



# Camellia Club of Mobile

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## October 2024

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It was absolutely delightful to see all your smiling faces at our September meeting! Your presence truly reflects the warm and welcoming spirit of Camellia Club of Mobile, and the refreshments were, *as always*, exceptional.

During our meeting we shared important updates regarding our upcoming schedule and presentations, and we welcome your suggestions for future speakers. Your input is invaluable in shaping the direction of our club. Additionally, don't forget about our annual raffle—this is your chance to win rare and exquisite camellia varieties that would make a great addition to any garden. ***As a reminder, please ensure your dues are paid by October to participate in this exclusive raffle at our November meeting.***

We wrapped up our meeting by raffling off 13 plants—how lucky were the winners to score some amazing camellia varieties!



Debbie always provides beautiful decorations, creating such a warm and inviting atmosphere for our meetings. Her attention to detail and creativity really made everyone feel welcome as we kicked off this new season. We truly appreciate all the hard work she puts into setting up our meetings and making them special.

Thank you, Debbie, for always going the extra mile to make sure everything is perfect!

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**Meeting Info****October 13, 2024***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 early blooms to our meeting for show and tell.

As show season approaches, be sure to plan ahead! Click on the American Camellia Society (ACS) link below for a list of upcoming shows. It's a great idea to mark your calendar with key show dates so you can schedule important tasks like debudding or other preparations. This way, your blooms will be in peak condition and ready to impress at the shows.

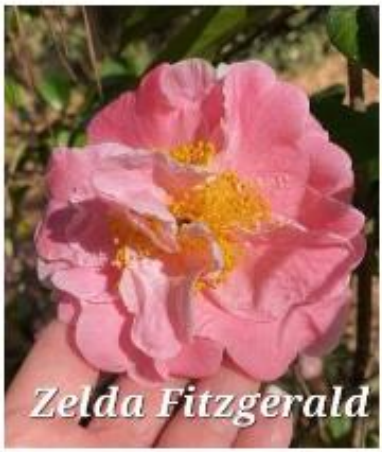
Speaking of the ACS, fortunately, they experienced only minimal damage from Hurricane Helene. While broken branches blocked some walkways, cleanup is underway. It's a relief that such a beautiful place was spared major damage.

**ACS List of Camellia Shows**

Camellia Club of Mobile member and Master Gardener Melissa Bailey is a dedicated gardener and conservationist, with a rich variety of plants and trees flourishing in her garden. A special part of her yard is dedicated to her grandmother, Edna Krassin Simison, and her daughter, Edna Simison Powell, both of whom shared a deep love for camellias, even cultivating some 'sports' in their own yard.

Please enjoy the pictures below, showcasing a stunning selection of camellias from Melissa's beautiful garden.





*Zelda Fitzgerald*



*Tama Vino*



*Gunsmoke*



*Mrs. Lyman*



*Val Bielecki  
Variegated*





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