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From the Cover



Camellia japonica 'Rebel Yell'

White striped. Speckled and moired red. Large semidouble to peony form with twisted, curled, and crepe petals. Average, upright growth. Midseason. US 1961 -Wheeler's Central Georgia Nursery, Macon, GA

President's Message

Dennis Hart

New Orleans, Louisiana



Greetings to all and I hope you are staying healthy! Spring 2020 was probably the most unusual Spring for me and for most of you. Staying at home, no camellia club meetings, etc. has been the downside. However, some of us have had more time to work in our gardens. With all of this extra love and attention showered on our camellias, we may have blooms the size of dinner plates in our shows this fall and winter.

Besides gardening, I have other household projects to keep me busy and out of trouble. There is always something to paint on my Arts and Crafts bungalow house so painting has been one of my top opportunities. With the weather this spring mostly dry and warm, I have painted the outside of my house while enjoying the beautiful weather.



The home of Dennis Hart where he has spent most of the last three months painting.

Back in the beginning of March before the stay at home order went into effect, I attended the Camellia Club of Mobile's monthly meeting on Sunday,

March 8th. It was a very well attended meeting with lots of beautiful camellias on display. Thank you to President Larry Heard for inviting me and to members Don and Carolyn Oyler, Jimmy Walker and Leo Brown, Jim Smelley and Bonnie Trippe, Joan Blanchard and Judy Kerr, and Bill Rawls for a warm welcome. And thank you to members Kai and Deidre DenBleyker, Richard Freeman, Tom Getz, Catherine Moates, and Aven and Gary Warner for joining the Gulf Coast Camellia Society.

In mid-March my wife Lyn and I attended the 2020 American Camellia Society Annual Convention in Norfolk, Virginia. It was an enjoyable conference and we got to see camellias in the Tidewater area during the five days we were there. One of my favorite camellias that I saw was 'Taylor's Perfection,' a semi-double soft pink bloom. See my article about the American Camellia Society Convention in this edition of *The Camellian*.

Our annual Gulf Coast Camellia Society conference is scheduled in Saint Francisville, Louisiana, for Monday and Tuesday, October 19th and 20th. Saint Francisville is a lovely place to visit with lots of plantation houses and camellia gardens. We hope things have settled down by October and you can attend what should be a very interesting and enjoyable meeting. (See page 18)

In summary, keep learning more about camellias, recruit some new members, have fun, and stay healthy!



A Camellian's Diary

By Caroline Dickson, Poplarville, MS



C. japonica 'Baronne de Bleichroeder
(United States)' Huntington Gardens



C. japonica 'Baronne de Bleichroeder'
(Belgium, 1878)



C. japonica 'Mathotiana'
(Purple Dawn')

As our 2020 Data driven society dominates, it is hard to imagine the difficulties encountered developing camellia nomenclature. These are some excerpts from the 1958 American Camellia Yearbook.

Page one: "The Bleichroeder-Otome Complex" by Austin Griffiths. In 1918 importation...to Huntington Gardens in California from Yokohama Nursery Japan...Faded labels with Japanese names were planted. Years later two flower names appeared in California nurseries as 'Bleichroeder' and 'Baronne de Bleichroeder' were determined to be Japanese varieties, not the German 'Baronne de Bleichroeder' introduced in 1911 in Dresden, Germany. E. A. McIlhenny is the only known source for the original variety. ...'Otome-Shibori' imported from Japan were identical to the Huntington Gardens 'Bleidhroeder.' A discussion of sports of the misnamed varieties is included. 'Otome Pink' is misapplied to three different camellias.

Page 14: "The Stories Behind the Names" by D. C. Strother. Growers do not understand the need for universal accepted names. Growers in Louisiana would not recognize 'Mathotiana' which they label 'Purple Dawn.' 'Gigantea' has been renamed in local areas for the owners of the reproduced plant cuttings for local nursery. Cuttings of 'Waterloo' were mislabeled as 'Ethlington White' by a nursery near Mobile.

Page 22: "The Nomenclature of Certain Families of Japonica Camellias" by Albert Fendig. Use of the name of the parent cultivar is encouraged by diagram presentation of the family tree of 'Daikagura,' 'Donkelari,' 'Duchess of Sutherland,' 'Elegans (Chandler),' 'Herme,' 'Mathotiana,' and 'Tricolor.'

