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January Meeting

January 18, 2020, 11:00 a.m.—1:00 p.m.—Note earlier meeting time

How Does Your Garden Grow: The Photo History of Ainsworth Gardens, 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. **Bud Bowen**, an OCS member and one of the proprietors of Ainsworth House, will give a short talk about the development of its gardens. Then we'll explore the garden where camellias of different ages thrive among other shrubs, trees, and perennials. You can see camellias as major players in a landscaped setting. It's a lovely place to check how to site and space your camellias. This was a favorite OCS meeting spot last year, so be sure to put this on your calendar. 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

February 15, 2020 1:00-3:00 p.m.

We'll be meeting Sat, Feb. 15th from 1:00 to 3:00 at Moreland Presbyterian Church located at 1814 SE Bybee Blvd., Portland 97202. Directions to the church are readily available by googling the church's website. Their phone number is 503-234-8404. We are requested to park at the rear of the church and our meeting room is on the church's east side on their lower level. This is approached by a long ramp alongside the church or a shorter staircase leading to glass doors. (This is the same venue we used for last spring's ice cream social in May). Try to be prompt- Denis has an exciting program for us and we need to be out by 3:00.

Den's program will be on Small-flowered, Cluster-blooming hybrids and species camellias for Oregon. He will cover 1) small-flowered hybrids grown commonly in Oregon (e.g. Cinnamon Cindy, 2) Species camellias that are grown in Oregon currently (e.g. C. transnokoensis, and 3) Other Camellia species with potential to be grown in Oregon.

September Meeting Report

OCS Minutes—September 21, 2019

Present: Collier Brown, Martha Ragland, Brady Sheets, Patricia Sheets, Lois Moss, Greg Anderson, Kathy Lintault, Denis Dooley

Pioneer District Action Committee volunteers—Grace Bayley with Alan Taft and Shelley Hannan as back-ups

Collier handed out a draft on the Future of OCS Propagation that he had prepared, and it was discussed. Many thanks to Bryan Stewart and the Chehalem Park and Recreation District for help with our propagation efforts

over many years and to Brady Sheets for developing an infrastructure for our future propagation efforts at his home in Hillsboro.

Some propagation chores should be completed this fall. Up-pot 200 one-gallon camellias to 2 gallon and up-pot about 100 4" pots to one gallon. Need to buy soil for potting the one gallons. Seedlings and Dietz air layers should be moved to new growing facility at Brady and Pat Sheet's home.

Funds are needed for propagation and the growing facility.

200 two gallon pots @ \$0.60....\$120

12 bags camellia soil @\$11....\$132

Everbuilt wind protection barrier—100' w/wood steaks....\$50

Permeable weed barrier ground cover film—3x300'....\$60

Brady made a motion to use up to \$450 to buy the above products. Martha seconded it. Motion carried.

October Meeting Report

OCS Minutes—October 12, 2019

Present: Collier Brown, Martha Ragland, Grace Bayley, Denis Dooley, Chris Dooley, Susan Haywood, Greg Anderson, Jim Heriford, Kathy Lintault

This meeting was held after an enjoyable guided tour through the Home Orchard Society at Clackamas Junior College. A donation was given to the Home Orchard Society, and Collier and Martha will write an article about our visit for its newsletter.

Collier asked that photos of the new growing facility at the home of Brady and Pat Sheets be sent to members. The first pots of camellias have been moved to the structure. OCS will sell camellias at the Pioneer District Luncheon—\$20 for a one-gallon camellia or \$16 if purchased by an OCS member. The Leach Botanical Garden has contacted OCS to help improve its camellia holdings. We can also take cuttings from their plants.

November Meeting Report

OCS Minutes—November 16, 2019

Present: Collier Brown, Garland Bayley, Grace Bayley, Linda Rectanus, Irene Lewis, Bud Bowen, Greg Anderson, Jewel Walters, Frances Seal, Alan Taft

A pleasant lunch was had at Authentic Thai. Alan brought a beautiful camellia bonsai of Silver Dollar, and Collier brought several fall blooms from his garden.

It was reported that we sold a dozen plants at the Fall garden club luncheon. We spent the monies allocated for our collection at Brady's. It was moved and passed that we reimburse Brady an additional \$99. Grace moved, and Alan seconded that cuttings from Brady be placed at VanVeen's for rooting. Motion carried. The following plants have been moved from Newberg to Brady's. 40 air-layers from Tom Dietz, 140 1 gallon plants, 75 seedlings. There are 120 2 gallon plants that need to go from Newberg to Brady's. We have 200 cuttings at VanVeens, 140 cuttings at Collier's and 20 from Alan.

Future Meeting Schedule

March 21-22—Camellia Show at Portland Japanese Garden

March 27-29—Camellia Display at Lan Su Chinese Garden, Portland. No March meeting because of shows at Chinese and Japanese Gardens this month.

April 18—Annual Camellia Show, Newberg Camellia Festival

May 16—Visit Cecil & Molly Smith Garden, St. Paul, Oregon