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Chance hybrid seedling #H-845 (1978). Female parent: Nuccio's 'Ruby.' First bloom — 1982. Average size: 5 1/2" x 3 1/2", 33 petals. Season: Medium to late. Growth habit: Spreading and dense. Rate: Medium.

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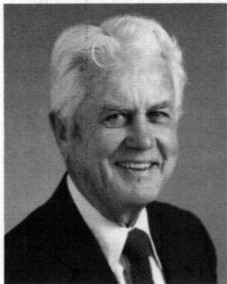
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from the editor

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At the close of the '87/'88 season, a committee was appointed by President Mel Belcher to study the finances of the Southern California Camellia Society. The committee confirmed that expenses, primarily for *The Camellia Review*, were exceeding income by over \$5000.00. The conclusion was reached not to increase the dues of \$15.00 for fear of losing membership. Instead it was decided that the *Camellia Nomenclature* be a cost of \$5.00 to members instead of being included in the membership dues. This is not enough to meet expenses, so the hope is that many will give in the additional categories you saw in the invoice this year — Sponsoring \$25.00, Sustaining \$50.00, Patron \$100.00.

If on the average everyone gave \$25.00 instead of \$15.00, the worst of the problem would be over.

The response to the invoice mailing was very gratifying. President Belcher, the Officers and Board of Directors thank you sincerely.

We fortunately have a good group of new members, but the solution to all our problems is a significant increase in membership. Please encourage a friend or acquaintance to join.

Please advise at once on any corrections to the Registration List.

The Registration List severely restricted the space available in this issue. By the time we added a promo for the Camellia Rama XIV and a few articles of interest, there was no room for the Central California, Modesto, Sacramento and Santa Clara show results — and a lot of other good stuff! Also, no room for pictures. We will make up in the next issue.

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Camellia Show Schedule 1988-89 Season

1988

December 3 & 4 Pacific Society Gib Show
Los Angeles County Arboretum
Arcadia

1989

January 21 & 22 Southern California Camellia Society
Huntington Gardens
San Marino

January 28 & 29 South Coast Camellia Society
South Coast Botanical Gardens
Palos Verdes

February 4 & 5 San Diego Camellia Society
Casa del Prado — Balboa Park
San Diego

February 11 & 12 Temple City Camellia Society
Los Angeles County Arboretum
Arcadia

February 18 & 19 Pomona Valley Camellia Society
Pomona First Federal
Claremont

February 25 & 26 Southern California Camellia Council
Descanso Gardens
La Canada

March 4 & 5 Kern County Camellia Society
Cunningham Gallery
Bakersfield

March 11 & 12 Central California Camellia Society
Fresno

Not in Southern California Council:

February 11 & 12 Peninsula — Redwood City

February 18 & 19 Delta — Marago

February 25 & 26 Santa Clara

March 4 & 5 Sacramento

March 11 & 12 Northern California

March 18 & 19 Modesto

March 25 & 26 Atwater

California Camellia-Rama XIV

NEWS FLASH — 'Tiny Goodbite' and 'Ben Indasun' and 'Justin X Grape' "Heard It Through the Grapevine" . . . AND this is what they heard:

There's gonna be 'Camellia Fun and Culture' and 'Raisin' RAISIN Fun and Fantasy' in Fresno November 1 through 6. CALIFORNIA CAMELLIA-RAMA XIV will follow the annual American Camellia Society fall convention. Central California Camellia Society will host both affairs at Smuggler's Inn (3737 N. Blackstone). You won't want to miss this.

Once again there will be excellent speakers, California's earliest camellia show, delicious food and drink, luxurious accommodations and that very special "camellia camaraderie" — all this and more.

PLEASE SEE *PROGRAM OF EVENTS* in this issue. Following are notes of some importance.

At the Thursday Luau . . . HE'S SERIOUS!!! Our own Bob Kellas (an ACS director) WILL have scissors in hand at the door. Be forewarned! Ties will be snipped! (Dress is casual, preferably Hawaiian.)

Friday Tour will include a contest. Person who comes closest to guessing the number of cattle at feed lot will win a prize. Those who wish may actually milk a cow.

