



# Camellia Club of Mobile

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## February 2025

Join us for our February meeting, where we'll provide an update on our 85th Annual Show and share tips on planting and caring for the new camellias you purchased at the show.

Whether you're new to growing camellias or simply looking to learn more, our members are always happy to answer your questions and share their expertise. We look forward to seeing you there!

### Monthly Meeting Info

February 9, 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.



### Historic Snow in Mobile: A Winter Wonderland for Camellias

Camellias are an excellent choice for winter gardens in Mobile, even after a historic snowstorm! These cold-hardy plants bring vibrant color and beauty to the cooler months with their stunning blooms. Their resilience and ability to thrive in colder temperatures make them a standout addition to any landscape, offering seasonal charm and elegance when many other plants are dormant.

## Camellia Club of Mobile 85th Annual Show January 18, 2025

Below are pictures showcasing some of the stunning winning entries and beautiful blooms from our 85th Annual Show. These exceptional camellias highlight the dedication and skill of our exhibitors and the timeless beauty of these remarkable plants.

The first two pictures are trophies awarded in honor of Florence Crowder, a beloved figure in the camellia community who passed away last month. These awards recognized the best antique camellias registered before 1900.





Our show clerks and runners did a fantastic job ensuring the success of our 85th Annual Show. Their hard work, efficiency, and attention to detail kept everything running smoothly, from assisting judges to organizing blooms and awards. We greatly appreciate their dedication and teamwork, which played a vital role in making the show a memorable event for everyone involved.





Additional pictures from the show:





It was such a special treat to see our longtime member, Vera Curry, during her visit from England! Vera has been an integral part of our camellia community for many years, and her return brought back fond memories and warm smiles. Pictured here with Carolyn Oyler and Jim Smelley, this trio represents an incredible wealth of knowledge, experience, and dedication to camellias. From cultivating beautiful blooms to sharing their expertise with others, their contributions have greatly enriched our club. We were thrilled to have Vera with us, even if just for a short time, and we hope to see her again soon!



A small tribute to Nuccio's Nurseries at our show in the wake of the devastating California fires:



## A Tribute to Nuccio's Nurseries

Since its founding in 1935 by brothers Joe and Julius Nuccio, Nuccio's Nurseries has been a cornerstone of the horticultural world, renowned for their exceptional contributions to camellia and azalea cultivation. Relocating to Altadena, California, in 1946, the nursery has introduced over 200 stunning camellia cultivars, many of which have become treasured staples in gardens across the globe.

The breathtaking beauty of Nuccio's camellias has captivated plant enthusiasts from all over. Whether it's the timeless elegance of 'Nuccio's Pearl,' the bold charm of 'Guilio Nuccio,' or the delicate allure of 'Tinker Bell,' these blooms have brought joy and inspiration to countless admirers. Their camellias grace gardens, inspire floral designers, and fuel the passion of collectors worldwide.

The recent Eaton Fire that devastated their property is a poignant reminder of how deeply their work is cherished. Community members and horticulture enthusiasts have rallied in support, reflecting the profound respect and gratitude for the Nuccio family's dedication to excellence and innovation.

Nuccio's Nurseries is not just a business; it is a legacy of beauty and resilience. Their contributions have left an indelible mark on the world of horticulture, ensuring that their stunning camellias will continue to bloom in gardens and hearts for generations to come.



Thank you to our President, Larry Heard, for generously providing the catered lunch at our show. It was a wonderful addition, and everyone appreciated the chance to enjoy good food and conversation.



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

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