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NO NOVEMBER MEETING

HAPPY THANKSGIVING

DECEMBER MEETING

Annual Pot Luck Holiday Gathering
Shepard Garden & Arts Center
Thursday, December 17, 2009, 7:00 PM

Thursday, December 17th is the date of our tenth annual evening Pot Luck Holiday Gathering. The Perennial Plant Club invites all our members and families to attend. We will furnish ham, bread and butter, drinks, eating utensils and plates. We would like everyone to bring something to share and are asking those whose last names start with the letters **A thru I** to bring a **hot side dish**; letter **J thru Q** to bring a **dessert**, and letters **R thru Z** to bring a **salad**. In order to assure that there is an assortment of dishes we are asking that you RSVP to either Peggy Weseloh (916) 486-8387 or Madeleine Mullins, (916) 455-7815. Gardeners must be good cooks - the food is always wonderful. Please join us for a fun evening and a chance to become better acquainted with members of the club, share good food and perhaps win one of the raffle prizes, which will include garden tools and other garden related items from "The Gifted Gardener". Last year we had a wonderful time singing carols as Noelle Anderson played the piano. Hope to see you at the party.

Fall Plant Sale Madeleine Mullin

Thank you to all the members who so generously helped make the Fall Plant Sale a success, especially to Emma Ahart – without whom there would be no plant sale. Thank you to these members who helped Michelle Nitz, Rhonda Des Voignes, Mae Ferral, Pat McKnight, Janice and Bill Sutherland, Jeanne Christopherson, John Brode, Loretta Landers, Bea Little, Joyce Mills, Barbara Lane, Beverly Shilling, Noelle Anderson, Daisy Mah, Brenda Kennedy, Lee Perone, Peggy Gerick, Margaret Cosey, Lynn Halstead, Saul and Julie Wiseman. We really appreciate all the time, effort, and work everyone puts into the sale. See you at the Spring Plant Sale.



Cyclamen Cultivar 'Stirling'

The Great Rose Garden Hall of Fame Award

"The Great Rosarians Of The World™ Great Rose Garden Hall of Fame award was established to promote a wider knowledge and appreciation of these garden treasures to the rose growing world and the gardening public. To be considered for the award, a rose garden must be open to the public (with or without a fee); be recognized as having an outstanding design or historical significance; display and outstanding collection or broad display of roses; and/or promote rose growing with educational outreach programs. The Sacramento Historic City Cemetery Rose Garden in Sacramento, California stands out for its dedication to preserving this historic city cemetery and developing a collection of Old Garden Roses from other early California cemeteries throughout the California Mother Lode country. The GROW™ Executive Committee recognized this garden and its volunteer support group for their dedication and perseverance during these times of troubled city budgets. The cooperation between the volunteers and the City of Sacramento is should be a guiding light for all of us struggling to work with diminishing public resources."

An Honor for the Historic Rose Garden A Great Weekend in New York City By: Anita Clevenger

A contingent from the Sacramento Historic Rose Garden traveled to New York City in June to receive the Great Rosarians of the World™ Great Rose Garden Hall of Fame Award. A highlight was the 4th Annual New York Metropolitan Rose Council's Dinner, where garden curator (and former Perennial Plant Club president) Barbara Oliva was honored. Garden manager Anita Clevenger and volunteer Janelle Michel were also in attendance, representing the hundreds of rose garden volunteers who have developed and maintained the cemetery rose garden. It began through efforts of a founder of the Perennial Plant Club, Jean Travis. The first planting of roses, in March, 1992, was sponsored by the Perennial Plant Club. From the original planting of about 100 roses, the collection has grown to about 500 roses, and is known world-wide for its volunteers' efforts to preserve old cultivars, educate the public about them, and beautify the cemetery.

The Great Rosarians of the World™, a lecture series originally hosted by the Huntington Library, Art Collections and Botanical Gardens, now has both an East Coast and a West Coast annual event. Each year, a great rosarian is honored and invited to speak. In 2009, two were selected: Marilyn Wellan, past president of the American Rose Society, and Stephen Scanniello, rose author, lecturer and president of the Heritage Rose Foundation (HRF). The East Coast event is sponsored by the Manhattan Rose Society (MRS), some of whom grow roses on balconies and rooftops, others of whom have urban or suburban gardens. We caught a glimpse of one of the suburban gardens on Thursday afternoon, when the MRS President, Pat Shanley, hosted a reception at her Long Island home.

