break China's monopoly as the sole supplier of tea in the world.

Pioneer District OSFGC Luncheon

Kevin Vaughn will speak about his adventures in hybridizing irises and other plants. This is a reminder that if you wish to attend the Pioneer District meeting and luncheon on April 20, about which you received an announcement in a forwarded email from our secretary, our treasurer would like to have you checks made out to OCS and received by April 1. Her address is

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