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### Cover Photo—Ooops, oops, oops! *'Sunny Side'*

As you probably know, the printer makes up all The Camellia Review covers in summer before the camellia season begins. Occasionally this system backfires. Nuccio's had planned to name their new introduction 'Bright Eyes'. However, before they could comply with all the ACS registration requirements, E. B. Sebire in Australia registered the name. Therefore, the lovely, prolific cover flower is now 'Sunnyside'.

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*from the editor*

Bill Donnan researched the following:

"The Los Angeles Camellia Society was organized on January 17, 1950 with a meeting held at Park Hill Gardens, the home of Mr. and Mrs. Ralph Peer. There were 89 charter members enrolled. Subsequent meetings were held monthly, during the camellia season, at the Hollywood Women's Club. The Society flourished but, like most other camellia societies, membership dwindled during the 1970s and 80s. In 1986 the last meetings were held with an attendance of eight to 10 people. That spring the Los Angeles Camellia Society voted to disband. At the time there was some money in the Society treasury which was held in trust by Mr. Frank Naiman."

At the March meeting of the Southern California Camellia Society, the sum of nearly \$3,000 was donated by the Los Angeles Society to help defray the expenses of the publications of the Southern California Camellia Society. The presentation was made by Mr. and Mrs. Frank Naiman. Our thanks for this generous donation!

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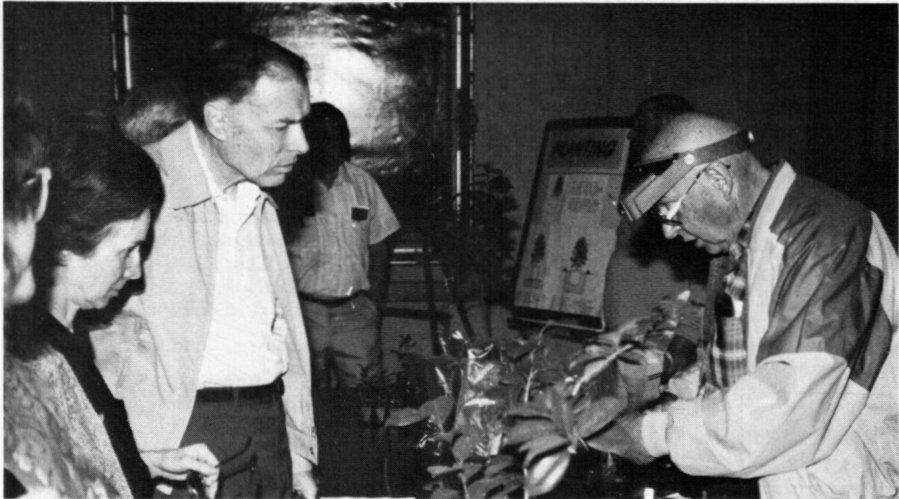
Viewers entered regal Friends Hall at world-famous Huntington Gardens for our Huntington Camellia Show. They found beautiful exhibits on camellia history compiled and arranged by Huntington Gardens Camellia Curator Ann Richardson in showcases and on tables in the lobby. Old camellia books, so valuable they had to be under constant guard, were opened to display carefully hand-water-colored camellia prints. When no guard was available, Jim Folsom, superintendent of all the Huntington's gardens, came himself to watch over the books. Jim smiled delightedly as hoards of visitors filed by.

In the same room, Sergio Bracci, showman supreme, exhibited a

huge gnarled taproot that had wrapped itself around inside a tremendous pot, eventually choking its plant to death. He showed how to plant seeds and pinch back tap roots to prevent this occurrence. Beside him, Bob Jaacks grafted one camellia after another, teaching the technique to a rapt audience.

In the main room, handsome camellias filled the tables, with the prize-winners clustered around Helen Perigan's hand-painted trophies. Helen and husband Grady answered one question after another from interested guests.

Many hands, often with green thumbs, worked together to make the Huntington Show a classic—simple, beautiful, educational and extremely elegant.



