

Regarding Roses

Tallahassee Area Rose Society

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President's Message By Marion Nimis

May 2015

TARS April meeting was fun. Members shared favorite tools and Mary Maud Sharpe gave us a lively demonstration of tool sharpening.

TARS members were well represented at the Thomasville Rose Show which went well.

Mary Maud bravely stepped in to be the 2015 TARS Rose Show Chair. She is currently in the last stages of wrapping up details of the June CR School here in Tallahassee.

Thank goodness for members who step in time and again to take leadership roles. I'm hoping cooler weather will entice more members to get involved. I didn't want to be president and have seven excuses at the ready. Somehow I gave it go, learned lots about roses and, I think made some friends. You can too. Try it, you'll like it!

After April monsoons, May delivered three "God's in his heaven; all's right with the world" days when my roses perked up, budded out, and looked as though someone who actually knew how to grow them was in charge. Then suddenly, the cool nights, low humidity days with the gentle breezes changed into high humidity 90+ days with nasty winds off Lake Jackson. The roses caved and the bugs moved in—the squishy ones, the hard guys, the squirming ones, the flies, beetles, moths, worms, caterpillars, and every other bug known to man. All kinds of things, with unpronounceable names, are still doing their worst. It's hell out there.

I'm no longer the namby-pamby, do-gooder, holier than thou, rose grower I used to be, the one who promised never to use chemicals. I tried being environmentally correct. I prayed

for beneficial bugs, tried water jets, gallons of dish soap, gallons of neem oil and found them no match for the bugs. And neither is all the picking off and mashing of malevolent creatures I've tried to eliminate. (I thought I heard the beetles laughing at me). That was then. This is now. I can't wait to get my hands on the dreaded chemicals. I'm going to suit-up with goggles, gas mask, gloves, coveralls, and all the chemicals I can get my hands on to defend my roses. **THIS IS WAR!**

So now that I've got that off my chest, it's time to invite you all to our summer picnic at my house Sunday, May 17 at 6:00 p.m. when the shade hits my deck. Our TARS picnic is casual social time for us to get together, eat and drink, and talk roses, until we meet again in

Society Covered Dish Picnic

Date: Sunday, May 17, 2015

Time: 6:00 p.m. (Serving at 7:00 p.m.)

Place: Home of Marion and Gerard Nimis

Picnic Covered Dish: No business. Just fun and fellowship with other members. The society is known for its good cooks. This is a family event so bring them with you too! See map, address and contact information.

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Thought You'd Like To Know — Sugar Moon

Sugar Moon is a bright white hybrid tea and a Weeks Roses cultivar. It was hybridized by Christian Bédard and introduced in 2012. The fragrance is intense and is citrus/rose. The foliage is very dark green glossy. It re-blooms well, is disease resistant, has long

stems and is a vigorous grower. It has big pointed buds which makes it good for exhibition and opens to show off big broad petals. The growth is upright and bushy and is medium tall to tall. It promises to be a good white that you will love for its great qualities.



Sugar Moon
(Hybrid Tea)

Special Notes

- Volunteer at Goodwood Saturday mornings 9:00 am till noon. Contact John Sullivan, joh4@aol.com for more information.
- 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)

August. Bring anyone you'd like, drop in for awhile not to worry if you haven't time to make something. Just come.

Finally a word of advise to all you summer rose growers: Stay inside, put your feet up, have a good book and stiff drink in hand, take a nap, and wait until fall. But remember to water, water, water.

Looking forward to seeing you all Sunday.

Marion Nimis
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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. It had a good spring bloom and has begun to re-bloom. We plan to continue to use Bayer's All-In-One Rose & Flower Care. It has worked well. The irrigation system has been check so we are ready for summer. Join us if you can. See special notes on page 1 for information and contact.

TARS Annual Picnic

This event will be held at the home of president Marion Nimis on Sunday May 17 at 6:00 p.m. A map and contact information is enclosed. Serving will begin at 6:30 p.m. The society will provide the meat entrée and Bob Schelhorn is our chef. Members are asked to bring a side dish or dessert to share. This is a special time to get to know fellow members better and share some rose talk on an individual basis. There will be no planned program, just a fun time. Plan to be there. The food is excellent and the fellowship great!

ARS/CR School

If you need more information about the school scheduled for Saturday, June 27, please contact Mary Maud Sharpe, 850-878-9625 or wjmmsharpe@aol.com.

It will be held in Jubilee Cottage right here in Tallahassee, so you will not have to travel. And yes, there is a "Free Lunch", prepared by our society chef, Bob Schelhorn, immediately following the presentations and discussion. This is a wonderful opportunity to learn to grow better roses even if you do not plan to become an ARS Consulting Rosarian. And you might decide that you would like to a CR.

Our Deep South District chairman of CR's, Ralph Stream, will be here as a presenter. Other presenters will be two local CR's, Hank Rosen and Mary Maud Sharpe, and one of our district's winning exhibitors, Glenn Schulman.

Let us know ASAP if you do plan to take the open book test, since membership in ARS need to be verified and there is a \$10.00 fee for the test.

Success...

"Many of life's failures are people who did not realize how close they were to success when they gave up."

Thomas A. Edison

TALLAHASSEE AREA ROSE SOCIETY MEETING—April 26, 2015

President Nimis called the meeting to order at 3:00 pm and presided. She welcomed members. The minutes of the March 15 meeting were approved. The treasurer's report given by Mary Maud Sharpe was accepted.

John Sullivan reported that there were still plants for sale at Goodwood and invited members to come on Saturdays to select plants.

