



American Camellia Society
Speakers' Bureau Form

Please type responses below and return as an email attachment to ask@americancamellias.org

- 1) Speaker's Name: Charles C. Mitchell
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- 4) Home City and State: Auburn, AL
- 5) Distance Willing to Travel: 80 miles
- 6) **List Presentation Topics.**
First Topic: Propagating Camellias
Second Topic: Heirloom Camellias
Third Topic: Growing Camellias in the Deep South
Fourth Topic: Enjoying Camellias – THE STATE FLOWER OF ALABAMA
Fifth Topic:
- 7) Audio/Visual Equipment Required: none, will provide my own
- 8) Minimum Audience Size: 20
- 9) Basic Speaking Fee (if any): none
- 10) Travel Expenses Expected? Mileage @ \$0.55/mi if over 50 miles
- 11) Lodging Expenses Expected? Yes if overnight
- 12) Meal Expenses Expected? No
- 13) Special needs of Speaker: N/A

14) Credentials/Background of Speaker:

Dr. Charles Mitchell retired as Professor Emeritus from the Department of Crop, Soil and Environmental Sciences at Auburn University in 2016. He served for 32 years as the Extension Soil Specialist for the Alabama Cooperative Extension System and conducted research with soil amendments, plant nutrients, and soil quality. He has taught “Soils, Plant Nutrition and Fertilizers” as part of the Master Gardener training program since before there was an official Master Gardener program in Alabama. He grew up on the family farm in Marengo County, Alabama, and has degrees

from Birmingham-Southern College, Auburn University and the University of Florida. Before coming to Auburn in 1984, he was director of the Soil Testing Laboratory at Clemson University in South Carolina and has remained active in soil testing research at Auburn and has been responsible for the nutrient recommendations for Alabama crops. He is a Fellow of the American Society of Agronomy and serves on the Board of Directors of the Southeast Certified Crops Advisors. In addition to his professional activities, he now serves as president of the Lee County Historical Society, is active in the Auburn Civitan Club and the Auburn-Opelika Men's Camellia Club and is a volunteer leader of a local 4-H Club. He and his wife, Peggy, are avid gardeners and take care of several of the gardens at Pioneer Park in Loachapoka.