Camellia-Rama XIV will officially begin at 6 p.m. with the hospitality rooms. Bob and Ruth Marcy will present thirteen years of Camellia-Rama History in slides — some of them are 'Blackmail Worthy.' Believe me, I know!!

Saturday the early gib show — 6 classes: Japonica Large, Medium, Boutonniere (any species), Reticulata, Non-Retic Hybrid and Species. Those who have registered may vote for Best of Show; and, they are also eligible to win door prizes throughout the day. Seven trophies.

Program will include Annabelle Fetterman (ACS President), Ann Brown (ACS Executive Secretary), Dr. Robert Raabe (Plant Pathology Department, University of California at Berkeley), Julius Nuccio (an Italian from Altadena and Nuccio's Nurseries), Walt Harmsen, Grady Perigan and a Culture panel of "Veteran California Camellia Growers" (Moderator, Mary Anne Ray).

Saturday evening — Time for those wonderful costumes, the champagne hour, that traditional prime rib dinner, the "Awesome Raffle" and the "Special Drawing." Our Dixieland Band will be back. There'll be a costume parade and prizes. Dress, of course, is optional — but, costumes do add to the fun. Anything goes! Whatever you think is FUN. Whatever is your FANTASY!

Just to start you thinking — An Archeologist or Scientologist, an Egyptologist or Microbiologist, Pharaoh or Sparrow, Scuba Diver or Screw Driver, Andean Llama or Red Hot Mama, Arabian Sheik or Ancient Greek, Safari hunter or Football punter, famous Blue Boy or Christmas toy, Geoffrey Chaucer or Cup and Saucer, a Creamy RAISIN Pie or just a Ham on Rye, a Plump Grape or Roll of Tape.

A Jockey from Santa Anita or lovely Spanish Senorita, Zorro himself or Little Elf, Adam with a GRAPE leaf — Not Fig, it's less grief, Eve with your own snake or a strawberry shake, a Shooting Star all twinkly or Dancing RAISIN all wrinkly.

You can be anything from the bottom of the sea to something from the tip-top of a tree.

Sunday morning Farewell Breakfast will conclude this affair with friendship and best wishes for a safe journey home.

Tickets for the special drawing are included for your convenience; NO OBLIGATION is intended. There is a D & MA quilt, stained glass picture (Al Biggs), a fabulous framed watercolor of 'Miss Tulare Var.' and more.

California participants who will be attending *only* the Camellia-Rama will be able to register for just the Camellia-Rama events as they always have — no change in procedure.

Please use the Registration Form found elsewhere in this periodical — or a copy of same. Thank you.

Mary Ann Ray, Grape Picker

The Central California Camellia Society
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ACS Fall Convention and The California Camellia-Rama
November 1 to 6, 1988

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 \$100.00 per person (Registration includes all activities and must be received by SEPTEMBER 30th for guaranteed space. Late registrations, however, will be accepted at no increase in price, and every effort will be made to accommodate them, if possible.)
 \$35.00 per person OPTIONAL YOSEMITE BUS EXCURSION including lunch at the Ahwahnee Hotel.

ACS & Camellia-Rama No. () @ \$100.00 ea. _____
 Yosemite Bus Trip No. () @ 35.00 ea _____
 TOTAL \$ _____

Camellia-Rama Only (Friday evening Nov. 4th to Nov. 6th)
 Registration No. () @ \$ 3.50 ea. _____
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 Dinner No. () @ 18.50 ea. _____
 Breakfast No. () @ 5.50 ea. _____

CHECK ENCLOSED FOR TOTAL \$ _____

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 DATE OF ARRIVAL _____ NUMBER OF NIGHTS _____
 TWIN _____ QUEEN _____ KING _____ OTHER _____
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NAME(S) _____
(First and last names of each person)
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Hotel reservations will be held without deposit and must be made through the ACS Convention Registration Committee. Please do not call the hotel directly for reservations or cancellations.
 If additional information is needed, call: Chris or Art Gonos (209) 439-2228; Mary Anne Ray (209) 255-6277.

