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'Silver Shadow'

Very large, silvery white and moired light pink in four to five imbricated tiers. 35 petals, (Chance seedling of hybrid 'Carl Tourje.') (U.S. 1987-Houghton Hall, San Anselmo, CA)

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THOUGHTS from the editor

I first read Val Bieleski's article on the facing page several years ago in the *New Zealand Bulletin*. "Now here's a lovely lady who knows how to enjoy her garden," I thought.

Last year Val began editing the *Bulletin* about the time I began editing *The Review*, so I sent her a commiserating note. In responding, she mentioned that she was coming to visit her husband Rod, a plant physiologist studying on a research grant at UC Davis in Northern California, but wouldn't be coming to Southern California.

With gentle prodding and a promise that my husband Ray and I would drive her up north, she agreed to come here first. Val arrived — as vivacious and funloving as you might guess from her article. Camellias aren't great in November here, but her trip at this time illustrated the usefulness of gib to extend the season and put on a little show for visitors. We visited Nuccios, Braccis, Jaacks, Vern McCaskill and Ann Richardson at the Huntington Gardens — about as much visiting as you can squeeze into one day — and then, next day, on to Sacramento and Rod.

The following day, June McCaskill, Vern's daughter and head of the UC Davis plant herbarium, took time to show us her bailiwick and Rod showed us his. (We'll talk more about Rod and his studies in the next *Review*.)

I had tucked my September-October 1988 *Camellia Review* with the Society Registration List into the glove compartment when we began our trip. Now I retrieved it to see if I could find someone to show us some camellia sights around Sacramento. I found Jocelyn Vervalle's name and remembered seeing her picture as show chairman of the Sacramento Society Show. Show chairmen are always nice people, so I gave her a call. What a jewel! Besides seeing her and husband Maurice's garden, we saw Sacramento in style. Blessed with an executive's confident air that inspires much bowing and scraping because she looks so important, Jocelyn swept us through the state Capitol, the not-yet-blooming camellia garden on the grounds, the former governors' Victorian mansion and even to peek at the garden close to the Capitol where a little old landlady allegedly buried several tenants next to her home. What a savvy gal, that Jocelyn!

After visiting our son who works in Sacramento, we bid a regretful good-by to all these new friends and headed back to Pasadena, grateful that camellia people the world over hold out friendly hands to one another.



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Early Morning Ramble by Val Bieleski

Reprinted from New Zealand Bulletin, Vol XIII, No. 8, October-December 1984.

I often wonder how other households start their day. I like to think that when the family is fed and dispatched, the daily routine could be as seen in the beautiful old illustrations of Victorian novels — the lady of the house sallies forth in her garden, adorned in ethereal raiment, augmented sensibly by a large and becoming hat, gloves, secateurs and a huge basket with which she collects superb long-stemmed blooms, while soft ballet music plays constantly in the background. I do like to think that life could be like that. It is a comforting thought because, alas, my reality is so different.

Perhaps I may do the breakfast dishes first, from some hidden guilt, but really, guilt does seem to be receding day by day, particularly in late autumn when camellia buds are opening. For this is the Sacred Time of The Garden Ramble — a happening that can last from breakfast to lunchtime or even longer depending on the number of diversions in the course of my wandering.

The dogs are very aware of my routine and, indeed, are the last great hurdle to overcome before the start of our journey. The large Tigger dog bounces up and down on steel springs, because impatience is its virtue. It gets solidly in my way, but in an open honest fashion that I can cope with — but in the meantime, the small Uriah Heep dog has been much more effective in its own wicked way, winding itself carefully around my legs as I pull on my gumboots. And so the day starts with an ignominious sprawl through the doorway. She curves away from me then, with a wicked sideways glint to her eye.

Outside, the air has a beautiful autumn chill — not the brisk physical cold of winter, but a soft, insidious, spine-tingling chill that brings nostalgia, childhood memories of other early mornings in other autumns, a sadness for the end of summer, but also a lift to the spirits with it because change is always exciting, and the change of seasons in the garden particularly so. Now there is the foretaste of a whole camellia season still to come.

My first visit is always to 'Ballet Dancer'. How rewarding she is; despite all the ignorance and lack of care she received in the early days she has grown into a beautiful pyramidal shape, covered with fat pink-tinged buds all wanting to burst open at once.

We stop to collect a bucket of leaf mould — and who will win the prize today? There is no doubt that 'Francie L.' thinks she should! She stands smugly with the sturdy stance of a young child who just knows she deserves to win the prize for Sunday School attendance, and she is right. She has grown straight and strong, with branches at just the right intervals to please the most discerning pruner, and of course there are the wonderful, brilliant blooms — what more could one ask for!

But there, glowing in the semi-shade beside her is that beguiling witch, my 'Elegans Champagne', her branches trailing pointed leaves with the grace of ballerina hands in motion. Poor 'Francie L.', she is learning that it is the elusive beauty that wins the prize (or in this case, the leaf mould). For who could resist the delicate beauty of those foaming white blooms with the hint of pink shading the base? Certainly I cannot, and happily pile the leaf mould on.

A short, friendly visit then with my old friends 'White Nun' and 'Mrs. D. W. Davis'. I still feel some guilt when I recall how I bought them at a nursery with a camellia addict friend 20 years ago. She looked so amazed when she realised I wasn't buying any plants that I quickly chose two, really just to please her. How fortunate that I did, and also that I listened to her advice to plant them in a sheltered position. They have now grown beyond the eaves they were planted under — but I always get some perfect blooms from them, and they are perfect indeed!

Now a small detour to the shadehouse — a new venture this, and one that I'm still not sure that I approve of. I have always enjoyed camellias as an integral part of the garden landscape, damaged blooms or not — and these rows of plump green plants in their wooden boxes, isolated from other colour and foliage, I have yet to get used to. But in the meantime I enjoy the idea of Unblemished Blooms, Unlimited.

