

# NSW Camellia Research Society NEWSLETTER

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**Champlon Bloom** April meeting.  
*C. sasanqua* 'Paradise Blush'. Class 3  
Sasanqua other forms.

Richie Griffiths.

### May Monthly Meeting

**A fabulous garden to visit this weekend !**

Visit the garden of Chis & Helen  
Chapman.

49 Ridgehaven Rd Silverdale  
2752

Benching from 10.30-11am.

Tea and coffee provided. Please  
bring your own lunch.



**Novice Champlon Bloom** April meeting. .  
*C. sasanqua* Unknown. Class 3 Sasanqua  
other forms. Jenny Goodwin.



## THE PRESIDENT'S PREVIEW

### **Sunday 19 May at the camellia garden of Chris and Helen Chapman. 49 Ridgehaven Road, Silverdale. Benching 10.30-11.00am. Judging at 11.15am.**

Chris Chapman has competed very successfully at our annual camellia show for many years. He knows the best ways to grow, prune, feed, water and prepare camellias for shows. The visit to this garden will include the May bloom competition and a garden tour with lots of tips from Chris. I've missed seeing this garden previously so I'm really pleased to have the opportunity this Sunday 19th May. If you like camellias, try to be there too. Tea and coffee will be available but bring your own lunch.

### **Garden Square Hall April meeting, presenter Bryce Hillig**

Our first meeting in the Garden Square Hall, on the adjacent property at the back of Gordon Baptist Church, was in April. Everyone seemed relaxed and comfortable in the new venue. We had a quiz with a few members behaving like slightly undisciplined super keen kids!

Chris who was judging the bloom competition with Marion Moyes, provided the answer to the "leaves" question. A bloom with more than two leaves will be disqualified but a bloom with two leaves will be judged more highly than a bloom with one or no leaves.

Guest presenter, Bryce Hillig discussed his experiences while working for a few months last year at Monet's garden in Giverny, France. The annual turnover of plants is remarkable. Thousands of plants are grown from seed every year on a nearby property. The extent and intensity of the gardening methods were surprising. Bryce was able to show us what tourists never see and never know.

Bruce Walker won the raffle prize Sasanqua 'Early Pearlie' generously donated by Camellia Grove: 8 Cattai Ridge Road Glenorie.

Dale Andrews.



April meeting.

Collection: Any Camellia, any form, 3 blooms. 'Jennifer Susan'. Class C1  
Judith McGill.



## CARING FOR YOUR CAMELLIAS IN MAY & JUNE - PETER LEVICK

### MAY

The sasanquas will usually finish blooming during this month, and pruning where required can commence for those bushes with no unopened buds. After flowering, sasanqua hedges can be pruned at this time. Each bush should be allowed to present its own growth characteristic habit even if some of the heights of some plants need to be reduced.

### JUNE

The flowering season of the japonicas will be at its peak during this month. Spent blooms should be allowed to remain on the beds below the bushes and this a form of natural mulching and is of course what happens in nature. In Australia we are fortunate that camellia flower blight is not present: in those areas of the world where the disease is present, allowing spent blooms to lie on the ground encourages the spread of the disease. Some camellias do not fully drop spent blooms and, if labor is available, smaller plants in prominent positions should be cleared manually. If the weather has been dry adequate soil moisture will help ensure quality blooms.

## EVERYTHING CAMELLIAS - CAMELLIA RELATED EVENTS

### *Eryldene Historic House and Garden - 17 McIntosh St Gordon 2022*

#### ❖ *Garden tours followed by a home-made morning tea*

'Take a tour with one of our garden volunteers to hear about how the Eryldene garden was created and the assembly of one of Australia's most important camellia collections.

Enjoy a cup of tea or coffee and a homemade treat on the loggia afterwards.' Courtesy Eryldene website.

The money raised supports the 'Eryldene Trust', providing funds to maintain the house and garden. Book online through the Eryldene website. Cost: \$40.

#### **Garden tour dates 2024**

Friday 7 June, 10am to 12noon.

Friday 5 July, 10am to 12noon.

Friday 2 August, 10am to 2noon.

Friday 6 September, 10am to 12noon.

Friday 4 October, 10am to 12noon.