The next day, Barbara, a trustee of the HRF's board, and I accompanied two other board members, Betty Vickers and Victoria Irwin, to see roses recently planted by the HRF in the Trinity Church Cemetery and Mausoleum in Harlem. It was a very rainy day, but that didn't stop us from piling in and out of an old Checker cab and sloshing around the cemetery, which was originally John James Audubon's estate. Audubon is buried there, as are a number of Astors, political leaders, and a few rosarians. Have you ever heard of 'Harison's Yellow' rose? It was found growing in New York City attorney George Harison's garden and introduced in 1830. A chance seedling of two species roses, *R. foetida* and *R. spinosissima*, beloved for its bright yellow flowers and hardiness, it is found all along the Oregon Trail and vies for the title of 'The Yellow Rose of Texas.' Mr. Harison is buried in Trinity, but his rose was nowhere to be found. Daniel Boll, a noted rose-grower and nurseryman, also rests in Trinity. Stephen Scanniello led an initial effort to plant several old roses in the churchyard, including 'Harison's Yellow' and 'Madame Boll,' which caught the attention of people restoring the Morris-Jumel Mansion's gardens. The mansion was headquarters for Gen Washington during The Battle of Harlem Heights. More notoriously, it was the home of New York's infamous Mme. Jumel, who made her money through prostitution and an advantageous marriage to wealthy merchant Stephen Jumel. She lost much of her money through an ill-advised marriage to Aaron Burr. Under dripping umbrellas, we peered at the home and gardens, identified some of the remaining roses, and discussed plans to plant historically accurate roses.

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Then it was on to New York Horticultural Society and reception in its wonderful library. Stephen Scanniello signed his recent book, "A Rose by Any Name," and guests talked about roses, books and other mutual interests.

Saturday was blessedly sunny. The main event was held in the Brooklyn Botanical Garden, home of the Cranford Rose Garden, which Stephen was once curator. There was a panel of rosarians from several NYC botanical gardens, joined by Clair Martin of the Huntington, discussing rose care. Marilyn and Stephen spoke. One of my special treats was meeting Jane White from Lynchburg Old City Cemetery, which also has a notable heritage rose garden. After the event, Janelle and I seized a rare opportunity to be in the Cranford long after closing hours, joining Stephen and current curator, Sarah Owens. What a thrill.

On Sunday, Stephen opened his Barnegat, New Jersey, garden. It was fascinating to see how he'd trained roses up trees, structures and eaves. He wrote a book about climbing roses, and clearly practices what he preaches. Like most rosarians of my acquaintance, he's not only interested in roses. His garden abounded in many

kinds of plants, combining perennials (particularly lilies), trees and shrubs.

Seeing other gardens and meeting other gardeners is a wonderful way to expand one's gardening knowledge and perspective, and a terrific way to spend some time. We were very honored to have Sacramento's Historic Rose Garden selected for this prestigious award, but the weekend was made memorable by the gardens that we saw, and people that we met.

You don't have to go to NYC for next year's Great Rosarians of the World™ event. David Austin will be speaking at the Huntington in San Marino on January 24th, with an expanded program that begins on Saturday, January 23rd. Austin is the breeder of many beloved English roses, working for years to marry old-fashioned flower form and fragrance with more modern growth habits and repeat bloom. I hope to be there!

Stephen and Betty continued to work with Manhattan to establish a Heritage Rose District. On October 24th, another very rainy day, they assisted many volunteers at nine locations across West Harlem and Washington Heights to plant another hundred historic roses.



Anita Clevenger and Barbara Oliva



Trinity Church Cemetery in Harlem

Rose - Barbara Oliva

In 2006 Oregon rose hybridizer Paul Barden named this rose Barbara Oliva to honor Barbara's work in educating people about old roses and their preservation. This fragrant moss rose is 5 feet in height with an arching habit, and is a once blooming very fully double mauve color. The rose is available at **Roque Valley Roses**. You may contact them at info@roquevalleyroses.com or Phone (541)535-1307



Sacramento Historic Rose Garden **A Little History of Barbara Oliva, Curator of the Garden** **By: Barbara Lane-Piert.**

Knowing I was meeting Barbara Oliva for coffee later in the week I decided that a walk through the historic garden was appropriate. Having primarily old garden roses my expectations were small, since it was now fall and most OGR's would be out of bloom or so I thought. Was I ever surprised to see so many blooming beauties. "Gloire des Rosomanes" a single with a white eye, "Whittle Light Pink" had wonderful clusters, "Alba Maxima" was covered in wonderful hips (I thought about claiming a few for the vitamin C...thought better of it...someone might haunt me). The polyantha "La Marne" was covered in blooms. I thought of **Barbara** and her volunteers. How devoted they must be to have this garden so clean, weed free (almost) and how proud she must have been to accept the "Rose Garden Hall of Fame Award" for the rose garden. I wondered about her, the life she has led, the family she has and what driving force led her to be so involved in this rosy venture.