Program of Events
ACS Fall Convention
California Camellia-Rama XIV
NOVEMBER 1 TO 6, 1988

TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 1st

- 4 to 8 p.m. ACS Registration and Hospitality
 8 p.m. Yosemite preview (Slide Show)

WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 2nd

- 8 a.m. Board Greyhound Bus for YOSEMITE EXCURSION (Optional) including lunch at WORLD FAMOUS AHWAHNEE HOTEL
 COST: \$35.00 per person
 6 to 9 p.m. ACS Registration and Hospitality
 8 p.m. Ken Hallstone presentation on 'Fragrance'

THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 3rd

- 8 to 12 p.m. ACS Registration
 9 to 12 p.m. ACS Endowment Fund Board Meeting
 2 to 5 p.m. ACS Governing Board Meeting
 6:30/7:30 p.m. Champagne Hospitality
 7:30 p.m. ACS AWARDS BANQUET . . . "HAWAIIAN LUAU"
 (Hawaiian or casual dress required — ties will be snipped at the door by an ACS Director)
 7:30 p.m. Entertainment: Hawaiian/Polynesian Dance Group

FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 4th

- 7 a.m. Deluxe Continental Breakfast with Fruit and Rolls
 8 a.m. Board Greyhound Bus for "FRESNO COUNTY AGRICULTURAL TOUR" with stops at a Winery, Cotton Gin, Sun Maid Raisins, the Harris Feed Lot and/or Dairy. This tour will be co-hosted by the 'California Women for Agriculture' with a tour guide on each bus. A visit to the Shin-Zen Japanese Garden in Fresno and a Swedish Smorgasbord Lunch in Kingsburg are included.
 6 p.m. CAMELLIA-RAMA BEGINS WITH OUR FAMOUS "HOSPITALITY ROOM"
 8:30 p.m. 'Camellia-Rama History in Slides' by Bob & Ruth Marcy

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 5th

- 8 to 9 a.m. CAMELLIA SHOW ENTRIES — "Early Gib Show" of Single Camellia Blooms (Refrigeration provided)
 9 to 11:30 a.m. Morning Camellia Symposium
 12 p.m. Buffet Luncheon
 12:30 p.m. Camellia Show Judging
 2 to 5 p.m. Afternoon Camellia Symposium
 6:30/7:30 p.m. CHAMPAGNE HOSPITALITY
 7:45 p.m. BANQUET (Prime Rib Dinner)
 THEME: "RAISIN' RAISIN FUN & FANTASY"
 (Costumes optional . . . Any Fantasy goes)
 Dixieland Band and Sing-along
 9 p.m. Costume Parade with prizes
 9:30 p.m. World's Greatest Raffle

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 6th

- 9 to 10:30 a.m. FAREWELL BREAKFAST

ACS CONVENTION including CAMELLIA-RAMA . . . \$100.00 per person

(All of the above activities included except Optional Bus
 Excursion to Yosemite National Park — \$35.00 additional)

The Ultimate Camellia Thrill

by Houghton S. Hall

In 1952 I started to raise camellia seedlings, with a coffee can of 10 germinations purchased from the then existent Wm. Smythe Nursery of Ross, California, and which I proceeded to bring on to flowering five years later. In the following years I began to plant seed from my own group, including the currently popular varieties: Dr. Tinsley, Lotus, White Empress, Amabilis, Emp. of Russia, Reg Ragland Var., J. C. Williams, and others. Crossing between some of these varieties was attempted, but limited to C. Japonica and C. Saluenensis, since the Reticulatas (except for Capt. Rawes) were not available until the early 1960's.

In the 1960's I accumulated all of the retic varieties available and increased the size of my cultivar group to approximately 200 name varieties, at the same time increasing my annual seed plantings to 100 or more per year.

In 1972 I could no longer find room on our small one-quarter-acre property for my camellia group, so we purchased another home on one acre of property in the "Sleepy Hollow" (San Anselmo) section of Marin County.

At this point in the early 1970's we were still going to all the shows in north-central California and entering 150 to 200 flowers in many of them, winning our share of ribbons and occasionally a piece of silver. Starting in 1972 I began to increase the yearly seed planting to 200 or more per year and decided to concentrate all of my efforts on a seedling program.

