

HAPPY NEW YEAR

Camellia Society of Modesto

January 2019 Newsletter

President's Greeting

Happy New Year! I hope this year finds everyone happy and healthy. This has been a very busy time...not only has it been the holiday season, but our camellias are starting to bloom! Every week is a new surprise!



On December 1st, our club participated in the Modesto Celebration of lights parade for the first time. It went wonderfully! Even with the rain during our set up time, the parade route was dry. We handed out over 800 candy canes to the kids, and over 600 flyers to the adults. I feel now that we know what we are doing, next year can be even more successful! Our Christmas potluck was a lot of fun! We had a large group of camellia friends who brought delicious food and exciting gifts for our exchange. Thank you everyone who came!

On a sad note, we lost Doc Wait in November. A founding member of our society, and our club's first president. He was a pillar in the horticultural community and will be missed by all. His legacy will be carried on in his book, which will continue to educate and enlighten us all.

Our next meeting is coming up on January 13th. We are having a special guest speaker, Dale Pollard from the Modesto Junior College Environmental Horticulture Department. He will be speaking on the importance of healthy soil. Please come and bring a friend!

Sincerely,

Kim Bardsley

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THANK YOU

for sharing photos of your blooms! This image of a beautiful Yuletide was provided by Royce Rhoads. You can send your camellia photos to camelliasocietyofmodesto@gmail.com to have them featured in the monthly newsletter!

Modesto Camellia Society Archives

Article provided by Royce Rhoads and originally published in March 2017

The Symbolism of Camellia

The symmetrical beauty and long-lasting quality of the flower have long been appreciated by young lovers as the token for expressing devotion to each other. In the eyes of the Chinese, the petals reflect the spirit of a lady, and the holder of the petals (the calyx) represents the young man entrusted by the lady as her protector.

The calyx of the camellia falls with the petals when the flower has finished blooming. This is unlike most other flowers, where the calyx seems to hang around the tree even after the petals have dropped. This phenomena symbolizes an everlasting union between lovers. In many parts of China, the camellia is considered as the flower for young sons and daughters.

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Meeting Reminder!

What: Modesto Camellia Society Meeting

When: January 13, 2019 at 1:30 pm

Where: Modesto Central Fellowship Hall, at the corner of 16th and G Street downtown Modesto.

Special Guest Speaker Announcement!

Dale Pollard

Professor of Environmental Horticulture Science at Modesto Junior College

He will be presenting on the importance of healthy soil — you won't want to miss this!



Images provided by Barbara Bort

EASY, DELICIOUS, & A CROWD-PLEASER

Mini APPLE Twists

From the Kitchen of Johanna Elms....

Ingredients for Dough:

- ♦ 1 1/2 cup flour
- ♦ 1 tsp salt
- ♦ 1/2 cup shortening
- ♦ 4 to 5 tbsp water
- ♦ 2 tbsp softened butter

Ingredients for Filling:

- ♦ 2 apples cut into 8 wedges each
- ♦ 1/2 cup melted butter
- ♦ 1/2 cup sugar
- ♦ 1 1/2 tsp cinnamon
- ♦ 3/4 cup water



Directions:

1. Mix together flour, salt, shortening, and water from dough ingredients. Do not add butter yet.
2. Roll out dough onto floured surface to a 12 inch square
3. Spread with 2 tbsp soft butter on dough
4. Fold both sides to center
5. Roll into a 10 x 10 rectangle
6. Cut dough into 16 strips
7. Wrap each strip of dough around one plain apple wedge
8. Arrange all apple twists in a 13 x 9 x 2 pan, make sure sides are not touching
9. Brush tops with 1/2 cup melted butter, use it all
10. Sprinkle tops with 1/2 cup sugar and 1 1/2 teaspoon cinnamon
11. Pour 3/4 cup of water into pan
12. Bake at 450 degrees in oven for 20 to 30 minutes
13. Serve warm with ice cream or whipped cream!



2019 Camellia Show Season Schedule

February 2, 2019

Council Meeting and Mini Show

February 9-10, 2019

San Francisco Peninsula Camellia Show

February 15-19, 2019

American Camellia Society Convention

February 23-24, 2019

Santa Clara Camellia Show

March 2-3, 2019

Camellia Society of Sacramento Show

March 9-10, 2019

Northern California Camellia Society Show

March 16-17, 2019

Camellia Society of Modesto Show



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