

Camellias Offer Refreshing Change

What do the camellia varieties Debutante, Alba Plena, Mathotiana, R.L. Wheeler, Nuccio Gem and Magnolia Flora have in common? They are all *Camellia japonica*, varieties that are ideal for the beginning camellia grower.

By this time of year, I am getting pretty tired of poinsettias, Christmas cacti and Christmas trees. What I long for is the sight of a camellia bush full of flowers.

To my delight, growing and showing camellias has experienced quite a revival in recent years. However, a great many misconceptions exist about camellia culture and environmental sensitivity.

Placed in a well-protected environment, camellias will grow and flourish deep into the North Carolina piedmont. However, unprotected camellias are best grown in the milder climates of the coastal Carolinas.

I recently presented a program to the Tidewater Camellia Society in Wilmington. The event gave me the opportunity to meet and visit with some very fine gardeners.

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Ogle Hess is currently president of the group and is doing a wonderful job of getting the word out about camellia culture. Mr. Hess has put together a publication titled "Growing Camellias For The Beginner," which is excellent.

You can obtain one of these publications free of charge Saturday, Jan. 18, at the camellia seminar which will be held at the New Hanover County Extension Auditorium. Call the Extension office at 919-350-0010 for more information.

For those wanting more information about camellia culture, I would recommend you plan to attend this

seminar, visit with some of the experienced camellia growers and write to the American Camellia Society. (Their address is: P.O. Box 1217, Fort Valley, Ga. 31030)

The American Camellia Society publishes a series of fact sheets about camellia culture which are superb.

I also have a 1977 publication developed by the USDA titled "Growing Camellias—Home and Garden Bulletin No. 86" that contains all the pertinent information the beginner should know.

If you would like a copy, please send me a SASE.

Dear Plant Doctor: Can you help me with a disease that affects my bayberry and ligustrum? The main branches and some of the smaller branches are covered with thousands of white, rod-shaped marks which are .5 to 1.0 cm in length. When scraped off, the shrub is green and alive beneath the outer bark.

These rod-shaped marks do not appear to be alive.

All of the leaves have fallen off and only the skeleton of a shrub re-

mains. It seems to have spread from one shrub to another.

I have heard the term "plant lice". Is this what my shrubs have?

Thank you for your consideration. **Answer:** You got me on this one. I have no idea what the problem is.

The diagnosis of plant disease or insect problems is extremely difficult even under optimum conditions. I suggest that you cut off a representative affected portion of the plant, place the specimen in an airtight plastic bag, and deliver it to your local North Carolina Cooperative Extension Service office.

The agents in that office will be able to send the sample to North Carolina State University in Raleigh to the plant disease and insect clinic, where a team of pathologists and entomologists can properly identify the problem.

The treatment will depend on the diagnosis.

Send your gardening questions to *The Plant Doctor*, P.O. Box 109, Bolivia, N.C. 28422. Send a SASE for a reply.



50 Years Together

Mr. and Mrs. W.C. Breeding of Shallotte Point celebrated 50 years of marriage on Wednesday, Jan. 8. The couple was honored at a reception on New Year's Day given by their family and friends.

Literacy Council Slates Workshops

Area residents still searching for that New Year's resolution may want to consider helping an adult to read.

The Brunswick County Literacy Council's next tutor training workshop will be held Friday, Jan. 31, from 6 p.m. to 10 p.m. and Saturday, Feb. 1, from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m.

Participants who complete both sessions will be certified in the phonics-based Laubach Method of teaching reading, according to spokesperson Brenda Grissett.

The workshop fee is \$10 and may be paid at the first session. Those planning to attend should pre-register by calling 754-7323.

Local Births Are Announced

Bullock

Reggie Mark Bullock and Evette A. Frink of Longwood have announced the birth of a son, Victor Demetrius Bullock, Dec. 24 at The Brunswick Hospital, Supply.

Born at 5:14 p.m., he weighed 6 pounds, 10 ounces, and was 23 inches long.

His grandparents are Dorothy Sutton and Victoria Frink.

Victor's great-grandparents are Lanne Bullock and Frankly Bullock.

Reaves

Barry Reaves and LaShawn McNeill of Shallotte have announced the birth of a son, Hakeem Jaron Reaves, Dec. 26 at The Brunswick Hospital, Supply.

He was born at 9:23 a.m., weigh-

ing 7 pounds, 13 ounces, and was 21 inches long.

Hakeem joins a brother, Tyquan McNeill.

His grandparents are Iola McNeill of Shallotte, Jacqueline Wilson of Shallotte and Larry Reaves of Supply.

Hakeem's great-grandparents are Mr. and Mrs. Masco McNeill of Shallotte.

Lewis

David C. and Marlene S. Lewis of Bolivia have announced the birth of a son, David Joel Lewis, Dec. 31 at The Brunswick Hospital, Supply.

Born at 11:52 a.m., he weighed 6 pounds, 8 ounces, and was 19 inches long.

David joins a sister, LaCoshia Stevenson, and a brother, Clifton Stevenson.

