

Oregon Camellia Society

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OCS Meeting March 19

March 19, 10:00 am.—12 Noon, Social Hall for Sacred Heart Catholic Church
3910 SE 11th Ave, Portland, just off SE Milwaukie, about halfway between Powell and Holgate.

Note the mid-morning start time, so you can make plans for the rest of the day. The social hall is very spacious with a 20' ceiling, allowing for comfortable social distancing. Directions to Social Hall: While the above address for the church is correct for attending a service, the social hall we'll use has its own back entrance to its parking lot. Assuming you'll be on SE Milwaukie Ave coming from the north (Powell) or the south (Holgate), proceed on SE Milwaukie to the 3800 block. There, 1/2 block south of the (distinctive) Columbia Empire Meat Co., you'll find SE Bush St. Turn west (toward the river) on SE Bush. After one-half block, turn left into the first paved steep driveway bordered by stone retaining walls. This driveway takes you directly to the social hall parking lot. You'll see the hall on your right.

Early on the morning of the meeting, please check your email in case we need to change this venue because of last-minute needs of the church.

A Brush-Up

Preparing Blooms for our Annual Camellia Show, April 9, at the Newberg Camellia Festival

Get ready—it's only a month or so away. How about a refresh on...

- when and how to collect your blooms
- ways to transport your blooms
- what to bring to prep your blooms before the show
- how to fill out the bloom entry card
- consider all the categories. Sometimes your camellia can be entered in more than one.

Preparing an Air-Layer

March is also the month for air-layers. Do you want to get a duplicate of a favorite camellia much more quickly than through propagation by cuttings. Air-layering is the easy way to have this happen. We'll bring some camellia branches and demo the technique. Then, you can give it a try—you'll have a new camellia plant by November!

Japanese Garden Exhibit March 19 and 20

On the weekend of March 19th and 20th OCS will be staging a small camellia display at the Portland Japanese Garden. This will be viewed by garden visitors using the facilities or on their way to the gift shop. The feature will be mostly handled by Collier and Martha and is being done under Covid conditions in lieu of the larger "People's Choice" show presented at the garden in better times. The display will feature single blooms, bouquets and floating blooms.

Camellia Festival April 9

81st Annual Camellia Show

Chehalem Cultural Center, Newberg

Our **81st Annual Camellia Show** at the Chehalem Cultural Center, 415 E. Sheridan St., Newberg. Make this a fantastic display by bringing your blooms to the show from 8:00—11:00 am. on April 9. They must be entered before the judging begins at 11:00 am. The show is open for viewing from 10:00 am.—4:00 pm. OCS members will be available to assist you if you have questions. Also, if you are eager to add some hard-to-find camellias to your collection, stop by the OCS Plant Sale, beginning at 8:00 am.

A show schedule is included for your information.

Call Collier Brown before the show

If you can't attend the March meeting to pick up entry tags for the show, call 503-239-6542 to order your entry tags from Collier for the Camellia Festival April 9th.

Meeting Reports

We had meetings in May and September to hold plant sales. The big sale was in May, and a make up sale was done in September for those who couldn't make the May sale. Both sales were very big, bigger than I expected, but I guess COVID has people gardening more than they used to. There was a business meeting with the September meeting, but the secretary came unprepared, and needed to borrow writing implements to record the goings on, and promptly lost his notes (probably went through the wash). Suffice it to say the omicron wiped out most of the planned schedule of meetings.

Email Garland Bayley Today

Reply to one of your bokuhan_hagaromo@yahoo.com email messages to volunteer to be an officer next year. It may be time to replace the old men as President and Secretary.