



Oregon Camellia Society

May/July 2026 Newsletter

President's Message

Greetings and Salutations

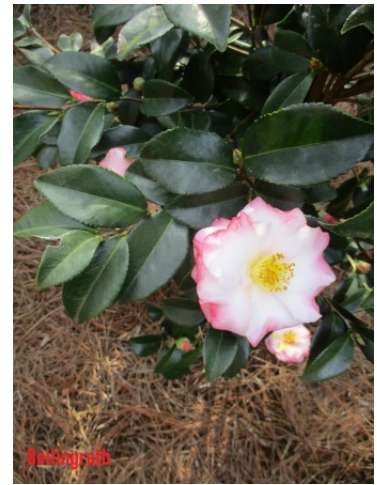
As we close out the 2025-2026 camellia season, let us look forward to the next season for 2026-2027. The biggest event on the horizon for this upcoming season would be the International Camellia Congress which is described at:

<https://www.icscongress2027.com/website/90972/>

The pre-congress tour is from Mobile, AL with events at

1. Bellingrath Garden





2. K. Sawada Wintergarden at Mobile Botanical Garden



3. Bobby Green Nursery



The convention itself will be in Macon, GA which is within reach of Atlanta and Masee Lane Gardens at the American Camellia Society Headquarters.



The post convention tour will be in Savannah, GA where they will visit

1. Gene's Camellia World



2. Various Savannah Camellia Gardens



Registration opens on May 1, 2020. Early registration discount of 10% applies until June 30, 2026. Registration closes October 1, 2026. Main congress capacity is 300, with the capacity for each of the pre and post tours at 150. Currently, main congress registration is required for a tour registration.

Farewells and Valedictions

Garland

May Meeting Announcement

Leach Botanical Garden – Saturday May 16, 11am on

For May, we will be visiting Leach Botanical Garden. Free Guest parking is located at 12323 SE Claybourne St.

There was a concern that the garden would be closing due to a lack of funding. However, they received some large gifts in March and will continue being open through the rest of the year. On Saturdays, they have a member only hour from 10am to 11am. Therefore, they will be open to the public from 11am on which corresponds to our typical meeting time.

The American Horticultural Society (AHS) Garden Network lists Leach Botanical Garden as a member, thereby allowing network members free admission. Therefore, since ACS members belong to the network through our support for Masee Lane Gardens at the ACS headquarters, you should get free admission with your ACS membership card. When they look up whether you get the benefit, you need to make sure they are looking up Masee Lane Gardens, not the American Camellia Society.

Other Portland gardens that belong to AHS are Hoyt Arboretum and Rogerson Clematis Garden. Perhaps we can visit Rogerson next May.

Leach Botanical Garden does have a camellia garden that may have a few stragglers blooming that late in the year. Perhaps we can arrange to help out with their camellias sometime in the future.



July Picnic Announcement

July 25 Landauer Estate - Potluck at Noon, Plant Sale Follows

9855 Roy Road, Forest Grove, OR The mailing address is Forest Grove, but the location is in a small community, Roy, 6.6 miles north of Forest Grove. The easiest way for most members to go there would be to go out US 26 and take a left at the last intersection where the state highway 6 splits off of 26. There you follow Mountaindale Rd. for 1.2 miles to Roy Rd. where you turn left and follow Roy Rd. for another 1.2 miles to arrive at the Landauers.



For the plant auction, feel free to bring anything you have in a pot for selling. It doesn't have to be a camellia, although camellias are preferred of course. I have been trying to air-layer camellias for the auction, but not having a lot of success. This year I will have two very healthy air-layers to sell at the auction out of about 10 attempts. My main problem is that birds peck through the foil and dry out the air-layers. Last year I tried plastic air-layer balls unsuccessfully, but they failed as being hard they don't seal around the branch. I am trying additional bird deterrents this year.

Newberg Camellia Festival Show Results

Gold Sweepstakes – Grace and Garland Bayley 25 1sts

Silver Sweepstakes – Collier Brown 22 1sts

Best in Show – Nuccio's Bella Rosa – Susan Haywood

Novice Sweepstakes – Karmen Hernandez – Peggy Joyce (Portland Nursery originated) bloom displayed on trophy table

Division I Class 1 Small or medium Japonica

Winner - Nuccio's Jewel – Kurt Honore

Runner-up - Kimberley – Collier Brown

Division I Class 2 Large or very large Japonica

Winner – Grand Prix – Kurt Honore

Runner-up – Elegans Champagne – Chris Goldstein

Division II Class 1 Reticulata or reticulata hybrid

Winner – Francie L – Collier Brown

Runner-up – Dr. Clifford Parks – Kurt Honore

Division II Class 2 Hybrid

Winner – Anticipation – Kurt Honore

Runner-up – Brigadoon – Greg Anderson

Division III - Sprays – Unryu – Kurt Honore

Division IV - Boutonniere – Spring Festival – Kurt Honore

Division V - All Other species – Egao Corkscrew (Vernalis) – Linda Rectanus

Division VI - Class 1 – Three matched blooms of the same variety

Winner – Botanyuki – Grace and Garland Bayley

Division VI - Class 2 – Five thematic blooms of any or a single variety

Winner – Nuccio's Bella Rosa – Susan Haywood

Division VII - Seedlings and Mutants – Jim Moon cross of Chekiangleosa and Saluenensis – Denis Dooley

Division VIII - Fragrant Blooms – Scentsation - Grace and Garland Bayley





March Meeting Report

The nominations for next years officers were presented. Brady moved that the slate be adopted unanimously. Collier seconded. The motion passed unanimously. The elected officers are as follows.

