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*Non-Reticulata Hybrid 'Waltz Time'*

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Non-Reticulata 'Waltz Time' Lilac Pink. Medium, semidouble.  
Vigorous, bushy, upright. M. (Hybrid 'Williams Lavender' x Japonica 'Kuro-Tsubaki') McCaskill 1960.  
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## THOUGHTS FROM THE EDITOR



Many readers of The Camellia Review have little or no interest in “cold hardy” camellias and that was my position until last winter. Why the change in interest? We moved from a Southern California home at an elevation of 1000 feet in La Verne to a new home at approximately 6,000 feet in Idyllwild. We brought several potted camellia varieties “up the hill” from our retained La Verne gardens, but we became concerned when the temperature dropped to 13° for three days in a row. I promptly returned the pots to our “off the hill” garden. The plants survived the experience probably better than I did.

This renewed interest in cold hardy plants prompted my call to the Cold Hardy Guru, Dr. William Ackerman. He had recently written an article for American Nurseryman and willingly sent a copy to be published in the Review. I think you will be amazed at how some species and corresponding varieties will withstand temperatures to -15°. Dr. Ackerman’s list of varieties and their temperature limits were not printed in this Review, but can be printed if our readership has an interest.

Thanks to Brad King, President of Southern California Camellia Society, for his reminder calendar of things to do month-by-month in the camellia garden. The balance of the calendar will be included in the next Review.

Thanks, too, for the article from a couple of outstanding “students” of camellia culture. Jon and Therese LeGro enjoyed one show so much they stayed long enough to work a second show. Bobbie and I certainly enjoyed their fellowship and have extended a strong invitation for their help next year. It can serve as a Post Graduate course for these two retired professors.

—Mel Belcher, Editor

A garden should be in a constant state of fluid change, expansion, experiment, adventure; above all it should be an inquisitive, loving but self-critical journey on the part of its owner.

—H. E. Bates

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## CAMELLIAS 101

Therese LeGro  
Alfred Station, New York

Little did my husband Jon or I realize as we parked our motor home in the Belcher driveway in La Verne that we were about to being a short course on camellias. These two New York State visitors did not have a clue what a japonica or a reticulata was, but we were soon to learn that and much more.

We first met Mel and Bobbie Belcher in Malaysia in 1995 and, as we had prepared for a visit with them here in California, we learned that there was to be a camellia show in their town that weekend, we asked the question, "Can we help?" A quick "Yes!" was the response from Belcherville. And, so we had registered for the course.

On the afternoon before the show we joined about 15 pleasant organizers at the La Verne Community Center to help set up. There was cheerful chatter as tables were put in place, lint was removed from the black velvet tablecloths and crystal was taken from boxes and set up in readiness for the awards. The "munchies" provided were a welcome snack and one particularly tasty dip recipe is now in my cookbook.

The next step was selection of the blooms. In their garden, which was resplendent with flowers, we listened to Mel provide reasons for the choices that he would include in the show. As I transported the blossoms to Jon who had poured a solution into little

plastic cups, I could not bear to throw out the rejected blooms. We gathered a dozen of these beauties and placed them about our motor home, which reveled in beauty that it had not known before.

The morning of the show there was a last careful check of the labeling and state of each selected blossom. We helped put the trays together and carry each specimen to its appropriate spot on the display tables. We were bolstered by the drinks and doughnuts thoughtfully provided for volunteers.

As time drew near for the judging, we were retold that we could clerk; we received excellent instructions from Marilee Gray and were provided with our properly equipped "aprons." Thought we had been warned not to follow the judges so closely that we would distract them, we were able to be close enough to listen to their

comments regarding their grading. We kept busy with our clerking duties that included transporting selected blooms to the appropriate area for final judging.

Our next lessons involved how to record and tally the judges' votes. What a choice for them when so much beauty is involved! It was a pleasure after the results were announced to circulate and view all the offerings and to partake of a delicious

box lunch that the Society had provided.

Later that afternoon we sat in on lectures and discussions about grafting and pruning. Jon was lucky enough to select his own raffle ticket as a winner of a camellia plant that, hopefully with Mel's tender care (and vigorous



Pretty flowers all in a row.

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On the second day of the show, the mini-judging of novice offerings took place and all were invited to listen as the three judges shared his or her rationale for selection or rejection of a bloom. This was a highlight of the short course and certainly a must for every new grower. The final cleanup phase of the show was completed with the help of many willing hands.

And now to an evaluation of the course: What a weekend it was! The camaraderie of group members, the eagerness and ability to share information, the beauty of the camellias and the friendliness of many, made this weekend one that these two students will not forget. We give each of you an "A" for the great learning experience you provided! Your group is a real "Court of Honor."

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## A CALENDAR FOR CAMELLIA LOVERS

Bradford King  
Arcadia, California

Camellia lovers and Southern California gardeners tend to their plants twelve months of the year. This article will discuss key issues and what to do each month.

### JANUARY

The first month of the year is the beginning of the major blooming season for camellia Japonicas. Each day we are treated to surprises as new blooms open up! Most of these are the early Japonicas or late blooming species. Sasanquas such as 'Yuletide' or Vernalis such as 'Egao' or 'Star Above Star' are examples of late blooming species. 'Debutante', 'Wildfire' and 'Tama-no-ura' are typical early Japonicas.

### JANUARY TO DO LIST

During this month camellias may be fertilized with a low nitrogen produce such as Grow Power (2-10-10) or 0-10-10 or 3-10-10 to produce show quality blooms. The key is the first number—nitrogen. It must be no greater than 3 or new growth may occur.

Warm weather and larger amounts of nitrogen may force the plant out of dormancy. When camellias are in bloom they are dormant, just the opposite of many other plants.

Adequate water is needed this

month. You may need to do supplementary watering if rain is light. Since the Camellia flower is about 90% water, a deficient supply causes blooms and buds to dry out, fall off or be undersized. The key to watering camellias is to keep the soil moist at all times but not wet and soggy. Warm and dry winds especially will dry out pots. It is important to check your plants regularly and water as needed in your area.

°Pick blooms to enjoy in your home. Camellia flowers look lovely floating in a bowl or favorite vase. I use some short circular candlestick holders I won at camellia shows for bloom holders.

Hybridizing or grafting may begin this month for the experienced gardener. It takes about seven years from seed to produce a flowering plant. The ACS Camellia Yearbook is an excellent resource. Participate in one of the many camellia shows in Southern California. Show your flowers as a novice, intermediate or regular society member. It is free! It is fun! The shows are also the best place to see the widest range of camellia flowers to help you learn more about camellia varieties. Make a list of what you want to grow. Take your list to Nuccio's Nursery AND don't forget your checkbook.

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## FEBRUARY

Japonica and reticulatas are in full bloom this month. Generally, these would be the midseason varieties. A key issue this month is the local weather. Rain is welcomed in Southern California and is essential for healthy plants and blooms. On the other hand, heavy rain may damage blooms. Heavy rain is out of our control but, if you disbud and leave buds which hang down, there is less rain damage to the flower than if the bloom faces up. This time of year the high winds called the "Santa Anas" in California are frequently a problem. There is nothing to do during a windstorm to protect your plants but, when you are landscaping, consider making your plantings where there are wind breaks such as large trees, fences and buildings. If you do have large trees on your property, they need to be pruned to let the air circulate.

## FEBRUARY TO DO LIST

Supplement rain with additional water depending on your local condition. The key is MOIST, NOT WET.

Enjoy your blooms by picking them for your home or show the flowers in one of the weekly scheduled camellia shows.

Hybridizing continues this month for those interested in this part of the hobby. Grafting begins this month in Southern California when it is dry. This is an excellent method to propagate. One option is to use older varieties to graft on. Scions from new and better show camellias are readily available from Society members.

Spent blooms need to be picked up and disposed of in order to control petal blight. Petal blight causes brown spots on flowers and can be controlled by removing spent blooms from the ground.