Suddenly the sounds of wild action come from outside. Uriah Heep is charging madly across forbidden garden territory in hot pursuit of poor Mr. Shadbolt who, with ginger feathers flying and many frantic squawks, scuttles to the safety of the sheep paddock. With a burst of frenetic energy and much laboured flapping, he makes a flurried take-off and descends with an ungainly hop to safety and the clucked admiration of his small, dowdy wife. The Shadbolts arrived unasked to live with us several months ago, abandoned, I feel, by a disillusioned poultry fancier, and hitherto have remained safely in their chosen territory in the sheep paddock. Uriah Heep sidles back with a sly smirk and a ginger feather to show for the chase. I know, as does she, that much of her pleasure came from galloping across my newly planted garden while wearing her noblest disguise, that of 'Protector of the Home.' She slinks away into the darkness of the trees to plot further wickedness.

Now 'Cornish Snow' commands the attention — yet another reinforcement of my feelings that the camellia is seen best as a splendid focal point in the garden. I'm not sure if 'Cornish Snow' commands great attention on the show bench, possibly not, but in the garden it is tall and beautiful, covered with small tissue paper flowers and tiny dark leaves. It makes a wonderful foreground to the tall pinoak in the paddock beyond, which burns with the flame of deep autumn colour. So many of my own favourites do not seem to appear on lists of either show or garden 'Ten Bests.' In a recent survey I sent in 'China Lady' as my favourite garden plant. I see it received no mention, but I would not change my mind. Here it is in bloom the whole season long, one of the earliest to open its long torpedoshaped pink buds, and one of the last to vanish — that, coupled with its beautiful leaves of Granthamiana ancestry make it one of the delights of my morning ramble.

But, oh dear! What can one say about 'Mouchang'! He stands and grins at me, an ungainly but lovable adolescent, with legs and arms too long and out of context. He has flung a long angular arm around a small resentful 'Hebe'; although he has been tied to a large stake in an effort to improve his deportment, he resists all efforts, so we have a laugh together, he knows all is forgiven when those beautiful blooms appear.

'Grand Slam' is so rewarding to see next, a good comfortable shape and covered with brilliant red flowers for many weeks . . . but hiding behind her is another with a definite growth problem. Poor 'Dream Girl' insists on being an anorexic patient and lifts up skinny branches to show how successful her dieting has been. Today she is truly ridiculous, on her topmost and skinnest branch rests a large bloom a vain attempt to pass for a Christmas tree?

On the lawn is more drama. Tigger lies prostrate on her back, paws firmly crossed over her nose and eyes shut. When she first did this as a puppy we made the mistake of laughing and applauding, and now she lies like this for hours until finally noticed and appreciated. What was funny in a puppy is overwhelmingly ludicrous in a 90lb dog, so I creep steathily past — it is easier to inspect the garden without her



Val Bieleski and Maurice Vervalle in front of the Vervalle lath house in Carmichael - Photos, Rod Bieleski



Pat Greutert, Val Bieleski, Ray Greutert and Jocelyn Vervalle on the Capitol steps.

large and bouncing Presence.

I move on to glare at 'Hody Wilson'. We are having a stirring battle of wits, he and I — it is the second year he has stood and sulked and not grown an inch. He remains the same stick-like figure that I originally planted and this makes me cross, as he has been given one of the nicest places in the garden, but all the effort he has made is to produce one small grudging bud which was promptly eaten by a bug, even though he'd been sprayed with the same insect spray as all the other camellias.

I think he may partly be sulking because he is definitely overshadowed by the rampant growth of his neighbor 'Arcadia', who is growing at a really frightening rate — rather like a science fiction story of a plant that overnight becomes a giant and devours all in its path. Perhaps 'Hody Wilson' has a good reason for his lack of interest in growing.

On now to 'Dr. Clifford Parks', and what a worthy citizen we have here another who really deserves the Sunday School prize. He does everything right, foliage, branching, blooms, all are perfect. How dull camellia growing would be if they all grew as healthily and happily as Dr. C.P. Certainly I wish he would pass on the secret to 'Mrs. D.W. Davis Descanso' — what an ungainly lady, but, Oh, what secrets she has hidden from the world! An overlong bent arm is thrust towards me with sparse leaves mostly growing in untidy directions and, on turning it over, there is that incredible flower, absolute perfection in delicate pink with its full candyfloss centre — glorious! but what a tortuous body presents us with these occasional delights.

By now Tigger, still awaiting the plaudits of the crowd, is sound asleep in the sun, still flat on her back, paws firmly across her nose, and looking just as ungainly as 'Mouchang'. I finally relent and let her know what a clever and incredibly funny trick she has performed and we continue together around the garden with Tigger bouncing happily ahead now that the correct pleasantries have been observed. Uriah Heep, too, emerges from the undergrowth looking smugly satisfied; judging from the dirt she has dug a large hole in a forbidden place, and she gives me an evil leer as she passes by. It is a challenge to her on our garden rambles to accomplish as much stealthy wickedness as possible, and

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then to smirk at me so that I cannot help but be aware of it.

Some camellias definitely become individuals with minds of their own. 'Valentine Day' is one of these. We are friends for life because between us we defeated the many attempts of our housepainter to cause death and destruction while painting his way around the house. Never again shall our house be painted, the bloodshed was too bitter. The agony of anticipated disaster was worse than the realisation as this madman with a paint brush charged around the house like a stampeding elephant, stopping every few hours to say cosily "Don't worry dearie, I'm a gardener myself!" One dreadful day I arrived home to find 'Onetia Holland' had been scalped entirely down one side back to the main trunk, but in particular he singled out the young and vulnerable 'Valentine Day' for his attention. It was several months and many splints and bandages later before we could say the battle had been won.

What a joy is 'Moonlight' at this moment. This huge sasanqua is over 30 years old, and looking up through its dew-laden branches to see hundreds of white blooms translucent against the sun is a breath-catching way to end our early morning garden ramble.

The dogs happily pant their way back to the door, there to remain in a state of collapse for the rest of the morning. A trail of falling petals behind me as I enter the house tells its usual story of having once again collected too many blooms along the way for two hands to hold. However, some survive, cool and beautiful in vases, keeping lingering memories of the pure chill of the autumn air and early morning sunlight in the garden drifting on through the house long after the day itself has ended.

