



# Camellia Club of Mobile

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## October 2026

### Monthly Meeting Info

October 11, 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](#)



**Blooms:** If you have blooms please bring them to our meeting for show and tell.

## **‘Alba Plena’ An Old-World White for Gulf Coast Gardens**



Picture Source: OnlinePlantGuide.com

*Camellia japonica* ‘Alba Plena’ is one of the classic heirloom camellias, prized for its porcelain-white, formal double blooms and reliable early-season flowering. Often described as elegant and timeless, its perfectly arranged petals form a symmetrical, rose-like bloom that has been admired for more than two centuries.

Dating to 1792, ‘Alba Plena’ is traditionally credited to Captain John Connor, who introduced camellias from China into England. From there, this beautiful white cultivar spread through Europe and eventually to the American South, where it quickly became a favorite in historic gardens. The plant forms a dense, bushy shrub with light green foliage and steady growth, making it as attractive in the landscape as it is in bloom.

Well suited to our Gulf Coast climate, ‘Alba Plena’ has long been a favorite among Southern growers and collectors. It has even been highlighted in past issues of **The Camellian**, the journal of the Gulf Coast Camellia Society, where this historic white has been celebrated as one of the enduring “old” camellias that continues to grace gardens across our region today.

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