



Camellia Columns

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A Message from the President

Dear VCS Members,

Hopefully, all of you completed your spring pruning, fertilizing and air layering. Now is the time to plan for the upcoming camellia season. What are your camellia objectives?

A great objective to consider would be expanding your camellia collection. The fall is an ideal season to plant new camellias. You may want to consider showing blooms at our fall show. Plan now to gibb your potential camellia plants. Gibbing season usually starts in early September.

Your most rewarding experience may be attending the Hands-On Workshop August 24th at Norfolk Botanical Garden. This is a great opportunity to increase your camellia knowledge, fellowship with camellia enthusiast and volunteer at the Norfolk Botanical Gardens. Workshops are truly a lot of fun. I hope to see you all soon.

Sincerely,
Toni P. McKenna
President, Virginia Camellia Society

AMERICAN CAMELLIA SOCIETY HALF-OFF MEMBERSHIP OFFER

ACS membership is available to any local camellia club member for half-off effective immediately until December 31, 2013. See application form on page 6 or for additional information contact:
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MONTHLY CARE REMINDERS FOR YOUR CAMELLIAS

Fertilize again with 16-4-8, or use Azalea-Camellia fertilizer 4-8-12 and water it in. It's now too late to prune. You will be cutting off bloom buds for the coming season. Check Air-Layers. If damaged and moss is dry, spray with water and re-wrap.

Water during long dry spells. Ground should be moist, not wet! A reliable indicator is if your Azalea leaves are beginning to droop you need to water.

Courtesy of the Atlantic Coast Camellia Society Website

OLD FASHIONED PLANT SWAP

Saturday, September 28, 2013, 3:00-7:00 pm
at the Chesapeake Arboretum
624 Oak Grove Road, Chesapeake VA 23322.

Bring your air layers to swap with other members and great food for our Potluck dinner. Do you have a rare camellia or the next show winner everyone is looking for? Come haggle and horse trade with other members while enjoying food and drinks that everyone brings to share. You can even bring other plants that you think members might want to trade. Grandma's heirloom rose or a great hydrangea might get everyone's attention.

This is the first time we've tried this event and are excited about it. Right now we are looking at a pool with general plants and varieties with a straight ticket swap, as well as a person to person swap for those rare varieties to keep it interesting. Hard to find and rare camellias, will get special attention. Bring several copies of your list for others to peruse while we enjoy our meal. Pictures and descriptions are a plus. Hopefully we'll learn about new camellias and bring home some treasures.

For more info contact Kathy Hanson @ 757-242-4367 or Mike Adruczyk @ 757-382-6348

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CONTROLLING TEA SCALE

This is the season that camellia plants will be showing tea scale if they are infested. In general, tea scale colonies have a whitish appearance caused by the white coverings of the male insects and their white secretions. In heavy infestations, these white waxes make the underside of the leaf appear "cottony." Affected leaves will develop yellow blotches on the upper surface. Heavily affected plants may be thin and unsightly and have fewer blooms.

Once you have found tea scale, the use of dormant oils mixed in a sprayer with water is the current best defense. In the middle of summer, it is too hot to spray these dormant oils, you must read the instruction label for the recommended temperature range for application. The best seasons to spray is in the spring and early fall once the temperatures are a bit lower. This is important as spraying when the temperature is too high will damage your plant. During these hot summer months the best manner to control tea scale is to pick off the infected leaves and dispose in the trash.

When it is safe to spray, effective dormant oil treatment will not occur unless the bottom side of the leaf is sprayed, so angle

your sprayer accordingly. A practical hint can help you with your effective spraying – maintain high pressure in your sprayer in order to develop a fine mist that will easily coat the underside of the leaves.

The experts say that to keep tea scale away, one needs to keep their camellia plants well pruned so that air easily transits through the branch network. Also, branches very low to the ground should be eliminated. In order to best control tea scale outbreaks on your camellias, frequent examination of your plants is required. Many flower garden fans use a hand lens or magnifying glass to help detect pests in the early stages, by examining the underneath sides of sample leaves for tiny insects.

Courtesy of "The Tea Scale and its Control" ACS Yearbook 1971 and the ACCS website

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VIRGINIA CAMELLIA SOCIETY CALENDAR OF EVENTS FOR 2013-2014 MARK YOUR CALENDARS TODAY!

Watch for future revised editions, updates, cancellations etc. on our website vacamelliasociety.org or in the VCS newsletter, the garden sections of the VA-Pilot and Daily Press. (Please be sure we have your correct, current email address.)

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**SATURDAY, AUGUST 24, 2013,
9:00AM--12:30PM.**

**HANDS-ON CAMELLIA WORKSHOP at the
NBG HOFHEIMER CAMELLIA GARDEN**

Air Layers will be harvested and potted. Bring Pruners and gloves.

(Rain date August 31, 2013)

**SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 21, 2013
10:00AM—3:00PM**

**FALL GARDENING FESTIVAL
"It's Easy to Go Green"**

Hampton Roads AREC
1444 Diamond Springs Road

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 28, 2013,
3:00PM—7:00PM
CHESAPEAKE ARBORETUM
AIR LAYER SWAP

FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 8, 2013,
2:00PM—3:00PM
Set-up for Camellia Plant Sale & Show in
NBG BAKER HALL.

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 9, 2013,
8:00AM—4:00PM
FALL CAMELLIA SHOW & PLANT SALE at
NBG BAKER HALL

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 5, 2013,
6:00PM—9:00PM
ANNUAL "GATHERING OF GARDENERS"
At NBG ROSE GARDEN HALL
Holiday Pot-Luck Dinner & Silent Auction.

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 6, 2013,
6:00PM—9:00PM
VCS MEMBERS & GUESTS HOLIDAY POT
LUCK PARTY at the FRED HEUTTE
CENTER, 1000 Botetourt Gardens, Ghent
Square, Norfolk 23507 Bring guest(s) and
your beverage of choice, a side dish (salad,
veggie etc.) or desert, and an item for the
silent auction.

TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 18, 2014,
7:00PM—0830PM
ANNUAL INDOOR WORKSHOP or SPEAKER

FRIDAY, MARCH 21, 2014,
1:00PM—3:00PM
SET-UP FOR SPRING SHOW & PLANT SALE
NBG Baker Hall

SATURDAY, MARCH 22, 2014,
8:00AM—4:00PM
VCS SPRING CAMELLIA SHOW &
PLANT SALE
NBG BAKER HALL

SATURDAY, APRIL 5 2014,
9:30AM—1230PM
HANDS-ON WORKSHOP
NBG HOFHEIMER CAMELLIA GARDEN,
(Rain date 12 April, 2014)

SATURDAY-SUNDAY, APRIL 26 - 27 2014,
9:00AM—4:00PM
ANNUAL HERB AND PLANT SALE
FESTIVAL, at the FRED HEUTTE CENTER,
1000 Botetourt Gardens, Ghent Square,
Norfolk 23507

FRIDAY THRU SUNDAY, MAY 9- 11, 2014,
GARDENER'S MARKET at NBG.

THURSDAY, MAY 22, 2014,
6:00PM—8:30PM
ANNUAL TRAIN RIDE & PICNIC at NBG'S
PICNIC PAVILLION. If rain--Baker Hall.

Additional events will be added as we
confirm them.

All dates are subject to change

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The Purpose/Mission of the Virginia Camellia Society is to learn and to promote the growth and propagation of the beautiful camellia through meetings, workshops, and through the presentation and sponsorships of annual camellia shows. (VCS 2004)

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- *I have never been a member of the American Camellia Society. YES or NO*

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