

# Regarding Roses

## Tallahassee Area Rose Society

*Affiliated with The American Rose Society*



## President's Message By Marion Nimis

January 2016

I hope you all enjoyed your Christmas and New Year's holidays. Did you make any rose resolutions"? I did, and I'm sorry to say I've already broken them.

For the holidays, my roses put on the best show I've ever seen—I couldn't count the number of flowers on my Katy Road Pink. And recently, in a short period of time, both my Prosperity and another climbing rose whose name I've forgotten, put on about ten feet of growth. And all this in late December and early January, when they're supposed to be resting. Eighty degrees on December 29, what is the world coming to?

For your sins, you have to put up with me for an unprecedented third term. We still have to find a vice president. The position has been vacant since October 2014. I'm hoping

someone will come forward to help. If you are vice-president it doesn't mean that you have to become president.

Our next meeting is Sunday, January 17 at 3:00 pm at Goodwood in the Laundry Cottage. Sy Rosen has kindly offered to give a presentation on rose photography "Tallahassee area roses in December 2015". He will highlight some of the beautiful roses that were made possible by the unusually mild December temperatures. February 21 offers our usual consulting rosarian pruning demonstration: A particularly timely program since everyone is getting ready to begin pruning their roses on or about Valentine's Day.

Here's hoping you have a "rosy" New Year.

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### January Program

The January program will start off the year with a slide presentation of roses that bloomed during the warm weather in December by Seymour Rosen. Many of the photographs are of roses that he grows in his garden. Growing roses and photography are his hobbies and he excels in both. Learn from the expert how to grow roses and to photograph them as well.

Don't miss the January program. It promises to be great!

*"Enjoy  
the little things,  
for one day  
you may look back  
and realize that  
they were the  
big things."*

Robert Brault

### January Meeting

**Date:** Sunday, January 17.

**Time:** 3:00 pm

**Place:** Laundry Cottage, Goodwood Museum and Gardens, 1600 Miccosukee Road, Tallahassee, FL.

**Program:** Seymour Rosen, a society member and an expert photographer, will show and tell us about "Tallahassee area roses in December 2015". He has many photographs of roses that bloomed during the unusual warm weather when it should have been winter.

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## Thought You'd Like To Know – Green Rose

The *Green Rose* is a china and classified as white; however the flowers are green, often touched with bronze and are narrow leaf-like petals. The size of the bloom is 1 1/2 to 2 inches and is double. It is a recurrent bloomer and the blooms are long lasting. The plant has medium upright growth. It

was known to be in cultivation as early as 1743. It is rated 8.0 and is eligible for Dowager Queen in rose shows. The plant is one visitors to your garden do not generally recognize as a rose. It is excellent to use in arrangements because of its uniqueness. It was the Dowager Queen at



*Green Rose  
(China)*

### Special Notes

- Volunteer at Goodwood Saturday mornings 9:00 am till noon.
- Volunteer at the Peace Garden the first Wednesday March through October beginning at 9:00 am. Contact Mary Maud Sharpe, 850-878-9625, wjmm-sharpe@aol.com

**(Continued—Thought You'd Like to Know)**

the 2015 society rose show. It was also the winner of the Bill Kerber Perpetual Trophy and was exhibited by Alex and Jane Hinson, Quincy, Florida. It is available at the Goodwood rose sale. You might want to try it as an addition to your garden.

**DSD Mid-Winter Meeting 2016**

The first program begins at 1:30 P. M. on Friday afternoon January 15 and is the arrangement workshop. There will be a welcome buffet Friday evening. Saturday there are four speakers and a banquet to recognize the bronze medal winners. Sunday will be the CR school. Vendors will be there with supplies for next year's growing season. Contact information: Ralph and Jean Stream 352-591-4474 or stream@gmail.com. Plan to go! We guarantee you will have a good time and learn more about the hobby of rose growing.

**TARS Board to Meet Soon**

The officials will meet soon to plan for the coming year. They would greatly appreciate suggestions of programs and other activities that you the members would like to repeat, include as new and would be interesting to members. We do plan to continue meeting at Goodwood. Do you like Sunday afternoon, Thursday evenings or the combination of the two? Is there a particular workshop activity such as pruning, preparing blooms for exhibiting in the show, or making an arrangement to enter in the arrangement division that the society could sponsor for a Saturday afternoon? Would you or someone you know be interested in repeating the Consulting Rosarian School in early summer? If so we need to begin planning very soon as it needs to go to the district and to ARS for approval and letting others know that might want to come here. Thanks for your input!