## MARCH

Late blooming japonicas and reticulatas continue to flower in March. As the weather becomes

warmer, most camellias in Southern California will finish blooming this month,

## MARCH TO DO LIST

Pick blooms to enjoy in your home. Especially striking are the large reticulatas such as 'Harold L. Paige'.

Water camellias as needed to keep them MOIST NOT WET.

Grafting continues this month with scions available from Society members or from your own plants which you wish to propagate. Finding good understock is increasingly difficult to obtain. Continue to pick up ALL camellias blooms in order to help control petal blight.

Do not use camellia flowers in your mulch as this may proliferate the sclerotium that produce the spores which cause petal blight.

Late March, usually about St. Patrick's Day, some camellias begin to "feather out"—new leaves are developing. This signals the plant is breaking out of dormancy and is the beginning of the growth season. When "feathering" occurs it is time for the initial fertilization boost. One excellent boost is fish emulsion (5-1-1) which is a liquid fertilizer which is mixed with water and put around the base of the plant. It may cause a "fishy" smell that lasts a few days. Miracid (30-10-10) can also be used in place of fish emulsion. Please note the high level of nitrogen—the first number listed. Therefore, use it as half strength or you will burn the leaves and perhaps kill the plant. It is a fertilizer that also contains iron and trace minerals which are beneficial to camellias. The key in fertilizing camellias is that too much is a danger.

## APRIL

In Southern California the rainy season is over, days are long and warm. This makes for an ideal time to be out in your garden. Now is the season to do the garden projects you have put off.

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## APRIL TO DO LIST

First on the agenda is to fertilize, especially if you didn't begin in late March. After the initial boost described above, initiate a regular feeding plan. An excellent program is 5 parts cottonseed, 1 part iron and 1 part blood meal every 45 days. Sergio and Elsie Bracci have advocated these proportions and taught Southern Californians this program for years. We owe them our thanks. Local nurseries also sell azalea and camellia fertilizers that may be used. Fertilization continues through early July. When the weather gets hot in August and September, high nitrogen fertilizers should not be applied, especially if your plants are not well established.

Pruning of camellias is done this month as well as in May and June. The key to pruning is to remove dead wood branches that cross each other and other branches and stems that fill up the middle of the plant. When pruning is complete, the plant should look balanced and open in the center.

Water as needed to provide a **MOIST NOT WET** soil mix.

Do that garden project you put off for a sunny day.

This four-month period is the most exciting for the camellia grower in Southern California because we are rewarded with lovely blooms and beautiful new leaves. Spring has arrived, the birds are singing, the winds are warm and sweet. It just doesn't get any better than this!

## MAY

Camellia foliage is rich and green and new growth of 6 to 8" may be apparent.

## MAY TO DO LIST

Adequate water is needed to sustain new growth. Generally, there is little to no rain in Southern California at this time of the year. Therefore, keep your plants moist but not wet.

Mid-May is the optimal time for

the second application of fertilizer in your feeding program. Fertilize camellias with 5 parts, cottonseed, 1 part iron and 1 part blood meal. Be sure not to over-fertilize and treat non-reticulata hybrids very lightly. Never feed a dry camellia.

A garden clean up is recommended during May. Weeds are to be removed as well as unwanted leaves and other debris should be picked up. Any leftover camellia blooms should be removed from your garden to prevent the spread of petal blight.

## JUNE

Through most of the month of June there may be a cloud cover due to a low marine layer. This means that the sun may come out from under the "June gloom" anytime from sunrise to late afternoon. However, even with all the clouds rarely is there any rain.

## JUNE TO DO LIST

Continue to water camellia regularly as needed for your location. Remember the camellia gardener's mantra—**MOIST NOT WET!**

This is an excellent time to amend your soil and to put down mulch. Peat moss is readily available but home produced compost is even better. My favorite is bagged oak leaf mold. I feel fortunate when I can buy it. Fir or pine bark is also used for camellia mulch to reduce evaporation of moisture during the summer months. This will also help control the growth of weeds around your plants. Do not cultivate or dig the mulch in as this disturbs the root system. Camellias have extensive surface roots that need to be protected.

## JULY

This month begins the summer season which at times can bring very high dry temperatures to Southern California

## JULY TO DO LIST

Water is a must for your plants



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during this season. A systematic "deep" watering of plants is preferable to frequent "light" watering. The frequency of watering depends on the weather, soil composition, location of plants and the amount of mulch protecting the camellia's root system. The key is to water as often as it takes to keep the soil in your garden moist, but not wet. If your camellias are in pots, continue to water each plant until the water runs out the weep holes at the bottom of the container. Moisture in the soil can be measured by pushing a dry stake in the ground. Moist soil will be attached to the stake when it is withdrawn which will indicate how far down the moisture has penetrated. Moisture should reach the deepest roots of the plant. If you are using lawn sprinklers, camellias may not receive enough water at the deeper levels. Grass roots are 4-6" deep so lawn sprinklers are normally set for 2 to 4 times per week for short periods of time. This type of watering is too shallow for camellias to thrive. The key is to water less frequently but to water deeply.

Continue the fertilization program outlined above. For most growers, this is the last summer fertilization due to the increasingly hot temperatures in late June and through

July and August. If the weather is hot (85° and more) I recommend eliminating the blood meal to the fertilizing mix, especially if your plants are not well established (15 years or more). On the other hand, the older camellias can take fertilizer and hot weather when adequately watered. Non-reticulata hybrids are the most susceptible to over fertilization so special care should be given to reduce the amounts given to them.

### **AUGUST**

At times, August is hot, dry and smoggy in Southern California and all these conditions can be hard on camellias. We can't control the weather, but good culture can help improve their lot!

### **AUGUST TO DO LIST**

Regular deep watering is a must for camellias. they continue to need moist, not wet soil conditions for optimal growth.

In addition, camellias benefit greatly when their foliage is sprinkled with water. Do this watering in the late afternoon or early evening when temperatures remain above 85°. This supplementary watering provides humidity as well as the water needed to sustain robust growth.



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## NORTHERN EXPOSURE

Dr. William Ackerman  
Ashton, Maryland

Few woody ornamentals provide as much year-round excitement as camellias. During the bleak days of winter—when many plants are dormant—camellias dress up the landscape with their elegant flowers, dark lustrous evergreen foliage and various leaf shapes and textures. A variety of habits abound from prostrate to columnar and open to dense. Few shrubs possess all these qualities.

Cold-hardy camellias have long been a dream of Northern gardeners. Unfortunately, camellias are not widely grown beyond the “Camellia Belt” (from the Southeast to the West Coast—zones 7 to 9) thanks to a well-established myth that camellias are not cold-hardy. Yet many new cold-hardy varieties are just waiting to be used in Northern climes. In the Northeast, judicious selection of fall and spring blooming cultivars can result in an extended flowering period.

Numerous books and articles on the best camellia cultivars and their culture are written by and directed toward growers and landscapers in the “Camellia Belt.” While these publications are valuable for green industry professionals in this area, recommendations such as late fall planting and planting in locations with a southern exposure can be misleading and sometimes disastrous in zones 5b to 6.

Camellias have earned their reputation for tenderness because until recently they did not survive low temperatures. For decades, horticulture professionals in the North tried growing southern camellias – often unsuccessfully. While some camellias seemed to tolerate harsh winters, reliable hardiness was unattainable.

For example, in the late 1970's several consecutive harsh winters

killed large, decades-old camellia specimens in the Washington, DC, metropolitan area. The camellia collection at the US National Arboretum in Washington, DC was also devastated. The collection of 30 to 40 year old plants was reduced from 956 to less than a dozen struggling survivors and a few stumps.

Fortunately there was one plant that was hardly scathed – a fall flowering *C. oleifera* (tea-oil plant) specimen. This plant was later named *C. oleifera* ‘Lu Shan Snow’ by Lawrence Lee, former curator of the arboretum’s Asian Valley collection. Introduced to the US from China in 1948, this specie came through the brutal winters unharmed and has thrived in every winter since. It has even bloomed wonderfully despite severe temperatures.