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The Camellias of Tiny Cottage

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Confessions of First-time Camellia Growers

by William and Lisa Green

It was a sunny Saturday following a rainy, cold week. Our first camellia show! But that's almost the end of the story. It all started in October when Nuccio's Nurseries delivered the plants. Our garden at Tiny Cottage had been planned (and underwritten) by the world-renowned camellia hobbyist Bill Donnan, our grandfather, a.k.a. the "plant doctor."

After a planting demonstration, we spent three days mulching wet peat moss into two gallon holes meant for one gallon plants. Fourteen camellias, fifteen azaleas and four gardenias later, we stood back and congratulated each other on our good work. Daily (no exaggeration) we checked our precious plants, delighting in each new bud and despairing if a single leaf appeared yellow or brownish, or heaven forbid, fell off! We summoned the plant doctor constantly, conferring on amount and frequency of water, possible need of extra fertilizer and general camellia culture. The other plants caused us no worry.

A week before the Descanso Show, the camellias peaked. Each variety had perfect blooms and buds which promised to open the following week. We were convinced the 'Conrad Hilton,' 'Egao' and 'Margaret Davis' were surefire winners. The next week was cold and blustery. We despaired as we watched the frozen blooms fall and the icy rain (yes, we're supposed to welcome rain with open arms) buffet the new plants.

Saturday morning came and we raced into the garden with paper and pen to record the names of the blossoms we were about to pick. We searched high and low, scurrying from plant to plant, hoping to find a perfect bloom, hoping to find any bloom. The weather had dashed our hopes. None of the blooms compared to the beauty and perfection of the previous week's flowers.

We clipped every blossom that was left in the yard. Few had survived the cold snap — one 'Yuletide'; one 'Egao'; two 'Buttons 'n Bows'; one 'Margaret Davis' and one 'K-Mart Special', a rather unattractive seedling already established at Tiny Cottage years before we moved in.

So we had to transport our meager display, but how? An empty copier paper box would do the trick. We stuffed crumpled newspaper in the box to support the blooms during the seven minute trip to Descanso Gardens.

When we arrived we were met at the exhibitors' gate by our mentor. He guided us through the scene and showed us how to fill out our cards, how to prepare the blooms for display, and how to check out the competition. Well, we thought we had no chance at a winner as everyone around us had fancy, specially designed camellia carrying cases filled with damp excelsior and gorgeous blooms. We put out five of our six blossoms - since no one could identify the 'K-Mart Special', we were unable to enter it. We planned to return that afternoon to see what fortune would befall us. Upon our arrival at Tiny Cottage, we discovered that in our excitement we had overlooked a perfect 'Mrs. Tingley' which no doubt, we thought, would have taken a first.

We returned to Descanso hoping for a ribbon and discovered that we had WON BIG! Each of our blooms took places and two won Best of Show for the novice categories. Not a bad show for a couple of rookies.

It's now Memorial Day. We are off to sprinkle one handful of cottonseed meal, no more, no less, about each of our camellia specimens. Just wait until next year!

Marilee Gray at Descanso January 1990 Seminar Camellia Culture

The key to successfully growing camellias is to recognize that camellias have a few definite cultural requirements and to know what conditions they cannot tolerate. Once their cultural needs are met, camellias will flourish and produce lovely blooms with very little additional attention. The queens of the shade garden, camellias are equally suited to pot culture for use on patios or in small gardens.

Planting: Camellias thrive in this area if a few basic needs are met. Camellias are shade-loving plants that prefer morning or filtered sun. The sasanqua varieties can tolerate the most sun.

The soil mix needs to be extremely loose to provide good drainage and the high oxygen requirements of the root system. A mixture of sandy loam soil, ground fir bark, and coarse peat moss or oak leaf mold for acidity would be an excellent soil mix. Horticultural perlite is a valuable addition for pot culture.

For pot culture, pot up into the next large size only when the root ball shows extensive rooting. Do not move up to a pot too large or over-watering is certain to be a problem.

To plant in the ground, dig the hole twice as wide and one and a half times as deep as the root ball. Rest the root ball on a firmly packed cone of soil so that the root ball is slightly above soil level. Fill in and around with loose soil mix and mulch with fir bark.

Watering: Camellias need to be moist, but not WET, at all times. Watering should be thorough (if in pots, fill the pot to the brim once or twice) and as infrequent as the weather will allow. Delay watering if only the surface is dry. Dig gently with a finger below the surface to see if the root ball is still moist. Over-watering or a heavy, soggy mix will result in suffocation and/or a root rot disease called phytophthora.

Once buds are set, care must be taken that the root ball does not go dry. Be especially watchful during dry winter spells.

Avoid wetting foliage that is in warm sunlight. Brown circles on the leaves are the result of sunburn through the water drops. If the day has been very dry or the temperature above 85 degrees, camellias benefit from a late afternoon sprinkling or misting of the foliage, and a mulch.

Fertilizing: It is especially important to know the root and the growth cycle of the camellias when considering fertilizing. Because they are comparatively light feeders and surface rooting, more camellias are lost by fertilizing mistakes than by lack of feeding altogether.

Do not fertilize a dormant plant. Camellias are dormant when they are developing buds and blooming. That is, from about September 1 through the blooming period, camellias could be severely damaged or killed if a regular camellia-azalea-rhodondendron fertilizer were applied during this time. However, most competition growers do use a monthly feeding of a bloom enhancer fertilizer during this dormant period. Such fertilizers are called low-nitrogen or non-nitrogen fertilizers and have chemical designations of 2-10-10 or 0-10-10 (nitrogen-phosphorus-potassium).

Do not use ordinary garden fertilizers. Use one specially formulated for camellias and azaleas, or cottonseed meal.

Do not fertilize a thirsty plant. Always water thoroughly the day before fertilizing.

Do not fertilize an anemic plant. If leaves are yellow from lack of iron, restore the color with chelated iron feeding(s) before using any regular camellia fertilizer. Do not fertilize during a heat wave. Camellias have tender roots, and the combination of fertilizer and heat is a dangerous, even deadly, situation.

