

Meeting locations

Moreland Presbyterian Church in the downstairs dining room for the third Saturday in January and February – from 10:30 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.

Oregon Camellia Society

January/ February 2024

Presidents Message:

Greetings and Salutations

One of my goals as President is to establish a camellia culture "curriculum" that can be used to put on an approximately two hour presentation for novices and experienced growers. The first hour would be introductory level with the second hour being slightly more advanced. In a past action of the club, we adopted a goal of putting on such a seminar for new members as a meeting a week after the judged show in Newberg. An alternative would be to run the seminar in the afternoon of the show after judging was done and members were freed up to conduct such a seminar. Other possibilities would be to run such a program at a gathering of garden enthusiasts such as the Portland home and garden show.

I have chosen to label the topics as either 101, 102, etc. for the neophyte, and 201, 202, etc. for the more experienced. A possible curriculum would be as below:

101 Panting Camellias

102 Watering and Fertilizing

103 Pruning

104 Propagation by Air-layering

105 Propagation by Rooting Cuttings

201 Problem Planting Situations

203 Pruning Large Camellia Trees

204 Problem Air-layering Situations

205 Insuring that Rooted Cutting takes

206 Propagation by Grafting

Of course, it may become apparent that changes in level and order may become apparent as we proceed on the development of this idea.

If we were to offer this as an April meeting a week after the show, most members need not attend the first hour, which is oriented towards the neophytes we promoted it to at the show, but could attend the second hour and then the club could go to lunch afterwards. As a way to develop this, we will have our February meeting as a trial run of some of the 100 level topics. I will first offer 101 Planting Camellias followed by Christie offering 105 Propagation by Rooting Cuttings. Each of these have been offered as meeting programs in the distant past. When Christie did the rooting program, there was a very small attendance, but I thought it was quite good and I went off and successfully rooted my first cuttings after that. If there is still time at February meeting, I can do a short 103 Pruning.

This is not something that we will have ready for April this year. Our April meeting the week after the show this year will be a visit to Kathy's garden. And, at that meeting Collier is to demonstrate grafting since the club now owns three camellia azalea hybrids as scion sources and I or Brady can provide some seedlings to graft onto.

Farewells and valedictions,

Garland

The schedule for 2024.

January 20 - Brady Sheets will talk to us about the OCS Hillsboro facility and show us pictures of how things are done there.

February 17 - Preview parts of a camellia culture seminar under development, Garland on planting, Christie on propagating cuttings, as time permits Garland on pruning

March 29 - The Japanese Garden will not host our People's Choice show this year, but wants to return to it in 2025. In the mean time, Garland will present a program on Higo camellias, and all those that have Higos in their collections are invited to bring blooms to display in cups on table(s). The talk will be 1:15 to 2:15, and they likely will allow the blooms to remain on the 30th. My suggestion is that they have their bonsai expert do his presentation on the 30th as it would seem Higos are prime bonsai candidates judging from the pictures Kathy brought back from the International Convention in Japan.

March 23 - Garland might like to preview his Higo talk at a OCS meeting. Something we may consider

April 13 - ACS affiliated judged camellia show in Newberg. There will be no Camellia Festival this year as the Cultural Center is being remodeled.

April 20 - Visit to Kathy Lintault's garden. Collier will demonstrate grafting a scion or scions from camellia azalea hybrid onto camellia japonica understock.

May 18 - Grace to organize a Cantonese Tea event for us

July - Picnic and Auction, time and place TBD

Minutes from last meeting:

**Oregon Camellia Society Meeting
September 16, 2023, 11:00 a.m.**

Garland Bayley, President, opened the meeting in a hall at Moreland Presbyterian Church. No Treasurer's Report was available because the treasurer was away. No Minutes were read.

Garland read a thank you from Kathy Lintault for the OCS donation to American Camellia Society and the funding for registering a camellia in Roger Lintault's name.

Brady Sheets was asked about future programs. Denis Dooley and Kathy offered to help. Programs mainly were needed for January and February with a possible garden visit or tea tasting for May.

Susan Haywood had no report on membership.

Brady said OCS is waiting for camellia plants from Van Veen Nursery. Plants in Hillsboro will be chosen for the HPSO PlantFest on September 30.

Old Business

Brady discussed the Youth Bloom Program. Chris Dooley suggested we talk more with people in Newberg and Denis suggested that Newberg High School students could help. Linda Rectanus mentioned that Newberg is probably a good location to get kids involved because Newberg's older, established yards offer more garden space. Chris added that when you get kids involved, you involve parents and grandparents. Denis suggested kids could show camellias from school yards. Bryan Stewart might have contacts. He was excited about a youth show. Chris offered to help with the Youth Bloom show. Two more volunteers are needed.

Chris said our main focus is to find new members. We need to recruit aggressively. Linda mentioned new members might be found at the PlantFest—we should go where the gardeners are. Garland added we're tentatively scheduled for a camellia show at the Japanese Garden. Chris suggested a membership booth at the Canby Master Gardener Fair and Brady added we could move toward a more complete, formal membership display. Linda mentioned that there was not much interest in garden societies at the big home improvement shows.

Brady had contacted Lori at ACS about ribbons for our show but she had not yet responded.

Brady moved that we have a Youth Bloom Exhibition at our show. Denis seconded it. All were in favor. Chris and Susan will help Brady.

New Business

Denis said that we need judges for our Newberg camellia show. Brady was recommended. Susan would like to be a judge. There is information on the ACS website. Denis added that the first step toward judging is to clerk at a show (though most of us have already clerked).

Garland questioned whether there was a zoom video about membership on the ACS website.

Garland gave an exciting presentation, *Bloomin' Summer: Camellia Azalea Hybrids*. Kathy then made a motion for OCS to buy from Garden Treasures Nursery in North Carolina three 'Xiafeng Relang' ('Summer's Wind and Hot Waves'), a Camellia azalea hybrid shown in Garland's talk. Chris seconded the motion. Motion passed.

October board meeting minutes

Minutes from the last member meeting were read. Brady asked that they be corrected to show his concern for the kids flower show at the festival may take too many personnel from the big show to make it be feasible. Garland noted that the minutes should reflect that the motion for the camellia society to buy three C. Azalea hybrids for the society passed.

Treasurer reported 4 couples and 2 singles joined at plant sale.

Garland sent the new members the latest newsletter. Martha sent them welcome email.

We spent about \$1600 to get about 150 of our plants from Van Veen. Sold plants for \$20.

Brady is ready to order ribbons. We need to order all three colors. Because there is a lack of multiple blooms entered for almost all varieties, we need fewer third place ribbons, much more second place ribbons, and the most first place ribbons. We decided on 250 blue, 200 red, and 50 yellow to get the price break for 500 ribbons.

Garland will scan Pioneer District scholarship announcement to distribute a pdf form for Brady and Martha.

Possible new judges are Susan H, Greg, Brady, and Chris G. Anyone else interested please contact one of the officers or board members. ACS continues to mess with judging rules for no meaningful reason, and completely oblivious to a club like ours that doesn't have but one show a year to judge. Need to be an ACS member to get judging accreditation. There may be a Zoom judging school, and Collier will get more info next week. Collier says ACS will go with whatever reasonable thing we come up with they will go with, because they want more judges.

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