*Bob Jaacks demonstrates grafting to a fascinated audience.*

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## History of Camellias

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Plants of the genus *Camellia* grow naturally over a large area of southeast Asia, China, Japan, Indochina, Burma and Assam. The history of two very important species, *Camellia japonica* and *Camellia sinensis*, are briefly explained here beginning with their discovery in Asia and their introduction to Europe. This brief overview will end at the close of the 19th century.

### China and Tea

Camellias in the West are prized as ornamental plants, but in other areas of the world they are cultivated for other purposes as well.

*C. sinensis*, the tea plant, originated in China where tea drinking goes back to approximately the third century.

Tea drinking was first introduced into Europe in the early 17th century and the tea trade was carried on on a large scale through the 18th century. The importation of tea from China was costly and attempts were made to import plants and seeds to cultivate tea closer to home. However, few survived the long voyages. In 1819, John Livingston of the East India Company complained that only one plant in one thousand was expected to survive the four to six month voyages from China. Those that did live often died in colder areas of Europe.

The camellias that made it through the voyages turned out to be *C. sinensis*. Whether Chinese officials were being purposeful or not, they must have realized that once exported, the tea plants would be propagated and grown for profit elsewhere.

In 1848, the East India Company sent plant collector Robert Fortune to China to collect plants and seeds

and to recruit some expert tea makers, for the purpose of establishing a tea industry in India under British control. Today, tea is one of the largest and most successful industries in Sri Lanka and India.

The tea industry never met with much success in the New World, due largely to high labor costs which resulted from hand picking and processing of the leaves. Presently, the only tea producer in the United States is the Charleston Tea Plantation in South Carolina, which was established in 1987.

### Japan

*Camellia japonica*, the species most widely cultivated over the longest period of time, has nearly 30,000 known cultivars. It originates in Japan, as its name indicates, but it is also found in the southwestern provinces of China where numbers of garden forms or cultivars originated. The first garden forms of *C. japonica* to arrive in Europe came from China, but these same forms were also commonly cultivated in Japan, and so probably originated there.

The influence of the camellia in Japan can be seen clearly in legend and in lasting traditions. Symbolizing longevity, friendship, elegance and harmony, the simple single camellia blooms are an essential part of the tea ceremony during late winter months and early spring when other flowering plants are dormant. Historically, in many famous temples of Kyoto, camellias were traditionally planted by Imperial family members and have survived over 500 year—to this day. In season, flowers are often scattered before the sanctuary of Buddhist temples. Camellias appear both in modern and ancient books,

on kimonos and other fabrics, fans, scrolls, lacquered trays, ceramics, and other art objects.

The beauty of Japanese plants has fascinated western gardeners for centuries, but Japan's ports were closed to foreigners for many years. Between 1624-1853/54, only the Dutch were able to maintain limited trade. In 1694, Engelbert Kaempfer, a German doctor and naturalist with the East India Company, managed to bring back from Japan a collection of azaleas, camellias, and tree peonies that stunned botanists in Europe.

Shoguns carefully watched the movements of early European traders and explorers. Plant collectors, therefore, were at extreme risk to remove any plant material. A slow stream of plants did, however, manage to trickle from Japan to Europe and eventually to the U.S. It wasn't until 1853 that the presence of Commodore Perry's American warships in Tokyo Bay forced Japan to open trade with the West.

Japanese cultivars of *C. japonica* introduced to Europe were the oldest in the world. They had been selected and reselected over more than a thousand years, some confined to particular areas, creating quite distinctive forms not found elsewhere. Many that were introduced in Europe and the United States had their original Japanese names changed to western names.

#### **Europe—England**

The first recorded camellia material to arrive in Europe came at the end of the 17th century when James Cunningham, a physician stationed at an East India Company factory on the island of Amoy off the coast of China, sent dried herbarium specimens to James Petiver, an apothecary and botanist in London. In 1702, Petiver illustrated Cunningham's camellia in a pamphlet.

In 1739, a semi-double red camellia was reported growing in the glasshouses of Lord Petre at Thorndon Hall, Essex. A drawing in 1745 of a camellia at Thorndon was called the "Chinese Rose," probably referring to its Chinese origin.

Around 1780, there are scattered reports of camellias appearing in Europe, and interest was sparked particularly when collections of drawings of camellias in double and formal forms were imported from China by the East India Company.

