



# Oregon Camellia Society November 2025 Newsletter



## President's Message

### Greetings and Salutations

Our September meeting celebrated the hybridization of yellow species of camellias with more common camellias that we are familiar with. Upon announcement of the meeting, Kathy, who now lives in a climate more amenable to growing tender camellias, headed off the Nuccio's only to find that they had already exhausted their stock of yellow hybrids. I hope everyone enjoyed this program that kicked off the camellia calendar year for us. As your President, I intend to prepare a program for each September meeting that kicks off the camellia calendar year.

As you may be aware, we have been having quite warm dry weather to end the summer here. This means the camellia sasanqua that I bought at the picnic auction began to bloom in September. This also means that the ground is not as moist as usual in October so it might be advisable to delay planting out your camellias until November. A few years ago we had similar dry conditions leading up to October and I found that when I tried to plant camellias the moisture was only in the first inch or so of the soil and below that it was dry as a bone.

### Farewells and Valedictions

### Garland



## November Meeting Announcement

November 15<sup>th</sup> we will have our holiday luncheon at noon at Happy Spice (formerly Pure Spice) Chinese Restaurant located at 2446 SE 87<sup>th</sup> Avenue in Portland. As you can see, they recently changed name. They also printed a Cantonese menu and a Szechwan menu with the name change.

[www.purespicerestaurant.com](http://www.purespicerestaurant.com)



## September Meeting Report

Monetary matters. We just paid \$1440 to Van Veen for plants they have rooted and potted for us. They will have an additional similar number for us to pay for soon. And, they have 175 plants in progress. They currently charge \$10 per plant for this service, but their prices are set to go up. This financial commitment highlights the need to sell these plants to keep the treasury solvent. We sell plants at

1. Our show in Newberg. In 2025 we sold 50 plants for a \$1000 income (approximate)
2. Pioneer District luncheons in the fall and spring
3. possibly at Camas spring plant sale (Linda will head up this effort)
4. possibly at Master Gardener show
5. OCS picnic in July

At this point in time we have 19 validated memberships (honorary, single, family).

Martha attended luncheon at Pioneer District President, Pat Johnson's, home and brought back a request to donate to the Pioneer District scholarship fund. Brady moved and Susan seconded that we donate \$100 to the scholarship fund. Motion carried.

ACS is running a fund raiser by selling inscribed bricks for \$250 each. Brady and Susan suggested we table thoughts of donating as a club for now. Consensus agreed we should table. However, anyone so inclined is free to buy a brick or bricks to support their fund raiser.

The Pioneer District Fall Luncheon will be October 16<sup>th</sup> at Bethel Congregational Church. The speaker will be Judy Alleruzzo from Al's Nursery and Garden Time TV. Garland, Grace, and Martha paid treasurer Brady for their luncheon fee and Brady is to send the total on to the host club.

**There will be no October board meeting as Christie and Garland will organize the meeting schedule that would normally be produced at that meeting.**

**Meeting was adjourned at 12:55**



## 2025-2026 Preliminary Meeting Schedule

November 15 – Holiday Luncheon

January 17 – Judging School

February 21 – Hybridizing and growing camellias from seed –  
Christie Dooley

March 21 – 2<sup>nd</sup> Annual Camellia Test – Garland Bayley

April 11 – 18<sup>th</sup> Annual Camellia Festival

April 18 – Pruning camellias with emphasis on large camellias –  
Christie Dooley at Collier's garden

May 16 – Garden Visit – either Leach or Oregon Garden

July picnic – TBA