In 2020, our Camellia researchers record exact GPS locations of the plant material collected if there is a future question. Quite a long progress from faded names in foreign languages.

‘Tomorrow’ is listed in the 1954 *ACS Year Book* on page 335. Part of the description includes that buds are large, round and show color. Parents are unknown. Size is stated as six inches. The actual color is described as red but lighter than ‘Woodville Red.’ Shape is an incomplete double with large petaloids. A color picture of the flower is in the 1959 *ACS Year Book* after page 114.

‘Tomorrow’ was a consistent winner at the New Orleans Camellia Club Show after I became a Judge using the 1996 *Camellia Nomenclature*. An alternate name of ‘Ed Anderson’ is given in 1996. Color is stated as strawberry red. Size is large (4-5 inches) to very large (over 5 inches) in 1996. ‘Tomorrow’ had seventeen named sports by 1996.

For review, ‘Tomorrow’ is a solid strawberry red color flower in 1953 that is the seed parent of multiple prodigy and sports by color gene expression. The 2020 *Camellia Nomenclature* has over 25 flower names and descriptions that claim to trace to ‘Tomorrow.’ Some do not have the name of ‘Tomorrow’ first like ‘Ester’s Tomorrow,’ ‘Queen of Tomorrow’ and ‘Maverick.’ The color descriptions include coral rose, White brushed red in the throat, light soft pink, strawberry red blotched white, light link edged white, Deep soft pink to light pink shading to white at the edge, Soft creamy white with red flecks, and pale orchid pink heavily variegated white.

One of my questions is when was ‘Tomorrow’ downsized from stated large in its application for registration? Is this multiple introduced virus variegation during grafting or gene expression? How would you explain this to a novice?



C. japonica ‘Gigantea’



C. japonica ‘Tomorrow’



C. japonica ‘Tomorrow Park Hill’



C. japonica ‘Ester’s Tomorrow’

“Of Which There is No Other”

by

By Ruby G. Campbell, Baton Rouge, LA



Of the multitude of varieties and cultivars of camellias in the plant world, is there really any which is unique: of which there is no other? Perhaps not. But that does not mean that one cannot find some which are unusual or which stand out among the rest because of a different characteristic or quality.

One which seems to approach the criterion is the ‘Eighteen Scholars’ camellia japonica. Its uniqueness lies in the layers and layers of petals in each flower which, according to legend, can number as many as 130 petals. The name derives from the fact (legend?) that the bush will often grow eighteen separate buds.

Its perfect symmetry symbolizes “abiding commitment and devotion” in its native land of China.

The unusual patterns and colors of ‘Optical Illusion,’ a camellia hybrid, gives this flower the look of buttercream icing. This yellow-flowered camellia with pink overtones has long, strap-like petals that are often arranged in a somewhat spiraling pattern.

Developed by Dr. Clifford Parks in 2015, the striking



C. japonica ‘Eighteen Scholars’ Formosa to U. S., Peer 1958



C. n.r. hybrid ‘Optical Illusion’ 2015 Parks. Chapel Hill, NC



C. species 'Grijssii' Eastern China



C. japonica 'Mark Allen Var.'
1958 Ashby, Charleston, SC

flower with its thin, light green leaves is not-so-cold-hardy but the plant itself is strong and will take some freezing.

A third flower which may fit into this group is the seemingly unpronounceable species, 'Grijssii' (greece-ee-eye). This late winter-early spring blooming camellia with its small, flat, single, heart-shaped, white petals is highly fragrant and grows on a 9 -13 foot high tree having dark, coarse and leathery textured leaves. It produces lots of flowers and strange leaves.

It was discovered in 1861 in the Fujian province of China by Dr. C. F. M. de Grijss, Dutch military surgeon and interpreter in China who collected plants for botanist, Henry Hance, hence the name.

The long narrow petals (12-15 in number) along with the 25-30 slender petaloids with spoon-like cups interspersed with yellow stamens provide the uniqueness which makes this "oldie but goodie" 1962 'Mark Allen Var.' camellia japonica stand out. Its wine red blotched and marbled white coloration makes it easily recognizable on the show table and a definite eye-catcher on the home tea table.

