

SUNNYVALE SASANQUA

A California Nursery

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Update

Newly
registered
cultivars
and
prospective
seedlings
under
development

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Sunnyvale Sasanqua

- A hybridizing nursery in Sunnyvale, California
- Created to select and propagate the cultivars of *Camellia sasanqua*
 - A fall-flowering sun-tolerant species of *Camellia* perfectly suited for California gardens, landscapes and patios
- 2 cultivars are registered with the American Camellia Society, 3 cultivars prepared for registration, selected from ~1000 seedlings
- Operated by Yuri Panchul



We are looking for production nurseries with retail distribution channels interested to try our cultivars

We are also interested to donate our registered cultivars to botanical gardens and municipal parks

Camellia sasanqua 'Silicon Valley' with formal double flowers

- Formerly known as Seedling YP138 'Sunnyvale Rose'
- The name was changed because ACS rules do not allow cultivars that refer to other plants (roses)
- The main strength: a rose-form and sometimes a formal flower shape which is rare in sasanqua
- Upright growth habit is good for narrow spaces
- Can survive in full sun (except near a hot wall) and in shade, but for optimal performance needs half sun to semi-shade
- A weakness: the cultivar is very sensitive to over fertilization. Will produce deformed flowers if fertilized in late summer, before the flowering season. Light spring fertilization is enough.



Camellia
sasanqua
'Silicon
Valley' -
continued



More details:

<https://www.americancamellias.com/care-culture-resources/camellia-encyclopedia/camellias-beginning-with-s/silicon-valley>

<http://camellia-sasanqua.com/2020/02/02/acs-approved-silicon-valley-and-sunnyvale-carnival-by-yuri-panchul/>

‘Sunnyvale Carnival’ makes lush peony-shape flowers



Note: The plant needs semi-shade to produce nicely shaped flowers. If it grows under full sun, it starts making too many single flowers.

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'Sunnyvale Dark Knight' with armor-like leaves

- Seedling YP32, not registered yet
- Elongated leaves with unusually short internodes
- Slow-growing, very dense plant, suitable for small spaces
- Dark pink loosely shaped double flowers
- Requires more shade than a typical sasanqua hybrid
- Because of leaf density is susceptible to mite infestation
- Tom Nuccio gave positive feedback 'A great plant'



http://camellia-sasanqua.com/2018/11/10/yuri_panchul_seedling_0032_sunnyvale_dark_knight/

<http://camellia-sasanqua.com/2017/11/04/backyard-hybridizer/>

‘Sunnyvale Dark Knight’: dense growth habit



‘Sunnyvale Light Knight’: another dense plant

- Seedling YP437, not registered
- This seedling is similar in leaf density to YP32 ‘Sunnyvale Dark Knight’
- Both are probable chance seedlings of ‘Sasanqua Compacta’, a cultivar from Nuccio’s Nursery with abnormally short internodes
- Flowers of ‘Sasanqua Compacta’ are single white, ‘Sunnyvale Dark Knight’ - double dark pink and ‘Sunnyvale Light Knight’ - single pink
- Need to observe it for a couple of years before registering



‘Sunnyvale Shiny’: shiny leaves, distinctive flowers

Seedling YP320, not registered yet, looking for camellia judges to evaluate it and give a recommendation



Seedling YP400, nice reddish pink, but is it unique enough?



Seedling YP344, a worthy candidate on observation



Seedling YP463, a delicate beauty, also on observation



Seedling YP480: there are white singles with potential too

Plain white single seedlings of *Camellia sasanqua* are usually overlooked. They are too similar to the wild form. There are some exceptions, for example 'Shikoku Stars', a nicer form found in the forest in Japan. A new seedling YP480, while being single white, has more stamens and short curvy petals. If it happens to bloom profusely, it can be good for mass planting.



Thank you!

<http://sunnyvale-sasanqua.com> (construction)

<http://camellia-sasanqua.com>

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