Fertilize camellias during their growing season. As soon as growth buds appear active, generally when blooming is concluding, the plant can utilize the fertilizer. If a commercial, granular preparation for camellias and azaleas is used, it is safer to use half the recommended dosage and fertilize more frequently. Such granular types are active as soon as they dissolve, so a heat wave developing just after fertilizing could cause severe burning if the greater amount of nitrogen were present. Most growers prefer to use cottonseed meal as growth fertilizer. This product is less likely to cause burning because its nitrogen is slowly released by bacterial action and does not flood the roots with active nitrogen at any one time. The dosage generally used is 1T/gallon plant, 2T/2-gallon plant, 3T/5-gallon plant, and proportionally more for larger plants in the ground. For this locality, the first feeding can usually be early in April, followed by two more feedings at 6-8 week intervals. After September 1, switch to 2-10-10 or 0-10-10, if desired.

Most growers incorporate chelated iron into their feeding program to prevent anemia, promote stronger growth, and enhance bloom colors. Blood meal can also be used, but it is an extremely "hot" fertilizer and should be used *very* sparingly and only in the early spring.

Thoroughly water in all fertilizers. If in pots, fill pots to the brim twice immediately after fertilizing.

Pruning: Most older camellias that have not been tended need extensive pruning. Remove cross branches and weak, twiggy growth. Also, selectively remove enough growth so that light penetrates the interior of the plant. If shortening a branch, cut just beyond a growth bud that will grow in the desired direction. Try to achieve branches sturdy enough to support the blooms. Most growers do major pruning just after the blooming period, but pruning can be done any time, as needed.

Disbudding: Some varieties of camellias set buds too heavily and need disbudding to produce good quality blooms. When buds are developing so it is obvious which are bloom buds, remove all but one terminal bud. If buds have also set along the branch, remove so that there is a space of at least two or three leaves between buds.

If blooms are miniatures (under two and one-half inches in diameter), remove only enough buds to allow the remaining buds room to open. Sasanquas are valued for their mass of bloom and are not disbudded.

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The History of Camellias in France by Dr. J. Créze

Camellias were unknown in France until 1800. The first camellia would have been sent directly to Japan by Pierre Poivre, to the Royal Garden (?), but no trace has been found.

It was the Empress Josephine, the wife of Napoleon the First, who cultivated the first camellias on her Malmaison Estate. In 1808 she had two camellias brought from Belgium, one white and one red. In 1809



Dr. Jean Créze, great grandson of Jean Heurtin who introduced 'Ville de Nantes'.

she received a greater consignment from Van Acken and Van Castel. These camellias were grown in a greenhouse.

It was also in a greenhouse that camellias were grown in Paris, particularly by Father Berloise, whose greenhouses were in the rue de l'Arcade. In 1837 he had over 800 varieties.

Camellias were mostly cultivated for cut flowers worn in a buttonhole; it symbolized elegance and luxury. Alexandre Dumas immortalised this fashion in "La Dame aux Camellias." This young and beautiful courtesan who could not stand the smell of other flowers, decorated her blouse with camellia flowers. At that time the Nantes horticulturists sent thousands of these flowers to Paris every year.

In about 1806, Abraham Ferdinand Favre, a native of Nantes, showed that it was not necessary to cultivate camellias in a greenhouse in the French climate.

Abraham Ferdinand Favre was an extraordinary character. His family was Protestant and fled to Switzerland at the time that the Edict of Nantes was repealed. They returned to France during the Revolution. Abraham Favre was born in 1779. Settled in Nantes, he became a trader, a coffee importer, a ship owner. In 1814 he was Mayor of Nantes; he remained Mayor until 1866. He became Deputy at the Constitutent Assembly, then Senator.

In addition to his various activities, Abraham Favre was interested in camellias. He sent for "Rose of Japan" seeds from England.

He sowed them out in the open and, following 3 successive generations, he obtained 7000 stools and thus demonstrated that camellias could grow in the open in France. This was followed by an explosion of camellias in Nantes and in the whole of Brittany; in 1857 it was estimated that there were some 250,000 camellia stools in Nantes, grouped in 60 species and 200 varieties. There were 10,000 stools in Lorient. Horticulturists from Nantes and its suburbs created new camellias which are still cultivated. These were solely japonica camellias; among these can be mentioned: 'Marguerite Gouillon', 'Baronne Leguay', 'Duchesse de Cases', 'Gloire de Nantes', 'Paolina Guichardini' created by Mr. Guichard; 'Adolphe Audusson' created in Angers: 'Justine Heurtin', 'Beauté de Nantes' and 'Ville de Nantes' created by Jean Heurtin, who was my great grandfather. Later, 'Hypolite Thoby' and many others . . .

Actually, camellias are plentiful in France, especially in Brittany. They grow more slowly than in California or Japan. The climate is less propitious to them. The camellia does not grow everywhere. It is almost exclusively cultivated on the coasts along the English Channel, the Atlantic and the Mediterranean Sea.

The regions where the camellia is cultivated are divided into four clearly defined climatic zones (see map).

Zone A, the Channel coastline, is characterized by warm winters (the Gulf Stream), which enables the cultivation of the reticulata camellia, but the summers are not warm enough.

This climate can be compared to that of Cornwall, of which David Trehane states that the temperature seldom reaches 26° C (79°F) which is required to produce the bud.

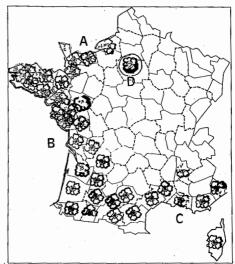
There are many hybrids which do not bud well or whose flowers are deformed. Sasanqua camellias do not bud; however, japonica camellias and, in particular, the Williamsii succeed extremely well. The fructification is rare because of lack of heat during blooming.

Foliar vegetation stops from October to March. Soils are usually acidic.

Zone B, the Atlantic Coastline, is a little cooler in winter, but clearly warmer in summer. The sasanqua camellias bud, but the solar heat in summer is such that camellia planting is preferable under shelter.

Fructification is frequent. Foliar vegetation is at a standstill from November to March.

Zone C, the Mediterranean zone, has the temperature which is closest to that of Northern New Zealand or Northern California (Sacramento), with warm winters, hot summers and long droughts.