Opportunity arose when Janice S., and I, met with Barbara later in the week. I am sure she became weary of the many questions we had for her but kindly and patiently answered them.

Barbara was born in San Rafael, California...a true Northern California woman; she spent her early years with her family in Clearlake and Mendocino. Her graduate work was at Chico State. Teacher's credentials in hand her profession was decided. For thirty six years she chose to help those least provided for in the education system. Handicapped children, and those emotionally disturbed, became her interest, these young people who often were very bright but were neglected educationally. One of the first special education programs began in San Francisco and Barbara spent three summers there studying for her special education degree. Fortunately for Sacramento, special education classes were adopted and Barbara found her local niche. Working at the convention center for a little extra travel money was an added joy.

Married to Anthony Joseph Oliva (Tony), an architect, they moved to the home that Barbara continues to reside in. The parents of a son and daughter, both successful in their chosen professions, gave them great joy. Barbara is now a widow.

Barbara's spouse was not keen on travel but Barbara wore her "walking shoes" out early traveling far and wide. Barbara made trips with Bill Grant, an international rosarian

to Southern France and Northern Italy. They also took a train trip from West to East Germany shortly after the fall of "the wall". Barbara traveled to China and other places in Europe. She took trips some more local than those mentioned. Her other special interests include music. In years past she sang in choral groups, has belonged to many music organizations including the Bach Society, The Symphony and Catholic Choral groups. Barbara enjoys reading which is "mood driven". Currently she enjoys good mysteries (me to). Her interest in magazines is limited but she loves, and looks forward to reading her Pacific Horticulture subscription. Her winter months are spent pruning her 500 plus roses in the Sacramento Historic Rose Garden.

Her interest in gardens began early with a mother very fond of annuals, and a grandmother who gardened. Barbara was made acutely aware of many annuals including cosmos, zinnia, marigolds etc. It is easy to see the way she went with her love and interest in roses....the trips, including one to Sangerhausen (now called Europa). Sangerhausen has the largest collection in the world of roses. Barbara is particularly fond of Old Garden Roses. She limits her travels now but has two or three trips to Texas as a board member of "Heritage Roses".

Involvement in the Sacramento Historic Rose Garden began with a call from Jean Travis who was an early person of interest in the Perennial Plant Club and in the cemetery. The Perennial Plant Club began in 1988 and Barbara joined soon after and a few years later became President of the club. At that time meetings were held in member's homes. The Perennial Plant Club sponsored the garden and Fred Boutin donated roses to the cemetery and so it began. Now, with the organization skills, rose knowledge and hard work Barbara continues to make an impact on Sacramento's history by way of the cemetery. Her volunteers may come and go but with their help a garden worthy of such a prestigious honor exists. Future plans for the cemetery are many but being cash strapped some will be on the back burners for a while. The city has paid to have a "Master Plan" to help and encourage tourists and historians etc... It may happen. A major brick building needs replacing due to flooding etc. Barbara can only hope, in these economic times, that plans some time in the future will be no longer just be a dream. I know Barbara will be in front of the line to assure that...may her garden be joyous and fulfilling forever.....



The Perennial Plant Club helped with the first planting of about 100 roses, in March 1992. Bob Hamm donated roses. Daisy Mah is pictured front right.

A Rose Reunites a Family **By: Kathryn Mackenzie** **Photos By: Jeri Jennings and Liz Hall**

One of the primary missions of the Historic Rose Garden in Sacramento's Old City Cemetery is to explore the history of roses in California by collecting, studying and preserving old and abandoned roses found in cemeteries, around old homesteads, and along country roads. Historic Rose Garden volunteers look forward to rose rustling trips to historic locations in California in hopes of finding roses that we can preserve and share in the Historic Rose Garden. When another volunteer, Liz Hall, and I went rose rustling in June of 2008 in an old foothills cemetery, we never dreamed that one rose we propagated would connect a family to a piece of their heritage.