Undoubtedly, other cultivars could be included among the "of which there is no other" category. What are your choices?

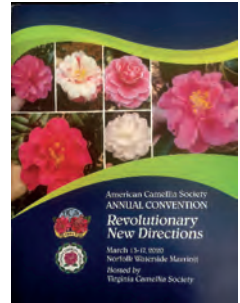


American Camellia Society Annual Convention

Norfolk, Virginia, March 13 – 17, 2020

By Dennis Hart

The 2020 American Camellia Society Annual Convention was held in Norfolk, Virginia, from March 13 – 17th, 2020 and was hosted by the Virginia Camellia Society. Norfolk and the surrounding Tidewater area have both Revolutionary War and Civil War sites. The focus for the conference was on the Revolutionary War.



On Friday, March 13th, the convention opened at the Norfolk Waterside Marriott with the ACS Board of Directors meeting during the day followed by a General Membership meeting at 5 pm.



American Camellia Society Display

Matthew Israel, Executive Director of ACS, presented a very interesting slide show about the current construction of the Leon and Lois Silver Camelliarie at ACS Headquarters in Masee Lane, Georgia. The building will be dedicated in late September or early October. The President's Reception followed the meeting and it was an opportune time to converse with the other conference attendees.



ACS Executive Director Matthew Israel

On Saturday, March 14th, buses shuttled everyone to the Chesapeake Arboretum and the Great Bridge Battlefield Museum. The Chesapeake Arboretum included a tour of its Camellia Cove which is listed on the American Camellia Trail. There were hundreds of very green, very lush camellias in full bloom. The trails in the Arboretum ran through a hardwood forest and along one of the trails was the Silky Camellia (*Stewartia melacodendron*). The plant was not blooming in



March but our tour guide said at the end of April it has eye-catching blooms with bluish-purple stamens. See Ruby Campbell' article about the Silky Camellia in the Spring 2020 edition of *The Camellian*.

Later that morning, we toured the Great Bridge Battlefield Museum and battlegrounds. The Battle of Great Bridge on December 9, 1775, was America's first victory over the British. After the defeat, the British decided to vacate Virginia which opened up supply opportunities and a new spirit of independence for the Americans.

Saturday afternoon and evening we cruised out of the city on the *Spirit of Norfolk* dinner cruise. It was very interest-



ing to see the city and surrounding area from the water. The U.S. Navy has many ships and ship building installations in the Tidewater area. It is home to the U.S. Navy's Atlantic Fleet.

On Sunday, March 15th the Virginia Camellia Society held their annual show at the lovely Norfolk Botanical Gardens.



Norfolk Botanical Gardens

It was a great location for a show and there were many lovely blooms. The Hofheimer Camellia Garden at the botanical gardens was started in 1991 and now includes 750 varieties of camellias, most of which were in bloom while we were there.



C. nr hyb.
'Taylor's Perfection'



C. japonica
'La Peppermint'



C. jap. 'Margaret Davis'



C. nr. hyb. 'Lavender Prince II'



*Best Bloom Miniature Grown Protected
'Fukurin-ikkyu'*

Sunday evening the ACS Convention Banquet was held at the Marriott with a very successful silent auction and plant auction. The guest speaker was Michael Desplaines, the CEO of Norfolk Botanical Gardens. Michael talked about climate change and its effects on the nation, the world, the Tidewater area, and how the Norfolk Botanical Gardens will adapt to it.



Guest speaker was Michael Desplaines, CEO of Norfolk Botanical Gardens.



ACS President, Brad King (rt.) presents plaque to James Dickson, outgoing ACS President.

On Monday, March 16th, we visited the home, gardens, and business of Brent and Becky's Bulbs in Gloucester, Virginia. There were hundreds of daffodils and other bulbs blooming all over the landscape – a beautiful early spring event!



Brent and Becky's Bulb Garden

Thanks to Brent and Becky Heath for sharing their home and business with us.

Monday afternoon we toured the Yorktown Revolutionary War Museum and battlefields on the bluffs above the York River. The siege at Yorktown was



Yorktown Battlefield Victory Monument

a decisive victory for General George Washington and his American troops with

strong support from the French army and navy. It was the last major land battle of the Revolutionary War.

