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BLOOMING LAST WEEK JAPONICA, WAHROONGAH PARK, WAHROONGAH- PHOTO ERIN FOULSHAM

MAY MEETING
CHAMPION BLOOMS:

OPEN (left):
Shibori Eago:
D & C Low

NOVICE (right):
Yuletide:
Beth Bunyan





PRESIDENT'S REPORT



It is with great pleasure that I can announce that we have filled the casual vacancy on our committee for the position of Vice-President.

Rachel O'Connor has stepped up and offered her wide ranging experience in our Society and the Committee have voted her in to the position officially.

Richie and Pam have been busy getting things started for the show while Carolyn and I have been getting some of the printing started and distributed to some nurseries. Nearly all of our sponsors have provided or promised the prizes we will need for the show.

At our meeting in May it was good to see past members; Lesley Saddington and Fred Appleton signing up again as a household and Diana Herrald, while on a visit to Sydney, not only coming to the meeting but renewing also.

I hope everyone took careful note of Chris Chapman's hints for better showing so that we can all make the best of those blooms that will be at their peak for the show. Chris gave great advice not only on the blooms that are favoured by judges but also how to get the best from your plant from the time they come home from the nursery until they are in top flowering condition.

Chris mentioned the importance of quality potting mix (he repots all plant immediately so that all of his pots drain at the same rate) and the necessity of having the right regime when using Kahoona and Seamungus from Neutrog.

This week, one Life Membership, the Love household's newsletter from Greendale Road, Pymble, was returned "Not at this address", if anyone knows where they currently reside, please let me know.

The Society has contributed to the cost of the Memorial Medals for Peter Levick and Barry Di Salvia that Camellias Australia will present at the National Show in August at Young.

The Capitations for your membership of Camellias Australia have been paid and your journals will be delivered to your address as they are published. The membership stands at 79 as of this week.

Daniel Low

President, NSW Camellia Research Society



MONTHLY SCHEDULE 2019

June 2019	
Monday, 17 th June	<p>NSWCRS Monthly Meeting (Always 3rd Monday of Month) Gordon Baptist Church, 20-22 Park Ave, Gordon 6.45pm benching for bloom competition; 7.30pm meeting start Speaker: Lesley Saddington-Maintaining a healthy garden; Camellia Pests and Diseases</p>
July 2019	
July 13 th -14 th	<p>NSWCRS 50th Annual Show Ravenswood School Hall, Henry Street, Gordon</p>
July 20 th -21 st	<p>Camellias Illawarra Annual Show (TIGS)</p>
July 22 nd	<p>NSWCRS Monthly Meeting (On the 4th Monday due to show) TBC – Gordon Baptist Church, 20-22 Park Ave, Gordon 6.45pm benching for bloom competition; 7.30pm meeting start</p>
August 2019	
Monday, 19 th	<p>NSWCRS Monthly Meeting (Always 3rd Monday of Month) Gordon Baptist Church, 20-22 Park Ave, Gordon 6.45pm benching for bloom competition; 7.30pm meeting start. Guest speaker: TBA</p>



JUNE NSWCRS MONTHLY MEETING

MONDAY, 17th JUNE

**GORDON BAPTIST CHURCH,
20-22 PARK AVE, GORDON**

WITH

GUEST SPEAKER

Lesley Saddington

ON

**Maintaining a healthy Garden
Pests and Diseases of camellias**

BENCHING OF BLOOMS COMMENCES AT 7pm

GENERAL MEETING AT 7:30pm

GUEST SPEAKER AT 7:45pm

VISITORS WELCOME



MONTHLY BLOOM COMPETITION CLASSES 2019

Class	Description	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep
1	Sasanqua Single	✓	✓	✓				
2	Sasanqua Formal Double & Elegans Form	✓	✓	✓				
3	Sasanqua other forms	✓	✓	✓				
4	Sasanqua any form				✓			
5	Japonica/Hybrid Single		✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
6	Japonica/Hybrid Semi-double		✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
6A	Japonica / Hybrid Irregular Semi-Double		✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
7	Japonica/Hybrid Elegans Form		✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
8	Japonica/Hybrid Informal Double		✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
9	Japonica/Hybrid Formal Double		✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
10	Japonica/Hybrid Miniature		✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
11	Japonica/Hybrid any form	✓						
12	Reticulatas & their hybrids		✓	✓	✓			
13	Reticulatas & their hybrids up to 130mm					✓	✓	✓
14	Reticulatas & their hybrids over 130mm					✓	✓	✓
15	Other not listed	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
16	Clusters & sprays of multi-flowered species & hybrids	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
17	New seedling or sport (1 to 3 blooms)	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
C1	Collection: Sasanqua, any form, 3 blooms	✓	✓					
C2	Collection: Any camellia, any form, 3 blooms		✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓

Classes

Classes 1 to 15: one bloom, with a maximum of 2 attached leaves

Classes C1 & C2: a collection of 3 blooms, with a maximum of 2 attached leaves

Competition

A 'Novice' exhibitor has not won the annual 'Novice' championship, nor have they scored 20 points in a monthly 'Open' competition. The competition year starts in March, and a 'Novice' in March remains so to the end of that year. A bloom exhibited by a 'Novice' can win in 'Open' classes.

