



Camellia Columns

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Letter from the President

I would like to welcome our new members and thank our current members for your generous support of the VCS during the past year. I am excited to say that I have accepted the office of president during a growing and successful period in our society's history. This year is going to be busy, and we will be looking for your help.

The American Camellia Society is coming to Norfolk for its Annual Convention in March of 2012, and we could not be happier to be given the opportunity to host! Your board members have been hard at work the past couple of months developing a knockout show for the ACS to enjoy. Soon we will be entering the stage of this process where we will need your help to make this convention comparable to the fantastic convention we hosted 10 years ago. We will be accepting donations for silent auction items and sponsorships to help the VCS and ACS directly. We will also need volunteers to help us entertain this wonderful organization. This society is full of talented members, who love to help our passion, the camellia. This will be a great opportunity to do just that.

In closing, it would be foolish of me, not to devote some of my first letter to the hard work and effort given the VCS by my predecessor, Mike Andruczyk. Mike served for the past three years flawlessly. We have gained many new members and retained most of our current members due to his and the Board's constant attention to detail and promotion. Mike has helped keep the society progressing as a fresh and growing organization in our community. Thank you Mike, for the time and

leadership you have given the Society during your term.

Thank you all again, for your support, and I hope I am able to meet as many of you as possible at one of our many exciting upcoming events.

Sincerely,

Marcus E. Jones
President, Virginia Camellia Society



American Camellia Society 2012 National Convention in Norfolk

The Virginia Camellia Society President Marcus Jones is proud to announce that we will host the American Camellia Society's 2012 national convention in **Norfolk, on March 21 to 25, 2012.**

The VCS and ACS are planning fun-filled tours, learning experiences and a fabulous Camellia show and sale Saturday March 24th at the Norfolk Botanical Gardens. See calendar of events in this issue for a preview of activities.

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 Inn 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.

We invite you to save the dates for what will prove to be an outstanding and memorable American Camellia Society convention and show.

Additional information on the American and Virginia Camellia Societies web sites.

Hurricane Irene

Hurricane Irene hammered Norfolk Botanical Gardens delaying many events and destroying over a dozen large tree's leaving behind lots of debris but spared the wonderful collection in the Camellia garden. Volunteers and staff had the gardens back

open in less than a week to show off what they and Mother Nature can do in a windy and wet pruning workshop.

VCS Air-Layer WORKSHOP

By **Winston Gouldin**, Education chairman.
For the very first time our fall workshop at the garden was delayed by a hurricane. This placed our makeup workshop on the Saturday of Labor Day weekend, again for the first time. Considering how many years we have conducted these workshops, this is rather remarkable. We had twenty-seven people show up, not bad for a holiday weekend. Attendees were encouraged to join VCS, ACS and NBG.

The workshop began with Past President Winston Gouldin over viewing and demonstrating the principles of disbudding. We then discussed the use of gibberellic acid (gib). Gib used on camellias is a naturally occurring plant growth regulator which increases flower size, shape and allows the flower to open early. Depending on weather and the variety of camellia, the flower will open approximately six weeks after its application. Proper application was then demonstrated. The learners were sent out with instructors to practice these two modalities.

The workshop participants then got down to the business of removing the 255 air-layers that were applied at the spring workshop. and these were potted up by the many volunteers. 46 air-layer failures were counted. The workshop has a typical success rate of 76%. Everyone worked hard and the novices had a good learning experience. We concluded by enjoying Papa John's pizza.

HANDS-ON CAMELLIA PLANTING WORKSHOP, HOFHEIMER CAMELLIA GARDEN, Norfolk Botanical Garden

October 22, 2011 Saturday 9:30 -12 noon

Have you ever planted something and it looked poor soon thereafter. Did you wonder how deep to plant or how much light or water it should have? Come to the October Virginia Camellia Society planting workshop and learn proper camellia planting techniques. You will be planting NEW

varieties VCS purchased for the Hofheimer Garden. Free entrance fee at NBG for VCS members.

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. We are inviting each society and business to buy a sponsoring ad in the program book. Tables and banners will be available for displays at events. Ads and sponsorship must be received by February 15, 2012. Program ads may be e-mailed to wa.sp@verizon.net. Checks should be made out to VCS or the Virginia Camellia Society **should be 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

Banners are available for display at all major convention events except the Presidents reception.

2x4 - \$400 3x6 - \$500

Display Tables are also available for the show on Saturday only.

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

Food sponsors are available for the hospitality room for \$1000.

Beverage sponsors are available for the hospitality room 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 CALENDAR OF EVENTS, 2011-2012

MARK YOUR CALENDARS TODAY!

