

Oregon Camellia Society

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January/February 2019

January Meeting

January 19, 2019, 1:00—3:00 p.m. Enjoying Camellias at Ainsworth House & Gardens—Answering Your Questions about Camellia Culture, 19130 Lot Whitcomb Dr., Oregon City, OR 97045. 503-656-1894. < <https://ainsworthhouse.net> > Click on Contact Us on the website for directions.

Ainsworth House, an historic mid-nineteenth century property south of Portland, now a lovely wedding and event center, is surrounded by gardens that are beautiful throughout the year. Camellias thrive here. Bud Bowen, an OCS member and one of the proprietors of Ainsworth House, will give a short talk about its history and the development of its gardens in the event center. Hot drinks will await you. Then we'll explore the garden where camellias of different ages happily rub shoulders with other shrubs, trees, and perennials. You can see how camellias shine in a landscaped setting. Collier Brown and other OCS members will talk about camellia culture. It will be a chance for you to ask questions about all the particulars of camellia raising—siting, spacing, pruning, fertilizing, and more. Wear warm clothes and appropriate footwear. Though Oregonians tend not to use umbrellas, bring one in case there is steady rain while wandering the garden.

February Meeting

There will be no meeting in February. In order to gather together a number of OCS members who could reminisce about the history of Oregon Camellia Society, this meeting was moved to December 2018.

December Meeting Report

A big thanks to Marilyn and Larry Landauer for hosting the December 8th meeting. For at least a few hours, we could imagine ourselves in a beautifully decorated home in the Italian countryside, enjoying friends who all love camellias.

Before listening to remembrances of the earlier years of Oregon Camellia Society, the following business was discussed:

Chris and Den Dooley reported that the Sacramento Camellia Show will take place March 2-3, 2019. Details can be found at the Camellia Society of Sacramento website, <https://www.camelliasocietyofsacramento.org/events.html>. They recommended it as a show

that offers up to 1,000 camellias for viewing, even a category for yellow camellias. They would be attending and suggested if other judges were interested in attending, they'd probably be invited to judge. There is a camellia forest in downtown Sacramento across from the state capitol.

About 500 camellias are being propagated by Van Veen Nursery in Portland. Some will be available for purchase. A motion was made and approved to allow Collier Brown to buy 100 plants at \$4 each to sell at Newberg Camellia Festival to have more plants available for sale throughout the entire day.

Denis asked that OCS members provide camellias for a display at Lan Su Chinese Garden from March 22—24, 2019. Camellias can be dropped off at Lan Su, 239 NW Everett Street, Portland, on Friday, March 22, at 8:00 a.m.

The meeting then moved onto the fun part—Larry, Alan Taft, Collier Brown, Grace and Garland Bayley and other members reflected on the people and events that have moved OCS forward since the 1940's. It was a fascinating hour.

Tentative Schedule

January 19: Meeting. Ainsworth House & Garden—Answering Your Questions about Camellia Culture

February 9: No meeting

March 16: Meeting. Camellias in Peninsula Park, Portland

March 22—24: Camellia Display, Lan Su Chinese Garden, Portland

March 30—31: People's Choice Awards Camellia Show, Portland Japanese Garden

April 13: Oregon Camellia Society Show at Newberg Camellia Festival

April 20: Meeting. Dietz Garden

May 18: Meeting. Planning 2019-20 Schedule and Ice Cream Social

July: Picnic and Auction