The date most frequently cited for the appearance of two cultivars whose names and existence are familiar to this day is 1792. 'Alba Plena' and 'Variegata' arrived in England from China as living plants for the brothers John and Gilbert Slater. 'Alba Plena', a white formal double flower, is still available today at nurseries. 'Variegata', an extremely rare cultivar, is a common flower described as semi-double, deep pink blotched white. Both cultivars are grown on grounds of the Huntington Botanical Garden.

Most importations went to England and quickly spread throughout the continent, appearing on nursery catalogue lists in France, Belgium, Italy and Portugal. Importations slowed due to the increase of European seedling cultivars. Unfortunately, camellias in England rarely produced seed. Most new cultivars came from Italy and other European countries.

#### **Portugal**

The history of camellias introduced into England is well documented, but for other European countries it is quite sketchy.

The pioneering efforts of Portuguese sea captains and merchants making contact with China date to 1516. Although sea captains and explorers must have been aware of camellias, there is no record of their returning plants to Europe.



There are, however, very old camellia plants in both Portugal and Spain. A garden in Oporto, Portugal, has three very large specimens with single red flowers and a combined canopy spread of 150 square yards. The age of these plants has been in question for many years, the most probable estimate of their age is about 200 years.

Camellias found their way into many private gardens and areas that had favorable growing conditions. Nursery catalogs of the mid to late 1800s show entries of hundreds of cultivars, attesting to their popularity.

### Spain

In Spain, camellias are not looked upon as exotic plants, having long been established in farms, along roads, in the countryside and in cities. Many are 25 feet tall, a sure sign of age and stature.

### Germany

Winters in Germany are too severe for camellias to survive unprotected. A *C. japonica* 200 years old survives and blooms in a Dresden park in Pillnitz Castle, but it is protected by a heated glasshouse in the cold season. It measures 27 feet tall, 33 feet wide, bears no cultivar name but produces small red single flowers typical of seedlings.

G. F. Seidel, a German botanist and nurseryman, imported a camellia from Japan in 1893 and changed its name from 'Usu-otome' to 'Frau Minna Siedel'. When it was introduced later in Sacramento, California, its name was again changed to 'Pink Perfection'. This is the oldest camellia on the Huntington property. It is over 100 years old. The cultivar is still popular and available in the nursery trade today.

### Belgium

The camellia was the favorite flower of King Leopold who came

to the Belgium throne in 1865 and started an ambitious building compound of glasshouses at the Royal Palace at Leuken. Reputed to have one of the most beautiful collections of rare plants in Europe, King Leopold housed the camellia collection in a separate "specialist" glasshouse. This fine royal collection survived two world wars and the glasshouses still exist.

### France

In France, the first camellia was presented to Josephine Beauharnais, wife of Napoleon, in 1700 and planted in her famous garden at La Maison. The popularity of camellias spread fast, and they became the symbol of luxury and fashion. They were worn as boutonnieres by gentlemen or in corsages by the ladies in the mid 19th century.

Alexander Dumas Fils' famous story, *La Dame aux Camellias*, portrayed a lovely but doomed lady of pleasure who wore white camellias on the days of her availability. The novel created a scandal; it was turned into a popular play, and then became Verdi's opera, *La Traviata*, which premiered in Venice in 1853.

### Italy

The camellia entered Italy via the Court of Naples where it was introduced by Lady Hamilton. She was friend to Lord Nelson, who in turn was the friend of Lord Petre, the Englishman who in 1745 received some of the earliest recorded plants.

During the middle of the 19th century camellias were very popular with collectors and horticulturists. In 1856, many new releases were introduced from Italian Sources. The Roman villa Doria Pamphilj listed 57 different camellia cultivars growing on the grounds, a total of 500 plants. In 1969, there were only five.

