



Camellia Columns

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A Message from the President

On behalf of the Virginia Camellia Society, I would like to wish all of you a Happy New Year! 2012 is going to be an exciting adventure for the VCS as we are hosting the American Camellia Society here in Norfolk for the first time in 10 years. At the 2002 conference, the VCS Board and many of you volunteered to produce a dynamic and educational show for the ACS Convention. I hope this year we can do the same. I believe the American Camellia Society is again going to be very impressed with all of the talent and personality of our chapter.

The VCS officers and board have been hard at work scheduling and soliciting donations and sponsorships throughout the past six months. With so much accomplished, yet so much left to do, it is hard to believe the Convention is only three months away. I encourage all of you to go to the ACS website <http://www.camellias-acs.org/> and register to attend. You can also contact any of the board if you would like to volunteer during the convention, or donate item for our silent auction. It is going to take a big family to succeed, and luckily, we have a great one! I ask that you take a moment to review our schedule for educational and volunteer opportunities at our upcoming events. Opportunities like our plant sales, workshops, and the VCS picnic are great ways to meet and grow with the VCS. You might also find a few plants you may want in your own garden. I hope you all have a safe and enjoyable 2012, and remember, we always have the blooms to get us through!

Sincerely,

Marcus E. Jones
President, Virginia Camellia Society



American Camellia Society 2012 National Winter Convention in Norfolk

The Virginia Camellia Society will host the American Camellia Society's 2012 national winter convention in **Norfolk, from March 21 to 25, 2012**. We have contracted with the recently refurbished Lake Wright Quality Suites and Sleep Inn for lodging, hospitality room and the Saturday night National Convention Banquet. Bus tours will depart from the hotel to Elizabethan Gardens, Wright Brothers Memorial, Bennets Creek Nursery and the exciting gardens in Smithfield. The Presidents Reception will be held at the Chrysler Museum on Friday night March 23, 2012.

General Fee for Convention \$120- Must be paid by all attendees. **Go to ACS website to register online.** Optional cost of individual convention tours below. **Must be registered by March 12 to guarantee ticket to daily events.**

Wednesday -Tour to Isle of Wight, VA - Bennett's Creek Nursery, Pinkham House and Smithfield Gardens includes bus transportation and catered lunch **\$20**

Thursday -Tour To Outer Banks, NC - Wright Brothers Memorial and Elizabethan Gardens includes bus transportation and lunch at Black Pelican **\$20**

Friday - tour of Norfolk, VA, President's Reception -Chrysler Museum Tour, Cocktails and Dinner includes transportation **\$40**

Saturday - Camellia Show at Norfolk Botanical Gardens including catered lunch and Dinner Banquet at Hotel includes entertainment By Strolling Strings **\$40**
Total cost of registration and optional tours and receptions **\$240.**

Special EARLY REGISTRATION -\$195 (Best Deal) online at <http://www.camellias-acs.org/> must be received by JAN.16, 2012. INCLUDES: General Registration Fee, Wednesday All Day Tour and Lunch, Thursday All Day Tour and Lunch, Friday Afternoon Tour and Evening President' Reception, Saturday Norfolk Botanical Tour, Lunch and Evening Banquet

REGISTRATION - January 17 to March 12, 2012- \$215 per person. INCLUDES: General Registration Fee, Wednesday All Day Tour and Lunch, Thursday All Day Tour and Lunch, Friday Afternoon Tour and Evening President' Reception, Saturday Norfolk Botanical Tour, Lunch and Evening Banquet

REGISTRATION:RECEIVED AFTER March 12, 2012, see general fee menu above.

National Convention Sponsorship

The Board of Directors of the Virginia Camellia Society as host society of the 2012 American Camellia Society National Convention in Norfolk Virginia are asking you to attend and be a partner of the exciting programs and events planned for the convention. Ads and sponsorship must be received by February 29, 2012. Program ads may be e-mailed to wa.sp@verizon.net. Checks should be made out to VCS or the Virginia Camellia Society and mailed to

VCS Convention,
P.O. Box 1285
Chesapeake, VA 23327.

Convention **program book** rates are:

Business Card size \$100 ¼ Page \$250
½ Page \$400 Full Page \$750

Display Tables are for the show on Saturday only.

6' table - \$100 8' table - \$150

Food sponsors for \$1000.

Beverage sponsors are for \$500

National Convention sponsor rates are:

Gold \$2500 - recognition at Presidents reception, Saturday night reception, program book ad and 3x6 banner.

Silver \$1500 - recognition at Saturday night reception, program book ad and 3x6 banner

Bronze \$750 - ½ page in Program, 2x4 banner

Please contact the Virginia Camellia Society Treasurer Phil Johnson at 757-777-6645 for details or questions, e-mail at wa.sp@verizon.net

VIRGINIA CAMELLIA SOCIETY 2012 CALENDAR OF EVENTS, MARK YOUR CALENDER TODAY!

Go to <http://www.camellias-acs.org/> for details

Jan 20-22, - Flower and Garden Expo at the Virginia Beach Convention Center 10 -6 PM

February 21, Tuesday—Camellia Workshop, Russell Memorial Library, Chesapeake 6:30 PM

March 10, Saturday – York County Horticultural Extravaganza 10 -2 pm

MARCH 21 to 25, 2012, American Camellia Society National Winter Convention and Show hosted by the Virginia Camellia Society, Norfolk Virginia.

***see fee schedule on page 1.**

***March 21- Wed** Bennett's Creek and Smithfield Gardens tour

***March 22- Thurs** Elizabethan Gardens and Wright Brothers Memorial Tour.

***March 23- Friday** Norfolk Historical tour and Presidents reception at the Chrysler Museum.

MARCH 23, Fri. 2 pm, SET-UP FOR SPRING CAMELLIA SHOW AND PLANT SALE, ROSE GARDEN HALL, NBG. Volunteers needed.

***MARCH 24, Saturday** CAMELLIA SHOW, SALE, and educational programs at Norfolk Botanical Gardens 10 AM - 4 PM

***March 24, Saturday ACS Convention Banquet**

Lake Wright Inn Reception 6PM-7PM, Dinner 7:00 -9:00 PM. **Key Note Speaker Brad King**

March 25, Sunday * Optional Bus Tour of Williamsburg guided by Dr. Winston Gouldin. \$75/person, not included in registration.

APRIL 7, 2012 Saturday, 9 am-12 noon, HANDS-ON WORKSHOP, HOFHEIMER CAMELLIA GARDEN, NBG. Learn air-layering, pruning, fertilizing/ maintenance and proper planting techniques.

Open to the public. Bad weather date is April 14.

MAY 11-12, 2012, GARDENER'S MARKET, NBG.

Volunteers needed. We sell air-layers that have been held over 1-2 yrs. by NBG's greenhouse, propagated at our workshops.

MAY 22, 2012, Tues. 6:30 pm. Members and guests ANNUAL TRAIN RIDE & PICNIC @ NBG'S PICNIC PAVILLION. If stormy, Baker Hall.

2012 Board of Directors Meetings

6:00 PM NBG:

January 10- Host Sandy Godwin

February 16 – Host Robyn Waltrip

March 6 – Our President Marcus Jones

Virginia Camellia Society Membership dues

for 2012 are now due. Please return in the enclosed envelope by Feb 15th.

Family dues are \$25 Single \$20

From the Board of Directors

A gracious Thank you to all of you for your support and help in making 2011 an exciting year. We look forward to seeing you at the American Camellia Society convention and all this year's programs.