In the early 1970's I put in a small greenhouse, 9'x15', with benches accommodating up to 400 one-gallon containers. It has a forced-air heater for winter, a cooler for summer, and seven 4' double-tube fixtures for Gro-lux lighting that can be raised or lowered over the seedlings which remain under constant light and growth for about one year, at which time they are moved outside to make way for the next year's crop.

It should be stressed that I do not raise seedlings for understock specifically, as is done in many sections of the camellia belt. Each seedling after germination, and upon being transplanted to a one-gallon container, is given a tag on which is recorded a consecutive code number, the name of the female parent, or cross, and the seed year. In 1952 I started with the code number "H-1" on my first seedling. With the last of 300 seedlings from the 1987 crop now transplanted (March 22, 1988), the final tag for this group showed code number "H-2023." A small celebration was held in the greenhouse as seedling number "H-2000" was tagged and passed.

All seedlings are brought to, and allowed to bloom, at least two years for evaluation. It is obvious that the vast majority will never make it, whether crossed by chance or crossed by man, but on a percentage basis one out of two hundred probably will qualify. The failures go to understock or giveaways. In this connection it may not be amiss to reflect that, unless a specific goal is being pursued such as hybridizing for yellow, fragrance, etc., a great chance seedling flower will always show up for anyone who has the patience and interest to follow through on a seed planting program. Just check the new registrations in the ACS Yearbook, for example:

ACS Yearbooks	3-Year			Total
	1985	1986	1987	
Total Registrations	24	44	44	112
Total 'Chance' crosses	14	34	32	80
Total 'Controlled' crosses	10	10	12	32

As indicated above, the vast majority are chance seedlings, and in most instances not even the female parent is shown or known, so your possibilities are just as good as with a controlled cross.

Once the four to five-year period is established, along with an unbroken yearly planting of seed in quantity on an accumulative basis, then each year one can look forward with intense an-

icipation to 30, 40, or 50 seedlings flowering for the first time.

I know of nothing else in the camellia world that even comes close to the thrill of seeing these first flowers opening and finding among them perhaps one that has the potential to make it all

the way to the top. It is great therapy to body and soul, and I highly recommend it, particularly to our younger camellia growers, because time is of the essence in the pursuit of that great "new" flower.

The Camellia Garden at U.C.L.A.

by Bill Donnan

At the outset I should apologize for bringing my younger son into this article. I call him "younger" because he is just that although he was 48 years old last June. Dr. Christopher B. Donnan is a Professor of Anthropology at the University of California at Los Angeles (U.C.L.A.). For the past 12 years he has also been the Director of the Museum of Cultural History, which has its offices and laboratories in the basement of Haines Hall on the campus. For eight of those 12 years he has been working tooth and nail to raise funds to build a new museum building on the campus to house the collections.

In the Spring of 1986, when the \$14,000,000 goal was reached for construction they broke ground for a new three story museum building next to Royce Hall. At the groundbreaking ceremony Dr. Elvin Svensen, the Vice Chancellor, turned to my younger son and said: "Chris, I know that you have sweat blood getting these funds pledged. When the building is landscaped we ought to plant a couple of 'Donnan's Dream' camellias by the entrance." When Chris told me about this remark I immediately went up to Nuccio's Nurseries and tagged 10 of their 2 gallon "Donnan's Dream" camellias so that when the museum building was completed there would be some specimen plants of that variety available.

Construction has proceeded and by this Spring, 1988, the roof of the building was on and the brick facing was being applied. At that time, Chris contacted the landscape architect, Mr. Jere Hazlett, and told him that it might

be nice to have several camellias as part of the landscape planting. It turned out that Mr. Hazlett was interested in planting something suitable for about one-third of an acre on the North side of the museum. Hazlett said that he wanted shrubs there and he liked camellias. He asked Chris whether he had any suggestions for camellia varieties. This is where I was introduced in the picture. Chris replied to Hazlett: "My Dad is interested in camellias and maybe he could help with suggestions for some good varieties." Thus I met several times with Jere Hazlett. It was a "labor of love"! The result is what is now designated as: "The Fowler Museum Camellia Garden." (The Fowler Foundation had donated the largest chunk of money to build the museum and, thus, it had been named The Fowler Museum.)