It’s no wonder that a variety of *C. oleifera* tolerates cold weather well. Under cultivation for almost 5,000 years in China and grown widely (over 9.7 million acres) in that country, this species has many strains and forms. It is not surprising that a select few developed extreme cold hardiness in northern locations.

I’ve been breeding camellias for more than 40 years. From 1959 to 1974, I ran a camellia hybridization program at the US Plant Introduction Station in Glenn Dale, MD, which has since become a research and field-testing facility of the US National Arboretum. I also served as a research geneticist at the US National Arboretum from 1974 to 1985. Many Asian camellia introductions have been laboratory and field tested, including eight strains of *C. oleifera*. Of these strains, only ‘Lu Shan Snow’ and one other *C. oleifera* proved cold hardy. Although Dr. Marc Cathey, the arboretum’s director at the time declared ‘Lu Shan Snow’ one of its 10

most valuable plants, the other *C. oleifera*—which was less attractive—was more cold-hardy over the years, consistently withstanding  $-15^{\circ}$  with no injury.

In 1978 I initiated a breeding program to combine the plant and flower bud hardiness of *C. oleifera* with the flower quality of the best standard commercial cultivars. So *C. oleifera* was crossed with several fall and spring flowering species. The goal was to produce fall and spring flowering camellias superior to the tender cultivars available in the trade, as well as to select plants with a wide range of flower forms—such as single, semidouble, double, peony, anemone and rose forms.

The result was more than 2,500 hybrids developed in 1979 and 1980 which have been field-tested from 1982 to the present. The goal was to determine how these plants fared under diverse climatic conditions. The hybrids were exposed to temperatures as low as  $-15^{\circ}$ . The camellias were evaluated at 14 cooperating institutions in eastern Pennsylvania, northern Maryland, northern Virginia and North Carolina. The participating facilities included Longwood Gardens, Inc., Kennett Square, PA; county arboreta such as London Town Publik House and Gardens, Edgewater, D; River Farm of Mount Vernon, VA and Bon Air Park of Arlington, VA and two private gardeners in Hendersonville, NC. One private garden is owned by Dr. John Creech, former director of the US National Arboretum, and the other garden is owned by Dr. August Kehr, former institution leader at the Plant Industry Station in Beltsville, MD.

Seedlings that weren't cold-hardy were culled out, and this process continues to this day. A few were considered worthy of release as cultivars; these plants had minimal damage and high-quality blooms. For each final selection, there was a minimum temperature at which the first signs of leaf burn or other injury

became evident. Since temperatures did not get lower than  $-15^{\circ}$ , it is not known whether the cultivars listed as hardy to  $-15^{\circ}$  would be injured at lower temperatures.

Bloom colors range from white to shades of pink, lavender and red. The blossom diameter of most fall-flowering plants averages 3 inches to 3 1/2 inches, whereas their spring-blooming counterparts have 3 1/2 to 5 inch-wide flowers.

Most of the fall-blooming hybrids flower at an early age; some bloom as early as the second year from rooted cuttings. In addition, most of the fall-blooming hybrids flower from four to six weeks, and many cultivars bloom in procession. *C. x* 'Snow Flurry' blooms the earliest. In Maryland, the plant's white, peonylike flowers appear in late September and continue to early November. *C. x* 'Winter's Beauty' produces flowers last. In Maryland, this cultivar's blooms appear in mid-December, just in time for Christmas, and finish their show in January. By contrast, the spring-blooming hybrids did not seem to bloom at an early age from rooted cuttings.

## DEGREES OF SEPARATION

Hard freezes injure open blossoms and advance-stage flower buds. However, in Maryland, a warm spell encourages another series of unscathed blooms that appear several days later. For example, *C. x* 'Winter's Waterlily' features white, double blooms. Seventy-two hours after the plant endured  $19^{\circ}$  at trials, it once gain was graced with magnificent flowers. This plant withstands  $-15^{\circ}$ . In fact, the most cold-hardy, fall-blooming cultivars tolerate this cold extreme.

Blooming sequence for spring-flowering hybrids has more variation than the fall-flowering ones and depends on the type of winter experienced. Several cold-hardy, spring flowering cultivars also abound. White *C. x* 'Kuro Delight' is

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meant for springtime, it tolerates cold snaps, as it endures  $-15^{\circ}$ . It's as beautiful as it is hardy, boasting maroon-red, semidouble flowers. Although C. x 'Pink Icicle' and C. x 'Red Fellow' are the least cold-hardy of the bunch, they are still pretty tough, tolerating  $-5^{\circ}$ . The blossoms of 'Pink Icicle' are pink and peonylike. 'Red Fellow' has red, semidouble flowers.

Most of the spring bloomers are hardy to  $-10^{\circ}$ . These include C. x 'Jerry Hill', with its medium-pink formal double blooms. 'Fire 'N Ice', with red, semidouble flowers and C. x 'Frost Queen', with white, semidouble blooms. The semidouble flowers of C. x 'Spring Circus' vary from solid red, white or pink to stripes and blotches of red on a white background—all on

the same plant. This range of colors is the result of an unstable set of color-controlling genes. This can occur frequently with camellias and is a quality valued by most camellia lovers.

Usually, a cultivar becomes available to garden centers two to three years after I furnish a wholesaler with propagation material. These hybrids challenge the myth that camellias are strictly for warm climates. Camellias are starting to be seen in landscapes from coastal New England to the Midwest, bordering the southern fringes of the Great Lakes. With such wonderful color and cold tolerance, these stunning shrubs needs to be exposed for what they really are—great landscape plants.



What continues to astonish me about a garden is that you can walk past it in a hurry, see something wrong, stop to set it right, and emerge an hour or two later breathless, contented and wondering what on earth happened.

—Dorothy Gilman

The love of flowers is really the best teacher of how to grown and understand them.

—Max Schling

A gardener learns more in the mistakes than in the successes.

—Barbara Dodge Borland



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Best Single	'Royal Velvet'	Douglas Nowlin
Runner-up	'Tomorrow Park Hill'	Mel & Bobbie Belcher
Court of Honor	'Dusty'	Sergio & Elsie Bracci
Best Tray of 3	'Elegans Champagne'	Sergio & Elsie Bracci
Runner-up	'Junior Prom'	Sergio & Elsie Bracci
Court of Honor	'Grand Prix'	Brad & Lynn King

## Japonica—Medium

Best Single	'Margaret Davis'	Dale & Mary Kay Mittag
Runner-up	'Mrs. George Bell'	Marvin & Virginia Belcher
Court of Honor	'Silver Tower'	David & Susan Trujillo
Best Tray of 3	'Nuccio's Carousel'	Les & JoAnn Brewer
Runner-up	'Herme'	Jim & Armida Wilkin
Court of Honor	'Firedance Variegated'	Dale & Mary Kay Mittag

### Special Culture

Best Single	'Margaret Davis'	Mel & Bobbie Belcher
Runner-up	'Eleanor Martin Supreme'	Sergio & Elsie Bracci
Court of Honor	'Dixie Knight Supreme'	Mel & Bobbie Belcher
Best Tray of 3	'Haru-No-Utena'	D. T. Gray Family
Runner-up	'Demi-Tasse'	Sergio & Elsie Bracci

## Japonica—Small

Best Single	'Pink Perfection'	Dale & Mary Kay Mittag
Runner-up	'Demi-Tasse'	Mel & Bobbie Belcher
Court of Honor	'Tama Peacock'	David & Susan Trujillo

### Special Culture

Best Single	'Red Hots'	D. T. Gray Family
Runner-up	'Splash-O-White'	Sergio & Elsie Bracci
Court of Honor	'Maroon and Gold'	Sergio & Elsie Bracci