Climatic zones of France where Camellias are grown

This zone would be acceptable to all camellias under certain shading conditions, but the soils are nearly always chalky, which requires their cultivation in made-up soils. To this is added watering problems, usually with hard water.

Zone D, lastly, is represented by the Paris region. One can say that the camellia grows there, with no thanks to the climate but because of man's hard work.

In this region there is the high risk of hard winters, which necessitates cultivation under sheltered conditions, ideally using the greenhouse.

But summers are hot and allow the sasangua camellia to bud.

A very nice collection of camellias can be seen in the Flower Garden in Nantes.





You may be able to save a scion from a favorite plant that is withering and dying from one cause or another. Cut off the top six inches of the plant that includes a scion. Submerge it in a jar of water and put it in a dark place overnight. If you are lucky, this section will revive and the scion may then be grafted immediately onto healthy rootstock for a new plant.

Now Come the Awards

by Chuck Gerlach

After the blooming season is over, we look forward to the award dinners. The Pacific Camellia Society had theirs on April 5, 1990 and the Southern California Camellia Society had theirs on June 2. For the past several seasons, Pacific has had theirs at the Peppermill Restaurant in Pasadena and SCCS has theirs at the Hospitality House in beautiful Descanso Gardens.

Awards presented by Pacific for total points at monthly meetings:

First	Rosamond Gerlach
Second	Leone Summerson
Third	Marcie Alltizer
Fourth	Bob Neely
	Ralph Rogers

Flower of the Month

November: Best Pink — 'Doris Ellis' — Marcie Alltizer

December: Best Red — 'Royal Velvet' — Marcie Alltizer

January: Best Variegated — "Eleanor Martin Supreme' — Wayne Alltizer

February: Best White — 'Swan Lake' — Leone Summerson

March: Best Retic — 'Francie L' — Leone Summerson

The "Good Guy" award was presented to Alice and Bob Jaacks for all

Letter to the Editor

Pasadena, CA May 7, 1990

Thank you for allowing me the pleasure of reading the issues of *Camellia Review*. They bring pleasant memories of numerous friendships I made during the many years I worked with camellias.

I feel I was very fortunate in being able to make a living working with such a beautiful and interesting plant. I have never regretted my choice.

I saw my first camellia blooms in 1917, in and around Brunswick, Georgia. Most of these camellias were formal doubles. I was instantly attracted by their intricate formations and was their help at meetings and shows.

At Descanso

Tasty hors d'oeuvres and delicious wine was served by members of the Descanso Guild, Jim and Mary Anne Arnett and Frank and Barbara Jameson. An excellent potluck dinner followed.

Monthly Flower Competition Awards

First Alice and Bob Jaacks Second Marilee Gray Col. Reed Trophy (for treated blooms); Alice and Bob Jaacks — Margarete Hertrich Award (for an outstanding japonica seedling): Nuccio's Nurseries, accepted by Tom Nuccio — William E. Wylam Miniature Award (for an outstanding established boutonniere): 'Black Tie', sent to Spencer Walden in Albany, Georgia for his 1968 introduction.

Bill Donnan announced the William E. Woodroof Hall of Fame Awards as 'Magnoliaeflora' and 'Shibori Egao'.

Elsie Bracci presented a gift to out-going Guild President Mary Anne Arnett in thanks for all her gracious help in the past years.

to the Editor Δ

fascinated by the extremely varied color patters of some varieties.

One weekend during that winter, I rode an excursion boat from Brunswick to Fernandina, Florida. The main street of that town was bordered with specimen camellias. One plant was covered with larger, brilliant red, formal double blooms. To me, it was one of the most beautiful things I had seen.

I was next exposed to camellias when I moved to Pasadena in the autumn of 1934. My next door neighbor had a large plant of 'Pink Perfection' and welcomed me with an exquisitely colored and formed bloom. Later, when I visited Coolidge Gardens, I saw a beautiful, red formal camellia they had called 'Colonel Firey'. This triggered my memory of the magnificent specimen I had seen in Fernandina. variety we now know as 'C.M. Hovey' for my gift that Christmas. To use an old expression, "I was hooked." Camellias are still my favorite flower.

> Bill (William E. Wylam)

My parents bought a plant of that

CAMELLIA-RAMA XVI

All you camellia lovers . . . and friends, come to Central California Camellia Society Camellia-Rama XVI.

When: November 2, 3, 4, 1990

Where: Fresno Sheraton-Smugglers Inn, 3737 N. Blackstone

As always, there will be "Camellia Fun and Culture," the Friday Hospitality Room, Saturday Symposium, Early Show, Buffet Lunch, Champagne Hour, Costume Parade, Prime Rib Dinner, Live Band and Dancing, the "Awesome Raffle" and special "Winner Need Not Be Present to Win" Raffle.

Smugglers has been renovated! The restaurant is being completely redone and is under new management. Motel rooms will be \$60. Prices for meals are not yet available.

Anyone not already on our mailing list please let me know if you'd like the information and I will respond PDQ:

Mary Anne Ray 5024 E. Laurel Ave. Fresno, CA 93727 (209) 255-6277

Theme: "Come to the Fair"

Costumes: Anyone or anything you might see at the fair — from the animal pavillion, race track, horticulture, art, mineral, etc. exhibits. Home economics exhibit, the midway, hawkers, entertainment stage and so on.

-Mary Anne Ray, The Informer

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Letter to Bill Donnan

EDITOR'S NOTE: Bill Donnan received the following letter from his friend Dave Davies of the United Kingdom. His comments about camellia culture in England might be of interest.

8 March 1990

Dear Bill:

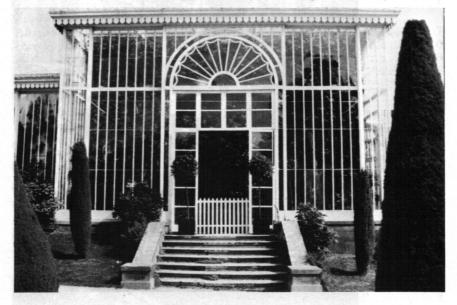
I always enjoy reading your articles and I found your 'Captain Rawes' story (Camellia Review, January-February, 1990) quite fascinating. Yes, they are both still there, or at least they were last July when I took the enclosed photo. You can just about see them through the reflections in the glass.

