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Looking forward
to seeing
everyone at our
June meeting:
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Camellia japonica 'Bob Hope'
May Open Champion, Dale Andrews



FROM THE EDITOR

Our May Meeting was not improved by the rather poor weather. Those who braved it were in a cheery mood nevertheless.

There was an interesting collection of blooms many of which showed the result of being collected in the rain.

I spoke to several Novices about storage and also how to place blooms on benches to their best effect. It does look like part of a meeting could be directed to a coaching session on the topic.

As we were running late a number of members left early to attend the sumptuous afternoon tea hosted by Judith McGill.

In this newsletter I have included some new photos I received from Casimiro Alves, who took video recordings of much of the Congress and from which I took screenshots.

Daniel Low, Newsletter Editor



MAY MEETING AND THE BLOOM COMPETITION

PHOTOS: SANDY MARKER



Open Champion 'Bob Hope', Dale Andrews



Novice Champion 'Bokuhan', Guy and Vered Vissel

A good hint this month for our upcoming Show Entrants. Now is a good time to enable your blooms to be at their best for our show and the other societies' shows including the National Show at Dapto. Yes, it's time to disbud all those twin buds by half so that the remaining bud can open and get the nutrients necessary to be at its best. If your tree or shrub has a myriad of buds you might even disbud singletons here and there. Another good idea is to use clothes pegs to hold back leaves or branchlets that might blow or brush against potential good blooms because they will cause brown lines or blotches, a no no. Downward facing blooms are also less likely to be attacked by nectar feeders.

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Camellia japonica 'Gwynneth Morey'



A CAMELLIA ARK REMINDER FOR POSSIBLE NEW MEMBERS

Camellia Ark Australia will be holding their next meeting (and Annual General Meeting) at Workshop 4 in the Campbelltown Arts Centre. Art Gallery Road, Campbelltown, N.S.W, on Saturday 31st May at 2.00 pm.

At the meeting it is always good to meet your fellow camellia lovers and there will be unusual and rare camellias for sale or order. Further details can be obtained from one of our dual members:

Dr Stephen Utick on: Mob. 0421 972 287.

In Stephen's Japan Report he mentioned Juliet and myself for our attendance and my Presentation. Thank you Stephen.

If you are considering joining The Ark here are the details:

If you have not yet done so, you will need to renew by bank deposit to:

Westpac BSB 032376 Account No: 345468) and email our membership officer, Margaret Eddy. on margeddy25@gmail.com by **cob 6 June 2025**. Cheques (while they last) can also be sent through the mail to Margaret Eddy, 675 Whitelaws Track, Buffalo VIC 3958.

CAA membership subscriptions remain the same (good value in these economic times!):

Annual single membership: \$15 per annum.

Couples/Household (family): \$20 per annum

Supplementary cost for receiving a hard copy of *Discovery Journal* (three issues per annum): an additional \$45 per annum which covers most but not all costs of printing and postage.

WHAT'S OUT IN AUTUMN



A Cut Leaf Maple



Ginkgo biloba



Speciosissima



Vireya Rhododendron



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JUNE MEETING

The June meeting will be held at the Gordon Baptist Church, Meeting Room Garden Square 7pm benching of blooms for 7.30pm meeting. The meeting will aim to finalise details for the Annual Show. Please "Bring a Plate" for Supper.

MONTHLY MEETING SCHEDULE 2025 (CHANGES TO BE NOTIFIED)

June 2022	
Monday 16th	Gordon Baptist Church, Meeting Room Garden Square. Benching at 7.00pm for 7.30pm meeting. The meeting will aim to finalise preparations for the Annual Show
July 2025	
Saturday 12th and Sunday 13th	NSW CRS Annual Show. Special Guest: Judy Horton
Saturday 19th	National Camellia Show, Ribbonwood Centre, Dapto Further details later in this Newsletter
Monday 21st	NSWCRS Monthly Meeting Gordon Baptist Church, 20-22 Park Ave, Gordon 7pm benching of blooms for 7.30pm meeting. Review Show
August 2025	
Date and Venue to be Announced	The August meeting format has not yet been decided
September 2025	
Monday 15th	NSWCRS Monthly Meeting 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



NSWCRS COMMITTEE CONTACT DETAILS 2025

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JUNE BLOOM COMPETITION: COMPLETE BENCHING BY 7.30PM SHARP

Class	Description	Jun
4	Sasanqua Any Form	✓
5	Japonica/Hybrid Single	✓
6	Japonica/Hybrid Semi-Double	✓
7	Japonica/Hybrid Elegans Form	✓
8	Japonica/Hybrid Informal Double	✓
9	Japonica/Hybrid Formal Double	✓
10	Japonica/Hybrid Miniature	✓
11	Japonica/Hybrid Any Form	✓
12	Reticulatas and their Hybrids	✓
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

Class 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)

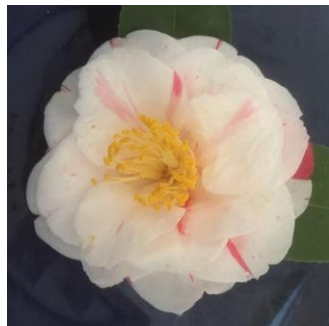
'Open' and 'Novice' Collections Classes C1 to C2: 1st = 6 points; 2nd = 4 points; 3rd = 1 point (if required)

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

IT IS FOR JUNE AND . . .



Japonica



Jean Lyne



Jin Pan Li Zhi



Jitsugetsusei

MONTHLY BLOOM COMPETITION AGGREGATE RESULTS 2025 TO DATE

MONTH	MEMBER	PTS	SA S	SPR/ CLSTR	RETICS	GRADE N or O	TOTAL/ Mnth	RUN TOTAL
May	J. Goodwin	2				N	2	2
	B. Walker		3			O	3	7
	J. Muras		11	3		O	14	14
	J. McGill		4			O	4	4
	G&V Vissel	18	1	3	5	N	27	61
	D. Low	29	3	3		O	35	74
	R. Griffiths	17			1	O	18	27
	D. Andrews	24				O	24	32
	J. Hood	1				N	1	1
	L. Cross	3		3		N	6	6
	C. Earl	13	5			N	18	18



Priscilla Rose



Happy Higo



Yuletide



Lady Loch



SOME LATE ARRIVALS FROM JAPAN



Weddings Are Popular at the Hotel Chinzantso



Juliet Muras



Stephen Presenting an Award to John Pringle from England



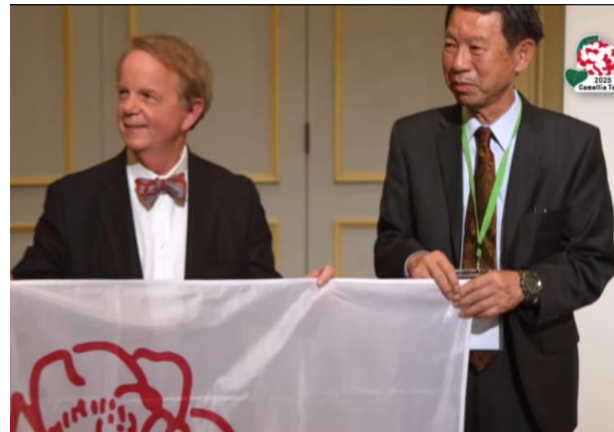
My Scientific Presentation



The View Overlooking the Chinzantso Gardens



Anke Koschitz (R) and Two Spanish Friends



Forrest Latta Receives the Flag from Dr. Takayuki Tanaka



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