On Tuesday, March 17th, we visited Bennett's Creek Nursery near Smithfield, Virginia. This is a 375 acre wholesale nursery growing camellias, bedding plants, and trees and shrubs. Bob Black, who is vice president of the nursery and a member of the Virginia Camellia Society, led the tour through the nurseries, greenhouses, and production facilities.



Cathy Kubeny from North Carolina tours a Camellia house at Bennett's Creek Nursery

We had a delightful lunch at Smithfield Station, viewing the marina and tidal estuary from the dining room windows. It was a great way to conclude the convention.

A big thank you to Dale Shelley (President, Virginia Camellia Society), Peggy Troyer (ACS 2020 Convention Chair), Malia Huddle, Marietta Madden, Toni McKenna, Mike Andruczyk, and the entire committee for hosting an outstanding convention. It was my first time visiting Norfolk and the Tidewater area and I very much enjoyed the conference, the people, and the region.



Camellia Club of Mobile

by Don Oyler, Mobile, Alabama

Year 2020 has brought a much different start to our "Camellia World." While I sit here contemplating the many things, our club is adapting to, our new form of daily life with social distancing, mask wearing, and etc, one cannot help but wonder when our Camellia Clubs can get together as "a group" again. On a positive note, the COVID-19 has us turning to our old routines of sprucing up our neglected gardens, fertilizing, pruning, air layering, and of course watering.

We, here in Mobile, AL, are no different than any other areas. The virus has us stuck at home, searching for things to do. Some are finishing the many projects we have started in our gardens.



Grafts completed by the Mobile Camellia Club

As we do these projects, we become even more aware that we are doing these things alone! Camellia lovers, love "groups." We miss our friends in the Camellia Club of Mobile. Talking on the phone and texting is not the same as talking to them in person and sharing knowledge.

All Clubs have a Care Group that do what we believe is "everything." The Camellia Club of Mobile has a "Care Group" - it is the **WHOLE CLUB**- dozens of people working together as one group.

One such group is our Grafting Team, headed by Bill Rawls. He and his group (sometimes over 20, but always 10+),

grafted over 200 Camellias this year at Jim Smelley's, which are sold at our annual show in January.



A healthy graft starting to grow.

During this time, ALL club members are encouraged to come and learn (with hands on) while selecting scions from Jim's green houses as he shares his knowledge with us. Jim's camellias provides our club with show quality scions.



After the camellia work is done, we gather at Aunt Jenny's restaurant in Lucedale, MS, for a relaxing lunch. You can follow our club on Face Book, Camellia Club of Mobile, headed by Cheryl Rawls and Mobilecamellia.org our website by Jim Dwyer.

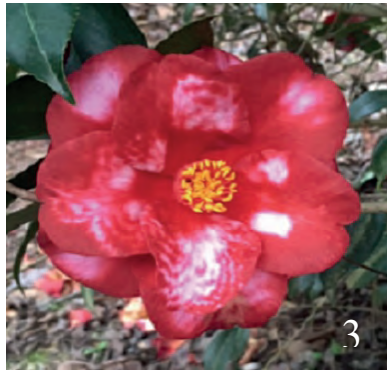


Royal Velvet

by Hunter N. Charbonnet, Covington, LA

The Japonica known as ‘Royal Velvet’ originated in 1987 by Nuccio’s Nurseries located in Altadena, CA. It is a top favorite both by camellia growers and those that exhibit flowers at camellia shows. In

ACCS/GCCS bloom show results, these camellias have placed in the top five of the Large Japonica category 8 of the last 9 seasons. Both have placed either 1st or 2nd in the last 6 of 9 seasons.



fact, last season in the ACCS/GCCS show region, ‘Royal Velvet Variegated’ (fig 1) was selected as the top flower in the Large Japonica category followed closely behind by the solid form (fig 2), ‘Royal Velvet’. However, the historical evidence shows these two flowers have been a favorite for some time. In reviewing the combined

It is a favorite flower because it produces some of the most beautiful, dark velvety red, perfect form, semi-double flowers in early to mid-season. It grows vigorously, compact, and upright. It rarely needs attention and it grafts easily for propagating a new plant. In my opinion, it is the best example of what a semi-double camellia flower

should look and act like. And while the deep velvety red color makes it a favorite among the dark red Japonica Camellias, the color certainly connotes why it is associated with the word “Royal.”