This new "Garden" had room for about 175 camellia plants to be planted under two large, existing deodar trees plus several other shade trees. However, instead of picking out 175 different varieties Hazlett suggested planting groupings of four or five camellias of one variety. This plan was new to me but it really seems to make sense in a small camellia garden. Inasmuch as one could not possibly have every variety in a small garden space, why not make a show of about 20 or 30 of the best varieties? Can you imagine someone saying to me: "Bill, I am counting on you to pick out some of the best varieties for this garden!" Hey! I was like a kid in a candy store. Oh, I know what you are going to say. "Donnan will pick all formal doubles!" Not

so! I picked out 46 different varieties and let Mr. Hazlett choose the ones he felt would be the best for the site. Out of the final 26 different varieties chosen only 7 of them are formal doubles.

There are some oldies: 'Daikagura'; 'Fimbriata'; 'Adolphe Audusson Special'; 'Debutante,' etc. There are some of the Woodroof Hall of Fame camellias: 'Kramer's Supreme'; 'Tiffany'; 'Guilio Nuccio,' etc. There are a few retics: 'Nuccio's Ruby'; 'Valentine Day'; 'Curtain Call,' etc. There are some of the sasanquas for the sunny areas: 'Egao'; 'Bonanza'; 'Yuletide'; 'Misty Moon,' etc. There are some of the new varieties: 'Dawn's Early Light'; 'Royal Velvet'; 'Nuccio's Carousel'; 'Dahlonga,' and 'Spring Formal.' And, of course, there are the 10 'Donnan's Dream' plus a few more smaller 'Donnan's Dream.' Jere Hazlett went crazy over 'Donnan's Dream' and his plan calls for 26 of them in various locations around the museum building. In fact, he has four

specimen plants scheduled for the large tub planters in the atrium of the building.

There is a sequel to this tale. During the last two years the Nuccios have re-potted, re-pruned, and propagated the 10 'Donnan's Dream' camellias until they are now super-specimen plants in 25 gallon tubs. Now young Julius Nuccio is an avid (however misguided) University of Southern California Trojan football fan. He has threatened me and the U.C.L.A. Purchasing Department that he will not release these plants for the garden unless U.C.L.A. agrees to purchase two or more of the camellia 'Maroon and Gold' (the U.S.C. Trojan colors) and plant them in the garden. The camellias will be planted in February 1989 and the museum will be dedicated in March 1989. If you want to know whether the 'Maroon and Gold' camellia, with its hated colors, will be planted on the campus of U.C.L.A., tune in at eleven.

My Second Time in Italy

by Edith Mazzei

I've only been home a week from the ICS trip to Italy. What a wonderful experience! All the things that can happen — did. Not to me particularly but all worth mentioning. So here goes with a brief summary — my way.

I was the only one from California on this tour although Bill Stewart (Sacramento) attended the days of the convention in Naples. For me, leaving from San Francisco, transit time from West Coast to Sorrento was 27 hours via Atlanta, Frankfurt, Genoa and Naples. I don't need to detail the discomfort of swollen feet, and lack of sleep, but to travel, this is part of the package. Seeing good friends again at the destination makes it all worthwhile. We were a busload (who had gathered from everywhere) at Naples airport. Then drove two hours south to Sorrento where our tour began. So many surprises! We were all welcomed with music boxes playing "Come Back

to Sorrento" for a great mixture of 180 people from eight countries, brought together by that wonderful flower we love so much.

To see mostly old camellias all over Italy was truly an experience. In magnificently manicured gardens such as at Castelgandolfo, the Pope's summer retreat. Camellia trees growing in areas right alongside centuries-old antiquity. Camellias at elevations so high, the air has to be thin. Antonio Sevesi's camellias were reached by a long hike zigzagging one-half hour up to where the *air was thin!* The zigs were so tight the bus couldn't go up. We ate pasta daily, sometimes two kinds at a meal. We ate it with cheese, lots of cheese, with tomato sauce, with salami, with cream, green pasta, even black, with cuttlefish sauce. Many of us grew impatient with three-hour lunches — there were so many other things to see and do.

