

PETAL PUSHERS

NORTHERN CALIFORNIA CAMELLIA SOCIETY

FEBRUARY 2016

Show Time!

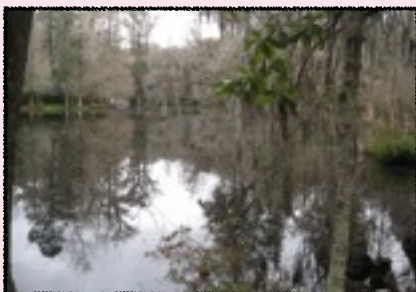
Don't you just love to hear those words? February 6th begins the Northern California camellia show circuit with the first show in Modesto at John's Incredible Pizza. Hopefully you are already checking out your plants to see what wonderful blooms you can bring to the show, even if the weather is not cooperating. Remember the best time to cut your blooms is in the morning when it's cool. If you haven't gathered together your camellia show gear, do so ASAP: warm clothes, entry cards, warm gloves, flowers boxes, warm hats, pencils and erasers, warm socks, cups, cotton balls, warm lap blanket, etc. You know the drill if you are a veteran. Novices, check with an old timer for more helpful hints. C-Day (camellia show day) will be here before you know it!



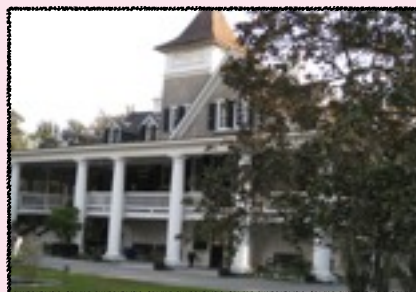
Meeting for February

Our next regular meeting will be on Sunday, February 7th at the St. Andrew's Celebration Center on Mary Dr. in Pleasant Hill. We will meet at our new time of 2:00 PM. Our program for this month is a talk by John Wang on hybridizing. We are sure to hear some interesting stories from John on

his experiences in hybridizing camellias, many of which are "pretty good" according to John. We look forward to seeing you at our meeting on February 6th for an educational talk. We were glad to see so many of you last month. Hope to see you **all** there again this time!



MAGNOLIA PLANTATION & GARDENS, CHARLESTON, SC- If you want to see the beauty of a Southern plantation & garden, then this is the place to visit.



We went in January, but it was after severe cold and rain, so we didn't see many camellias in bloom. However, the gardens were still absolutely gorgeous.



To learn more, check out the website www.magnoliaplantation.com.

CALENDAR



Feb. 7, 2016 Regular Meeting at St. Andrew's Celebration Center on Mary Dr. in Pleasant Hill. at 2:00 PM - on SUNDAY

Feb. 6, 2016 - Kickoff Show in Modesto at John's Incredible Pizza

Mar. 6, 2016 - Regular Meeting St. Andrew's Celebration Center on Mary Dr. in Pleasant Hill. at 2:00 PM - on SUNDAY

The Secret to My Success

by John Wang



Reminders

Time to renew your membership!

Send it to Don Bergamini, 2023 Huntridge Ct., Martinez, CA 94553. ASAP

Per Family = \$37.50

Just NCCS = \$15.00

Please include your name, address, phone #, and email address for our records.

Please consider donating one or more trophies to help make our show a success!

HYBRIDIZING WITH JOHN

At our meeting, John Wang will share some of his long term study of hybridizing and what makes a successful hybridizer. John's goal is to shorten the amount of time and improve the odds of developing a new desirable variety of camellia. He plans to share his secrets to help potential hybridizers. His experiences in hybridizing camellias has always proved to be very informative and helpful for anyone interested in trying it or just for those wondering how some people can produce these marvelous new varieties for the rest of us to enjoy. His presentations have always given us an interesting insight into hybridizing John Wang Style.

WHAT TO DO THIS MONTH

Start pinning back your leaves and blooms to get those prize winning flowers!

Keep those flower petals picked up to avoid petal blight!

Remember to keep watering the plants under the eaves since the rain doesn't always reach them.

Happy Days Are Here Again! 2016 Shows



Buy Your Plants NOW!

Plants from Nuccio's are now available from Don Bergamini. Below is listed the plants we have this year: Camellias: Betty's Beauty, Black Magic, Cabernet, Chie Taramoto, Chris Bergamini, Elaine's Betty, Emma Gaeta Var., Ferris Wheel, Firedance Var., Frank Houser, Frank Houser Var., Happy Harlequin, High Fragrance, Hot Stuff, Hulyn Smith, Island

Sunset, Joe Nuccio, Julius Nuccio, Junior Prom, Ki-No Senritsu, Lady Laura, Lucky Star, Margaret Davis, Miss Tulare, Night Rider, Nuccio's Bella Rosa, Bella Rosa Var., Gem, & Pearl, Paper Dolls, Phyllis Hunt, Princess Masako, Royal Velvet Var., Senritsu-Ko, Something Beautiful, Spring Daze, Tama Peacock, Valley Knudsen Azaleas: Baker's Lavender, Green Glow, Mardi Gras, Nuccio's Allegro, Garden Party, Happy Days, Magnificence, Pink Champagne, Pink Bubbles. Seraphim, Singing Fountain.. If you want the best prices, put in your order right away before the show or you might lose out!! Call Don at 925-229-0775.

Feb. 6, 2016 Kickoff Show in Modesto at John's Incredible Pizza

Feb. 13-14, 2016 SF Peninsula Camellia Society Show

Feb. 20-21, 2016 Santa Clara Co. Camellia Society Show

March 5-6, 2016 Sacramento Camellia Society Show

March 12-13, 2016 No. Calif. Camellia Society Show

March 19-20, 2016 Modesto Camellia Society Show

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