Points

'Open' and 'Novice' Classes 1 to 16: 1st = 3 points; 2nd = 2 points; 3rd = 1 point (if required)

'Open' and 'Novice' Collections Classes C1 to C2: 1st = 6 points; 2nd = 4 points; 3rd = 1 point (if required)

'Open' and 'Novice' Champion bloom (from the winning blooms) Extra 3 points.



THANK YOU CHRIS CHAPMAN- CAROLYN LOW

Twenty-seven years ago we bought a house because it had camellias. They were past flowering. But there was a hedge of Sasanquas and three beautiful Japonicas surrounding the front door. Three enormous camellias created privacy on the neighbour's fence. They became Magnoliaeflora, Margaret Waterhouse, Li Ming plus its seedling, Mrs Tingley and Shiratama .On the boundary we discovered Fashionata and two enormous Drama Girls. The hedge, with its three Kanjiro, and an Azuma Nishiki. The front yard was covered with a Christmas tree, fish fern, a row of birches, an overgrown Crepe Myrtle and a Jacaranda leaning to the house.

The backyard was large. A huge deck covered with an ornamental grape, a wooden cabin and a gigantic pool. Beyond the pool there were three enormous Japonicas and two gigantic Reticulatas. Plus on the side fence; four large Japonicas and one weeping Sasanqua and a large playhouse covered with bougainvillea. I alone, was sold. The next year I discovered we had: Lady Loch, Alba Plena, Hanafuki, Lila Naff and Howard Asper beyond the pool. Large camellias floated in the pool. Along the eastern boundary were: Cho Cho San, The Czar, Mine No Yuki and a beautifully rounded Virginia Franco Rosea. I was amazed, largely, at the size and beauty of the formal doubles, anemone form and single flowers.

*Alba Plena**Cho Cho San**Hanafuki**Drama Girl**Lady Loch**Fashoinata*



However, I love red camellias, and rain forest plants. So I searched through my soon to become "Bible", Macoboy and added Red Crystal, Black Opal, Night Rider, Maroon and Gold, Black Tie, Black Lace, Royal Velvet, Black Magic, Wildfire and Dr Clifford Parks. I was, perhaps changing my garden. But then hedges of Setsugeka, Pure Silk, Tsai, Flower Girl and Show Girl replaced the playhouse. Then on my way home from work, I stopped at Camellia Grove and added perfumed plants, miniatures and the unusual.

Then I added treasures from Three Bears, Rasts, Wirreanda, Flora Nursery and Camellias R Us as we created a Japanese Garden. Trips to Theresa Park increased my interest in the unusual; Unryu and Tama No Ura plus non registered plants from Bob Cherry. So varieties of all kinds were acquired and by also joining the Camellia Ark I had access to rare plants. At last, I was fascinated by purple camellias especially Grape Soda, Dona Herzilia De Freitas Magalhaese and Magalhaes Variegated, which love our clay soil.



Grape Soda *Dona Herzilia De Freitas Magalhaes* *Carter's Sunburst* *Hagoromo*

Then Chris Chapman talked at our society. His recommendations for Show Blooms impressed me and we had to return to the original garden; a quieter and paler white and pink. So I look out of my kitchen, the hedge of Murraya is gone. The two Lovelight plants are exquisite. The Elegans Champagne plant is shorter with exquisite flowers and leaves, plus beautiful Star above Star and Woroona. Then Mrs D W Davis again in shade. My favourites; Winter's Own Variegated and Carter's Sunburst are in pots as are Imperial Splendour with his fellow reds such as Jazz and Emperor of Russia. We don't have Lady Pamela, Bel Air or Han-Ling Snow.



Black Magic *Imperial Splendour* *Elegans Champagne*



Lila Naff

Tama No Ura

The Czar

Danny pots up according to Chris's recipes. We use Seamungus and Kahoona and have been successful at our society, other clubs and the National Show.

So now Chris Chapman, your suggestions join the originals Alba Plena, Cho Cho San, Hagoromo and Margaret Waterhouse.

