
CAMELLIA NEWS



PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Greetings Camellia Friends,

Our November meeting had some delightful moments. First, Tony Miranda repotted two one-gallon camellias into bigger pots. Using a fir bark, vermiculite, and small bark mixture, he explained the need for changing the soil to match the needs of our area for watering and also for allowing the roots more room to grow. The plants were then auctioned at our monthly raffle.

Second, we filled shoe boxes for the Christmas Child Project sponsored by Samaritans' Purse. We had enough material to fill 25 shoe boxes. These shoe boxes are distributed to needy children all over the world all year round. Last year over 11 million were given to the children.

Our next delightful moment was the refreshments brought by Karen and Dianne, members from Fresno. Their homemade cookies were delicious. Thank you, ladies!

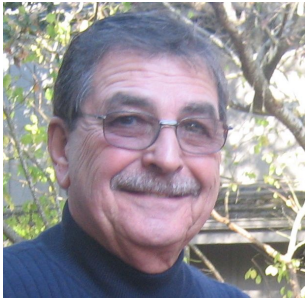
Everyone had a good time learning more about our camellias and getting that blessed feeling while giving to others. If you have any ideas for future programs, please don't hesitate to let me know.

We hope you will look carefully at the page in this newsletter that talks about the upcoming Christmas luncheon. We will cater the same dishes as last year. Please RSVP as soon as possible for us to tell the caterer how many to plan for. You can also pay your yearly dues then, if you haven't done so already. Hope to see you there!

YCF,

Marvin





ROYCE RHOADS

MASTER GARDENER

This month try and plan your Christmas decorations to include using camellias. Camellia wreaths can be made with many varieties of flowers now in bloom. The blooms, with the green foliage, make a great combination for holiday colors.

Regular rains could relieve gardening pressures this month; but, if not, keep watering, especially before the chance of a frost.

Continue your planting and replanting programs. Gibbing programs should also continue. Most of all remove the fallen blooms to keep the surrounding soil clean.

Happy Holidays !!!!

Editor's note:

I thought when I first read Royce's article, "Yeah, right. How am I going to use camellia blossoms in my decorating when none of them are in bloom yet?" To my complete surprise, when I opened our front door this morning, what did I see? - two beautiful pink blooms on the plant right by the steps! I was delighted! If I can use some small vials like the florists do, I might be able to keep them looking nice in the wreaths on our front door for several days. (I'll let you know how this turns out.)





HOLIDAY LUNCHEON



All members and friends are invited to our

Annual Christmas luncheon

SDA Church Fellowship Center

Sunday, December 10, 2017 at 1:30 PM

The main dishes (baked chicken and pasta primavera) will be catered. You are asked to bring a side dish - salad, vegetable, or dessert. Rolls and drinks will be provided.

Gift exchange - \$15 maximum (if you choose to participate)

There will be a donation box to help cover expenses.

Please RSVP to 537-9945 (Marvin) before Dec. 6



HOLIDAY MINI PECAN TARTS

Crust: 3 oz. cream cheese
1/4 lb. butter
1 cup flour

Mix with fork and shape into 24 balls. (1 inch)
Press into ungreased mini-muffin tins.

Filling: 3/4 cup brown sugar
1 tbsp. melted butter
2/3 cup chopped pecans or walnuts
1 egg

Mix and pour into mini-muffin tins.

Bake at 350 degrees for 25 minutes.

Serves 24



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