



Camellia Columns

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A Message from the President

Dear VCS Members,

Camellia season is here and what a joy it is to see all the c. sasanquas in full bloom. Hopefully, some of you camellia folks have been gibbing your c. japonicas this fall so our show tables will be full of beautiful camellia blooms.

I encourage all of you to attend our annual Fall Camellia Show and Plant Sale on November 8, 2014 at the Norfolk Botanical Gardens, Baker Hall. If you have never entered a camellia bloom in a show before, please do so this year. There is a BEST Bloom, novice award, for those showing for the first time. For all of you, the more blooms you enter the greater chance you have of taking home a prize.

Bennett's Creek Nursery will supply the camellia plants for our sale this year. The price of a three-gallon camellia is \$25.00 for members and \$28.00 for non-members. This will be a great opportunity to purchase some beautiful camellias.

The 2015 VCS Calendar of Events has been set. We need the support of all members to get involved in these events so

the Virginia Camellia Society can continue the tradition of growing and promoting camellias in the Tidewater area. If you would like to be more involved but not sure how, please contact me at tmckenna@cox.net or 757-376-2119. The best way to learn more about camellias is to volunteer.

I look forward to seeing you this weekend at the show.

Toni McKenna
VCS President

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INTERESTED IN BECOMING A CAMELLIA SHOW JUDGE? Sign Up Today

JUDGING SCHOOL: NOVICE & RE-ACCREDITATION SYMPOSIUM

Host: Virginia Camellia Society

Date: November 7 2014

Time: 2:00 p.m. – 4:00 p.m.

Fee: \$10 for Novice, payable at the class.

Instructors: Larry Barlow and Richard Buggeln

Location: Baker Hall,
Norfolk Botanical Garden,
6700 Azalea Garden Rd.,
Norfolk, VA 23518.

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MONTHLY CARE REMINDERS FOR YOUR CAMELLIAS

All of your air-layers should be off and potted with an appropriate growing medium. It is best to leave them for one full year in these pots to further establish their root balls. A year from now will be the ideal time to plant them, as the late fall is the ideal time to plant new camellias in the ground.

Fertilize your landscape plants with 0-0-22. November and December is also a good time to spray for scale and insects if problems have been observed.

Most of all - ENJOY YOUR CAMELLIAS FOR THE HOLIDAYS and BRING YOUR BLOOMS TO THE SHOW – Camellias are often called the Winter Rose!

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IN REGARDS TO MULCH

As noted above, fall is a great and highly recommended time to plant camellias, as well as most other plants, shrubs and small trees. When we plant, we use mulch to ensure the health of our plants and increase the beauty of our property. It is not necessary to remove and replace mulch each year. However, some gardeners will recommend replacing mulch around rose bushes in the spring in order to reduce black spot disease.

For camellias, there has been no noted benefit to remove old mulch and refresh with new mulch, to include any notable difference in the occurrence of petal blight. Pine straw seems to make a very compatible mulch to go with camellia plant, but hardwood mulch is also a fine substance.

At times a white mold will break out in pine straw mulch. Although this mold is not very attractive, it does not normally attack plants, particularly camellias. It is not necessary to pull back your mulch to fertilize your plant, simply sprinkle as you normally would on top of the mulch and count of rain to gently distribute the fertilizer to where it needs to go.

**CAMELLIA SALE
NOVEMBER 8, 2014
3 GAL. Plants - \$25.00 Members
\$28.00 Non-Member**

The following camellias will be available for sale at 10:00 am. Come early for the best selection.

YULETIDE – DK RED
camellia sasanqua

HANA JIMAN – WHITE PINK
camellia sasanqua

CLEOPATRA- ROSE PINK
camellia sasanqua

SNOW FLURRY - WHITE
camellia hybrid

BONANZA- DEEP RED
camellia sasanqua

AUTUMN MOON (MARIE KIRK)-
WHITE
camellia sasanqua

SHISHI GASHIRA- DK PINK
camellia hiemalis

WILLIAM LANIER HUNT- ROSE RED
camellia hiemalis

AUTUMN ROCKET- WHITE
camellia sasanqua

OUR LINDA / SHISHI GASHIRA-
PINK
camellia sasanqua

**VIRGINIA CAMELLIA SOCIETY
CALENDAR OF EVENTS FOR 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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**FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 7, 2014,
1:00PM -3:00PM
SET-UP FOR FALL SHOW & PLANT SALE
NBG BAKER HALL**

**FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 7, 2014,
2:00PM - 4:00PM
JUDGING SCHOOL FOR NOVICES AND RE-ACCREDITATION
NBG HOLLY ROOM**

**SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 8, 2014,
10:00AM -- 4:00PM
VCS FALL CAMELLIA SHOW & PLANT SALE
NBG BAKER HALL**

**FRIDAY, DECEMBER 5, 2014,
6:00PM - 9:30PM
VCS HOLIDAY PARTY
FRED HUETTE CENTER**

**FRIDAY thru SUNDAY,
JANUARY 30, - FEBRUARY 1, 2015,
10:00AM - 7:00PM
VIRGINIA FLOWER AND GARDEN EXPO
VIRGINIA BEACH CONVENTION CENTER**

**TUESDAY, MARCH 3, 2015,
7:00PM - 9:00PM
GUEST SPEAKER - BOB BLACK,
BENNETT'S CREEK NURSERY
HOLLY ROOM NBG**

**FRIDAY, MARCH 20, 2015
1:00PM - 3:00PM
SET-UP FOR SPRING SHOW & PLANT SALE
NBG BAKER HALL**

**SATURDAY, MARCH 21, 2015
10:00AM - 4:00PM
VCS SPRING CAMELLIA SHOW & PLANT SALE**

**SATURDAY, APRIL 4, 2015,
9:00AM - NOON
AIR LAYER WORKSHOP
NBG - HOFHEIMER CAMELLIA GARDEN**

**FRIDAY - SUNDAY, MAY 7-9, 2015,
10:00AM - 5:00PM
MAY PLANT SALE
NORFOLK BOTANICAL GARDENS**

**TUESDAY, MAY 12, 2015,
6:00PM - 8:00PM
VCS ANNUAL PICNIC AND TRAIN RIDE
NBG PICNIC PAVILION**

**SATURDAY, AUGUST 22, 2015,
9:00AM - NOON
WORKSHOP
NBG HOFHEIMER CAMELLIA GARDENS**

**SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 19, 2015,
10:00AM - 3:00PM
FALL FESTIVAL
AREC
DIAMOND SPRINGS ROAD**

SEPTEMBER AIR LAYER SWAP -TBD

OCTOBER EDUCATIONAL PROGRAM - TBD

**FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 13, 2015,
1:00PM - 3:00PM
SET-UP FOR FALL SHOW & PLANT SALE**

**SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 14, 2015,
10:00AM - 4:00PM
VCS FALL SHOW & PLANT SALE
NBG BAKER HALL**

**FRIDAY, DECEMBER 4 2015,
6:00PM - 9:00PM
VCS HOLIDAY PARTY
FRED HUETTE CENTER**

Additional events will be added as we confirm them.

All dates are subject to change
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VCS Board Meeting Dates for 2015

January 22, 2015

March 5, 2015

June 23, 2015

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