

# Regarding Roses

## Tallahassee Area Rose Society

*Affiliated with The American Rose Society*



## President's Message By Marion Nimis

August 2015

Welcome to the dog days of summer. I say that knowing that come the freezing days of winter I'll be complaining about that too.

As usual, I've learned the hard way what not to do to your roses. A couple of months ago Gerard was spraying Roundup to kill some grass. He came within two to three feet of my "special" roses, those that cost \$25 and up! I now recognize the telltale signs of herbicide over-spray. A few rose bushes sported funny leaves, some had dieback, and others had the witches' broom. Everything that goes wrong in my garden is now blamed on his overzealous spraying. The roses looked so bad I called CR Bill Dority who recommended 50 seconds of flushing them with water each day for five days.

It worked. Unbelievably,

the roses bucked up and survived. There is a god of roses.

Ten days of drought followed by five days of monsoon gave the roses the worst case of black spot I've seen yet. And then came the deer, Papa, Mama, and Bambi, who ignored yards of lush vegetation just to bite the tops off all the roses. Thankfully CR Hank Rosen galloped to my rescue in his SUV, pruned off the worst of the deer offences and suggested Liquid Fence as a deterrent. Not sure it's working. Two deer sauntered through my front gate ahead of me yesterday. I've tried hair balls, strong soap, and urine. I've even planted smelly herbs. It appears the deer are smarter than me.

The Consulting Rosarian School held June 27 was a great success. The 24 attendees loved the food and the location. TARS is greatly indebted to Mary Maud

Sharpe who worked incredibly hard to pull it all off: Not only jumping in to lecture when Ralph Stream had a family emergency, but providing refreshments and supplies as well. Mary Maud subsidizes many TARS activities. I'm not sure how we'd manage without her.

Congratulations to John Sullivan and Bill Dority on passing the CT exam. There are only a few CRs left now. I urge every TARS member to become a CR. I know who you are. You all know more about roses than me. Thanks to the presenters Hank Rosen, Glenn Schulman and Mary Maud Sharpe, Thanks also to Bob Schelhorn for preparing the delicious lunch. The board is considering sponsoring another school in the future.

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**Society Meeting**  
**Date:** Sunday, August 23  
**(Please Note Change of Date to fourth Sunday)**  
**Time:** 3:00 pm  
**Place:** Jubilee Cottage, Goodwood Museum and Gardens, 1600 Miccosukee Road, Tallahassee, Florida  
**Program:** "Getting Your Roses Out of the Summer Dol-drums" a power point presentation by Mary Maud Sharpe with member participation and sharing their suggestions.

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## Thought You'd Like To Know – Glowing Amber

*Glowing Amber*, a miniature rose, was introduced by George Mander in 1996 and has been elected to the Miniature and Miniflora Rose Hall of Fame. The announcement was made at the ARS National Miniature Conference in Columbus, Ohio in June. It is a red

blend miniature with blooms scarlet red with deep yellow reverse and a yellow center. The blooms are 1 1/2 to 2 inches in diameter and are one bloom per stem. The blooms are high centered and star shaped. The foliage is dark green. It

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*Glowing Amber*  
 (Miniature)

### 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

## ***President's Message*** (continued)

Along with other stuff, the board made a couple of changes of an experimental nature. One was to alternate Thursday and Sunday meetings depending on daylight savings hours. So March, April, August, September and October meetings will be held on Thursday evenings 7:00 pm (except this month which will still be on Sunday—August 23). No one needs to be out on a cold, dark evening, so November, January and February will be on Sunday afternoon 3:00 pm. Members with church, family or other Sunday commitments requested this change. It had been hoped that Sunday would attract more people. Sadly, this has not been the case. This proposal will be presented to members at the August meeting.

The TARS board also decided the Rose Show will only open to the public on Saturday. Setup will be on Friday as usual. Take down will be on Sunday afternoon. Rose societies may choose to have their show either one day or two days. We are looking for a more accessible venue too, perhaps on the north side. It would be nice to have a new attractive, central, and above all free location. Members have suggested church halls or even the mall. Please contact me if you have any ideas. We're going to tally visitors numbers and then members' opinions to see what works best.