The countryside was beautiful. Spring blossoms were in bloom everywhere, grapes in bud, citrus trees in every available spot on the hills, rows of orchard and every other conceivable crop. Our first day's trip was to Capri, the fabled Capri, reached by hydrofoil from Sorrento. The last home of Lancashire's Gracie Fields and also the Swedish author-physician Axel Munthe at San Michele. Most homes painted Capri-pink and white, very Mediterranean.

Next day to Amalfi coast's rugged beauty, which needed nerves of steel to watch travel on the narrow roads in the area to get there. There is untold comfort travelling by bus with an experienced driver instead of going in the local, very small cars we passed on narrow curves with careless abandon.

Every area we visited was very different, but all had antiquity. Pompeii was the most dramatic, centuries old. We were fortunate to see palaces and villas, all very grand, and properties that had never been open to the public before. Gardens hidden behind large Mediterranean doors, which fronted onto narrow streets in many cases. The owners of these properties were all delighted to have camellia lovers from all over the world come to visit and to see their gardens. One grand lady wept with humility at our coming from so far. And the wine poured at each stop. The hors d'oeuvres and deserts always on huge platters for us, and we ate!! All the walking kept the pounds off and loss of inches, too!

Three days of convention at Castel Dell'Ova across a busy shore boulevard road from Hotel Vesuvio, Naples, on Bay of Naples where we all stayed! Imagine ICS meetings in a real castle. Thomas Perkins of Mississippi was elected new ICS president, and at a board meeting Japan was picked as location for 1990 the next meeting. Actual location at Maizaru near Osaka. Sounds very inviting.

We were able to travel to Ischia, also an island in the Bay of Naples, larger and further away than Capri, and with

more vegetation. We had been invited by Lady Walton, widow of Sir William Walton, one of England's greatest composers. She had been in China with a camellia tour, so knew several on this tour also. A beautiful garden and the setting for this lovely home made of stone, complimented by lovely camellia trees old and new, in bloom. All this will be a serene art center for future development of talent young musicians very soon, as new building is completed. Lady Walton served us a succulent lunch, Neapolitan menu, before we returned on ferry for trip back to Naples. We had taken our bus with us on this trip.

Each day took us to somewhere different as we travelled north to Rome where some of our party would leave us. We made a very fast tour of some of Rome's famous sights. Forum, Coliseum, St. Peter's and the Pope's summer villa at Albano across the city and across the famous river Tiber.

No time for shopping yet. Some of our group unhappy at that. The lost suitcases hadn't shown up either. They never did. When bags were unloaded from bus at Sorrento onto sidewalk, two walked away! Porters hand-carried bags 500 yards along pathway to lovely Hotel Excelsior but left remaining cases unattended. On another occasion an Australian lady had her handbag snatched as she walked outside hotel. She said it was her first trip abroad, too. Our guide was very sad to have to warn us about such things, for our safety, everywhere we stopped.

I was always apprehensive about where I was going to sleep at each new location. Travelling alone, needing a single room, usually found me looking out onto back alley, sometimes in a small room with not enough room to open my suitcase, even though first class.

Now we were going to Montecatini not far from Rome, a thermal resort. Never enough time though to find out more about such places.

It was most interesting to always have my acquired name pronounced

correctly in Italy. The welcome given my name in Montecatini was an occasion to remember. Like I was a long-lost family member returning. You had to be there! In the morning as we were leaving for the day's outing, stopped at some traffic light, was a truck facing us with MAZZEI written across front. No wonder the name was known in this area. I got a slide of that sight for posterity.

By now many of us had fallen victim to colds. Marquesa Maria, who travelled with us every inch of the tour, was also ill. She is president of Garden Clubs of Naples and through her connections we were able to visit these noble properties everywhere. Built in 17th century in most cases, some were in better condition than others, but all grand and worth seeing, to be sure.

The city of Florence on River Arno was a lovely, clean city, one I'd love to return to. We found a couple of hours to shop there and it began our first fine rain experience of tour. Our Easter 1988 was spent at Stresa, a beautiful spot on Lake Maggiore, with Alps surrounding us, all snowcapped and calm and, guess what, I got a front room with unparalleled view here at the stately Palace Hotel. Someone must have been hearing my remarks along

the route. Proving "Patience is a virtue"!