By the end of the 19th century, the craze for camellias waned in

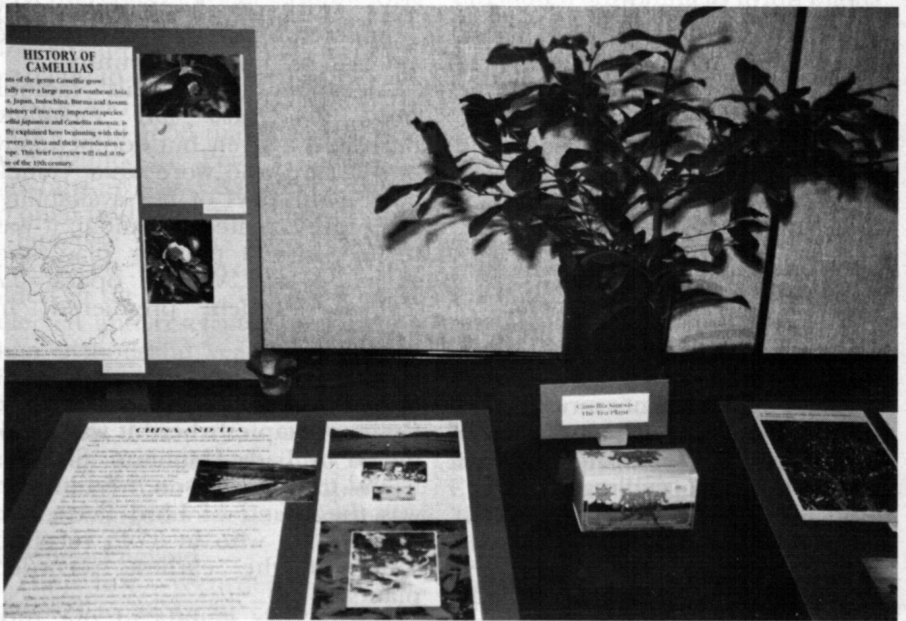
Europe. Their decline may be attributed to the deterioration of international relationships and poor economic conditions. It was the end of the age of formal elegance and the cost of maintaining conservatories, where many camellias were grown, became difficult. Few new cultivars appeared and nurseries kept numbers to a minimum.

### Other Camellia Products

Besides harvesting the leaves of *C. sinensis* for tea, another quality product from camellia plants is a fine grade oil extracted from the seeds of *C. sinensis* for tea, another

quality product from camellia plants is a fine grade oil extracted from the seeds of *C. sasanqua*, *C. japonica* and *C. oleifera*, used in China and Japan for cosmetics and cooking.

In its homelands, the camellia's red flowers have been used in dyeing. The dense camellia wood is burned for heat and light and when processed, produces a high grade charcoal used for fuel. The accessibility and toughness of the wood widened its use for many tools, agricultural implements, and formerly, for weapons.



*Camellia* curator Ann Richardson featured *Camellia sinensis*, the tea plant, in the display above for the Huntington Show.

—Photo Grady Perigan

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Runner-up	<i>'Wildfire'</i>	Dean Alltizer
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Runner-up	<i>'Maroon and Gold'</i>	Mr. and Mrs. Roger Treishel
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Runner-up	<i>'Kewpie Doll'</i>	Dean Alltizer
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Runner-up	<i>'Miss Charleston Var.'</i>	Mr. and Mrs. Sergio Bracci
Best Treated Medium Japonica	<i>'Margaret Davis'</i>	Mr. and Mrs. Les Baskerville
Runner-up	<i>'Midnight'</i>	Chuck Gerlach
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Runner-up	<i>'Freedom Bell'</i>	Chuck Gerlach
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Runner-up	<i>'Emma Gaeta Var.'</i>	Mr. and Mrs. Les Baskerville
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## The Art of China Painting

by Helen Perigan

*Helen painted many of the Huntington Camellia Show awards using her own flower designs on bowls, pitchers, vases, plates, egg cups and even china picture frames.*

Paints for painting on china are mineral oxides ground in an oil base and applied to the slick, glazed surface of white china. The paint is fired into this glazed surface at an approximate temperature of 1200°F and remains permanent.

If you have had any experience with creative art, you can china paint. It is something that can be learned by observing others works and then translating what is pleasurable in your artistic sight to the medium of china painting.



The china upon which you paint should be chosen carefully in order that the results will be to your satisfaction. Some china when fired will become like fine sandpaper, some will get an off color creamy tone. On some china, the colored paint will sink into the glaze and appear as an overglaze. Someone with china painting experience can identify these different qualities to you.