His grandparents are Alice F. Ste-

venson of Bolivia and Lue Ann Lewis of Southport.

David's great-grandparents are Beatrice Brown of Bolivia and Jerry Stevenson of Supply.

Cooke

Marty and Catherine Cooke of Shallotte have announced the birth of a daughter, Catherine Elizabeth Cooke, Dec. 13 at Cape Fear Memorial Hospital, Wilmington.

She was born at 1:41 p.m., weighing 8 pounds, 6 ounces, and was 19.25 inches long.

Catherine's grandparents are Mr. and Mrs. John Cooke of Wadesboro and Mr. and Mrs. Park Davidson of Greensboro.

Her great-grandmothers are Mrs. E.M. Cooke of Myrtle Beach, S.C., and Mrs. John W. Carson Sr. of Greensboro.

Frink

Thomas Frink and Karen Peele of Long Beach have announced the birth of a daughter, Karissa Nicole Frink, Dec. 26 at The Brunswick Hospital, Supply.

She was born at 10:33 p.m., weighing 8 pounds, 8 ounces, and was 21 inches long.

Karissa's grandparents are John and Barbara Peele and Tom and Nancy Frink.

Her great-grandparents are Ethel Stevens and Virginia Parker.

Birthdays And Anniversaries

Thursday, January 9

Bob Manges, William Madison Gore, Bo Abbott, Bradley Caison, Connie Russ, Penny Buie, Charles Fox, Kaye Evans, Floyd Kirby Jr., Jeffrey B. Blum; Dr. and Mrs. Michael Ward.

Friday, January 10

Harold Bland, Thomas Duncan, Demaris Bettinger, Harold Bland, Bill Wilbur, Julie Hamilton Lee, Ouida Hewitt, Michelle Leggett, Joe Demmie; Mr. and Mrs. Dean Smith, Mr. and Mrs. Armand Vasco, Sam and Edna Faye Inman.

Saturday, January 11

Margaret Hardin, Billie Hill, Shannon Price, Cindy Champion, Jim Furr, George Goodrow, Skipper Brummett, Gracie Evans, Mary Lou Jackson, Johnny Chilton; Larry and Julie Harrelson.

Sunday, January 12

Tom Sanders, Debbie Clausen, Debora Smith, Tandra B. Lewis, Lucy Coleman, Kyle Inman, Amy E. Robinson, Debbie H. Stanley, Sid

Morgan, Tammie Lewis, Pam H. Brown, Christopher Lewis; Johnny and Tammy Starnes, Mr. and Mrs. Gene Hewitt.

Monday, January 13

June Cooper, Brittany Stanley, Drew Robbins, Joe Hankins, Wendy Moore, Rebecca Hughes; Mendal and Karen Watts, Pam and Andy Brown, Mr. and Mrs. E.H. Redwine, Mr. and Mrs. Carvin Robinson.

Tuesday, January 14

Megan DeFeo, Eric Gobble, Ryan Sims, Kelli Leigh Carlyle, Christina Morrison, John Newton, Jimmy Caton, James Osborne, Bonnie Leonard, Hiram T. "Buck" Sellers, Suesanne Holden, Bill Leigh; Mr. and Mrs. Bailey Russ.

Wednesday, January 15

Jeremy Bell Hewitt, Martha Wilkerson, Mary Simmons, Regina Norton, Jeremy Dale Hewitt, Kathy Lawing, William A. Stanley Jr., Dr. Ed Lance; Mr. and Mrs. Joey Stanley, Mr. and Mrs. A.O. King Jr., Mr. and Mrs. Willie Clifton.

Seminar Offers Senior Health Insurance Info

A Senior Health Insurance Information Program (SHIIP) benefits seminar will be offered Tuesday, Jan. 14, at the Shallotte Senior Center at 10 a.m.

Ida Perry, a SHIIP representative with the N.C. Department of Insurance, will be available to highlight the purpose and operations of the program, said Pearl W. Stanley,

home economics extension agent with the Brunswick County Cooperative Extension Service.

The benefits seminar is open to all interested persons, she said.

More information is available from her at the extension office, 253-4425.

The senior center is located on U.S. 17 Business in Shallotte.

Hospital To Offer Cholesterol Tests

Loris Community Hospital in Loris, S.C., this month is offering \$5 cholesterol screenings at various locations in the region.

Screenings will be held at the following sites:

- Ford Brothers Chevrolet, Jan. 9, 10 a.m.-1 p.m.
- Nakina Senior Citizens Center, Jan. 15, 10 a.m.-2 p.m.

Longs Post Office, Jan. 16, 1 p.m.-5 p.m.

■Tabor City Senior Citizens Center, Jan. 22, 9 a.m.-2 p.m.

■Loris Community Hospital, Jan. 23, 9 a.m.-2 p.m.

Organizations, churches and businesses interested in having a cholesterol program brought to them can call Evelyn Cox at 1-803-756-4011.

N.C. Miss & Master Valentine Pageant

Saturday, Feb. 1, 2 PM
Shallotte Middle School

Registration 12:30 to 1:30
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For details, call Margie Pridden (803)464-9097.

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