**Goodwood Roses**

The Goodwood volunteers are finishing repotting plants. Thanks to members who have made cutting donations for the 2016 sale February 13. Help us by letting others know. For more information contact any of the regular volunteers:

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*"The greater danger for most of us  
Lies not in setting our aim too high*

*And falling short;*

*But in setting our aim too low,  
And achieving our mark."*

Michelangelo

**TALLAHASSEE AREA ROSE SOCIETY  
Society Christmas Party, December 20, 2015**

The society met at the home of Marion Nimis at 3:45 pm.

The was not business or planned program—just good food and fellowship.

A special thanks to Marion for hosting this event.

*Mary Maud Sharpe*

Acting Secretary

**Join TARS and ARS**

In January we will be beginning a new year and TARS membership forms are included in this "Regarding Roses" mail out. We hope you will join us and invite others to join too! There is no increase in membership dues—still \$10.00 per member or \$15.00 for two persons from the same garden. The form will also include choices of ARS Memberships and we encourage members to join the American Rose Society and receive the national publication "The American Rose" and other benefits. Visit [www.rose.org](http://www.rose.org).

**2016 Resolutions**

There has been a lot said for the advantages of New Year Resolutions and comments that they are too hard to keep. Many of us do not follow through as we should, but to get a chance to start anew has a certain appeal especially to rosarians since it is a new year of rose growing. So here are a few for you to consider.

- Grow better roses.
- Remember the things that worked in the past and plan to do them again.
- Learn something new!
- Find a mentor and don't be afraid to ask for help and advise.
- Keep a calendar of what you do and when you do it to use as a reference for future activities and to remind you of things you should do and when.
- Buy at least one new rose.
- Plan to rejoin TARS and attend all the society meetings if possible. Meet a member you do not know well and visit with them.
- Get one new rose book.
- Volunteer to help on a society committee.
- Visit your rose garden more frequently just to see and smell the roses.
- Share roses with others—neighbors or friends.

You can think of other resolutions. Add them to this list and don't worry if you don't keep all of them, just start the new year with enthusiasm for your rose growing hobby and enjoy it to the fullest! May 2016 be a good year for you and your roses. You couldn't have picked a better hobby. You have the chance to be outside, watch Mother Nature at work, make new friends who share your interests and enjoy your achievements.

## **January Consulting Rosarian Report**

*By Mary Maud Sharpe*

Yes, the weather outside is cold and we have had a crazy mixed up winter so far, but with the recent cold our roses should be getting some dormancy. Rose need a rest and so do we. January is planning month, so use it to the fullest. Decide what roses you will keep and decide if any need to be replaced. If you do replace decide if you want the same varieties—just new plants or if you would like to try new varieties. If you have not done your soil test it is not too late. You may need to add lime. This will greatly help with what needs to be done to your beds. Select a dormant spray and use it very soon. Clean out winter weeds. Check our supplies and purchase what you will need during the coming year. Be sure that your sprayer and other equipment are clean and in good working order. Check your irrigation system, if you have one, to make sure that it is in working order—better now than later. Clean and sharpen your clipper so that you are ready to start pruning mid February to early March. Remember not to start too early since new growth may be killed if pruning is done too early. If you have questions ask any of the consulting rosarians. Their names and contact information is listed on page 4.

### ***Tetanus***

#### ***What You Should Know and What You Should Do (Reprinted)***

All gardeners should be aware of some basic facts about tetanus and make certain that their tetanus immunizations are current. The wound need be no larger than a thorn prick to harbor bacteria to produce the toxin which is very poisonous. In recent years approximately 11% of reported tetanus cases have been fatal. The highest mortality rates are in unvaccinated persons and persons over 60 years of age. Tetanus, also called lockjaw is a medical condition characterized by a contraction of muscle fibers. The incubation period is usually about 8 days, but may be as long as several months. There is no blood test that can be used to diagnose tetanus. Diagnosis is made from symptoms. It is best to prevent tetanus by vaccination. The CDC recommends that adults receive a booster vaccine every ten years. Some doctors recommend boosters every five years. It is standard practice to have a booster if persons are uncertain of when they were vaccinated. Tetanus occurs in soils rich in organic matter. Tetanus is often associated with rust, especially rusty nails. This concept is misleading, but the rough surface of rusty metal provides a habitat for *C. tetani* endospore and the nail may puncture the skin and allow endospore to enter the wound. When tetanus infection does occur, it is highly lethal. If a tetanus develops in an person who has not been immunized, the fatality rate runs from 45 to 55 percent with the best hospital care. Always consult your health care provider for more information. Never neglect a wound. Keep your booster vaccinations up to date! It is easy to protect yourself.