If you're a new painter it is easy to see an admired picture in a magazine, trace it onto the china and then use your own initiative in color and style for the final results.

It is not unusual for a piece of china to need three kiln firings. The first firing usually just sets the pattern as to location and content. For the second firing, the colors are deepened and background shadows are added. On the third and final firing the fine details, fine lines and edges are denoted with a fine brush. And don't forget your signature!

After firing it's time for a light sanding with very fine sandpaper. Then you can admire your handiwork and, we hope, others will too.

All of this is not successful at the first try, but you can do anything you choose to do. Just don't be afraid of failure. Failure is only part of the learning process. If others can do it, you can. Get some help from those "others."

Happy painting!

*Helen holds one of her hand-painted clocks.*

*-Photo, Grady Perigan*

# How to Smell Nice and Still Save Your Camellias

by Julius Nuccio as told to Bill Donnan

There is no question but what we here in California are going to have to cut way back on water use in our homes and gardens. Many of you who read this will be faced with 25%, 50% or even 75% reduction in the amount of water allotted to your home! With rationing imminent, how are you avid camellia hobbyists going to keep your collection of camellias alive during the hot summer months?

There are several ways you can cope with a reduced allotment of water. The first and most important thing to do is to check every outlet, faucet, valve and washer to see whether there are any leaks ANYWHERE in your water system. It is estimated that up to 10% of all water in our residential system is lost through leaky outlets. The second thing you should do is **LIMIT THE USE OF WATER INSIDE YOUR HOME.**

Outside your home you can save a considerable amount of water by careful planning. We all water our lawns too frequently and with considerable waste. Water only once a week instead of every other day. Install timers to limit water application. Water at night for the greatest effect and for less evaporation loss. Sweep walks and driveways instead of using water from a hose. Don't wash your car with a running hose. Use a pail of water and save the water for your lawn.

Now, as to your camellia collection. No doubt you will want to save

your best plants, Here is a worst case scenario for saving your show winners.:

1. Install a drip system for all your container plants. By carefully checking your application rates, you can minimize any loss out of the bottom of your pots. However, any mechanical device is only as good as the operator so you will want to check for any build up of salts or other minerals. You may have to flush or soak your pots periodically.

2. Limit your collection by keeping your best-loved plants and letting the marginal favorites and "dogs" die off.

3. Repot your collection into larger containers. A carefully repotted plant in a larger container with moisture retentive soil will use less water.

4. Plant your most favorite varieties in the ground. A ground-grown plant will need less water than a container-grown plant.

5. Spray the leaves of your plants at sundown with an atomizer or a mist sprayer on the end of a hose. This will delay the evapotranspiration of moisture from the leaves.

6. Prune your camellias drastically this spring as a water-saving measure. Your plants will need less water this summer because there will be less leaf area to transpire moisture.

If all else fails, move your collection to Mobile, Alabama, where they usually get 50 inches of rainfall each year.

## PASSINGS

Wayne Alltizer, Glendale, California

Archie Jone, Dallas, Texas

Al Parker, Beaverton, Oregon

Ken Hallstone; Lafayette, California

# Fair Report—1990

by Marilee Gray

On the morning of September 4 there was still work to be done—exchange a couple of low voltage transformers for heftier models, rig up and camouflage a light pole for the one that didn't arrive on time, check for spent blooms, fallen leaves and exposed pots and then exit just before the judges arrive. For the next couple of days we waited anxiously for the judging results, but they wouldn't be available until the fair opened its 25-day run to some 1.6 million visitors.

After years of participating in the Los Angeles County Fair (reputed to be the world's largest county fair), there still is excitement in the execution and judging of our garden displays. When the results were in, we were more than satisfied. The three gardens presented by the Pomona Valley Camellia Society had all received special awards—first, second and fifth—for being among the top five scoring exhibits. In addition, we had won bonus awards for the best use of plant material in a confined urban environment, the best lighting and best cultural expression. The judges had also given us other bonus awards, but we had our quota and could not receive them all.

At the very last, we contracted to do yet a fourth garden in which we would utilize our excess plant material and cycads from Julius Christinson's collection. The commercial installers of the gazebo were behind schedule, so our garden area beside it wasn't even available to us until the evening before the judging. But once begun, our expert workers completed a beauti-

ful azalea/cycad garden in only 2½ hours!

