



# Camellia Club of Mobile

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## February 2026

### Monthly Meeting Info

February 8, 2026  
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

There will be a grafting demonstration at our February meeting.



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

## A Wonderful Celebration at Our 86th Annual Camellia Show

The 86th Annual Camellia Show of the Camellia Club of Mobile was truly a success and a celebration to remember. From the moment the doors opened, the show was well attended by members, exhibitors, and visitors from across the area, all eager to enjoy the beauty of camellias at their peak.

We were especially pleased to welcome a strong number of first-time exhibitors, whose enthusiasm and beautiful blooms added excitement and fresh energy to the show. Seeing newcomers step into the show ring for the first time—and watching their pride as their blooms were placed on the tables—was one of the highlights of the day.

The quality and variety of camellias on display were exceptional, reflecting the dedication and skill of our growers. Visitors enjoyed viewing the blooms, learning about different cultivars, and asking questions, while members enjoyed the opportunity to reconnect with fellow camellia enthusiasts and meet new friends who share a love for these remarkable plants.

Just as important as the flowers themselves was the fellowship. Our members truly enjoyed greeting everyone who came through the doors, sharing knowledge, and celebrating a shared passion for camellias. The positive energy throughout the day was a reminder of why our annual show remains such a cherished tradition.

With beautiful blooms, enthusiastic participation, and a welcoming atmosphere, the 86th Annual Camellia Show was a wonderful reflection of our club and its mission. Thank you to everyone who entered blooms, volunteered, attended, and helped make this year's show such a memorable success.

*The Camellia Club of Mobile proudly dedicated its 86th Annual Camellia Show to Alice and Walter Creighton. Their many years of service, leadership, and love for camellias—and for this club—continue to inspire us and they are deeply remembered.*



## ‘Alice Creighton’ Camellia japonica

This beautiful bloom pictured below honors Alice Creighton, for whom the cultivar was named by her husband, Walter Creighton, longtime members and devoted leaders of the Camellia Club of Mobile. Originated in Semmes, Alabama and registered in 2008, *Alice Creighton* is a formal double camellia distinguished by its rose-pink petals edged in white. Its presence at our Annual Show is a fitting tribute to Alice and Walter’s lasting legacy, love of camellias, and many years of service to the club.

*‘Alice Creighton’ exhibited by Don Oyler  
Photo courtesy of Carolyn Oyler*



## Please enjoy the below pictures from our 86th Annual Show









A special shout-out goes to the six Mobile Belles who volunteered at our show and brought their signature Southern sparkle with them! From the moment guests arrived, the Belles were on hand to welcome everyone to Mobile and to our Annual Camellia Show, greeting visitors with warm smiles and classic hospitality. Their cheerful presence added an extra touch of charm and made everyone feel instantly at home.



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## A Camellia Mystery from the Show Table

One of the great joys of our Annual Camellia Show is discovering something unexpected—and this year, we had just such a moment.

In reviewing information from the show, a camellia variety name caught my attention: **‘Mon Louis Pink’**. Further research confirmed that *Mon Louis Pink* is listed in the *Supplement for 1996 and Subsequent Editions of Camellia Nomenclature* (the American Camellia Society’s “red book”). What makes this cultivar particularly intriguing is that it appears to be rarely documented, with no readily available published images.

Although a photograph was not taken during the show, **Paul Huerkamp**, who entered the bloom, generously provided a photograph afterward, allowing us to include it here. Having a visual record of *Mon Louis Pink* adds valuable documentation to the historical record of this officially recognized cultivar and helps preserve knowledge of camellias that may be quietly grown but seldom photographed.

According to information shared by Mr. Huerkamp, *Mon Louis Pink* is sometimes compared to *Lady Vansittart Red*, though it is slightly richer in color with subtle differences in petal form. He also notes that the bloom's color deepens slightly in colder weather. The plant itself has a long history—grafted by his father in the early 1960s—making it more than 60 years old and a living example of camellias preserved through generations of careful cultivation.

The appearance of *Mon Louis Pink* in our show serves as a reminder that camellia history is still being written. Long after many cultivars have faded from catalogs and publications, they continue to live on in private gardens and, occasionally, reappear on our show tables.

Discoveries like this highlight the important role our members play—not only in growing beautiful blooms, but also in preserving camellia heritage for future generations.

*Photo courtesy of Paul Huerkamp.*



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