President: Garland Bayley

1st Vice President: Chris Dooley

2nd Vice President: Chris Goldstein

Secretary: Grace Bayley

Treasurer: Brady Sheets

Directors 2026-2029: Collier Brown (re-elect)

Denis Dooley (re-elect)

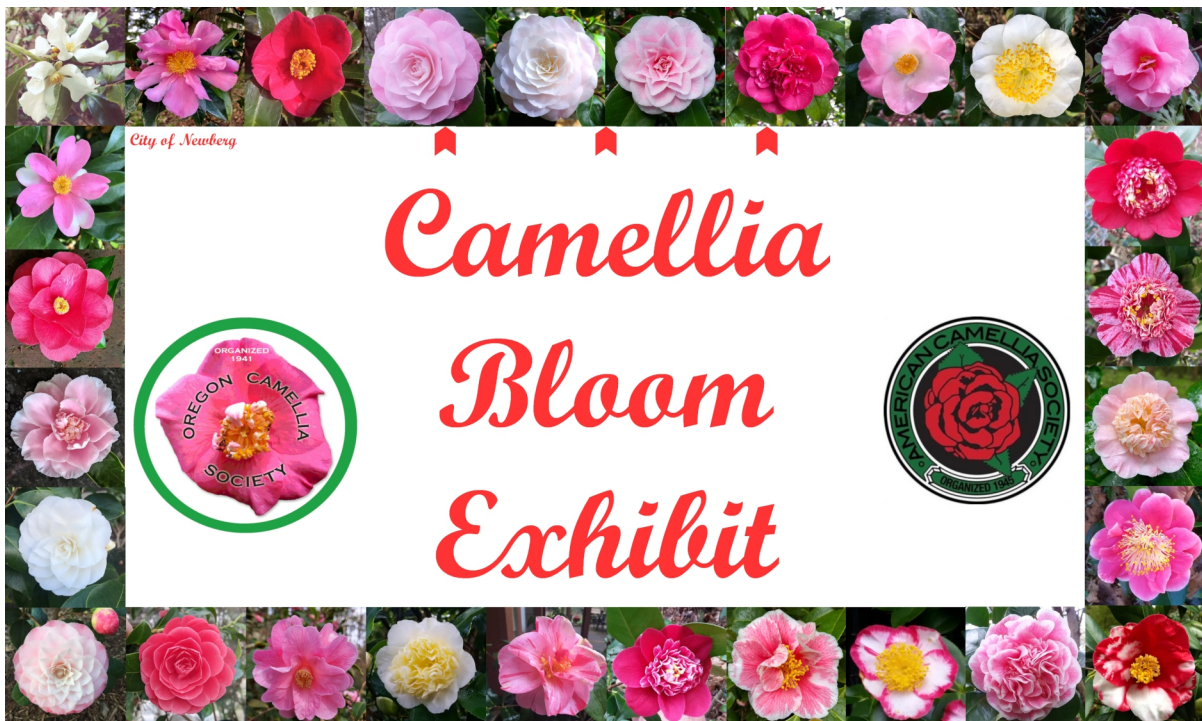
Directors 2025-2028: Susan Haywood (replace Chris Goldstein)

Garland described the banner for the show that he was designing. Brady moved that Garland get a 3' by 5' indoor banner on cloth printed with a limit of \$200 to spend. Motion carried.

Collier moved and Susan seconded that Brady be authorized to purchase entry cards for future shows. Motion carried.

Brady volunteered to contact Bryan about when on April 10th club members will be able to setup for the show April 11th.

Martha moved that Brady reimburse Kathy \$25 for the membership fees she paid to test the credit card function she had added to the website. Motion carried followed by meeting adjournment.



April Meeting Report

The club visited Collier's and Martha's garden. Christie demonstrated pruning the somewhat overgrown camellia trees to improve their aesthetics and space requirements. Garland helped remove some branches high up on an overgrown Brigadoon. And, a lot of air-layers were done on their Apple Blossom Saluenensis, which has often been touted as the OCS's favorite camellia.

2026-2027 Dues Deadline Approaching

Our fiscal year runs from July 1 to June 30, so it is approaching time to pay dues for the 2026-2027 year. Kathy has done yeomans work adding payment by credit card for joining members and renewing members. I went ahead and paid Grace and my dues for next year and it seems to work fine as it adopts the add things to your cart and submit payment methodology of many websites. Payment can be done at <https://www.oregoncamelliasociety.org/join-ocs>

Of course, you can also pay at the picnic as has been done before, or by sending your check for \$10 individual or \$15 family to OCS Treasurer, 33090 SW Bridges Rd., Hillsboro, OR, 97123

Remaining 2025-2026 Meeting Schedule

May 9 – Plant Sale at Camas Plant and Garden Fair cwplantfair.org

May 16 – Garden Visit – Leach Garden

July 25 – Picnic – 9855 Roy Road Forest Grove OR

