Letters to the Journal

Patricia Short,

Thank you so much for thinking of me & for sending the 50th anniversary issue of your Journal. Camellia species that I have never heard of and sophisticated breeding with impressive results!!

But most of all I enjoyed “revisiting” my international camellia friends, Charles Puddle, E.G. Waterhouse, and Albert Fendig, and later Tom Savige. We were peas-in-a-pod, all focused on the problems of the camellia cultivars of the world. I am also reminded of Eikichi Satomi, though shyer than the rest of us, he was an early specialist on Japanese camellias.

Thank you & congratulations on the continuing progress.

Ralph Philbrick

To The International Camellia Society,

I am sending this gift to the ICS to honor the memory of Gregory E. Davis, my husband who died in October of 2012. The camellia world became his world, especially after he retired. Greg enjoyed all of it: local clubs, regional societies, national organizations, and certainly the ICS.

Both Greg and I appreciated meeting people and establishing friendships throughout the world. The ICS afforded us the privilege of visiting gardens of elite estates as well as seeing camellias grown in quite modest circumstances. Of course, we enjoyed many off-tourist points of interest along the way. All of this we could hardly have dreamed of.

I want to thank all ICS members for their generous outpouring of sympathy. I regret that I cannot think each one of you personally.

Long live the ICS!

Rosamay Davis

March 3, 2013

Editor’s note: The generous gift to which Rosamay refers is a donation of $500 to the ICS Otomo Fund