



New Zealand
Camellia Society Inc

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1 Our annual Show and Convention between 5 and 8 August in Whangarei is ready to go. The gardens and the Marsden Point Oil Refinery which we will visit on the Sunday/Monday morning will provide plenty of variety and interest. A pen picture of each one is in the March Camellia Bulletin (pages 21 to 25).

The financial success of the show is dependent in the main on the income received through sponsorship, door sales and the raffle. The excellent raffle prizes are listed in the Bulletin (page 26). The tickets can be purchased through your branch, at the show, or from Kay Adams. Your support in purchasing tickets and promoting them will go toward the success of the show.

Remember that registration for the event(s) needs to be with the Registrar Kay Adams by 29 July. The Registration Form is also in the Bulletin (pages 35 and 36) and on the National Show web page.

This is your event, and your opportunity to join your colleagues for a very enjoyable weekend. Please strive to be there.

2 On Saturday 16 July there will be a judging and stewarding seminar for this year's National Show, in the conference room, Motel Sierra, Western Hills Drive, Whangarei. It will be conducted by Neill Ingram (Chief Steward) and Derek Bear (Chief Judge). It will commence at 1.00 pm and finish by 4.30 pm. There will be a break for tea/coffee mid-afternoon.

There is no cost to attend the seminar. Other associated costs such as accommodation, travel and meals are to be met by each individual attendee.

The seminar is also open to any judge and steward outside of the Whangarei Branch. Please let Betty Boswell (the local co-ordinator) know if you wish to attend. Her contact details are – Rimu Apt 258, 262 Fairway Drive, Kamo 0112, or 09 435 5165, or bertandbetty@xtra.co.nz

3 It is projected that there could be a shortage of Stewards for the show. If you are Steward it would be great if you could be there. You should have already received an invitation from Derek Beard. If you are not a Steward and are interested in becoming one you would be made very welcome. You would be in team of experienced Stewards who would provide you with advice and guidance. If you are interested in becoming a Steward please let Derek know - 07 574 0474, or derek@mmc.school.nz

4 The Camellia Guide has been revised, and a copy is attached.. Only those camellia that are available commercially through Thirkettle Nurseries and Wairere Nursery and are less susceptible or resistant to petal blight are listed. A number of NZ registered camellias have also been included on the basis they might be available through other sources. Those that are suitable for honey bees continue to be marked. In addition the colour of each camellia bloom has been included.

5 We are looking for someone, and it does not have to be a member, to be an understudy to the Bulletin Editor Tony Barnes. He has reached a point where over the next twelve or so months he would like to hand over the reins.

The Bulletin Editor receives an annual honorarium, and for a non-member a contract would be negotiated. Would you please consider being the understudy, or advising the details of a non-member who may be prepared to take over in due course. If you would like any further information please contact either Tony, Pat Flockhart or me.

Brian Hartley
President
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