'Eryldene' entrance. Photo: J. McGill



## MONTHLY BLOOMS COMPETITION Results of the April meeting

Judith McGill – 14

Richie Griffiths – 11

Juliet Muras – 9

Dale Andrews – 5

Bruce Walker – 3

### Novice

Jenny Goodwin – 11

Some prize-winning blooms!



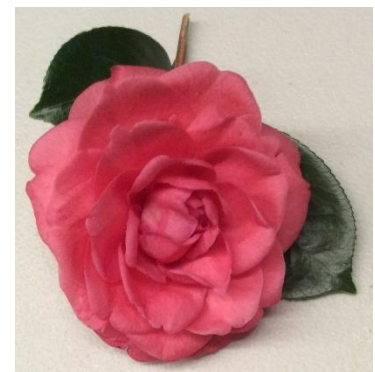
*C. sasanqua* 'Azuma Nishiki', 'Hana Jiman', 'Setsugekka'. Three winning blooms from Judith McGill in Class 1 Sasanqua single.



*C. sasanqua* 'Mine No Yaki'.  
Class 2 Sasanqua formal double.  
Bruce Walker.



Collection: Any Camellia, any form, 3 blooms. 'Jennifer Susan'.  
Class C1. Juliet Muras.



*C. japonica* 'Can Can Special'.  
Class 6A Japonica/Hybrid Irregular Semi-Double. Dale Andrews.



*C. japonica* 'Margaret Davis'.  
Class 6A Irregular Semi-Double.  
Dale Andrews



*C. sasanqua* 'Pure Silk'. Class 3 Sasanqua other forms. Judith McGill.



**MONTHLY MEETINGS – In 2024 the dates and venue will vary each month.**

<b>May 2024</b>	
Sunday 19 May	<b>Monthly Meeting.</b> Visit to the garden of Chis & Helen Chapman. 49 Ridgehaven Rd Silverdale 2752 from 10.30am. Tea and coffee provided. Please bring your own lunch.
<b>June 2024</b>	
Monday 17 June	<b>Monthly Meeting.</b> Garden Square Hall, No.1 Garden Square, Gordon. 7pm benching of blooms for 7.30pm meeting. Speaker TBA.
<b>July 2024</b>	
Thursday 11 July	<b>NSW CRS Annual Show.</b> Set-up the show.
Saturday 13 & Sunday 14 July	<b>NSW CRS Annual Show.</b> Details to follow.
Saturday 20 & Sunday 21 July	Illawarra Annual Camellia Show. Their website has details.
Monday 22 July	<b>Monthly Meeting.</b> Garden Square Hall, No.1 Garden Square, Gordon. 7pm benching of blooms for 7.30pm meeting. Speaker TBA.
<b>August 2024</b>	
Sunday 18 August	<b>Monthly Meeting.</b> Visit to 'Elegans', the garden of Bill Fleming, 21 Fishburns Rd Galston. Time: late morning TBC. Bill will provide a tour of the garden, tea & coffee. Please bring your own lunch.
Friday 23 & Saturday 24 August	National Camellia Show in Narrandera.
<b>September 2024</b>	
Saturday 6 & Sunday 7 September	Highlands Garden Society Camellia Show. Possible bus excursion. TBA
Monday 16 September	<b>Monthly Meeting.</b> Garden Square Hall, No.1 Garden Square, Gordon. <b>Annual General Meeting.</b> 7pm benching of blooms for 7.30pm meeting.
<b>October 2024</b>	
Date to be confirmed	Annual Dinner and Presentations. Date and location TBC.

**MONTHLY BLOOM COMPETITION CLASSES**

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 &amp; C2: a collection of 3 blooms, with a maximum of 2 attached leaves

Class A A Photo presenting the use of camellia/s in any medium (limit 2 entries per member)

**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: 1<sup>st</sup> = 3 points; 2<sup>nd</sup> = 2 points; 3<sup>rd</sup> = 1 point (if required) 'Open' and'Novice' Collections Classes C1 to C2: 1<sup>st</sup> = 6 points; 2<sup>nd</sup> = 4 points; 3<sup>rd</sup> = 1 point (if required) 'Open' and 'Novice' Champion bloom (from the winning blooms) Extra 3 points.'Open' and 'Novice' Class A 1<sup>st</sup> = 3 points; 2<sup>nd</sup> = 2 points; 3<sup>rd</sup> = 1 point (if required)



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