## Japonica—Miniature

Best Single	'Little Michael'	Mel & Bobbie Belcher
Runner-up	'Grace Albritton'	Mel & Bobbie Belcher
Court of Honor	'Lemon Drop'	Les & JoAnn Brewer

### Special Culture

Best Single	'Grace Albritton'	Sergio & Elsie Bracci
Runner-up	'Lemon Drop'	D. T. Gray Fami
Court of Honor	'Tootsie'	Sergio & Elsie Bracci

## Japonica—Small or Miniature

Best Tray of 3	'Marchioness of Salisbury'	Sergio & Elsie Bracci
Runner-up	'Fukurin-Ikkyu'	Don & Mary Bergamini

Court of Honor	'Lady Hume's Blush'	Don & Mary Bergamini
<b>Special Culture</b>		
Best Tray of 3	'Tinsie'	Don & Mary Bergamini
Runner-up	'Buddy Variegated'	Don & Mary Bergamini
<b>Reticulata or Reticulata Hybrid</b>		
Best Single	'Dr. Clifford Parks'	Les & JoAnn Brewer
Runner-up	'Frank Houser'	Les & JoAnn Brewer
Court of Honor	'Emma Gaeta Variegated'	Doug Nowlin
Best Tray of 3	'Frank House'	Les & JoAnn Brewer
Runner-up	'Butterfly Wings'	Peer Estate
Court of Honor	'Confucius'	Peer Estate
<b>Special Culture</b>		
Best Single	'Frank Houser Variegated'	Sergio & Elsie Bracci
Runner-up	'Dr. Clifford Parks'	Sergio & Elsie Bracci
Court of Honor	'Harold L. Paige'	Sergio & Elsie Bracci
Best Tray of 3	'Frank Houser'	Sergio & Elsie Bracci
Runner-up	'Larry Piet'	Sergio & Elsie Bracci
Court of Honor	'Rob Roy'	D. T. Gray Family
<b>Non-Reticulata Hybrid</b>		
Best Single	'Spring Daze'	Sergio & Elsie Bracci
Runner-up	'Coral Delight Variegated'	David & Susan Trujillo
Court of Honor	'Waltz Time Variegated'	Mel & Bobbie Belcher
Best Tray of 3	'Julia Variegated'	Sergio & Elsie Bracci
Runner-up	'High Fragrance'	Sergio & Elsie Bracci
Court of Honor	'Miss Tiny Tot Princess'	Don & Mary Bergamini
<b>Special Culture</b>		
Best Single	'Lucky Star'	Sergio & Elsie Bracci
Runner-up	'Pink Dahlia'	D. T. Gray Family
Court of Honor	'Elsie Jury'	Sergio & Elsie Bracci
Best Tray of 3	'Coral Delight Variegated'	Sergio & Elsie Bracci
Runner-up	'Jack Pot'	D. T. Gray Family
<b>Species</b>		
Best	'Egao'	Mel & Bobbie Belcher
Runner-up	'Grady's Egao'	Don & Mary Bergamini
Court of Honor	'Yuletide'	Marvin & Virginia Belcher
Best Tray of 3	'Shibori Egao'	Sergio & Elsie Bracci
Runner-up	'Grady's Egao'	Brad & Lynn King
<b>Collector's Tray of 3 Mixed Varieties</b>		
Best	'Fircone Variegated', 'Guilio Nuccio Variegated', 'Firedance Variegated'	Dale & Mary Kay Mittag
Runner-up	'Baby Rhodo', 'Spring Festival', 'Henry Huntington'	Don & Mary Bergamini
Court of Honor	'Spring Daze', 'Margaret Davis', 'Elegans Chandler'	Dale & Mary Kay Mittag
<b>Best Seedling</b>		
		Don & Mary Bergamini
<b>Best Fragrant Bloom</b>		
	'High Fragrance'	Sergio & Elsie Bracci

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**Intermediate**

Best Single	'Buttermint'	Steve Mefford
Runner-up	'Grand Marshal'	Will MacArthur
Court of Honor	'Nuccio's Gem'	Will MacArthur

**SAN DIEGO CAMELLIA SOCIETY**

56th Annual Camellia Show

February 1 and 2, 2003

**Japonica—Large/Very Large**

Best Single	'Dusty'	Sergio & Elsie Bracci
Runner-up	'Royal Velvet'	Tom & Elsie Hughes
Court of Honor	'Tomorrow's Dawn'	Marvin & Virginia Belcher
Best Tray of 3	'Guilio Nuccio'	Michael Mathos
Runner-up	'Snow Chan'	Sergio & Elsie Bracci
Court of Honor	'Royal Velvet'	David & Susan Trujillo

**Japonica—Medium**

Best Single	'Firedance Variegated'	D. T. Gray Family
Runner-up	'Nuccio's Jewel'	Sergio & Elsie Bracci
Court of Honor	'Candy Apple'	'Mel & Bobbie Belcher

**Japonica—Small or Miniature**

Best Single	'Ave Marie'	Sergio & Elsie Bracci
Runner-up	'Something Beautiful'	Marvin & Virginia Belcher
Court of Honor	'Tama Electra'	David & Susan Trujillo

**Japonica—Medium, Small or Miniature**

Best Tray of 3	'Nuccio's Jewel'	Sergio & Elsie Bracci
Runner-up	'Firedance Variegated'	D. T. Gray Family
Court of Honor	'Hara-No-Utena'	Sergio & Elsie Bracci

**Reticulata or Reticulata Hybrid**

Best Single	'Valentine Day'	Jay Vermilya
Runner-up	'Frank Houser'	Sergio & Elsie Bracci
Court of Honor	'Curtain Call'	Sergio & Elsie Bracci
Best Tray of 3	'Frank Houser Variegated'	Sergio & Elsie Bracci
Runner-up	'Dr. Clifford Parks'	Sergio & Elsie Bracci
Court of Honor	'Frank Houser'	Sergio & Elsie Bracci

**Non-Reticulata Hybrid**

Best Single	'First Blush'	David & Susan Trujillo
Runner-up	'Lucky Star'	Jay Vermilya
Court of Honor	'Night Rider'	David & Susan Trujillo
Best Tray of 3	'Nicky Crisp'	Sergio & Elsie Bracci
Runner-up	'Spring Daze'	Sergio & Elsie Bracci
Court of Honor	'South Seas'	Sergio & Elsie Bracci

**Species**

Best	'Shibori Egao'	Sergio & Elsie Bracci
Runner-up	'Botan-Yuki'	David & Susan Trujillo
Court of Honor	'Egao Corkscrew'	Joanna McClure & Lew Gary

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**Collector's Tray of 3 Mixed Varieties**

Best	'Spring Daze', 'Nuccio's Jewel', 'Tomorrow Park Hill'	Sergio & Elsie Bracci
Runner-up	'Ave Maria', 'Desire', 'Elegans Splendor'	D. T. Gray Family
Court of Honor	'Lemon Drop', 'Junior Prom', 'Silver Tower'	David & Susan Trujillo
<b>Best Fragrant</b>	'High Fragrance'	Michael Mathos
<b>Best Grafted Plant</b>	'Linda Carol'	E. C. Snooks
<b>Best Plant in Bloom</b>	'Bunny Ears'	E. C. Snooks
<b>Best Seedling</b>		Rudy Blanco

**Special Culture****Japonica**

Best	'Elegans Splendor'	Sergio & Elsie Bracci
Runner-up	'Elegans Champagne'	Sergio & Elsie Bracci
Court of Honor	'Miss Charleston Variegated'	D. T. Gray Family

**Reticulata or Reticulata Hybrid**

Best	'Harold L. Paige'	Sergio & Elsie Bracci
Runner-up	'Larry Piet'	Sergio & Elsie Bracci
Court of Honor	'Cornelian'	Sergio & Elsie Bracci

**Non-Reticulata Hybrid**

Best	'Pink Dahlia'	Sergio & Elsie Bracci
Runner-up	'Elsie Jury'	Sergio & Elsie Bracci
Court of Honor	'Nicky Crisp'	Sergio & Elsie Bracci

**San Diego County Entries****Dr. Toy Tess Memorial Award**

Best	'Kramer's Supreme'	Joanna McClure & Lew Gary
Runner-up	'Guilio Nuccio'	Michael Mathos
Court of Honor	'Wildfire'	Michael Mathos

**Novice**

Best	'Valley Knudsen'	Linda Turner
Runner-up	'Katie'	Linda Turner
Court of Honor	'Grand Prix'	Linda Turner

**Intermediate**

Best	'Kramer's Supreme'	Peggy Roberts
Runner-up	'Guilio Nuccio'	John Nicols

Beauty as we feel it is something indescribable'  
What it is or what it means can never be said.

