



# Camellia Club of Mobile

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## January 2025

Please join us for our January meeting as we prepare for our Annual Camellia Show.

Are you interested in learning more about how to enter your blooms in a camellia show? Attend our meeting, and we'll be happy to answer your questions about preparing and showing your blooms. Whether you're new to exhibiting or just want to learn more, our members are always ready to share tips and guidance. See below for details on our upcoming show.

### Monthly Meeting Info

January 12, 2025  
Building opens 1:00 p.m.  
Potluck prep 1:30 p.m.  
Potluck Social 2:00 p.m.  
Meeting begins 2:30 p.m.

### Meeting Location

Jon Archer Agricultural Center  
1070 Schillinger Rd. N  
Mobile, AL 36608



**Blooms:** Please bring your blooms to our meeting for show and tell.

## **Camellia Club of Mobile 85th Annual Show**

**Date:**  
**January 18, 2025**

**Location:**  
**Abba Shrine**  
**7701 Hitt Rd.**  
**Mobile, AL 36695**

The Camellia Club of Mobile, Alabama, is a historic organization that has been a cherished part of the local community since its founding in 1940. The club is dedicated to the cultivation and appreciation of camellias, a flower deeply beloved in the region.

One of the club's most treasured traditions is its annual Camellia Show, which has been held every year since the club's inception. This long-standing event showcases the stunning beauty of camellias while providing a platform for local gardeners and horticulturists to exhibit their prized blooms. Over the decades, the Camellia Show has grown in prominence, becoming a signature event for flower enthusiasts in Mobile and the surrounding areas.

The show typically features competitive categories for various types of camellia blooms and serves as an opportunity for both amateur and expert growers to share their knowledge and passion. As a highlight of Mobile's cultural calendar, it draws visitors from near and far to celebrate these exquisite flowers.

The Camellia Club's steadfast commitment to hosting this event each year underscores its dedication to preserving and promoting the cultural and horticultural heritage of camellias in the region.

Mark your calendars! The 2025 Camellia Show will take place at the Abba Shrine in Mobile, Alabama, on January 18, 2025.

GoogleMaps Location>> **Abba Shrine 7701 Hitt Road Mobile AL 36695**

Doors open: 7 a.m.

Bloom entry window: 7 a.m.-10 a.m.

Judging time: 10 a.m.

Open public viewing: 12 p.m. to closing

Doors close: around 4 p.m.

Plant sale begins at 9 a.m. (you don't want to miss this! 🌸)

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Please enjoy these prize-winning blooms from past  
Camellia Club of Mobile Annual Shows:



We look forward to seeing your beautiful blooms at this year's show!

For additional show options, show listings can be found on the ACS website by clicking here >> **2025 SHOW SCHEDULE**.

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## Camellia Day in Alabama



Camellia Day is celebrated annually on January 7th in Alabama, marking the beginning of the peak blooming season for the camellia, the state's official flower. The Alabama Legislature proclaimed this day in 2014 to honor the camellia's significance in the state's cultural and horticultural heritage.

The camellia, originally native to Asia, has become deeply rooted in Alabama's history since its introduction in the 1800s. Its vibrant winter blooms have made it a cherished symbol across the state. In 1959, the camellia was designated as Alabama's state flower, replacing the goldenrod.

Communities throughout Alabama observe Camellia Day with various events and activities, including educational programs, garden tours, and camellia shows. These celebrations offer residents and visitors the opportunity to appreciate the beauty of camellias and learn about their cultivation.

As January 7th approaches, it's an ideal time for gardening enthusiasts to explore the diverse varieties of camellias that thrive in Alabama's climate. Planting camellias can enhance local landscapes with color during the winter months, contributing to the state's rich horticultural tradition. ***The plant sale at our Annual Show on January 18th is the perfect time and place to purchase a variety of camellias plants!***

Celebrate Camellia Day by immersing yourself in the beauty and history of this remarkable flower that holds a special place in Alabama's heart.

Picture credit Library of Congress >> **Camellia Blooms at the AL State Capitol, Montgomery, AL**

Insightful article from Alabama Living magazine>> **The State of Camellias: How an Asian import became Alabama's State Flower**

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