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## ***Thought You'd Like to Know***—(continued)

Is rated 8.0 and is an outstanding exhibition rose. It is very hardy, drought and disease resistant and a vigorous grower. Can be used in beds and borders or in containers. It is a continual bloomer.

## ***ARS/CR School***

The school held on Saturday, June 27 was well attended with 24 participants. Four of those attending took and passed the test. Bill Dority and John Sullivan of TARS were among those who passed. Six persons received credit for their CR status. TARS members receiving credit were Hank Rosen, Robert Schelhorn, Mary Maud Sharpe and Pat Stanford. Others audited the school. The subjects were ARS CRs, the program and mission and Basic Rose Care by Mary Maud Sharpe (replacing Ralph Stream because of a family death), Soil, Water and Fertilizer by Hank Rosen, Pest Control and Pesticide and Garden Safety by Mary Maud Sharpe and Major Insects Pests and Diseases by Glenn Schulman. All attendees received an updated ARS CR Manual. Excellent participation and discussions were enlightening. Bob Schelhorn prepared the delicious lunch! CR School is offered each year at the DSD Mid-Winter meeting. If there is enough interest the society could consider again sponsoring the school as a society event. Tallahassee, Thomasville and Wiregrass (Dothan, AL) Rose Societies were co-sponsors this year.

## ***TALLAHASSEE AREA ROSE SOCIETY*** ***Picnic—May 17, 2015***

President Marion Nimis welcomed members to her home for the annual covered dish picnic. There was no official business, just good food, good times and fellowship! There are no recorded minutes.

## ***June Was Library Month***

The society again participated in the ARS June Library / Rose Month. The society provided a display of information about the society throughout the month to the main downtown Collins Library. The Library displays books on roses that are available. This event has proved to be an excellent outreach for the society. Fresh garden grown rose designs were a part of the display and handouts of "Regarding Roses" newsletters, TARS brochures and membership forms were available to visitors. Interested persons have been added to our mailing list. Please welcome them at our meetings.

## ***Goodwood Roses***

The Goodwood volunteers are busy rooting cuttings. If you can help by supplying some cutting, it would be greatly appreciated. We must be able to verify the cutting variety. We are keeping a weekly inventory sheet and would be pleased to share it with anyone who is interested. We now have 82 varieties (some in small quantities) and 796 plants. Thanks to members who have made cutting donations for the 2016 sale. Contact any of the regular volunteers:

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## ***Peace Garden***

The Peace Garden volunteers have done the monthly work and have pulled weeds, cut out dead wood and fertilized the garden. Sadly, we must report that by mistake the city has sprayed some roundup and at this point we are not sure of the total damage this may have caused. Several plants are dead. We'll keep you posted. Barry Smith, an expert rose grower is offering his service to care for the Peace Garden if he can find two other rose gardens in the Tallahassee Area to maintain. You may contact him at 229-726-8211 or barry4433@yahoo.com.

## ***Friendship***

*"True friendship is like sound health;  
The value of it is seldom known until it is lost."*  
Charles Caleb Colton

## ***August Consulting Rosarian Report***

*By Hank Rosen*

August is a month of high temperatures for the rose grower in the big bend area. This summer has been very hot with 90+ degree days going back a couple of months. With temperatures this high, our rose bushes (and us rosarians) needs all of the help they can get. Fortunately most of us have been getting plenty of rain this summer. If you live in an area that has not been getting the usual afternoon showers, then you need to be watering at least a couple of times a week. I recommend watering with irrigation for about 15 minutes two to three times a week. If you don't have irrigation, use a hose and water thoroughly. Two days after watering, check the soil moisture with your index finger at a depth of 2-3 inches to see if the soil is wet. If not, go ahead and water again and recheck again in a couple of days.

This month is also a good time of year to check your mulch. Mulch performs several functions in the garden, including keeping the soil moist so that it does not dry out quickly. A good 3- 4" layer of mulch of pine straw or oak leaves should be adequate. If your mulch is less than this, consider adding some to it. Mulch is also critical for keeping the weeds down. If you notice weeds popping out through the mulch, hand pick them as soon as you notice them to keep them from proliferating. Being diligent with your spray program is also important. Be persistent and continue to spray every 10-14 days to keep fungal problems at bay. I recommend you use Manzate or Dithane 45 and Banner Maxx on the above schedule. As an alternative, you can use Immunox instead of the Banner Maxx. Pick off any distressed or diseased leaves from the bush as well as those that have fallen on your mulch. Spray with pesticides only when insect damage is noted. Be sure to water before you spray as well as before fertilizing.

