



Camellia Club of Mobile

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May 2024

Join us for our upcoming gathering on **May 19** at Jim Smelley's for our annual potluck end-of-year celebration! The Club will provide the meat, so all you need to do is bring your favorite potluck dish. Set-up starts at 1:30 p.m., and the potluck feast kicks off at 2:00 p.m.

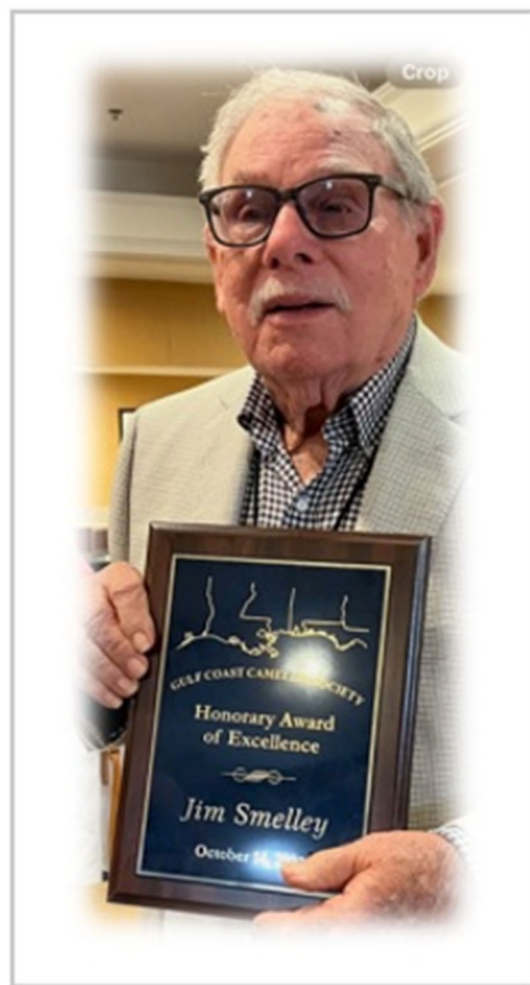
Please bring your own lawn chair to sit outside

Please note meeting date is the 3rd Sunday of the month and not 2nd as is our usual date.

We are incredibly fortunate to have Jim Smelley as a valued member of our club. His wealth of knowledge and expertise bring immense value to our organization. We are deeply grateful for his contributions, including generously hosting our gatherings at his place. Each meeting there is a valuable learning experience for all of us!



At our April meeting we celebrated Jim's 96th birthday!



Jim is the originator of all of the below camellias:



'Jim Smelley'
reticulata hybrid



'Jim Smelley'
variegated reticulata
hybrid



'Summer Pearl'
japonica



'Kristen Lynn'
japonica



'T. Morris'
reticulata hybrid



'Vera Curry'
japonica



'CDR Don Oyler'
japonica



'Carolyn Oyler'
japonica



'Bonnie Trippe'
japonica



'Carol Seiph'
reticulata hybrid



'Colonel Richard
Hooton' reticulata
hybrid



'Debbie Smith'
reticulata hybrid



'Elizabeth Dowd
Mystique' japonica



'Linda Griffin'
reticulata hybrid



'Red Mountain'
japonica



'Sam Wellborn'
reticulata hybrid



'Skip's Choice'
reticulata hybrid



'Elaine'
reticulata hybrid



'Elaine's Betty'
japonica



'Elaine's Betty Red'
japonica



'Elaine's Betty Red
Variegated' japonica



'Elaine's Betty Variegated'
japonica

During our April meeting we elected new Board members.

For the 2024-2025 term our Officers are:

President: Larry Heard

Vice President: Tom Getz

Treasurer: Debbie Smith

Secretary: Maureen Kennedy

Governing Board:

James Walker

Harriet Nihart

Marie Stringfellow

Justin Stamper

Don Oyler, Past President

James Smelley, Honorary

We extend our gratitude to the Nomination Committee, comprised of Carolyn Oyler, Laura Barnard, and Leo Brown, for their dedicated efforts over the past few months.

Our speaker at our April meeting was Don Oyler. His presentation was on seed pods, including what to look for, how to harvest, some of the varieties that make beautiful new blooms, time it takes for plant to mature from seed, and grafting during first few years from a new plant. He also led a discussion on leaf gall and showed us samples of what it looks like. Carolyn Oyler provided a detailed presentation board.

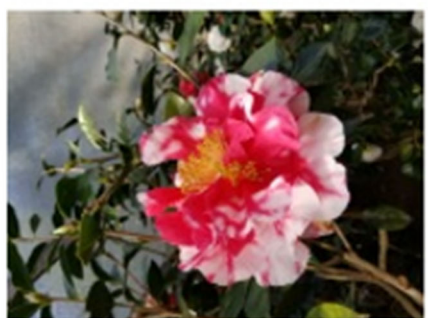
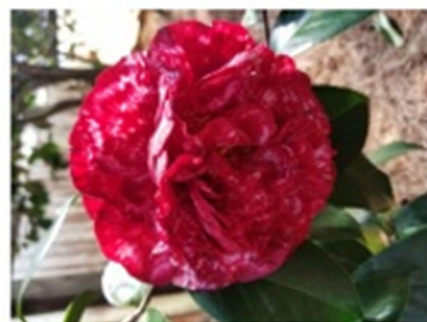
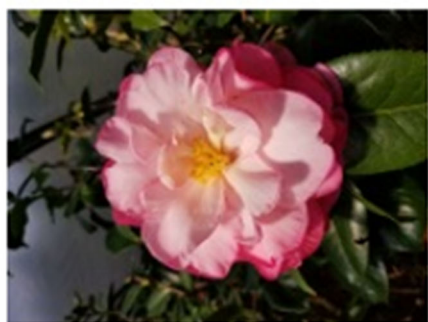
Meeting Info

May 19 Annual end-of-year celebration at Jim Smelley's (3rd Sunday).

No meetings held during the summer months.

Our next regular meeting will be **September 8, 2024** (2nd Sunday).

Experience the beauty of Jim's greenhouses with this very small selection of his vibrant blooms captured during one of our greenhouse tours:



For additional information regarding Camellia Club of Mobile please visit our website:
<http://www.mobilecamellia.org/>

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