

CAMELLIA NEWS

Hello Camellia Lovers,

Happy New Year. I trust that Christmas and a good beginning new year will bring great as individuals. These changes search for more knowledge.

We all enjoyed the December excellent and everyone had a was fun with the stealing of the everyone ended up with could use.

Our first meeting in 2018 will be January 14 at the usual place and time (SDA Fellowship Hall 16th and G at 1:30 pm). We will be learning how to take care of our container plants in the winter months. You won't want to miss this important information.

Also at the January meeting we will be discussing show preparations. We will need commitments from you regarding how you would like to help before and during the show. We will also need you to be getting sponsors for the show and we will talk about that in detail.

I am looking forward to seeing you all at the January meeting. We'll have good refreshments, a great discussion, and you - our most valued members. Be sure to invite a friend to come with you.

YCF,
Marvin



you all have had a nice to the year 2018. I expect the changes to our club as well as us will happen as we grow and

Christmas Dinner. The food was good time. The gift exchange gifts back and forth. I think something they wanted and



Camellia Culture

By Royce Rhoads

Last year at this time I started writing the Camellia Culture for our newsletter. This year I wanted to start off with something unique; so I decided to look at last year's newsletter. I started last year's edition with the history of "Camellia Culture" which I would like to share once again--- This article taken from Sunset Magazine, Azaleas, Rhododendrons and Camellias, published in 1999. (The article has been condensed for space by the writer of this article.)

Though precise dates are difficult to establish, it is certain that one species, *Camellia senensis* was grown extensively in China at least 2,000 years before Christ—not for its flowers but for its leaves, which were used to make tea. A thousand years later, in Eastern Asia, Camellia blossoms were used as adornments at festive occasions and as symbols of particular virtues. Even the seeds were used as a source of oil in food preparation or as hairdressing.

How the first camellias reached Europe is no mystery; they came by ship. But precisely when and to what country is unclear. It is a matter of record that camellias were introduced in England in the early 1700s. *C. Japonica* was the most familiar camellia of gardens, described and named by Swedish botanist Carl Linnaeus in 1735. *(also known as Carl von Linne', after his ennoblement.) The name camellia commemorates Georg Joseph Kamel (1661-1707), a Moravian Jesuit who worked in the Philippines as a pharmacist, physician and botanist—who probably never saw a camellia.

For modern gardeners, the history of camellias really begins in 1792, when a ship of the British East India Company carried to England a camellia designated 'Alba Plena'. Even now, 200 years after its introduction to the West, 'Alba Plena' still remains one of the most popular varieties. Soon after the earliest imports flowered, enterprising European nurseries started raising new varieties from seed.

In the Eastern Asian homeland of the camellia there are at least 80 different species. But only four are generally available in North American nurseries: *C. japonicas*, *C. reticulatas*, *C. sasanquas* and *C. hiemalis*, which are normally cataloged with the *sasanquas*.

So, as the late Paul Harvey would say, "Now you know the rest of the story".



Editor's Note: Last month I made the comment that I thought it would be difficult to decorate with camellias for the holidays, only to find that our pretty pink camellia by the front door was beginning to bloom. I promised to let everyone know if it really was possible to decorate with camellias at this time of early blooming, so I picked two of the blossoms, put them in small vials of water, and here is the result. Not too bad for the first try.



UPCOMING CAMELLIA EVENTS

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| February 3, 2018 | Workshop on camellia judging, with Mini show and trophies - 10am to 2:30pm
home of Nancy Hardesty, 69 Santiago Ave., Atherton, Ca 94027
Please RSVP to Linda Kancev or Meg Milani |
| February 17-18, 2018 | San Francisco Peninsula Camellia Show |
| February 24-25, 2018 | Santa Clara Valley Camellia Show |
| March 3-4, 2018 | Sacramento Camellia Show |
| March 10-11, 2018 | Northern California Camellia Society Show |
| March 17-18, 2018 | Modesto Camellia Show |

Recipe of the month

PISTACHIO OR CHOCOLATE DELIGHT

Crust: 1 stick butter
1 1/4 cups flour
1/2 cup crushed nuts

Blend together. Press into 9 x 13 pan. Bake @350 degrees, 20 minutes.

Filling: 1 package cream cheese (8 oz.)
1/2 cup powdered sugar

Blend together. Fold in 1/2 carton cool whip (6 oz.). Spread on cooled crust.

Mix together: 1 small package vanilla pudding, 1 small package instant chocolate or pistachio pudding, and 2 2/3 cups milk. Cool about 20 minutes until thick.

Spread over cream cheese mixture in pan. Then spread the other 1/2 carton of cool whip over the top and sprinkle with chopped nuts.