The original 'Captain Rawes' was moved from Hyde Park to a site at the highest part of my local borrough — Bromley. It survived long enough to give its name to the park and the locality. It is now to be replaced by a building exactly as designed by Paxton, but on a smaller scale.

I have a young 'Captain Rawes' doing well in the corner of my tiny glass house and I am hoping it will survive outside in our garden at Bournemouth where we hope to be living in a year or two. I have high hopes because all the camellias I have given to a neighbor down there are doing well. I gave him an 'Adolphe Audusson Var.' I had bought from Nuccio to avoid spreading the virus in my garden, and it has become a really spectacular bush. Mysteriously, two of my smaller 'Adolphe Audusson' have become variegated and I am going to keep them to compete with my neighbor.

I have one or two other variegated camellias. I think I will put them in a bed surrounded by a brick wall at Bournemouth. Two 'R.L. Wheeler Var.' from Nuccio have lots of variegation in the bloom and in the leaves. The only thing I can think of was that both plants almost died when they shared an enclosure with some freshly creosoted posts. They have made slow progress since, but I intend getting them in hand.

It has been a remarkable year for camellias. Two hot summers and a very mild winter. Only one night went down to -1 degree C. All my camellias



Chatsworth Manor glass house containing 'Captail Rawes,' subject of Bill Donnan's article

are in bloom at least one month early. 'Glorie de Nantes' has been in bloom since mid-December and looks like keeping on to the end of April. It has changed its form to be like 'Adolphe Audusson' or 'Donation'! My ten year old seedlings lie rejected in various corners of my garden. I suppose twenty of them have produced flowers, some are quite nice but nothing out of the ordinary.

I read in the Dorsetshire paper that Jennifer Trehane is asking interested people to join her in forming a Bournemouth and possibly a National Camellia Society. She must have been inspired by seeing the strength and benefits of your California societies. I wish her well and will probably join up when I move to Bournemouth. With very best wishes,

Yours sincerely. David

ED. NOTE; A subsequent note from David told Bill of an article in the Daily Telegraph which commented that the 'Captain Rawes' Bill saw at Chatsworth Manor was planted in 1850, not far off Bill's guess of 1840.



'Captain Rawes' inside Chatsworth Manor glass house — Pictures by David Davies

The Winners of 1989

by Don Bergamini

This year the judges put several varieties in the top position in their respective categories for the first time. The Large class had 'Elegans Champagne' and 'Royal Velvet' see top honors with seven wins each. 'Alison Leigh Woodroof' topped the small category, while 'Dr. Clifford Parks' and 'Coral Delight Var.' took the top honors in their categories for the first time in many a year. Old standby winners were: 'Eleanor Martin Supreme' with five wins and 'Fircone Var.' with six wins. 'Feathery Touch' tied for the Medium class honors with five wins also. 'Star Above Star' was the big winner again in the Species category.

This was a good year for some very fine blooms.

The following are the 1989 winners and runnerups in California:	
Large Japonicas	Ministerros (All Species)
'Elegans Champagne'	Miniatures (All Species) 'Fircone Var.'
'Miss Charleston Var.'	'Kewpie Doll'
	(Roton-Vulri)
'Katie Var.'	'Botan-Yuki'
'Lady Laura'	'Little Michael'
'Snowman'	
'Elizabeth Weaver'	'Ellen Daniel'
'Fashionata' 2	'Grace Albritton'
'Moonlight Bay' 2	'Lemon Drop' 2
'Pirate's Gold' 2	'Little Masterpiece' 2
'Pirate's Gold Var.'	'Little Slam' 2
'Silver Cloud' 2	'Little Slam Var.' 2
'Tomorrow's Dawn' 2	'Man Size' 2
'White Nun' 2	'Men's Mini' 2
17 others with 1	'Spring Festival' 2
Medium Japonicas	'Tammia' 2
'Eleanor Martin Sup.'	7 others with 1
'Feathery Touch'	Retics and Retic Hybrids
'Alta Gavin' 4	'Dr. Clifford Parks' 7
'Dawn's Early Light'	'Emma Gaeta Var.' 6
'Dixie Knight Sup.' 3	'Harold Paige' 6
'Margaret Davis' 3	'Miss Tulare' 5
'Margaret Davis'	'Al Gunn' 3
'Nuccio's Jewel' 3	'Francie L' 3
'Betty's Beauty' 2	'Valley Knudsen' 3
'Mrs. George Bell'	'Howard Asper' 2
'Wildfire'	'Lasca Beauty' 2
16 others with 1	'Nuccio's Ruby Var.'2
Small (All Species)	'Pleasant Memories' 2
'Alison Leigh Woodroof'	'Valentine Day' 2
'Maroon and Gold' 4	18 others with 1
'Splash o' White' 3	Non-Retic Hybrids
'Black Tie' 2	'Coral Delight Var.' 5
'Buttons and Bows' 2	'Angel Wings' 4
'Demi-Tasse' 2	'Waltz Time Var.'
'Kuro-Tsubaki' 2	'Elsie Jury' 3
'Little Babe Var.' 2	'Garden Glory' 3
'Marchioness of Salisbury' 2	'Julie Var.'
'Minimint' 9	'Kramer's Fluted Coral' 3
'Tom Thumb' 2	'Pink Dahlia' 3
'Minimint' 2 'Tom Thumb' 2	'Kramer's Fluted Goral'

'Waltz Time' 3	Species
'Anticipation Var.' 2	'Ŝtar Above Star' 5
11 others with	
	'Shibori-Egao' 2
	4 others with

San Diego Camellia Society Show

February 3-4, 1990

Best Large Japonica Runner-up Best Medium Japonica Runner-up Best Small Japonica Runner-up Best Miniature Japonica Runner-up Best Retic Hybrid Runner-up Best Non-Retic Hybrid Runner-up Best Treated Japonica Runner-up Best Treated Retic Hybrid Runner-up Best Treated Non-Retic Hybrid Runner-up Best 3 Large Japonicas Runner-up Best 3 Retic Hybrids Runner-up Best 3 Non-Retic Hybrids Runner-up Best 3 Med./Small Japonicas Runner-up Best 3 Mixed Varieties Runner-up Best Species New Seedlings or Sports Best Grafted Camellia Plant Best Novice Bloom Runner-up Best Camellia Plant in Bloom (San Diego members only)