Toward the end of the month and going into September you will want to add organics to your garden soil and water them in well.

Follow these steps and you should be growing beautiful rose bushes and roses to enjoy and show at the fall rose shows, including the Tallahassee Rose Show at the end of October.

## ***DSD Convention and Rose Show 2015***

Enclosed are a registration form and agenda information about the DSD Convention and Rose Show to be held in Valdosta, Georgia, October 23-25. We hope that many of you will plan to go. The distance to Valdosta will make it an easy trip. Montine Herring is a member of the awards committee and she will be pleased to have you contribute show awards or monies to purchase awards. Contact her at 229-872-3316. Visit the DSD web site [deepsouthdistrict.org](http://deepsouthdistrict.org) for more information.

## ***Miniatures and Minifloras***

Miniature and Miniflora blooms resemble tiny hybrid teas and can produce a big mass of little blooms similar to a small scale floribunda. Plants can be used in interesting ways in your garden. Climbing miniatures and miniature standards (or often called tree roses) also make excellent garden plants. The Miniflora classification was made when some miniature roses began to approach the size of floribundas. Some oversized miniatures were reclassified and many new minifloras are being bred and introduced. Most of these roses are sold on their own rootstock. Rosarians in our area usually prefer fortuniana grafted plants. Outdoor Miniatures and Minifloras are suited for growing in tubs and other containers (larger than the pots for supermarket plants). All miniatures are repeat bloomers and are nearly always in bloom during the summer. They do well in full morning sun and filtered afternoon shade. Many rosarians use miniature roses in their landscape as plantings along a walkway. Miniatures work well in rock gardens, decks and patios and small beds by themselves. Miniatures and Minifloras are generally easy care.

## ***TARS Annual Rose Show***

The show date will be Saturday, October 31. The location of the Department of Agriculture and Consumer Services, 3125 has been secured. The theme of the show that has been selected is "A Rose for Every Garden". Many committees have begun work and final plans are being made. We will be inviting out of town exhibitors; however, we need as many members of TARS as possible to bring roses from their gardens to exhibit to make the show a success. The schedule will be similar to our previous schedule which includes horticulture and arrangement divisions. A photography division that was added in 2014 will be continued. Schedules will be available prior to the show. If you are interested in being a novice exhibitor, and we hope that you are, there are experienced exhibitors that will be very pleased to give you some pointers. Show awards or monies to purchase awards are being solicited. The committees will need members to help on set up and during the show. The annual rose show is our major outreach to the public. Let's make this 31st show the best ever!

## ***Roses In Review***

Yes, it is that time again when reports are due on rating roses. Information is included in the July/August issue of American Rose. The results of these evaluations help others in selecting roses for their gardens. The cut off date is September 26. You may use the online survey at [www.rose.org](http://www.rose.org) or you may submit paper forms to DSD RIR Coordinator, Mark Prue, 1018 Lake Cooper Dr., Lutz, FL 33548. Results will be in the January/February 2016 issue of American Rose and will determine ratings in ARS Handbook for Selecting Roses. We plan to have paper forms at the meeting. Please participate.



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

**August: Society Meeting** — “Getting Your Roses Out of the Summer Doldrums”

**September: Society Meeting** — “Photography”

**October: Society Meeting** — TBA

**November: Society Meeting** — TBA

### ***TARS Events***

**Goodwood Old Garden Rose Plant Sale: Saturday mornings 9:00 a.m. till noon.**

**Society Annual Rose Show**—October 31, Doyle Conner Building, Tallahassee, FL. Contact Mary Maud Sharpe 850-878-9625, wjmmsharpe@aol.com.

### ***DSD Events***

**DSD Annual Convention and Rose Show**—October 23-25, Hilton Garden Inn, 1702 Gornito Rd., Valdosta, GA,

### ***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 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

**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 Ed Easom, 18501 Turtle Dr., Lutz, FL 33549-4461

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