—George Santayana



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Descanso Gardens

## Japonica—Large/Very Large

Best Single	'Carter's Sunburst'	Beth Stone
Runner-up	'Grand Prix'	Mel & Bobbie Belcher
Court of Honor	'Lady Laura'	Sergio & Elsie Bracci
Best Tray of 3	'Moonlight Bay'	Tom & Dody Gilfoy
Runner-up	'Kramer's Supreme'	Dale & Mary Kay Mittag
Court of Honor	'Snow Chan'	Sergio & Elsie Bracci
<b>Special Culture</b>		
Best Single	'Miss Charleston Variegated'	D. T. Gray Family
Runner-up	'Elegans Splendor'	Sergio & Elsie Bracci
Court of Honor	'Show Time'	Victor & Linda Rodriguez
Best Tray of 3	'Miss Charleston Var.'	D. T. Gray Family
Runner-up	'Grand Prix'	Brad & Lynn King
Court of Honor	'Mathotiana Supreme'	D. T. Gray Family

## Japonica—Medium

Best Single	'Margaret Davis'	Dale & Mary Kay Mittag
Runner-up	'Betty's Beauty'	Tom & Dody Gilfoy
Court of Honor	'Firedance Variegated'	D. T. Gray Family
Best Tray of 3	'Herme'	Jim & Armida Wilkin
Runner-up	'Jenny Mills'	Sergio & Elsie Bracci
Court of Honor	'Firedance Variegated'	D. T. Gray Family
<b>Special Culture</b>		
Best Single	'Nuccio's Jewel'	Sergio & Elsie Bracci
Runner-up	'Herme'	Brad & Lynn King
Court of Honor	'Dixie Knight Supreme'	Sergio & Elsie Bracci
Best Tray of 3	'Haru-No-Utena'	D. T. Gray Family
Runner-up	'Eleanor Martin Supreme'	Sergio & Elsie Bracci
Court of Honor	'Grand Marshal Variegated'	Sergio & Elsie Bracci

## Japonica—Small

Best Single	'Demi-Tasse'	Mel & Bobbie Belcher
Runner-up	'Red Hots'	Tom & Dody Gilfoy
Court of Honor	'Tom Thumb'	Sergio & Elsie Bracci
<b>Special Culture</b>		
Best Single	'Dahlohnega'	Brad & Lynn King

## Japonica—Miniature

Best Single	'Man Size'	Sergio & Elsie Bracci
Runner-up	'Something Beautiful'	Dale & Mary Kay Mittag
Court of Honor	'Fircone Variegated'	Dale & Mary Kay Mittag

## Japonica—Small or Miniature.

Best Tray of 3	'Tama Electra'	David & Susan Trujillo
Runner-up	'Maroon and Gold'	Tom & Dody Gilfoy
Court of Honor	'Red Hots'	D. T. Gray Family
<b>Special Culture</b>		
Best Tray of 3	'Splash-O-White'	Sergio & Elsie Bracci
Runner-up	'Kitty'	Sergio & Elsie Bracci

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**Reticulata or Reticulata Hybrid**

Best Single	'Curtain Call'	Sergio & Elsie Bracci
Runner-up	'Valley Knudsen'	Jane Brady
Court of Honor	'Emma Gaeta Variegated'	Rudy Blanco
Best Tray of 3	'Frank Houser'	Sergio & Elsie Bracci
Runner-up	'Emma Gaeta Variegated'	D. T. Gray Family
Court of Honor	'All Gunn'	Michael Mathos

**Special Culture**

Best Single	'John Hunt'	Sergio & Elsie Bracci
Runner-up	'Valentine Day Variegated'	E. C. Snooks
Court of Honor	'Harold L. Paige'	Sergio & Elsie Bracci
Best Tray of 3	'Frank Houser'	Sergio & Elsie Bracci
Runner-up	'Cornelian'	Sergio & Elsie Bracci
Court of Honor	'Curtain Call'	Sergio & Elsie Bracci

**Non-Reticulata Hybrid**

Best Single	'Buttons 'N Bows'	Dale & Mary Kay Mittag
Runner-up	'Water Lily'	Michael Mathos
Court of Honor	'Coral Delight'	Dale & Mary Kay Mittag
Best Tray of 3	'Freedom Bell'	Sergio & Elsie Bracci
Runner-up	'Spring Daze'	Sergio & Elsie Bracci
Court of Honor	'Coral Delight Variegated'	David & Susan Trujillo

**Special Culture**

Best Single	'Elsie Jury'	Sergio & Elsie Bracci
Runner-up	'Pink Dahlia'	Sergio & Elsie Bracci
Court of Honor	'Julia'	Jane Brady
Best Tray of 3	'Spring Daze'	Sergio & Elsie Bracci
Runner-up	'Lucky Star'	Sergio & Elsie Bracci

**Species**

Best Single	'Egao'	Tom & Dody Gilfoy
Runner-up	'Shibori-Egao'	Sergio & Elsie Bracci
Court of Honor	'Shishi-Gashira'	Brad & Lynn King
Best Tray of 3	'Shibori Egao'	Sergio & Elsie Bracci
Runner-up	'Grady's Egao'	Brad & Lynn King
Court of Honor	'Star Above Star'	Brad & Lynn King

**Best Seedling**

Rudy Blanco

**Collector's Tray of 3 Mixed Varieties**

Best	'Spring Daze', 'Nuccio's Jewel'	Sergio & Elsie Bracci
	'Tomorrow Park Hill'	
Runner-up	'Man Size', 'Nuccio's Gem'	David & Susan Trujillo
	'Swan Lake'	
Court of Honor	'Pink Perfection', 'Debutante'	Dale & Mary Kay Mittag
	'Carter's Sunburst'	

**Intermediate**

Best Large/Very Large	'Memphis Belle'	Bill Taylor
Best Med, Sm or Min	'Rudy's Magnoliaeflora'	Bill Taylor
Runner-up	'Magnoliaeflora'	Bill Taylor
Court of Honor	'Haru-No-Utena'	Bill Taylor

# SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA CAMELLIA SOCIETY

Huntington Gardens  
February 8 and 9, 2003

## Japonica—Large/Very large

Best Single	'Kramer's Supreme'	Dale & Mary Kay Mittag
Runner-up	'Royal Velvet'	Deneice Douglass
Court of Honor	'Nuccio's Bella Rosa'	Marvin & Virginia Belcher
Best Tray of 3	'Moonlight Bay'	Tom & Dody Gilfoy
Runner-up Tray	'Kramer's Supreme'	Dale & Mary Mittag
Court of Honor	'Grand Prix'	Brad & Lynn King
Best Tray of 5	'Kramer's Supreme'	Dale & Mary Kay Mittag
Runner-up Tray	'Junior Prom'	Sergio & Elsie Bracci
Court of Honor	'Snow Chan'	Sergio & Elsie Bracci