The color red has a rich history and depending on the shade of red, the color can mean many different things in different cultures. The use of the pigment red can be traced back to ancient Egypt as the color was a

obtaining the red pigment was only available to the wealthy which helped associated “royals” as having status, wealth, and power.

Over the last five years, I have had great success in shows by exhibiting both flowers but especially with the variegated version. The variegation generally comes in two forms, mottled (fig 3) and moiré (fig 4) although I have had a full pin point spotted variegation as



I have been told a variegated same variety tray of 3 or 5 is always a challenge because it is difficult to get consistent variegation in all flowers presented. I have been fortunate to have enough blooms of relatively equal variegation to be able to use them for tray candidates.

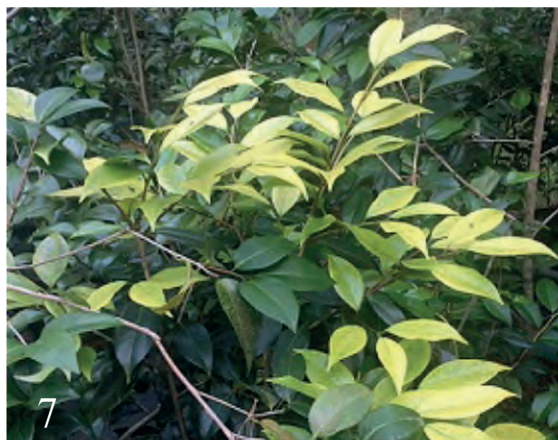
symbol of vitality and celebration but also represented evil and destruction during that era. It was also used in ancient Grecian murals, in Byzantine clothing, and throughout the movements of art from the Renaissance era all the way through to modern times. And while purple is the color most associated with royalty, all deep pigmented colors long ago were expensive to obtain so

well. I am not sure whether this is common or not but my main variegated bush evolved in its variegation and my younger RVVs seem to be following a similar pattern. They all started with the blotch variegation that was not well distributed throughout the bloom (fig 1). The variegation evolved to a combination of blotch, pinpoints, and a hint of moiré (fig 3). Eventually the



moiré became more prominent with variegation spreading throughout the bloom making for a spectacular display of this great flower (fig 5 & 6).

My original RVV is now about 9 years old and about 12ft tall. It is a prolific bloomer and it has produced a few seeds over the last couple of seasons. I am anxiously awaiting the flowers they may produce when they mature enough to do so. In addition to being a perfect flower, a prolific bloomer, a rich and notable color during the season, they are great in the landscape as they have perfect symmetry as well. One RVV that I grafted last year is producing some very interesting characteristics. Unlike my existing RVV that shows no leaf variegation, the new growth on this graft is always very yellow (fig 7) but the leaves turn darker as the season progresses. It will be interesting to see what kind of flower variegation it produces.



Royal Velvet is truly a winner in every respect and both varieties should be included in every camellia grower's collection.





Posted by John Davy on Pensacola Camellia Club Facebook Page.



Dr. Michael Polozola, who grew up in the Baton Rouge Camellia Society, is now a county agent in Alexandria, LA. He has a gardening call-in show on station KALB -Alexandria



Camellia Club of Mobile Facebook Post Bill's Camellias at the DAR House



'Magnoliaeflora' imported by Kiyono Nsy, Semmes AL (From Alabama Camellias)



*C. NR hybrid 'Taylor's Perfection'
Taken by Dennis Hart
at ACS Convention*



*Runner-up Historical Japonica 'Middlemist's
Red' at Baton Rouge Show.*

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Roger and Ellen Vinson prepare blooms at Pensacola Camellia Club Show

GCCS Annual Meeting St. Francisville, LA

Joe Holmes, St. Francisville, LA

The annual GCCS meeting is scheduled for October 19 and 20, 2020, a Monday and Tuesday, and as I write this article in May, life has been put on hold for most of the country. As such, the plans for the meeting I will relate are tentative and incomplete. Nevertheless, October will come and with it, hopefully, the GCCS meeting.