Weather didn't keep us from visiting Borromeo Isles on steamer. They are in lake not far from Stresa. There were more old beautiful camellias, most varieties easily recognized and many other plants all in well-manicured gardens. One significant loss everywhere was the lack of reticulatas, except here at Isola Madre was a huge 'Captain Rawes' in full bloom.

Even at large retail nursery of 10 hectares at one stop, there were no retics. Sad, they would do well and be so beautiful. The largest variety we saw was 'Drama Girl' and even locals were impressed with bloom and its size.

Show strictly "a show." Flowers shown were from the different villas in area, by name of villa only.

Our last stop was a visit to Antonio Sevesi, whom I had met first in New Zealand in 1979. He was glad to see us and show us his fine camellias. He had several retics all growing beautifully, proving more should grown in Italy. His newest is 'Moonlight Bay.'

An hour's drive to Milan, and the plane trip home was our next jaunt after a very memorable three weeks in Italy for all of us. Now looking forward to Japan for April 1990.

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S.C.C.S. Awards Dinner

The Southern California Camellia Society Potluck Dinner was held June 4, 1988 at the Hospitality House in Descanso Gardens. Tram service had been arranged by the Descanso Guild, whose members also provided the wine and delicious warm hors d'oeuvres for the happy hour.

After a welcome by President Mel Belcher, the gathering enjoyed a tasty potluck dinner followed by the presentation of the various awards.

Chuck Gerlach presented the Margarete Hertrich Seedling Award for "Silver Cloud" and the Frank L. Stormont Reticulata Award for "Curtain Call" to Nuccio's Nurseries, accepted by the congenial Tom Nuccio. The William E. Wylam Boutonniere Award for "Hishi Karaito" had been sent to Mr. Yoshiaki Andoh, c/o the Japanese Camellia Society in Kobe, Japan, and his gracious letter of acknowledgment was read.

Herman Belcher presented the awards for the monthly flower competition: Mr. and Mrs. Sergio Bracci, first place; Mr. and Mrs. Grady Perigan, first runner-up, and Marilee Gray, second runner-up.

Grady Perigan announced the awards for the 1988 William E. Woodroof Camellia Hall of Fame. "Man Size" and "Dixie Knight Supreme" were selected. The awards will be sent to A.C.S.

Sergio Bracci and Grady Perigan were honored by the Society for their dedication over the years. Bill Donnan presented them with life membership plaques.

After a plant raffle conducted by Bob Jaacks, the group returned via the tram to their cars.

Pacific Camellia Society Awards Dinner

The annual awards dinner of the Pacific Camellia Society was held on April 7, 1988 at the Peppermill Restaurant in Pasadena.

The highlight of the evening was the presentation of the "Award of Excellence" perpetual trophy, won for the seventh consecutive year by "The Champs," Mr. and Mrs. Sergio Bracci of San Gabriel. This award is given to the exhibitor having the most points for all of the eight Southern California shows from San Diego to Fresno. No easy task by any means — a lot of hard work. The first runner-up award was won by the Art Gonos Family of Fresno. The second runner-up award was won by Mr. and Mrs. Marvin Belcher of Bakersfield.

Other Awards

Monthly Cut Flower Display:

- First — Chuck Gerlach
- Second — Wayne Alltizer
- Third — Dean Alltizer
- Fourth — Jerry Biewend

Flower of the Month:

- November — Best Red "Wildfire"
Dean Alltizer
- December — Best Pink "Debutante"
Chuck Gerlach
- January — Best White "Silver Cloud"
Chuck Gerlach
- February — Best Variegated "Katie"
Leone Summerson
- March — Best Retic "Curtain Call"
Chuck Gerlach

The tenth annual "Good Guy" Award was presented to Roger Treichel for all of his assistance and cooperation.



Directory of Other California Camellia Societies

ATWATER GARDEN CLUB AND CAMELLIA SOCIETY—President, Lyman Duncan; Secretary, Ruth Myers, P.O. Box 918, Atwater 95301. Meetings: Last Tuesday of each month, Conference Room, Bloss House.

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