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July Meeting: CSPV Annual Picnic

Date: July 25, 1998 (Saturday)

Time: 3:30 PM

Place: Home of Margaret White
3301 Hawthorne Lane
Falls Church, VA 22042

What to bring: Potluck dish to feed 8
Silverware
Beverage
Folding chairs

The CSPV picnic is a modified potluck: the Society provides baked Ham and fried chicken and you supplement the menu. Each couple should bring a dish sufficient to feed 8 people. Please bring enough silverware, beverages and folding chairs (small) for your group. For more information, please contact Mary McCormack (703/836-6594). Also, please call Mrs. McCormack to let her know what you plan to bring. When arriving, you may unload at the front door, then drive around behind the barn to park.

The Ackermans will be bringing some large 3 gallon pots of the following camellias, plus others, some in 1 gallon pots:

Fairly cold hard

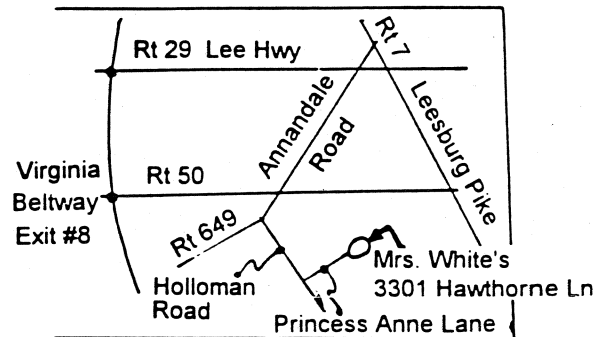
- 1 Herme
- 3 Mathotiana
- 2 Elegans Supreme
- 1 Bob Hope

- 1 Fimbriata
- 1 Debutante
- 1 Nuccio's Pearl
- 3 Arthur Maryott's cold hardy camellias (#1, #3, #11)
- 1 Black Princess (an unregistered Bill Ackerman cold hardy camellia)

plus about a dozen other varieties, that need some protection. Prices will vary with size.

Prizes for the Great CSPV Poetry Contest will be handed out at the meeting. We also hope to have the Spring Show results (a la Chuck Fairchild) available at that time.

See you at the picnic!



Upcoming Events

September 13—CSPV Meeting, U.S. National Arboretum Administration Building

Great CSPV Poetry Contest Update

Mea culpa!!! In the last issue of the CSPV newsletter, your humble editor omitted the prize list for winners of the contest. Tut, tut! But wait, there is a reason. After consultation with members of the Board, we decided to hand out prizes at the Picnic. So, if your poem was a winner, come to Margaret White's house on July 25 and receive your well-deserved token of appreciation. If you can't make it, your prize will be mailed to you. Also, to preserve the element of surprise, the list will not appear until the September issue. Apologies to anyone who was offended by the omission.

Winners are: Sherman D. Taffel, Eric Craig, W. Donald Sacks, Bill Ackerman, Pauline Clatterbuck.

The winner of the "Most Directional" category was W. Donald Sacks. His poem appears below:

Owed to the North

When we got our first camellia,
It came to us in a pot.
We watered and we cared for it,
But blossom it did not.

"The sunshine is an issue here,"
Our plant was heard to say.
(Although I really listened well,
I heard naught to this day.)

We checked our compass fair and true,
To see whence came the sun.
Our balcony out yonder door,
Was where each day begun.

Hey! Wait a minute, this says 'east!'
Of 'north' the plant was fond.
(This, too, our chatty plant did speak;
I felt like I'd been conned.)

Alas! We in a condo dwelt.
The outside wall faced wrong.
Our camellia plant soon perished;
It did not last too long.

But, that, my firends, was long ago;
By my count, half a score.
And now, I'm pleased to tell ya that,
We've more plants than before.

They're living longer facing north,
Outside our Fairfax house.
The talkative camellias;
'Longside my chatty spouse!

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