Having the meeting in St. Francisville, LA was suggested during last year's Brookhaven meeting and many attendees liked the idea. Because I live in St. Francisville and am the past president of the BRCS, I was "elected" to organize the event. Currently, plans are to locate the meetings, auctions, and at least one evening dinner at The Bluffs, a golf resort, lodge, and subdivision outside St. Francisville in West Feliciana Parish. The lodge has offered appealing room rates and the club house has ample space for meetings, auctions, and dinner. Potential activities include visiting Rosedown Plantation State Historic Site, which has extensive gardens with camellias (alas, not in bloom in October), touring Oakley Plantation at the Audubon State Historic Site, visiting Grace Church of West Feliciana Parish and its beautiful cemetery and roaming the campestral gardens and grounds at Hemingbough. Other thoughts include touring The Myrtles Plantation and gardens, antiquing, checking out the local gift shops, and viewing the picturesque little town. The adventurous can hike or dirt-bike The Beast trail, road trip to the Big Cypress in Cat Island National Wildlife Refuge or to various hidden plantation homes, hike to the "waterfalls" in Clark Creek State Park (just up the road in Mississippi), attend the Angola Prison Rodeo (Sunday, October 18, 2020) or hang around until the following weekend for the (craft and music) Yellow Leaf Festival.

In addition to The Lodge at The Bluffs, other options include several B & Bs, rooms



West Feliciana Welcome Tower



Rosedown Plantation



Grace Church.

and cottages at Hemingbough, cabins at The Myrtles, rooms in plantation homes, quirky apartments in 3-V Court, and rooms in a Best Western. I understand you can also rent a refurbished Airstream or a yurt if that is what you have in mind.



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In the Summer Garden

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Activities slow down in the summer camellia garden, but care of the plants during the summer is equally important.

☐ **Water:** Be sure plants get enough water during dry periods. Plants in the ground need 1" of water each week if it doesn't rain, and container plants may need water several times a week.

☐ **Water Quality.** Check pH of your water supply (check with water company) to determine how it will effect your soil or potting mix. For example - Baton Rouge water has a pH of 8.3 and using city water can raise the pH of the soil to 7 - 7.5. Soil pH for camellias should be 5.5 to 6 for best growth and health. Have soil tested to determine if corrections are needed. Sulfur lowers the soil pH. Aluminum sulphate is faster acting, but elemental provides long lasting results.

☐ **Spraying:** Spot spray as required to control pests. DO NOT use oil emulsion sprays in the heat of the summer as it will damage your plants. Use summer sprays such as "Triple Action" which contains Neem Oil as the active ingredient. Use as directed for 'summer use.'

☐ **Mulching:** Provide 2" to 3" of chopped leaves or bark to help control weeds and keep soil cool.

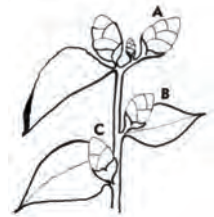
☐ **Fertilizing:** Plants growing in the ground generally do not need fertilizing in the summer. Plants in containers need fertilizer every month or so, since the nutrients will leach from the container with each watering. Use a time release formula with trace elements to reduce the frequency and provide more uniform feeding.

☐ **Pruning and Disbudding:** Start disbudding as soon as the flower buds are easily discernable from the growth buds.

Carefully pinch off all but one flower bud on each stem to help get better and larger blooms.

While disbudding, bring along your clippers and trim off any weak or dead branches as you go along. Minor pruning to adjust the shape of the plant can also be done. Try to keep your clippers as clean as you can to avoid spreading dieback, which always seems to be around. Pruning paint, available in a convenient spray can, can be sprayed on the larger wounds for protection against fungal infections.

☐ **Propagation:** The summer months are good for air-layering and rooting cuttings of camellias. A simple method for a few cuttings. Fill a 1 or 2 gal pot with the rooting medium and insert cuttings into medium, such as perlite. Water thoroughly and after draining place the pot with cuttings into a large plastic bag, such as a dry cleaning wrapper, and tie tightly. Make sure it has no holes. Place or hang in a shady spot until cuttings are rooted, then pot into 6" pots.