Runner-up

'Moonlight Bay' 'Fashionata' 'Margaret Davis' 'Sawada's Dream' 'Alison Leigh Woodroof' 'Marchioness of Salisbury' 'Grace Albritton' 'Mansize' 'Arcadia' 'Curtain Call' 'Waltz Time Var.' 'Coral Delight Var.' 'Raspberry Ice' 'Marie Bracey' 'Arcadia' 'Dr. Clifford Parks' 'Pink Dahlia' 'Pink Dahlia' 'Grand Slam' 'Nuccio's Carousel' 'Carnelian' 'Dr. Clifford Parks' 'Waltz Time Var.' 'Coral Delight Var.' 'Wildfire' 'Sawada's Dream'

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Pomona Valley Camellia Society 43rd Annual Camellia Show

February 10-11, 1990

Best Large Japonica Runner-up Best Medium Japonica Runner-up Best Small Japonica Runner-up Best Miniature Japonica Runner-up Best 3 Sm/Min Japonicas Runner-up Best 3 Small Hybrids or Retics Runner-up Best 3 Hybrids or Retics Best 3 Small Hybrids or Retics Runner-up Best 3 Large Japonicas Runner-up Best 3 Medium Japonicas Runner-up Best 5 Large Japonicas Runner-up Best 5 Medium Japonicas Runner-up Best Very Large Hybrid or Retic Runner-up Best Large Hybrid or Retic Runner-up Best Medium Hybrid or Retic Runner-up Best 3 Very Large Hybrids or Retics Runner-up Best 3 Large Hybrids or Retics Runner-up Best 3 Medium Hybrids or Retics Runner-up Best 5 Very Large Hybrids or Retics Runner-up Best 5 Large Hybrids or Retics Best 5 Medium Hybrids or Retics **Best Species** Runner-up Best Yellow Bloom Best Fragrant Bloom Best Treated Japonica Runner-up Best Treated Hybrid or Retic Runner-up Collector's Tray of 3 Runner-up Best Seedling Best Commercial Display Best Commercial Bloom Best Novice Bloom Novice Award of Merit Novice Award of Merit

'Elizabeth Weaver' 'Miss Charleston Var.' 'Margaret Davis' 'Wildfire' 'Splash o' White' 'Hishi-Karaito' 'Kristy Piet' 'Grace Albritton' 'Hishi-Karaito' 'Alison Leigh Woodroof' 'Freedom Bell' 'Buttons 'n Bows' 'Spring Festival' 'Kramer's Fluted Coral' 'Coral Delight' 'Nuccio's Carousel' 'Royal Velvet' 'Sawada's Dream' 'Wildfire' 'Nuccio's Carousel' 'Moonlight Bay' 'Wildfire' 'Sawada's Dream' 'Emma Gaeta Var.' 'Dr. Clifford Parks' 'Four Winds' 'Larry Piet' 'Waltz Time' 'Charlean' 'Emma Gaeta Var.' 'Al Gunn' 'Super Star' 'Carnelian' 'South Seas' 'Angel Wings' 'Francie L. Var.' 'Emma Gaeta Var.' 'Carnelian' 'South Seas' 'Shibori Egao' 'Shishi Gashira' 'Lemon Drop 'Scentuous' 'Cherries Jubilee' 'Raspberry Ice' 'Harold Paige' 'Arcadia'

> 'Jean Clere' 'San Marino' 'Valentine Day' 'Hermes' 'Nuccio's Gem'

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'Elegans Splendor' 'Mrs. Tingley 'Silver Cloud' 'Al Gunn' 'Grand Marshal'

Judy Oder Joan Dick Bob and Carol Van Zandt Mary Jean Hauch Matt Wilkin

Peninsula Camellia Society Show

February 10-11, 1990

Best Bloom in Show Sweepstakes Runner-up Best Very Large Japonica Best Large Japonica Runner-up Best Medium Japonica Runner-up Best Small Camellia Best Miniature Camellia Best Very Large Reticulata Runner-up Best Medium to Large Retic Best Non-Retic Hybrid **Best 3 Boutonnieres** Best 3 Med. to V/L Japonica Best 3 Retics Best 3 Non-Retic Hybrids Best 5 Japonicas Best 9 Different Blooms Best New Japonica Seedling Best New Hybrid Seedling Best Fragrant Bloom Best Yellow Bloom Best Peninsula Member Japonica Best Member Retic-Hybrid Show Chairman - Howard Oliver

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'Elizabeth Weaver' 46 blue ribbons 37 blue ribbons Elizabeth Weaver 'Betty's Beauty' 'Nuccio's Cameo' 'Nuccio's Jewel' 'Spring Sonnet' 'Grace Albritton' 'Tama-No-Ura' 'Valentine Day' 'Lasca Beauty' 'Black Lace' Julie Var. 'Wilamina' 'Elegans Chambagne 'Valley Knudsen' 'Garden Glory' 'Grand Prix'

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Delta Camellia Society Show

February 17-18, 1990

Number of Blooms – 800	
Sweepstakes - Don and Mary	Bergamini (65 blue ribbons)
Runnerup - Larry and Nan	cy Pitts (52 blue ribbons)
Best of Show	'Tomorrow Park Hill Blush'
Best White	'Ivory Tower'
Runner-up	'Lemon Drop'
Best Miniature	'Sweetheart'
Runner-up	'Lemon Drop'
Best Small	'Tammia'
Runner-up	'Pink Doll'
Best Medium Japonica	'Spring Sonnet'
Runner-up	'Midnight Magic Var.'
Best Large Japonica	'Betty Foy Sanders'
Runner-up	'Raspberry Ice'
Best Very Large Japonica	'Tomorrow Park Hill Blush'
Runner-up	'Royal Velvet'
Best 3 Miniatures	'Little Michael'
Runner-up	'Tama-No-Ura'

