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BIRMINGHAM CAMELLIA SOCIETY'S
TENTH ANNUAL LOCAL CAMELLIA SHOW

FREE - Open to General Public

DATE: Saturday, February 18, 2023 8:30-10:30 a.m. – Entry of Blooms
1:00 -5:00 p.m. – Public Viewing

LOCATION: Birmingham Botanical Center Auditorium
2612 Lane Park Road

Camellia fans from around the Birmingham and North-Central Alabama area are invited to bring their outdoor-grown blooms to participate in our 10th Annual Local Camellia Show. While this is actually the Society's 72nd annual show, this year will be our tenth show focusing entirely on local blooms – those grown outdoors in our area.

Blooms may be entered in the show between 8:30 and 10:30 am Saturday, Feb 18. Bring your blooms to the auditorium of Birmingham Botanical Center where members of the Society will assist you in preparing the blooms for display. You do not have to know the names of their blooms in order to enter them in the show. All necessary supplies will be provided at no charge. Awards will be provided for the most attractive blooms in several categories. Judging of the blooms will begin at 11:00 am Saturday. All the blooms entered, with awards and ribbons signifying the award winners, will be available for public viewing from 1:00-5:00 Saturday afternoon. Colors will include red, white, pink, variegated, and perhaps even the elusive yellow camellia. They will range in size from two-inch miniatures to seven-inch giants that are simply breathtaking.

Judges are American Camellia Society certified judges, are avid growers of camellia blooms out of doors, and will provide tips on camellia care. Experienced camellia fans from the Birmingham area will also be available to discuss particular camellia problems or answer questions**.** Those wishing help in identifying camellia blooms from their yard may bring them to the **"**Name That Bloom**"** table.

A highlight of the show will be blooms of the Birmingham Heritage Camellias. These are unique camellia varieties which were developed by local growers in our area – about thirty cultivars in total. Over the years some of these treasures have been lost, but plants from all available specimens are being propagated, so they may be preserved for the enjoyment of future generations. Shown below are five examples of these lovely camellias.

'Magic City'

'Ruby Davidson'

'Dee Davis'

'Louise Hairston Var'

'Evelyn Poe'

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