## Japonica—Medium

Best Single	'Margaret Davis'	Dale & Mary Kay Mittag
Runner-up	'Nuccio's Jewel'	Dale & Mary Kay Mittag
Court of Honor	'Firedance Variegated'	D. T. Gray Family
Best Tray of 3	'Margaret Davis'	Dale & Mary Kay Mittag
Runner-up	'Nuccio's Carousel'	Sergio & Elsie Bracci
Court of Honor	'Nuccio's Pearl'	Tom & Dody Gilfoy
Best Tray of 5	'Nuccio's Carousel'	Sergio & Elsie Bracci
Runner-up	'Firedance Variegated'	D. T. Gray Family
Court of Honor	'Betty Sheffield Coral'	Tom & Dody Gilfoy

## Japonica—Small

Best Single	'Red Hots'	Jane Brady
Runner-up	'Demi-Tasse'	Victor & Linda Rodriguez
Court of Honor	'Something Beautiful'	Gary & Carol Schanz

## Japonica—Miniature

Best Single	'Something Beautiful'	Gary & Carol Schanz
Runner-up	'Kitty'	Sergio & Elsie Bracci
Court of Honor	'Man Size'	Sergio & Elsie Bracci

## Japonica—Small or Miniature

Best Tray of 3	'Hishi-Karaito'	Tom & Dody Gilfoy
Runner-up	'Red Hots'	Don & Dolores Martin
Court of Honor	'Man Size'	Sergio & Elsie Bracci
Best Tray of 5	'Pink Perfection'	Dale & Mary Kay Mittag
Runner-up	'Man Size'	Mel & Bobbie Belcher
Court of Honor	'Maroon and Gold'	Les & JoAnn Brewer

## Reticulata or Reticulata Hybrid

Best Single	'Frank Houser'	D. T. Gray Family
Runner-up	'Frank Houser Variegated'	Sergio & Elsie Bracci
Court of Honor	'Pharaoh'	Sergio & Elsie Bracci
Best Tray of 3	'Frank Houser Variegated'	Sergio & Elsie Bracci
Runner-up	'Margaret Hilford'	Sergio & Elsie Bracci
Court of Honor	'W. P. Gilley'	Sergio & Elsie Bracci
Best Tray of 5	'W. P. Gilley'	Sergio & Elsie Bracci
Runner-up	'Frank Houser'	Sergio & Elsie Bracci
Court of Honor	'Emma Gaeta Variegated'	Rudy Blanco

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**Non-Reticulata Hybrid**

Best Single	'Angel Wings'	Tom & Dody Gilfoy
Runner-up	'Buttons 'N Bows'	Dale & Mary Mittag
Court of Honor	'Lucky Star'	Tom & Dody Gilfoy
Best Tray of 3	'Jack Pot'	George & Karen Harrison
Runner-up	'Kramer's Fluted Coral'	Sergio & Elsie Bracci
Court of Honor	'Freedom Bell'	Sergio & Elsie Bracci
Best Tray of 5	'Nicky Crisp'	Sergio & Elsie Bracci
Runner-up	'Lucky Star'	Dale & Mary Kay Mittag
Court of Honor	'Jack Pot'	D. T. Gray Family

**Special Culture****Japonica**

Best Single	'Miss Charleston Variegated'	D. T. Gray Family
Runner-up	'Red Hots'	Jane Brady
Court of Honor	'Charlie Bettles'	Mel & Bobbie Belcher

**Reticulata or Reticulata Hybrid**

Best	'Linda Carol'	Sergio & Elsie Bracci
Runner-up	'Dr. Clifford Parks'	Sergio & Elsie Bracci
Court of Honor	'S. P. Dunn'	Sergio & Elsie Bracci

**Non-Reticulata Hybrid**

Best	'Lucky Star'	Sergio & Elsie Bracci
Runner-up	'Elsie Jury'	Sergio & Elsie Bracci
Court of Honor	'Pink Dahlia'	Sergio & Elsie Bracci

**Species**

Best Single	'Eago Corkscrew'	Don & Dolores Martin
Runner-up	'Shishi-Gashira'	Ann Fraggos
Court of Honor	'Shibori Egao'	Don & Dolores Martin

**Collector's Tray of 3 Mixed Varieties**

Best Tray	'Spring Daze', 'Nuccio's Jewel', 'Frank Houser Var.'	Sergio & Elsie Bracci
Runner-up	'Hishi-Karaito', 'Waltz Time Var.' 'LASCA Beauty Var.'	Dale & Mary Kay Mittag
Court of Honor	'Hishi-Karaito', 'Betty's Beauty', 'Emma Gaeta Variegated'	Les & JoAnn Brewer

**Best Seedling**

Rudy Blanco

**Novice**

Best Large/Very Large	'Elegans Chandler'	Linda Troyer
Runner-up	'Mrs. D. W. Davis'	Sueyen McMahon
Best Med., Small, Min.	'Herme'	Sueyen McMahon
Runner-up	'Pearl Maxwell'	Amanda Hale

**Intermediate**

Best Large/Very Large	'Marie Bracey'	Ann Fraggos
Runner-up	'Swan Lake'	Ann Fraggos
Best Med., Small, Min.	'Debutante'	Ann Fraggos
Runner-up	'Hishi-Karaito'	Wayne Walker

# POMONA VALLEY CAMELLIA SOCIETY

56th Annual Camellia Show

February 15 and 16, 2003

## Japonica—Large/Very Large

Best Single	'Royal Velvet'	Dale & Mary Mittag
Runner-up	'Katie Variegated'	Dale & Mary Kay Mittag
Court of Honor	'Carter's Sunburst'	Dale & Mary Kay Mittag
Best Tray of 3	'Elegans Splendor'	Sergio & Elsie Bracci
Runner-up	'Kramer's Supreme'	Dale & Mary Kay Mittag
Court of Honor	'Marie Mackall'	Sergio & Elsie Bracci
Best Tray of 5	'Elegans Splendor'	Sergio & Elsie Bracci
Runner-up	'Elegans Champagne'	Sonia Movich
Court of Honor	'Katie Variegated'	Dale & Mary Kay Mittag

## Japonica—Medium

Best Single	'Firedance'	Jim & Jackie Randall
Runner-up	'Silver Tower'	D. T. Gray Family
Court of Honor	'Black Magic'	Les & JoAnn Brewer
Best Tray of 3	'Monjiso Red'	Don & Dolores Martin
Runner-up	'Ragland Supreme'	Marvin & Virginia Belcher
Court of Honor	'Ville de Nantes Red'	Dale & Mary Kay Mittag
Best Tray of 5	'Elena Nobile'	Beth Stone
Runner-up	'Grand Marshal'	Brad & Lynn King
Court of Honor	'Herme'	Vivian Skirvin

## Japonica—Small

Best Single	'Red Hots'	Jane Brady
Runner-up	'Black Gold Variegated'	Don & Mary Bergamini
Court of Honor	'Little Man'	Don & Mary Bergamini
Best Tray of 3	'Cardinals' Cap'	Don & Mary Bergamini
Runner-up	'Hishi-Karaito'	Sergio & Elsie Bracci
Court of Honor	'Red Hots'	Jim & Jackie Randall
Best Tray of 5	'Hishi-Karaito'	Mel & Bobbie Belcher
Runner-up	'Pink Perfection'	Dale & Mary Kay Mittag
Court of Honor	'Red Hots'	Jane Brady

## Japonica—Miniature

Best Single	'Something Beautiful'	Jim & Jackie Randall
Runner-up	'Chris Bergamini'	Don & Mary Bergamini
Court of Honor	'Ann Clayton'	Jim & Jackie Randall
Best Tray of 3	'Man Size'	Mel & Bobbie Belcher
Runner-up	'Little Slam'	Don & Dolores Martin
Court of Honor	'Little Slam Variegated'	Mel & Bobbie Belcher
Best Tray of 5	'Man Size'	Jim & Jackie Randall
Runner-up	'Tinsie'	Don & Mary Bergamini
Court of Honor	'Pearl's Pet'	Don & Mary Bergamini

## Japonica—Special Culture

Best Single	'Royal Velvet Variegated'	Don & Mary Bergamini
Runner-up	'Tomorrow's Dawn'	Jim & Jackie Randall
Court of Honor	'Dusty'	Don & Mary Bergamini

