**2023 Gulf Coast Camellia Society Convention**

**When:** October 13-15, 2023 **Where:** Covington, LA

 **Event Locations:** Marriott Courtyard Covington & Summerhill

***GCCS Block Reservations - $139/night – Block held till 4:00pm Sept. 13th***

**Event Schedule**

**Friday, October 13, 2023**

2:00pm Board of Directors Meeting – Marriott Courtyard Covington – Bayou Room

5:30pm - Wine & Beer Reception – Marriott Courtyard Covington – Oak & Cypress Room

6:00 – 9:30pm - Buffet Dinner & Part 1 Plant Auction – Marriott Courtyard Covington – Oak &

 Cypress Room

**Saturday, October 14, 2023**

7:00am – Breakfast served – Marriott Courtyard Covington – Oak & Cypress Room

9:00am – GCCS Business Meeting – Marriott Courtyard Covington – Oak & Cypress Room

9:30am – Mimosa and Bloody Mary’s – Marriott Courtyard Covington – Courtyard

10:00am – Plant Auction Part 2 – Marriott Courtyard Covington – Oak & Cypress Room

12:30pm – Jazz Lunch on the lawn – Home of Meg & Hunter Charbonnet – Gardens to tour

 ***Directions to be provided at Registration Desk***

3:00pm – International Camellias Congress in Italy – Gardens & Villas

 ***Speaker – Hunter Charbonnet***

3:30pm – Early Camellias in Louisiana

 ***Speakers – Drs. Wayne Stromeyer & Trent James***

4:30pm – Silent Auction Closes

5:30pm – Cocktail Reception – Marriott Courtyard – Oak & Cypress Room

6:30pm – President’s Banquet

7:30pm – Climate Resilient Camellias for a 21st Century Gulf South – What thrived, died, or

 survived given the challenges of climate change

 ***Speaker – Dr. David Creech***

***Note: Please email Jim Campbell,*** ***rivercamellia@bellsouth.net******, the items and/or plants you plan to provide GCCS for the auctions – All items must be in Oak & Cypress Room by 5:00pm Friday Oct. 13th. Winners must pay by cash, check, or credit card at the end of each auction.***