

January Newsletter



Camellia Society of Modesto 2014-15

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Cindy Cook, VP, sitting in for President Marvin Bort

Dear Camellia Friends!

Here we go into 2015....I hope everyone had a wonderful holiday season.

Our Christmas party. Our annual Christmas party was held at Bel Piatta in Modesto. Thanks to our decoration crew for a lovely setting of white poinsettas and other festive displays. We welcomed the Lesmeisters and Schanz' from Sacramento to our gathering. There was a very nice pasta buffet and a cookie exchange with lots of food leftover for an evening snack. We had a lively white elephant gift exchange where several hotly contested items were stolen. President Marvin Bort closed our party by leading us all in the carol, "We Wish You A Merry Christmas". A good time was had by all.



January preparation for the Camellia Show. This is our critical month for gathering sponsors. Think about those people with whom you do business and take the opportunity to ask if they would like to sponsor our show. We are a non-profit, tax-exempt organization and our show brings in over a thousand visitors every year. It is an excellent advertising venue. If you have questions, see Barbara or Pat. We will have paperwork available at our next meeting on January 11th.

Bloomin' Camellias! It is early for the spring flowers to be popping. The Warner's report multiple Debutantes and Tatas and Lemon Drops. My Happy Harlequin and Little Slam are out. Get out there and get the disbudding done for the best bloom results at the upcoming shows. Take some time to stroll through your garden and enjoy this winter season of the camellia festival of color.

Happy New Year to everyone.

Your Camellia Friend, Cindy

Meeting Dates For 2014 - 2015

Club meetings for the 2014-15 camellia season will be held at a **new address: One Church (Bethel Campus) 2361 Scenic Dr, Modesto, CA.** We meet in the church Atrium. Look for Camellia Club signs in the front parking lot. Meetings are held on the second Sunday of each month (third Sunday in May)

• January 11

an entomologist from Westurf Nursery will be speaking about bugs! The good, the bad and the Ugly.

• February 8

Speaker: Cindy Cook, "Square Foot Gardening"

• March 8

Modesto Mini-Show

• March 21-22

Camellia Show, Gallo Administration Building

• April 12

Speaker to be announced

• May 17

Annual Club Barbecue, location to be announced

Christmas Party 2014





The end of December is getting very cold and records show that, a cold December is followed by a cold January. So keep your eyes and ears tuned to the weather reports and be sure to water before a 32 degree or lower evening. Remember, it takes 2+ hours after plants are watered before they absorb the water. But

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don't water when the temperature has already reached freezing. The impact of cold weather is going to appear in a couple of weeks. Plants that were not watered sufficiently before the freeze will start to drop their buds (primarily Reticulatas and container grown plants). If you have containerized plants that were in a lot of shade during the cold spell, you can start moving them to a brighter area to motivate them to bloom a little faster. If the cold weather persist, blooms may be a little later, so be patient. Check your plants and do your final disbudding. The Hybrids like to set buds as soon as your back is turned.

Most Camellia growers have different “Gibbing” schedules. In this area, the next week or so is about as late as it can be done with good results.

Get ready for the shows. Remember, the first show is in Napa on February 7th. We hope ALL of you are excited about the next few months...the plants will start blooming and we will be able to see why we all grow Camellias!

Your Camellia Friend, Don

THANK YOU!

Now that the camellias are beginning to bloom, Don will be busy taking care of his own plants and getting ready for shows. As a consequence this will be his final article for our newsletter. It is with deep gratitude that we have enjoyed Don's articles over the past few months. Good luck Don, we wish you all the best.

If you have any questions regarding camellia care please let me know at the January 11th meeting or email me at patriciawarner3@gmail.com. I will attempt to research your questions with seasoned camellia growers and print the answers in our February newsletter.

ANOTHER THANK YOU!

Our thanks go to Nick Clark who managed our Web page for the last couple of years. Due to upkeep demands Board Members voted to drop the web page when our contract with “Go Daddy,” the internet domain we use was up. “Go Daddy” made a last minute half price offer in order to keep our business. It was too good of a deal to refuse so Barbara Bort and daughter Shelly went to work and updated the web page. Shelly has graciously agreed to maintain the website for now. According to Barbara and Shelly “it is a work in progress,” but it really looks great. Have a look at www.camelliasocietyofmodesto.org. Nick continues to play a MOST VALUED role with his computer skills. At our annual shows he creates the winning show cards on site. His job begins months ahead of show-time with the creation of a “Merge” file, not an easy task!

Working with computers myself, I know how difficult both jobs are. Thank You Nick and Shelly! *Pat Warner*

Show Dates 2015

Northern California Camellia Society

February 7th Napa Camellia Society Show

The Meadows of Napa Valley, 1800 Atrium Parkway, Napa 94559.

Contact: Nancy McGowan-Russell, 707-545-7546

February 14th & 15th San Francisco Peninsula Camellia Society Show,

CAB Community Activities Building, 1400 Roosevelt Avenue, Redwood City.

Contact: Linda Kancev, 650-574-1220

February 21st & 22nd Camellia Society of Santa Clara County Show

Community Recreation Center, 969 Kiely Blvd., Santa Clara.

Contact: John Mendoza, 408-249-5606

February 28th Open

March 7th & 8th Camellia Society of Sacramento Show

Memorial Auditorium, 1515 J Street, Sacramento.

Contact: Carol Schanz, 916-447-1969 or Don Lesmeister, 916-967-8420

March 14th & 15th Northern California Camellia Society Show

St. Andrews Celebration Center, 1601 Mary Drive, Pleasant Hill.

Contact: Don Bergamini, 925-229-0775 or Bob Ehrhart, 925-937-0188

March 21st & 22nd Camellia Society of Modesto Show

Ernest & Julio Gallo Administration Building 600 Yosemite Blvd., Modesto.

Contact: Pete Warner, 209-576-0831 or Marvin Bort 209-537-9945

March 28th Mini Show, Location to be determined

Contact: Don Bergamini, 925-229-0775 or Bob Ehrhart, 925-937-0188



Camellia Show Photo Contest 2015

Our camellias will soon start to bloom. As they do, grab your cameras and click away. Enter your work in Modesto's Camellia Photography Contest. If your photo is a winner you not only will receive a trophy, but your photograph may be featured in the publications for the **2016 Camellia Show**.



Photography Categories:

Single Camellia

Camellias Used in Landscaping

Camellias with Child or Pet

Camellia Society of Modesto Executive Board 2014-15

Marvin Bort-President	209-537-9945
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Auxiliary Positions

Pete Warner-Show chair	Barbara Bort-Trophies
Cindy Cook-Show Chair Assistant	Pat Warner-Newsletter
Marvin Bort-Show Chair Assistant	Nick Clark-Computer
Sharon Adams-Judges Chair	Tony Miranda-Camellia Education
Sylvia Ahrens-Publicity	Don Lesmeister- Guest Commentator
Shelly Bort - Webpage	Harlan Smith-Gallo Camellia Gardens

Nattie Miranda broke her hip on Christmas Eve after falling in the driveway of her home. After three days at Memorial Hospital she has been transferred to Vintage Faire Nursing and Rehabilitation Center, 3620 B Dale Road, Modesto, CA 95356, Phone: (209) 521-2094. Get well cards and encouragement for husband Tony is in order.

Our President, Marvin Bort, as of this writing, is hospitalized at Memorial Hospital in Modesto for kidney stones. Our good wishes go out to him for a speedy recovery.

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