Remove buds A,B and C to leave terminal



Camellia Crossword

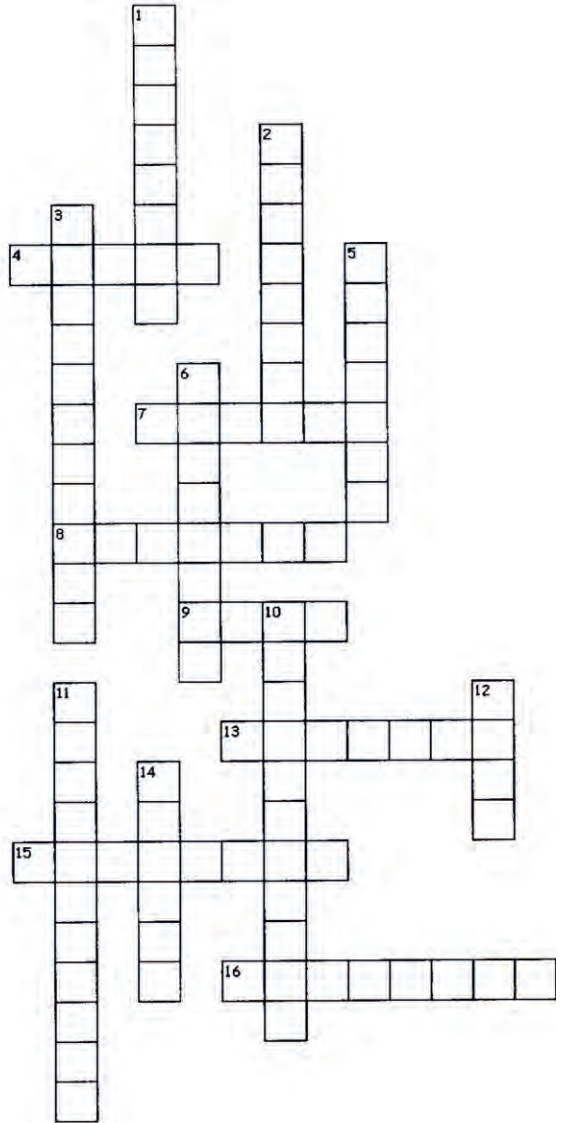
{All clues from previous *Camellians*}

Across

4. 'camellia' native to US east & gulf coasts
7. 2017 Peer Award winning sasanqua
8. act of removing limbs & foliage
9. fashion designer who touted camellias
13. adds drainage to the soil
15. site of movable camellia greenhouse
16. procedure best done in February

Down

1. Group of Japanese camellias once considered species, now hybrid
2. species often used for understock
3. site of US commercial tea company
5. tricolor () painted by K. Sawada
6. species most often used in landscaping
10. white rose-form double by Homeyer (two words)
11. mixed with soil to retain water
12. ACS president in recording industry
14. left a bequest for educational bldg to ACS



Crossword puzzle answers

Across
4. Silky 7. Navajo 8. Pruning 9. Coco 13. Perlite 15. Pillnitz 16. Grafting

Down
1. Wabitsuke 2. Sasangua 3. Mississipp 5. Siebold 6. Japonica 10. Cile Watford 11. Vermiculite

Editor's Notes

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The plentiful rain this Spring has resulted in some longer than usual new growth on many of my camellias. The rains averaging 1/2" to 1" every couple of days were greatly appreciated by the younger plants. Since the rain came mostly at night, there was still plenty of sunlight for the plants growing in partial shade. Most of the plants had 6" to 8" of new growth, but many had more. For example, 'Harold Paige' had 10" to 13", 'El Rojo' 5" to 10" and 'Frank Houser' 8" to 12". The retics seemed to have the most new growth.

The older plants growing in fairly dense shade had 3" to 6" new growth which is more than usual for these mostly

neglected plants. All that dissolved nitrogen in the rainwater must have given them a boost.

The rain must have helped the new grafts also because they are growing fast.



This 13" stem on 'Harold Paige' grew so fast and long that it couldn't support itself.



Retic. 'Harold Paige' with 8" to 12" new growth.

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C. japonica 'Bessie Battle' 1979, by Tom Dodd, Loxley, AL



C. japonica 'Flossie Goodson' 1977, C. Bozeman, Hattisburg, MS



C. japonica 'Duchess of Covington' 1953, S. J. Katz, Covington. LA



C. japonica 'Beau Harp' 1949, G. H. Wilkinson, Pensacola, FL

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