Watch for future revised editions, up-dates, cancellations etc. in the VCS newsletter, and on our website: vacamelliasociety.org.

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October 22, 2011 Saturday 9:30 -12 noon, HANDS-ON CAMELLIA PLANTING WORKSHOP, HOFHEIMER CAMELLIA GARDEN, NBG. Learn proper planting techniques. You will be planting NEW varieties VCS purchased for the Hofheimer Garden and learning proper planting techniques. (The holes may be dug in advance!)

November 11, 2011, Fri. 2 pm, SET-UP FOR FALL CAMELLIA SHOW AND PLANT SALE, BAKER HALL, NBG. Volunteers needed; good way to learn. Judges Reception 6:00 PM

November 12, 2011, Sat. – Fall CAMELLIA SHOW AND PLANT SALE, BAKER HALL, NBG. Placement Committee volunteers must enter your own blooms by 8:30 am so you can help others entering blooms. You do not have to be a member to enter camellia blooms in the show. There is an award for novice growers. Judging begins promptly at 10:30 am. Show does not open to public until judging is over, approx. 12:30 pm. Plant sales will begin at 10 am, not before, and end at 4 pm. **Volunteers needed.** *VCS Members and NBG members receive discount on camellia plants.* Cash or personal checks at the sale table. Debit or credit cards accepted at the Gift Shop.

DECEMBER 9, 2011, Friday 6:00 – 9:00 PM
VCS annual Pot Luck Christmas Party at the Huetten Center, Norfolk For members and guests.

MARCH 21 to 25, 2012, American Camellia Society National Convention and Show hosted by the Virginia Camellia Society, Norfolk Virginia.
Go to <http://www.camellias-ac.org/> for details on lodging and convention activities.
Convention Preview
Wed March 21- Bennett's Creek and Smithfield Gardens tour
Thurs March 22- Elizabethan Gardens and Wright Brothers Memorial Tour.
Friday March 23- Norfolk Historical tour and Presidents reception at the Chrysler Museum.
Saturday March 24, Camellia show, sale educational programs, and judges school at Norfolk Botanical Gardens.
National Convention Banquet Lake Wright Inn.

MARCH 23, 2012, Fri. 2 pm, SET-UP FOR SPRING CAMELLIA SHOW AND PLANT SALE, ROSE GARDEN HALL, NBG. Volunteers needed; good way to learn. Judges Reception 6:00 PM

MARCH 24, 2012, Sat. – SPRING CAMELLIA SHOW AND PLANT SALE, ROSE GARDEN HALL, NBG. Placement Committee volunteers must enter your own blooms by 8:30 am so you can help others entering blooms. You do not have to be a member to enter camellia blooms in the show. There is an award for novice growers. Judging begins promptly at 10:30 am. Show does not open to public until judging is over, approx. 12:30 pm. Plant sales will begin at 10 am, not before, and end at 4 pm. **Volunteers needed.** *VCS Members and NBG members receive discount on camellia plants.* Cash or personal checks at the sale table. Debit or credit cards accepted at the Gift Shop.

APRIL 7, 2012, Sat. 9 am-12 noon, HANDS-ON WORKSHOP, HOFHEIMER CAMELLIA GARDEN, NBG. Learn air-layering, pruning, fertilizing/maintenance and proper planting techniques. Bring pruning shears, a sharp knife or pliers, and garden gloves. You will be volunteering at NBG so

be sure to sign in. Free and 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. Many plants qualify as antique varieties (introduced to USA prior to 1900). Some are from old camellias planted when Fred Heutte was Superintendent of Parks and brought camellia cuttings back from all his travels. Proceeds from the sales of these air layers go right back to maintain and add new varieties to the Hofheimer Camellia Garden at NBG. Air layers given to new memberships of VCS and ACS.

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

Board of Directors Meetings

6:00 PM NBG:

January 10, 2012 - host Sandy Godwin
February 16 – host Robyn Waltrip
March 6 – Our President Marcus Jones

IN MEMORIAM

Carol Lee Sutherland Past President Virginia Camellia Society, American Camellia Society state director and member of the Virginia Camellia Society board of the directors along with Ella Stallings along-time member.

VIRGINIA CAMELLIA SOCIETY OFFICERS, DIRECTORS

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President – Marcus Jones,
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Virginia Camellia Society Annual financial statement

Assets

CD	10,181.42
Checking	<u>2,227.80</u>
Total Assets	12,409.22

Liabilities and Equity

Opening Balance Equity	11,621.85
Unrestricted Net assets	-298.65
Net Income	<u>1,086.02</u>
Total equity	12,409.22
Total Liabilities and equity	12,409.22