Liz and I took cuttings of several roses in a churchyard cemetery last summer and propagated several plants from the "Pulich Children" rose, which was named after the only headstone in the large plot. The double headstone contains two names side by side, Michell Pulich, who died at age 4 months in 1883, and Jonnie Pulich, who died at 1 ½ years of age in 1888. No other Pulich headstones were nearby, and the census records of the time do not include these children or any of the Pulich family.

Robin Pulich, who lives in the Bay Area, grew up spending many weekends with her grandmother, Stella, who, with her husband Nick Pulich, owned the City Nursery on Columbia Avenue in Stockton. Robin inherited her love of roses from her grandmother after many walks in the Victory Park Rose Garden that her grandfather planted as the landscaper of the park. About a week before the 2009 Open Garden at the Old City Cemetery, Robin was perusing the rose sales catalog online when she happened upon the "Pulich Children" rose.

Robin was awestruck and could not believe what she was reading. Her family had no knowledge that any of the Pulich family arrived in California before 1900. The Pulich children buried in the plot where "Pulich Children" rose was found would have been about the same age as Robin's grandparents. Robin's grandmother, the oldest of 7 children, left for America at age 20 from a small village in Croatia, walking the 9 miles to the boat. Her grandfather Nick had come to America a few years earlier to work in the gold mines. Robin's sister, who has compiled records of their relatives (the "Field Guide to the Relatives"), had researched their family tree back to 1850-1860, but had not found any record of a Pulich relative coming from Croatia to California in the 1880s. With the

help of cousins still in Croatia, Robin set on the path to link the Pulich children to her family.

Robin purchased three of the "Pulich Children" roses at the Open Garden for her family. She describes the scent as sweet, similar to that of "Glendora," which is a damask perpetual also known as "Aunt Sally" and "Portland from Glendora," and also identified as possibly Joasine Hanet, a medium pink Portland rose introduced in 1847 by Jean-Pierre Vibert. The "Pulich Children" rose, however, is a much deeper pink with darker violet shading.

Bloom:

Excited about their rose discovery, Robin and her husband decided to drive up to the foothills after Open Garden since they were already half way there from the Bay Area. According to Robin, "The Pulich children rose was covered with buds, but none had opened yet. I sat down at the corner of the plot and contemplated the headstone for the two children, which had two roses carved on it above each child's name, and a lamb, minus its head, carved at the top. I found myself wondering whether their father was my grandmother's sibling or cousin, or even uncle, and wondering what brought the Pulich pioneers here and how they fared."

Soon after her trip to the cemetery, Robin and her family were able to trace the identity of the Pulich children. Robin's sister found some old handwritten notes she had taken many years ago when she went to Croatia. They learned that Robin's great-grandfather, Steppo, who adopted Robin's grandfather Nick, had a brother named Ivo. Ivo came to California to work in the gold mines and changed his name to John. John married a Cornish woman named Harriet and their first two children, Michell and Jonnie, are the two children buried in the cemetery. The Pulich children's grandparents (Harriet's parents) were the Warrens, who are buried in the plot next to the children. John and Harriet had other children, among them Ray and George. Ray went into the nursery business with Robin's grandfather Nick in Stockton. So the mystery of the Pulich children rose has now been solved. The Pulich children were cousins of Robin's grandfather.

The Pulich Children rose will be planted this fall in the Historic Rose Garden so that it can be enjoyed by all who visit.



The grave of the Pulich children, and the found rose that bears their name



The Sacramento Perennial Plant Club By: Janice Sutherland

Working on this newsletter has made me stop and think about how proud I am of the Perennial Plant Club and its membership. The Perennial Plant Club began in 1988 with a small group of gardeners who met in each others' homes and talked about plants. The membership grew and we needed more space. For a short time we meet at an office at the corner of Watt and Fair Oaks Blvd., then it was on to the SMUD Building, and finally to our present home at Shepard Garden and Arts Center with a membership that has been averaging 150 - 190 members. Over the years we have enjoyed many wonderful and informative speakers and have taken many fun tours and trips around Northern California and the Sacramento area.

