#### **Tidewater Camellia Club**

Review of a Very Successful Year 2020/2021

A Look to a Better Year with New Opportunities 2021/2022

# Tidewater Camellia Club Mission

Article II — Purpose: The purpose of the TIDEWATER CAMELLIA CLUB shall be to promote an interest in the cultivation, growth and displaying of camellias. Members will be encouraged through their leadership and example to help educate the community in the area of their individual expertise and knowledge.

#### TCC 2020/2021

- \*Staying Alive...actually growing amidst COVID!
- Fulfilling Mission
- Thinking out of the box
- Leadership and hard work
- •Never ring the bell!!



## TCC Membership

- New membership chair
- Gained at least 5 new members during COVID
- Listed membership at.....187
- Active membership at approx 25-35
- Resume dues 2021 and scrub membership

#### TCC Leadership

Returning Service...chairs, officers

Exec Leadership...pres, secretary, vice

president

Committee chairs: Hunter, Hunter, Baxter

## Private Member Plant Sales

- Fall...sold off approx 48 liners
- Winter...112 plants from Georgia nursery
- Normal (private and public)over several hundred plants from various sources
- Return to normal in 2021/2022

### TCC Recognition

- American Camellia Trail (only 3 in NC)
- •6<sup>th</sup> Anniversary for Wilmington as a Camellia City(2014)







#### Proclamation

Whereas, the historic Tidewater Camellia Club is committed to the education of Wilmington residents on the entire subject of their flower, the camellia; and

Whereas, this education will establish the best methods of growing and caring for camellias so many residents will learn effectively; and

Whereas, the annual February camellia show is a way of emphasizing this specialty garden education and beautification; and

Whereas, the American Camellia Society supports the request from the Tidewater Camellia Club for announcing Wilmington, North Carolina, as an Official Camellia City for their Historic 65th Annual Camellia Show; and

Whereas, the Tidewater Camellia Club and the City of Wilmington will continue their historic connections through numerous resident gardens and city park gardens and camellia shows.

NOW, therefore, be it known that the City of Wilmington will be recognized as an official

Camellia City

Bill Saffo

#### TCC Website & Facebook

- Transition from old platform
- Building a very nice website
- •Growth in hits...25 to 50 up to now over 1000!!
- •Photos, presentations, show results, education, Dave's News and Notes, calendar, history, constitution, by-laws, links....lots of new content

#### **TCC** Service

Oakdale Workshops and Teams

Pruning (Larry Bogusz), team of 10+ and 6-8 sessions

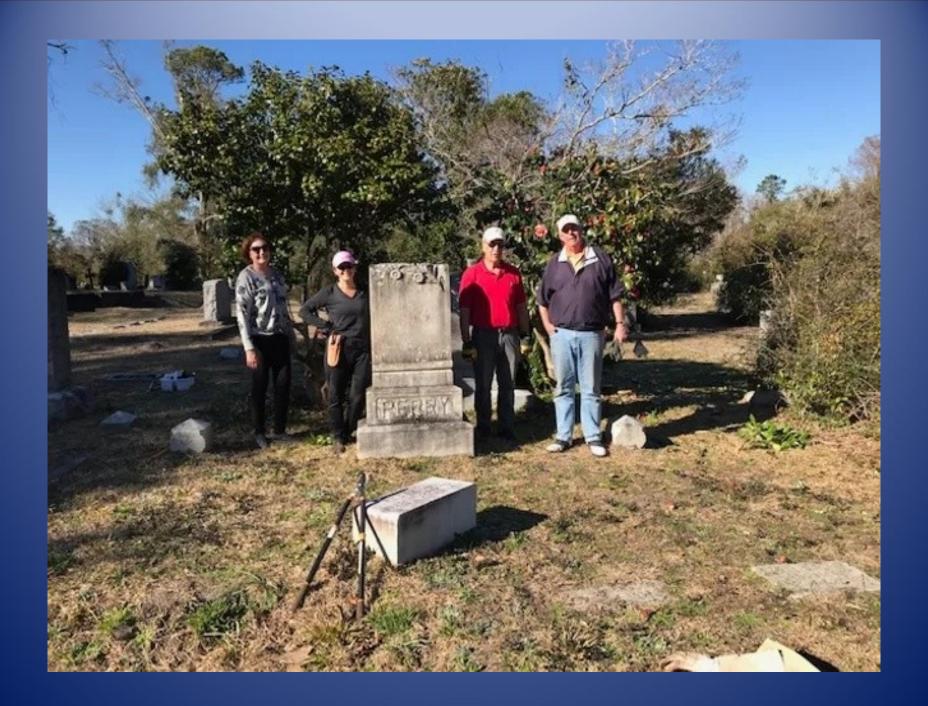
Air layering (Jim and Paula Schiff) team...2 sessions, 38

air layers and 17 participants









## Camellia Festival...Feb 2021

- •A week long event (Feb 2021)
- •PPT presentations...Camellias 101, Burgwin Wright House and TCC
- Camellia history...China to Wilmington
- •Workshops...planting, pruning, air layering, fertilization
- Tours...Oakdale (history), Arboretum (gardens)
- Children's Art...70+ entries from Cape Fear Center for Inquiry
- Floral Displays from several artists























## Camellia Virtual Show Feb 2021

First ever, ever!

Developed start to finish!

498 entries

18 judges

Beautiful entries

**ACS** sanctioned

**ACS** recognition









### TCC Workshops

- Pruning...throughout the year
- Air layering...Oakdale, Arboretum
- Planting...Festival
- Fertilization...Festival, gen mtg
- Oakdale sanctioned year round work
- Great turnouts, interest and fellowship





## TCC General Meetings Sept - Apr

Zoom

Consistent attendance

Made it every month!

Interesting presentations...Brad King, Mark Crawford and local expertise (Marty, Matt, Diane)...photography, camellia care, camellias in landscape, desease prevention and care

#### TCC Education

- Dave's News and Notes...monthly tips and how to
- Website Platform...links, power points, presentations, YouTube, instructional videos and papers, camellia care, propogation, diseases and insects, societies (ACS, ACCS, ICS)...continues to grow with new content

## TCC 2021/2022 Fresh, New Opportunities

Back to Normal

Are You Ready to Really Grow?

#### TCC Vision

- **Service**-community, individuals, scholarship
- **Education**-meetings, experts, news and notes
- Discovery-new friends & opportunities
- **Promotion**-sales, shows

#### TCC Service

Community visibility
Oakdale teams
New venues...Airlie, Burgwin Wright
Sister cities

## TCC Education & Meetings

Dave's News Workshops

General Mtgs...experts, local history, variety, plant trades

General mtg Venues

#### TCC Promotion

Sales....member and public, Nov and Feb
Camellia Festival...expand program
Show(s)...Feb, 2022
In the news?

#### TCC Governance

- •Review Constitution...needs revisions
- Review By-laws...update
- •New Committees and Structure... combine membership and nomination, special projects
- •New Executives...at large, past pres.

## TCC leadership

Vote!

Officers for next year

President: Tom Alexander

Vice President: Jim Schiff

Treasure: Fran Alexander

Secretary: Mary Farmer

## TCC Opportunities

Airlie Burgwin Wright Scholarship Sister City Oldest Camellia School Art Virginia Trade Day Website Communication

### TCC Discovery

- We want your ideas
- We need volunteers
- We need active members
- •We need new members
- •How can TCC serve Wilmington and area better?

WHERE WILL YOU FIT IN?

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