

Oregon Camellia Society

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President's Message

No message from our usually loquacious President.

September Camellia Event (not OCS sponsored)

A Tea Experience

Lots of interest has been shown recently about growing tea plants—**Camellia sinensis**—here in Oregon. On your own, if you are interested in experiencing an established tea farm, **Minto Island Tea** near Salem is offering a tour on Saturday, September 10, 10:00 am.—Noon. The website explains that "tours involve strolling through the Mother tea plot, nursery and processing room while discussing *Camellia sinensis* from propagation to processing techniques, lots of Q&A, and tasting our farm-grown teas." Tour ticket: \$15 available online at <https://mintoislandtea.com/tickets>

October Meeting

Saturday, October 15, 11:00 am.—1:00 pm.

Camellia Exchange plus any favorite plants, tools, books you'd like to swap

Location: Van Veen Nursery, 4201 SE Franklin Street, Portland, OR – <http://vanveennursery.com>

Directions: The nursery is in Southeast Portland, just west of SE Cesar E Chavez Blvd. (SE 39th), close to SE Powell Blvd. There is street parking around the nursery but please avoid blocking driveways.

The perfect follow-up to our summer auction—swap camellias and more with fellow camellians. Then you'll have just the right camellias to plant this fall with no unwanted ones languishing through the winter.

Transfer plants to another member and receive something desirable in return—give away a camellia no longer coveted, do away with a duplicate taking up room, present curious seedlings, or give cuttings for propagation. Bring potted plants, offer dug-up camellias with wrapped root balls, or provide fresh cuttings in dampened ziplock bags. Make sure to label with as much information you have available. If possible, provide a color photo of the camellia, either through a print-out, a photo in a book, or webpage photo so you can show and tell. OCS will offer some of its larger seedlings. Also, bring gardening tools, camellia books, or anything else associated with camellias to swap. And it's OK to offer other plants that might tempt camellia lovers.

If you receive camellia cuttings but don't feel up to propagating, Jake at Van Veen will be happy to propagate them for you for a reasonable fee.

Membership Renewals

If you have not renewed your membership by the time the November newsletter is published by using the renewal form sent in the last newsletter, your membership will be terminated, and this will be the last newsletter you will be mailed.