In 1992 The Historic Rose Garden was one of the first projects we sponsored. In our 21 years we have supported and funded many programs. For many years we gave \$1000.00 scholarships to students in the horticulture programs at American River College and Sierra College. At this time we are sponsoring garden projects. We have many members who work in the Historic Rose Garden. We help fund and have many members working in Hamilton Square under the direction of Sharon Patrician. All of their work has turned this section of the cemetery into a beautiful garden - a real gem. We have funded many of Daisy Mah's projects. Her work and that of volunteers has turned the once neglected WPA Rock Garden into a peaceful and beautiful garden in the middle of Land Park. We have also helped Daisy with her work developing the new park in the town of Locke and the healing garden for cancer patients at Sutter Hospital that Daisy designed and planted.

As I look over the membership list I am amazed at the number of members who in the past or in the present have worked long hours putting in sweat labor or working hard to raise money to help fund our many endeavors. With the year ending we can say thank you to all of you who have worked hard in these gardens—Job Well Done--, and with the New Year beginning, think about volunteering to help in a garden or with one of the other jobs in the club.

A new member came up to Madeleine Mullins and said "Joining the Perennial Plant Club was the best thing I did for myself this year." That is a nice statement to hear about our club and I want to wish each and every one of you a Happy Holiday Season and a Healthy, Happy New Year!

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It's the Thought By Diana Morris

Are you stumped for gardener/gardening gifts for the holidays? Listed below are some great suggestions from Sacramento Perennial Plant Club members. Or perhaps suggestions for garden gifts for yourself!

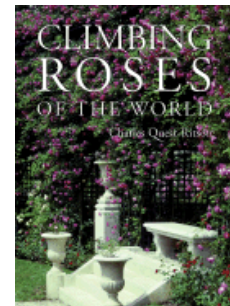
Janice Sutherland, Newsletter Board Member. My favorite Christmas gift was a red flyer wagon. It is now rusted and used looking, but still stands up to hauling all kinds of things around the garden, also hauled grandchildren. I had to ask a couple of years for the wagon--my family thought I was kidding. I also got a shovel from Smith and Hawkins many years ago that is still as good as new. I use it all the time and don't let it out of my site. I miss looking at the Smith and Hawkins catalog.

Anita Clevenger The best gardening gift I've ever gotten was Charle Quest-Ritson's *Climbing Roses of the World*. It was a book that I didn't know existed, but quickly couldn't live without.

This year, the thing that I would like most to find under the tree is a new pair of West County Rose Gloves. West County's gloves have generously-sized gauntlets that protect the lower arms, and are made of synthetic suede that breathes. These are the only rose gloves that I will keep on. The only problem is that they aren't as durable as some gloves, and mine have big holes. Maybe Santa will bring me a new pair (I wear size small, Mr. Claus.) www.westcountygardener.com/glove-rose



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Bob Hamm The best gifts I can think of are either plants a person might like but can't find or is more than they can afford at the moment (such as Named Amaryllis, rare bulbs, or an unusual new plant to try), or for those who garden indoors, a great gift if they don't have one is an indoor watering hose that attaches to the kitchen sink nozzle. Another item a gardener can use if they don't have them: a set of gel knee pads for when working on hands and knees...really can help the knees.

Bobby Frieze, Bus Tours Board Member. The best tool that I use every day is a pair of regular household scissors for deadheading and some pruning. Fiskars power gear bypass clippers with the rolling handle. www.fiskars.com Also, a shovel that looks like it was made for a child. I use when a regular shovel is too big, and a hand trowel is too small. Another handy tool is a hand held pump sprayer. Pump it up with and just spray, 1 qt size.

Joyce Mills, Program Board Member. I have 2 favorite things: My hearth cricket given to me by my mom-Chinese legend says a cricket on the hearth brings good luck. And a folding kneeler stool that allows me to kneel when working in the garden and be able to get up without making a 'scene' because the handles can take my full weight as I push myself up.

Barbara Evoy I have been giving a cool gift--membership to the Garden Conservancy. That way, my friends get membership, discount tickets, etc., and I get buddies to go see gardens with. I am spending many spring days driving to the spectacular Conservancy Gardens with friends and relatives. A definite win/win!
www.gardenconservancy.org



Gel Knee Pads

Fiskars Pruners



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Lonnie Ratzlaff, Vendor Sale. I received a wonderful gift from daughter two years ago. She donated to a garden I support. In my honor a plaque was installed acknowledging me and my work as a volunteer. The need for funds at this time is very critical for the gardens in Sacramento. This validated my time spent volunteering and helped my community continue the work of beautifying our environment.