The recognition won from the judges was gratification for our long months of labor. Initial work on the Japanese gardens had begun in mid-May. Yards and yards of soil and numerous boulders were sculpted into a dry stream bed meandering through the rocks. Some of the "feather" rocks used were so massive that they could only be moved or adjusted with heavy equipment. The larger specimen plants, including one magnificent cycad borrowed from Sergio Bracci's collection, were moved into place over the summer to acclimate. Baby tears were planted around the slate of the walkway and patio to grow and spread during the summer also.

When the Japanese gardens had progressed substantially, the show director asked if we would do another garden—an educational one that would feature cycads. Sergio's collection contained a number of smaller, varied and rare cycads that filled the need perfectly. This cycad garden, with some complementary bromeliads and bold foliage plants, was voted the top garden by a tremendous margin!

The award monies from our fair exhibits provide for the majority of our society's financial needs. The excess funds this year were donated to the *Camellia Review* fund. But those who labored hard and long on these exhibits get more than financial support for the societies in return. They get sore muscles, aching backs and an incredible high!

## Richard Nixon Home

Restorer's of the Richard Nixon home in Yorba Linda would like to find camellias 'Pat Nixon' and 'Richard Nixon' to plant on the grounds. If you have either of these plants you would like to donate, please call Sergio Bracci (818)286-4338.



*This cycad garden included a small, secluded retreat with a rustic bench that overlooked a colorful, orchid-strewn ravine. The display featured eight beautiful and rare cycads from Sergio Bracci's collection. It was the outstanding winner of the best in overall excellence and the best in use of plant material in a confined urban environment.*



*Perched on a bluff overlooking a ravine from which rose the evening mists, was this gazebo with its colorful garden of bush and tree azaleas. The cycads were rare specimens loaned from the collection of Julius Christinson.*



*A tranquil inner teahouse garden, complete with elegant Oriental lanterns, a traditional water basin with bamboo flume, and a hanging Japanese arrangement, won both the awards for overall excellence and best cultural expression.*



*This gently-arched, rustic redwood bridge led from the outer garden to the inner teahouse garden.*

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## Camellia-Rama XVI

by Mary Anne Ray

The fun started Friday evening, November 2, 1990, when Central California Camellia Society members welcomed West Coast camellia hobbyists with abundant complimentary hospitality delicacies.

The Saturday culture symposium featured speakers Jim Toland, Grady Perigan, Julius Nuccio, Bob and Ruth Marcy, Art Gonos and Sergio Bracci. A buffet lunch accompanied the symposium.

Show winners were: Best of Show and Best Medium Japonica-'Alta Gavin', Al Taylor. Best Large Japonica-'Elizabeth Weaver', Bob and Alice Jaacks. Best Boutonniere-'Fircone Var.', Jim and Jackie Randall. Best Retic/Retic Hybrid-'Valley Knudsen', Randalls. Best Non-Retic Hybrid-'South Seas', Jaacks. Best Species-'Showa-No-Sakae', Ruth Ann Lewis.

Saturday evening's traditional champagne hour and roast beef

dinner were followed by Dixieland dancing, the awesome raffle and, of course, the costume parade.

Costume winners were: Best Theme-"Illuminated, Rolling Ferris Wheel," Bob Ehrhart and Linda Williams. Runner-up-"Home-Canned Jars of Camellia Marmalade and Pickled Camellia Seeds," Jim and Jackie Randall. Best Couple-"Bags of Peanuts and Popcorn," Ken and Kay Hallstone. Runner-up-"Udderly Fantastic Cows," Chuck and Roz Gerlach. Most Comical-"Shedding, Egg-rolling Ostrich," Ann Richardson. Most Original-"Neon-lit Bumping Bumper Cars," Jim Toland. Runner-up-"Sanitation Sweeper," Al Biggs. Judges Special for Appropriate Dress-Robin Ray. Runner-up-"Carrot-Chomping Rabbits," Bob and Betty Kellas.

Camellia-Rama XVII theme on November 2, 1991-"The Movies."



-Photo Bob Jaacks

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