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NSW Camellia Research Society Inc Presents its

50th Annual Camellia Show



At Ravenswood School for Girls,
Henry Street, Gordon

Saturday 13TH July 2019

1.30pm to 4.30pm

and

Sunday 14TH July 2019

10am to 4pm

Official Opening at 2.30pm on Saturday by

Professor The Honorable

Dame Marie Bashir AD CVO

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Occasional Address - His Excellency, Keizo Takewaka, Consul General of Japan

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- Bring Your Camellias For Identification or Help with Pests and Diseases
- Potting Up and Pruning Demonstrations on Sunday Afternoon
- Light Refreshments for Sale

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The NSW Camellia Research Society meets at Gordon
Baptist Church the third Monday of each month
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Camellias Illawarra. 2019 Camellia Shows

The 67th Annual CAMELLIA SHOW



C. Japonica "Prince Frederick William"

 **TIGS**

The Illawarra Grammar School

Enter from Powell St, West Wollongong

Sat 20 July 2019

1.00pm – 5.00pm

Sun 21 July 2019

9.00am – 3.00pm



Admission: **Free**

The 21st Annual RETICULATA SHOW



C. Reticulata "Glorious Gift"

Bulli Uniting Church
Cnr Princes Hwy & Point St
Bulli

Sat 10 August 2019

11.00am – 3.00pm

Admission: **Free**



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REMEMBERING BERYL WOODLANDS 1920- 2018 – DERICK WOODLANDS

My parents, Beryl and Earl Woodlands had their interest in camellias aroused after a visit to the NSWCRS show at the Blaxland Gallery upstairs in Farmer's Department Store in the 1960s. It was there that they met "The Professor", E. G. Waterhouse and some of his enthusiasm rubbed off on them and they soon picked up the camellia bug. At the time they ran a successful landscaping business as well as Woodlands Nursery in Taylor Street at West Pennant Hills, growing mostly conifers, deciduous trees and native plants.

Several years later, in 1969 we moved to Castle Hill Road at West Pennant Hills next to Koala Park, taking over the Three Bears Nursery from a Mrs Campbell. The nursery was pretty run down, but the sign must have been somewhat of an omen because it read, "Three Bears Nursery, Camellias, Azaleas, General Plants-. It was around this time that Beryl and Earl joined the Camellia Society and established the habit that would last for many years of attending the camellia meetings once a month.

Rather than changing the sign, they decided to try growing and selling camellias and azaleas and within 10 years they had nearly one hundred different varieties of japonica and sasanqua as well as general nursery lines. The nursery continued to grow, space became tight and a growing nursery was established in nearby New Line Road opposite the Sports Club.

By the mid 1980s, the New Line Road site was closed and we concentrated more on camellias and azaleas. Species camellias were introduced and Earl became interested in grafting camellias and the magnificent reticulatas were added to the range. By this time the range had further expanded to over 300 varieties. Finding time to propagate camellias became a problem, so a lot of camellias in 100mm pots were purchased from Spencer Scott and Sons nursery in the Blue Mountains. Others were obtained on buying trips to nurseries such as Sebires, Camellia Lodge and Kenny Lane in Victoria. Varieties that could not be purchased were propagated on site.

For many years they would be seen selling camellias in the hall at the annual NSWCRS show at St Albans Church at Epping, and for a few years after it moved to Ravenswood school at Gordon.

Beryl and Earl rediscovered their love of travel in the late 1980s and started taking holidays to far flung places in Australia, but mostly overseas on cruises. They always managed to check out the camellia scene on their travels.

Earl kept working in the nursery by choice until he was 88 and passed away soon after. Beryl kept going in the nursery, again by choice until a stroke at the age of 87 in 2008 made it too difficult to continue in the nursery, though she still had a keen interest in her camellia collection and gardening in general. Derek continued to run the nursery until 2016 when declining trade and the need to spend more time looking after Beryl forced the nursery to close.



Beryl remained at home under the care of Derek until 2017 when it became necessary to move her to a nursing home in the ARV at Castle Hill. It was there that she passed away on October 1st 2018, just 12 weeks shy of her 98th birthday.



Beryl Woodlands with R. Winter's Own Varigated



MEMBERSHIP FEES 2019

Membership fees for 2019 were **due on 1st November 2018**. If you have not already done so, kindly make arrangements to renew your annual membership. The following table outlines membership fees:

Membership type	Emailed newsletter*	Black & white posted newsletter**
Single	\$30	\$60
Household	\$40	\$70
Life members	Free	\$30
*Included as part of all memberships		
**An additional fee of \$30 covers expenses of printing & postage		

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