Bea Little, Program Board Member. Lee Valley has a great collapsible wheelbarrow that looks like it holds a good amount as I prefer a deeper one rather than the traditional gardeners variety. That would be a great gift! www.leevalley.com

Sue Fitz Well, I've gotten gift certificates to my favorite mail order catalogs, that was nice. What I'd really appreciate now is the use of a strong back and pair of arms to do the things that are getting harder and harder to do myself.

At this point in my life, I can afford to buy any garden related item I want, it's the actual gardening I'd love to have provided. It's hard to find. You can get mow and blow guys, but ones that will carefully do specialized garden tasks and do exactly what you want...not so much.

While twenty years ago, a truckload of mulch in the driveway would have been appreciated, it wouldn't be now unless it came with somebody to spread it for me. I'd love someone more agile than I to get up on a ladder wielding a pole pruner to trim unwanted branches. Or someone to dig a hole and maneuver a fifteen gallon plant into it for me... you get the idea.

Sharon Patrician, Hamilton Square Garden. Probably the best tool I have is my spading fork. I can go through compacted soil easily and I use it to divide perennials all the time. It's not as difficult for me to handle and it does less damage to roots and rhizomes.

The best gardening gift I ever got: well, there are so many, but good gloves in leather are probably my vote. Leather gloves with gauntlets are absolutely essential for pruning roses, and a canvas shirt to do that pruning helps with tears in clothing.

Gift suggestions: I love to receive the big Amaryllis in pots and force them for Christmas; gloves for weeding and pruning, subscription to Pacific Horticulture, www.pacifichorticulture.org, the newest version of the Sunset Western Garden Book, www.sunset.com/garden, almost any garden book but especially those dedicated to particular plant families, gift certificates from nurseries (preferably the smaller specialty ones) and ergonomic hand pruners.

Finally, a fabulous gift would be help from Perennial Plant Club members to weed and maintain the Hamilton Square Garden. It can always use the fine tuning from garden lovers that sets a public garden apart.

A big holiday thanks to Sacramento Perennial Plant Club



Folding Garden Cart - Lee Valley Tools



Forks and Spades - Lee Valley

Sacramento Perennial Plant Club Newsletter Janice Sutherland

I would like to thank all the writers who contributed articles for our newsletters this year. Diana Morris, Barbara Lane-Piert, Fran Clarke, Anita Clevenger, Sharon Patrician, Bob Hamm, Carolyn Singer, Kathryn Mackenzie and Ellen Zagory have shared their time and talent to make the newsletter a very important and informative part of our organization. Thank you all very much.

If anyone is interested in writing an article or if you read a book you think we would be interested in reading, write a book review. If you know of anything going on in the community that would be of interest, send me the information

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President's Message - Saul Wiseman

November is an interesting month in our garden here in Auburn, perennials, annuals, and shrubs in bloom, leaves changing color, and the southern sun warming the soil of my vegetable garden.

One of my favorite perennials is *Anemone japonica* 'Honorine Jaubert.' with graceful, branching stems 2 to 4 feet high topped with a white single flower. This long-lived, fibrous-rooted perennial can be divided in the fall or spring.

Tibouchina or Princess Flower has brilliant royal purple flowers appearing intermittently from spring to fall. To propagate, use softwood cuttings in late spring or semi-ripe cuttings in summer, both with bottom heat.

My wife is growing the annual *Cleome* or Spider Flower from seed. We now have lots of lavender-purple flowers and seed pods.

My favorite shrub in bloom is *Camellia sasanqua*, an upright to spreading shrub or small tree that bears fragrant, single, cup-shaped flowers. Cuttings are best taken from midsummer to mid-fall from flush of growth after wood has matured somewhat and changed from green to light brown in color. Tip cuttings are used, 3 to 6 inches long, with two or three terminal leaves. Cuttings root best either in a closed frame or under mist.

Of course, the dogwood leaves are turning, plus our *Rhus typhina* or Staghorn Sumac turns yellow orange to rich red in fall bloom.

My winter garden is in raised beds growing broccoli, Brussels sprouts, cabbage, cauliflower, kohlrabi, spinach, lettuce, onions, and snow peas. November is a time to enjoy the garden.

Welcome 2009 new members: Jim and Corinne Byers, Arlene Ciccarelli, Susan Horton, Charlene Durant-Goff, Cathy George, Lynn Halsted, Loretta Landers, Alicia Landeros, Ann Fox-Morgan, Sue Mortensen



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