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Best 3 Small Runner-up Best 3 Medium Japonicas Runner-up Best 3 Large Japonicas Runner-up Best 3 Very Large Japonicas Runner-up **Best 5 Boutonnieres** Runner-up Best 5 Japonicas Runner-up Best 4 Different-Colored Japonicas Best Retic Hybrid under 51/2" Runner-up Best Retic Hybrid over 51/2 Runner-up Best 3 Retic Hybrids Runner-up Best Non-Retic Hybrid Runner-up Best 3 Non-Retic Hybrids Runner-up Best Collection of 9 Blooms Best Seedling Runner-up **Best Youth Bouttoniere** Runner-up Best Youth Retic Hybrid Runner-up Best Youth Non-Retic Hybrid Runner-up Best Youth Japonica Runner-up Show Chairman - Larry Pitts

'Demi-Tasse' 'Freedom Bell' 'Magnoliaeflora' 'Wildfire' 'Royal Vélvet' 'Ivory Tower' 'Elegans Champagne' 'Katie' 'Little Michael' 'Freedom Bell' 'Lady in Red' 'Elsie Ruth Marshall'

'Valley Knudsen' 'Massee Lane' 'Lasca Beauty' 'Bill Johnston' 'Valentine Day' 'K. O. Hester' 'Julie Var.' 'Debbie' 'E. G. Waterhouse Supreme' 'Coral Delight'

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Temple City Camellia Show

February 17-18, 1990

Best Large Japonica Runner-up Best Medium Japonica Runner-up Best Small Japonica Runner-up Best Miniature Japonica Runner-up Best Retic Hybrid Runner-up Best Non-Retic Hybrid Runner-up **Best Species** Runner-up Best Treated Japonica Runner-up Best Treated Retic Hybrid Runner-up Best Treated Non-Retic Hybrid Runner-up Best 3 Large Japonicas Runner-up

'Grand Slam' 'Elizabeth Weaver' 'Rudolph Var.' 'Wildfire' 'Maroon and Gold' 'Splash o' White' 'Fircone Var.' 'Lemon Drop' 'Curtain Call' 'Emma Gaeta Var.' 'Waltz Time Var.' 'Julie Var.' 'Shibori-Egao' 'Botan-Yuki' 'Lady in Red' 'Lucy Stewart' 'Harold Paige' 'Dr. Clifford Parks' 'Waltz Time Var.' 'Pink Dahlia' 'Royal Velvet' 'Elegans Splendor'

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Best 3 Medium Japonicas Runner-up Best 3 Miniature Japonicas Runner-up Best 3 Retic Hybrids Runner-up Best 3 Non-Retic Hybrids Runner-up **Best 3 Mixed Varieties** Runner-up Best 5 Large Japonica Runner-up Best 5 Medium Japonicas Runner-up Best 5 Miniature Japonicas Runner-up Best 5 Hybrids Runner-up Best Novice Large Japonica Best Medium Japonica **Best Fragrant Bloom** Best Seedling Show Chairman - Chuck Gerlach Chairman of Judges - Grady Perigan 'Sawada's Dream' 'Wildfire' 'Little Michael' 'Cottontail' 'Valentine Day' 'Terrell Weaver' 'Garden Glory' 'Waltz Time Var.'

'Mathotiana' 'Nuccio's Carousel' 'Sawada's Dream' 'Wildfire' 'Pink Perfection' 'Splash o' White' 'Nuccio's Ruby' 'Nuccio's Ruby Var.' 'Elegans Splendor' 'Purity' 'Scentuous' 'M-4 Seedling'

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Best Large Japonica Runner-up Best Medium Japonica Runner-up Best Small Japonica Runner-up Best Miniature Japonica Runner-up Best Retic Hybrid Runner-up Best Large Non-Retic Hybrid Runner-up Best Med. or Sm. Non-Retic Hybrid Runner-up Best 3 Large Japonicas Runner-up Best 3 Medium Japonicas Runner-up Best 3 Boutonniere Japonicas Runner-up Best 5 Large Japonicas Runner-up Best 5 Medium Japonicas Runner-up Best 3 Retic Hybrids Runner-up Best 5 Retic Hybrids Runner-up Best 3 Non-Retic Hybrids Runner-up

'Roval Velvet' 'Carter's Sunburst' 'Grace Chow' 'Sawada's Dream' 'Maroon and Gold' 'Kitty' 'Grace Albritton' 'Little Michael' 'Al Gunn' 'Harold Paige' 'Anticipation Var.' 'Anticipation' 'Waltz Time Var.' 'Waltz Time' 'Elegans Subreme' 'Grand Prix' 'Magnoliaeflora' 'Sawada's Dream' 'Kishi Karito' 'Alison Leigh Woodroof' 'Elegans Champagne' 'Elegans Splendor' 'Sawada's Dream' 'Wildfire' 'Curtain Call' 'Dr. Clifford Parks' 'Harold Paige' 'Emma Gaeta Var.' 'Elsie Jury' 'Waltz Time Var.'

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Runner-up Outstanding Flower of Show Best Miniature Japonica Runner-up Best Small Japonica Runner-up Best Medium Japonica Runner-up Best Large Japonica Runner-up Best Very Large Japonica Runner-up Best Med/Lrg Retic Hybrid Runner-up Best Very Large Retic Hybrid Runner-up Best Non-Retic Hybrid Runner-up Best Gibbed Japonica Best Gibbed Retic Hybrid Best 3 Miniature Japonicas **Best 3 Small Japonicas** Best 3 Medium Japonicas Best 3 Large Japonicas Best 3 Very Large Japonicas Best 3 Retics or Retic Hybrids Best 3 Non-Retic Hybrids Best 3 Different Japonicas Best 5 Miniature to Med. Japonicas Best 5 Large/VL Japonicas Best 5 Retics or Retic Hybrids Best Collection of 9

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Best Miniature, any species Runner-up Best Medium Japonica Runner-up Best Large Japonica Runner-up Best Hybrid, any size Runner-up Show Chairperson, Jocelyn Vervalle 'Firedance Var.'

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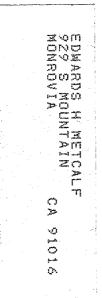
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