## ***A Year of Roses***

### **January**

- Make plans for the year
- Order Plants and supplies
- Clean up existing beds

### **February**

- Prune
- Add organics, lime and Epsom salts
- Re-mulch

### **March**

- Begin spraying when bushes leaf out
- Water. water, water
- Wash foliage with water if frost forms

### **April**

- Watch for insects and disease and take action
- Enjoy your first blooms

### **May**

- Continue to water, fertilize and spray during the bloom cycles.
- Deadhead spent blooms.

### **June**

- Protect yourself from summer heat. Work in your garden in early morning or late evening

### **July**

- Roses will be stressed and blooms will be small. Don't despair and continue your rose care.

### **August**

- Remove any dead wood. Cooler weather is on the way.

### **September**

- Do a cut back pruning on Labor Day for bigger better fall blooms.

### **October**

- Enjoy some of the best blooms of the year! Exhibit at the local show.

### **November**

- Discontinue feeding your plants. Tender new growth can be harmed during fall and winter.
- Discontinue deadheading and allow plants to become dormant.

### **December**

- Prepare new beds and have a soil test done.
- Reminisce on your fun year with roses.

## ***Dues are Due***

Dues for 2016 are due and a membership form is enclosed. We hope that you will join us for an exciting year of rose programs and activities that the board is planning. Remember to invite others to visit our meetings and activities. Everyone who loves roses is welcomed to be a member. Trial membership in the American Rose Society is free to new member

Bring your dues to the meeting or mail to the address on the form. If you have questions contact the treasurer. See the form for contact information.

### ***Upcoming Society Programs***

**January Meeting**—Sunday, January 17, 2016 at 3:00 pm at Goodwood, Laundry Cottage. Program on by Seymour Rosen. "Tallahassee area roses in December 2015"

**February Pruning Workshop Meeting**—Sunday, February 21 at 3:00 pm. Location to be announced.

### ***TARS Events***

**Goodwood Old Garden Rose Plant Sale:** Saturday mornings 9:00 a.m. till noon. Open to public Saturday, February 13.

### ***DSD Events***

**DSD Annual Mid-Winter Meeting**—Gainesville, FL, January 15-17.

### ***ARS Events and News***

Four month trial memberships are still being offered by ARS. You get free access to the monthly bulletins and two issues of the American Rose magazine plus much more. There is much interesting information in the ARS magazine such as news from ARS, articles on varied rose topics, beautiful photos, national, district and local events and much more.

Visit the ARS website [www.rose.org](http://www.rose.org) there is valuable information for local society members. As a member you have access to the members only information in addition to information for all who visit the site.

Publications such as Horticulture, Arrangement and Consulting Rosarian Manuals are available for reference and download. The Rose Registration Listing is also available.

ARS e-mails members the publication of ARS & You which you will find helpful.

**Information:** [www.tallahasseearearosesociety.org](http://www.tallahasseearearosesociety.org)

**The Tallahassee Area Rose Society meetings** are at 7:00 pm on the third Thursday or 3:00 pm on the third Sunday of the month except June and July at the Jubilee or Laundry Cottage, Goodwood Museum and Gardens.

**Membership:** Annual dues are \$10 individual, \$15 joint. Contact the treasurer, Mary Maud Sharpe, 850-878-9625, [wjmmsharpe@aol.com](mailto:wjmmsharpe@aol.com)

**The Deep South District** of the ARS issues a quarterly copy of the Bulletin. It is available though e-mail to all ARS members. A black and white copy is also available to members who do not have an e-mail address. Make check for \$10.00 to Deep South District and mail to Kay Harrell, 121 Shore Rush Circle, St. Simons Island, GA 31522-1420

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### ***Tallahassee Area Rose Society Membership***

**Annual Individual** (\$10.00) \_\_\_\_\_

**Annual Joint** (\$15.00) \_\_\_\_\_

### ***The American Rose Society\****

**Annual Individual** (\$49.00) \_\_\_\_\_

**Annual Joint** (\$62.00) \_\_\_\_\_

**Annual Senior** (\$46.00) \_\_\_\_\_

**Annual Senior Joint** (\$59.00) \_\_\_\_\_

**Annual Youth** (\$10.00) \_\_\_\_\_

**Total** \_\_\_\_\_

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*\*You may write one check to the Society and ARS Memberships will be forwarded. If you have questions, please call 850-878-9625.*



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