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**Reticulata or Reticulata Hybrid—Very Large**

Best Single	'Patricia Haskee'	Jim & Jackie Randall
Runner-up	'LASCA Beauty'	Mel & Bobbie Belcher
Court of Honor	'Frank Houser'	Sergio & Elsie Bracci
Best Tray of 3	'Mouchang'	Mel & Bobbie Belcher
Runner-up	'LASCA Beauty'	Don & Mary Bergamini
Court of Honor	'Dr. Clifford Parks'	Mel & Bobbie Belcher
Best Tray of 5	'LASCA Beauty'	Don & Dolores Martin
Runner-up	'Frank Houser Variegated'	Sergio & Elsie Bracci
Court of Honor	'John Hunt'	Sergio & Elsie Bracci

**Reticulata or Reticulata Hybrid—Large, Medium, Small**

Best Single	'Larry Piet'	Mel & Bobbie Belcher
Runner-up	'Miss Tulare'	Sergio & Elsie Bracci
Court of Honor	'Valley Knudsen'	Jim & Jackie Randall
Best Tray of 3	'W. P. Gilley Variegated'	Sergio & Elsie Bracci
Runner-up	'Miss Tulare'	Les & JoAnn Brewer
Court of Honor	'Valentine Day Variegated'	Gene Snooks

**Reticulata or Reticulata Hybrid—Special Culture**

Best	'Frank Houser Var.'	Don & Mary Bergamini
Runner-up	'Frank Houser'	Jim & Jackie Randall
Court of Honor	'Harold L. Paige'	Sergio & Elsie Bracci

**Non-Reticulata Hybrid—Large**

Best Single	'Charlean'	Mel & Bobbie Belcher
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**Non-Reticulata Hybrid—Medium**

Best Single	'Lucky Star'	Dale & Mary Kay Mittag
Runner-up	'Nicky Crisp'	Dale & Mary Kay Mittag
Court of Honor	'Debbie'	Les & JoAnn Brewer
Best Tray of 3	'Island Sunset'	Don & Mary Bergamini
Runner-up	'Nicky Crisp'	Dale & Mary Kay Mittag
Court of Honor	'Julie Variegated'	Don & Mary Bergamini
Best Tray of 5	'Julie Variegated'	Don & Mary Bergamini

**Non-Reticulata Hybrid—Small or Miniature**

Best Single	'Pink Dahlia'	Les & JoAnn Brewer
Runner-up	'Buttons 'N Bows'	Dale & Mary Kay Mittag
Court of Honor	'Spring Daze'	Mel & Bobbie Belcher
Best Tray of 3	'First Blush'	Jim & Jackie Randall
Runner-up	'Spring Daze'	Les & JoAnn Brewer
Best Tray of 5	'Kramer's Fluted Coral Var.'	Sergio & Elsie Bracci

**Non-Reticulata Hybrid—Special Culture**

Best	'Tom Perkins'	Jim & Jackie Randall
Runner-up	'Elsie Jury'	Sergio & Elsie Bracci
Court of Honor	'Dolores Edwards'	Jim & Jackie Randall

**Species**

Best	'Botan-Yuki'	David & Susan Trujillo
Runner-up	'Egao Corkscrew'	Don & Dolores Martin
Court of Honor	'Shibori Egao'	Sergio & Elsie Bracci

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**Collector's Tray of 3 Mixed Varieties**

Best	'Something Beautiful',	Don & Mary Bergamini
	'Queen Diana', 'Henry Huntington'	
Runner-up	'Spring Daze', 'Nuccio's Jewel',	Sergio & Elsie Bracci
	'Frank Houser Variegated'	
Court of Honor	'Buttons 'N Bows',	Marvin & Virginia Belcher
	'Mrs. George Bell', 'Tomorrow's Dawn'	

**Best Yellow Bloom** 'Dahlohnega' Les & JoAnn Brewer

**Best Fragrant Bloom** 'High Fragrance' Doug Nowlin

**Novice**

Best	'Harold L. Paige'	Nancy Kress
Award of Merit	'Elegans Splendor'	Nancy Kress
Award of Merit	'Bobbie Fain'	Richard Rutherford
Award of Merit	'Tiffany'	Nancy Kress
Court of Honor	'Elegans'	Linda Mazur

**Intermediate**

Best	'Dr. Clifford Parks'	Carol Stickley
Award of Merit	'Nicky Crisp'	Linda Troyer
Award of Merit	'Elegans (Chandler)'	Linda Troyer
Award of Merit	'Mrs. George Bell'	Linda Troyer

**SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA CAMELLIA COUNCIL**

Descanso Gardens  
February 22 and 23, 2003

**Japonica—Large/Very Large**

Best Single	'Tata'	Victor & Linda Rodriguez
Runner-up	'Katie Variegated'	Mel & Bobbie Belcher
Court of Honor	'Julia France'	Mel Canfield
Best Tray of 3	'Royal Velvet'	Deneice Douglass
Runner-up	'Elegans Splendor'	Sergio & Elsie Bracci
Court of Honor	'Miss Charleston Variegated'	D. T. Gray Family
Best Tray of 5	'Elegans Splendor'	Sergio & Elsie Bracci
Runner-up	'Katie Variegated'	Dale & Mary Kay Mittag
Court of Honor	'Royal Velvet'	Mel & Bobbie Belcher

**Japonica—Medium**

Best Single	'Rudolph Variegated'	Sergio & Elsie Bracci
Runner-up	'Nuccio's Jewel'	Dale & Mary Kay Mittag
Court of Honor	'Firedance Variegated'	Sergio & Elsie Bracci
Best Tray of 3	'Margaret Davis'	Dale & Mary Kay Mittag
Runner-up	'Nuccio's Carousel'	Sergio & Elsie Bracci
Court of Honor	'Dixie Knight Supreme'	Mel & Bobbie Belcher
Best Tray of 5	'Cherries Jubilee'	Sergio & Elsie Bracci
Runner-up	'Purity'	Robin Sease

**Japonica—Small**

Best Single	'Red Hots'	Jane Brady
Runner-up	'Marchioness of Salisbury'	Sergio & Elsie Bracci
Court of Honor	'Tama Peacock'	George & Karen Harrison

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**Japonica—Miniature**

Best Single	'Grace Albritton'	Les & JoAnn Brewer
Runner-up	'Something Beautiful'	Marvin & Virginia Belcher
Court of Honor	'Man Size'	D. T. Gray Family

**Japonica—Small or Miniature**

Best Tray of 3	'Red Hots'	Jane Brady
Runner-up	'Pink Perfection'	Dale & Mary Kay Mittag
Court of Honor	'Hishi-Karaito'	Marvin & Virginia Belcher
Best Tray of 5	'Pink Perfection'	Dale & Mary Kay Mittag
Runner-up	'Man Size'	Sergio & Elsie Bracci
Court of Honor	'Lipstick'	Sergio & Elsie Bracci

**Japonica—Special Culture**

Best Large/V. Large	'Dusty'	Sergio & Elsie Bracci
Runner-up	'Royal Velvet'	Jane Brady
Court of Honor	'Katie Variegated'	D. T. Gray Family
Best Medium or Small	'Prima Ballerina'	D. T. Gray Family
Runner-up	'Cherries Jubilee'	D. T. Gray Family
Court of Honor	'Nuccio's Jewel'	D. T. Gray Family

**Reticulata or Reticulata Hybrid**

Best	'Frank Houser'	Mel Canfield
Runner-up	'Valley Knudsen'	Mel Canfield
Court of Honor	'Frank Houser Variegated'	Sergio & Elsie Bracci
Best Tray of 3	'Valentine Day Variegated'	Gene Snooks
Runner-up	'Frank Houser'	Marvin & Virginia Belcher
Court of Honor	'W. P. Gilley Variegated'	Sergio & Elsie Bracci
Best Tray of 5	'Francie L.'	Sergio & Elsie Bracci
Runner-up	'Arcadia'	Sergio & Elsie Bracci
Court of Honor	'Royalty'	Sergio & Elsie Bracci

**Special Culture**

Best Single	'Larry Piet'	Mel & Bobbie Belcher
Runner-up	'Linda Carol'	Sergio & Elsie Bracci
Court of Honor	'John Hunt'	Sergio & Elsie Bracci

**Non-Reticulata Hybrid**

Best Single	'Waltz Time Variegated'	Mel Canfield
Runner-up	'Joe Nuccio'	Sergio & Elsie Bracci
Court of Honor	'Pink Dahlia'	Les & JoAnn Brewer
Best Tray of 3	'Nicky Crisp'	Sergio & Elsie Bracci
Runner-up	'Buttons 'N Bows'	David & Susan Trujillo
Court of Honor	'Lucky Star'	Mike Gilfoy
Best Tray of 5	'Lucky Star'	Mike Gilfoy
Runner-up	'Nicky Crisp'	Mel & Bobbie Belcher
Court of Honor	'Kramer's Fluted Coral'	Sergio & Elsie Bracci

**Special Culture**

Best	'Pink Dahlia'	Sergio & Elsie Bracci
Runner-up	'Kramer's Fluted Coral'	Sergio & Elsie Bracci
Court of Honor	'Pink Dahlia Variegated'	Sergio & Elsie Bracci

**Best Fragrant**

'High Fragrance'	Sergio & Elsie Bracci
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**Best Sport**

'Lady Laura White'	Mel Canfield
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**Collector's Tray of 3 Mixed Varieties**

Best	'Marchioness of Salisbury', 'Cherries Jubilee', 'Nuccio's Ruby Variegated'	Sergio & Elsie Bracci
Runner-up	'Red Hots', 'Lucky Star', 'Tata'	D. T. Gray Family
Court of Honor	'Pink Perfection', 'Margaret Davis', 'Carter's Sunburst'	Dale & Mary Kay Mittag

**Novice**

Best Large/Very Large	'Mathotiana'	Mary Lou Wurtman
Runner-up	'Snow Chan'	Mary Lou Wurtman
Best Medium	'Herme'	Karen Bowen
Runner-up	'Peppermint'	Mary Lou Wurtman
Court of Honor	'Berenice Boddy'	Oscar Gualdoni
Best Small or Miniature	'Covina'	Karen Bowen
Runner-up	'Ki-No-Joman'	Larry & Diane Perry
Best Tray of 3	'Berenice Boddy'	Oscar Gualdoni
Runner-up	'Marie Bracey'	Oscar Gualdoni

**Intermediate**

Best Large/Very Large	'Katie'	Linda Turner
Runner-up	'Shiro Chan'	Linda Turner
Best Medium, Small or Miniature	'Purity'	Robin Sease
Runner-up	'Something Beautiful'	Doris Dermody
Court of Honor	'Pink Perfection'	Robin Sease

**George Lewis Trophies**

Best	'Tata'	Victor & Linda Rodriguez
Best Special Culture	'Larry Piet'	Mel & Bobbie Belcher

**Award of Merit**

Sergio & Elsie Bracci

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**CAMELLIA SOCIETY OF KERN COUNTY**

55th Annual Camellia Show

March 1 and 2, 2003

**Japonica—Large/Very Large**

Best Single	'Royal Velvet'	Jane Brady
Runner-up	'White Nun'	Don & Dolores Martin
Court of Honor	'Dusty'	Sergio & Elsie Bracci
Best Tray of 3	'Royal Velvet'	Don & Dolores Martin
Runner-up	'Grand Slam'	Jane Brady
Court of Honor	'Julia France'	Mel Canfield

**Japonica—Medium**

Best Single	'Black Magic'	Don & Dolores Martin
Runner-up	'Wildfire'	Doris Dermody
Court of Honor	'Magnoliaeflora'	Doris Dermody
Best Tray of 3	'Ragland Supreme'	Doris Dermody
Runner-up	'Rudy's Magnoliaeflora'	Joe Roup
Court of Honor	'Firedance Variegated'	Joe Roup

**Japonica—Small**

Best Single	'Red Hots'	Jane Brady
Runner-up	'Hishi-Karaito'	Don & Dolores Martin
Court of Honor	'Maroon and Gold'	Sergio & Elsie Bracci
Best Tray of 3	'Pink Perfection'	Fred & Beverly Dukes
Runner-up	'Red Hots'	Jane Brady
Court of Honor	'Hishi-Karaito'	Sergio & Elsie Bracci

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**Japonica—Miniature**

Best Single	'Kitty'	Sergio & Elsie Bracci
Runner-up	'Lemon Drop'	Doris Dermody
Court of Honor	'Fircone Variegated'	Don & Dolores Martin
Best Tray of 3	'Man Size'	Sergio & Elsie Bracci
Runner-up	'Little Slam'	Fred & Beverly Dukes
Court of Honor	'Grace Albritton'	Les & JoAnn Brewer

**Reticulata or Reticulata Hybrid**

Best Single	'Frank Houser'	Marie Smith
Runner-up	'Larry Piet'	Sergio & Elsie Bracci
Court of Honor	'Valentine Day'	Don & Dolores Martin
Best Tray of 3	'Queen Bee'	Sergio & Elsie Bracci
Runner-up	'Frank Houser'	Mel Canfield
Court of Honor	'Miss Tulare'	Sergio & Elsie Bracci

**Non-Reticulata Hybrid**

Best Single	'Joe Nuccio'	Sergio & Elsie Bracci
Runner-up	'Lucky Star'	Sergio & Elsie Bracci
Court of Honor	'Spring Daze'	Les & JoAnn Brewer
Best Tray of 3	'Lucky Star'	Sergio & Elsie Bracci
Runner-up	'Kramer's Fluted Coral'	Sergio & Elsie Bracci
Court of Honor	'Nicky Crisp'	Les & JoAnn Brewer

**Special Culture**

Best Treated Single	'Royal Velvet'	Jane Brady
Runner-up	'Larry Piet'	Sergio & Elsie Bracci
Court of Honor	'Lady Laura'	Joe Roup

**Species**

Best	'Botan-Yuki'	Sergio & Elsie Bracci
Runner-up	'Egao'	Sergio & Elsie Bracci
Court of Honor	'Shibori Egao'	Sergio & Elsie Bracci

**Collector's Tray of 3 Mixed Varieties**

Best	'Marchioness of Salisbury', 'Cherries Jubilee', 'Nuccio's Ruby Var.'	Sergio & Elsie Bracci
Runner-up	'Man Size', 'Firedance Variegated', 'Mathotiana'	Joe Roup
Court of Honor	'Red Hots', 'Lucky Star', 'Tata'	D. T. Gray Family

**Novice**

Best Large/Very Large	'Kramer's Supreme'	Connie Bruce
Runner-up	'Mathotiana Variegated'	John Riddlough
Court of Honor	'Elegans (Chandler)'	Carolyn Jones
Best Medium	'In The Pink'	Kathy Angelini
Runner-up	'Nuccio's Gem'	Joseph & Frances Brennan
Court of Honor	'Herme'	Darin Sinnot
Best Small or Miniature	'Pink Perfection'	John Riddlough
Runner-up	'Buttons 'N Bows'	Betty Rutherford
Court of Honor	'Covina'	Sharon Vignoi

**Best Novice Flower in Show**

'In The Pink'

Kathy Angelini

**Best Children's Flower Arrangement**

Laura Dorskocil

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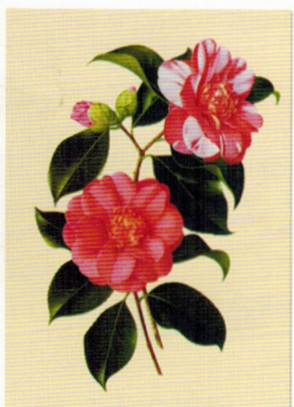
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