Mary Maud Sharpe stated that TARS members exhibited at the Thomasville rose show and some members had winning entries. The show was very well attended.

The CR School will be Saturday, June 27 and members were urged to attend and invite others to come. It is scheduled from 9:00 a.m. till 1:00 p.m. You may audit, recertify or become a Consulting Rosarian.

Mary Maud Sharpe will be rose show chairman for the 2015 show to be held the end of October.

The president announced that the vice-president position is still vacant and asked that suggestions for filling this position be given to her.

There was discussion on changing the society meeting time back to Thursday evenings, since the change to Sunday afternoon has not appeared to help attendance at the monthly meetings. The society will check with Goodwood to see if this is a possibility.

Garden tours usually held in May were discussed. Bill Dority offered to open his garden on May 23 (the second Saturday after Mother's Day).

Members shared their favorite tools, etc. that they simply couldn't do without. Among them were very good clippers, battery powered sprayer, long handles pruners, mulch rake, etc. Mary Maud Sharpe gave tips on sharpening clippers and distributed a handout. Discussion was interesting and informative.

The meeting adjourned and members enjoyed more rose talk and refreshments.

Respectively submitted,

Mary Maud Sharpe

Acting Secretary

June is Library Month

The society will again be participating in the ARS June Library / Rose Month. The society will provide a display of information about the society as well as fresh garden grown bouquets 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. If you have roses that you would be willing to share, contact Mary Maud Sharpe, 850-878-9625 or wjmmsharpe@aol.com, who will be coordinating Library Month and providing fresh garden grown rose designs.

May Consulting Rosarian Report

By Rick Thomas

May is the time when our first bloom has just passed and the Thomasville show is now history. So what to do now??

First of all we should make sure all of our bushes are dead-headed. Personally, I always have a great second bloom in my yard and I actually enjoy it more because of the lack of stress. I always fertilize my garden on the first day of the month. The literature on roses used to say that a good dose of liquid fertilizer (soluble such as Miracle Grow) after the first bloom helps produce basal breaks. I do this along with the granular fertilizer. Continue your spraying with fungicides on a regular basis.

May in the garden is easy. You are enjoying the fruits of your labor from the previous three months. Invite people over to your garden or have a party in the yard.

Another thing for May...the worst enemy of all...spider mites. Be on the lookout! Better yet, don't allow them in the garden. A good preventative is Flo-ramite added to the spray mix at a rate of 1/4 teaspoon per gallon. This can be mixed with the other chemicals. This gives control for three weeks. Another chemical is Mavrik which is an insecticide. This is really helpful around rose show. Water wands work wonderfully but this must be repeated daily for three days for the elimination of the critters.

Keep your plants watered as it is getting warmer.

Get Your Tetanus Shot

Growing roses is a wonderful hobby and it can give you a great deal of pleasure; however, you do need to remember to take care of yourself. One of the things that is frequently overlooked is the updating of your tetanus shot. If you do not know when you last received a shot check with your doctor's office and find out. Follow his recommendations on the frequency that shots are required to keep you safe. Even with protective clothing thorn pricks can happen and cause serious problems.

Take Care When You Spray

As soon as plants leaf out be ready to begin your regular routine spray program. Trying to correct a problem after it occurs can be disastrous. There are many products on the market that can be used. Read the labels carefully and use only those products that you need and in the correct amounts. More than recommended is not a good idea. Abide by the safe handling rules and be sure that handling of insecticides and pesticides is correct. Remember to take care of yourself as you take care of your roses. Visit your garden often to check for insects or diseases that can be devastating if not corrected.

Water, Water, Water

- Plants get their water through their roots and like a moist soil that has good drainage.
- The saying is true that roses need water, but do not like wet feet.
- Too much water in the soil can be harmful.
- Proper drainage is very important.
- Raised beds can be helpful for proper drainage.
- Water is important at any time of the year, but especially important during the hot summer months.
- Water retention is important since water should pass through the soil at a rate that allows plants to take up nutrients.
- Always water before and after fertilizing your plants.
- There are many types of ways to water. Your soil conditions will determine the system that works best for you. You may choose to use a sprinkler, hose water by hand, a soaker hose or an automated irrigation system. You may choose to do it yourself or have a professional make the installation.
- Overhead watering can be done, especially during the summer to cool off the plants. We all know what a cooling shower of rain can do for our gardens.
- When using a sprinkler, you may need to apply fungicides more frequently for mildew and blackspot.
- Always deep soak your plants. It is better to water deeply less frequently than to light water more frequently. Light watering produces shallow root systems which can be harmful to plants during times of drought.
- Roses need to be soaked to a depth of 8 to 10 inches.
- Roses should receive normally the equivalent of one inch of rainfall per week.
- There are tests that can be done for water retention and for drainage.
- Rose foliage will wilt if plants do not have sufficient water—never let your plants wilt.
- For newly planted roses you may want to build a basin around the bush. The basin can be flooded and the water will penetrate the soil and not run off.
- Use a layer of mulch not only to deter weeds, but to retain moisture and moderate the soil temperatures.
- Roses grown in pots will require more frequent watering than roses grown in beds.
- Water well before spraying so that the foliage will not be damaged by spray materials.
- Allow spray materials to dry completely before watering roses.
- Roses generally require more water during their bloom season.

You may find it helpful to use a rain gauge to measure the amount of water that your roses are getting

Upcoming Society Programs

May 17, 2015: Society Picnic, Home of Marion Nimis
2105 Miller Landing Road

August: Society Meeting—Getting ready for fall bloom

September: Society Meeting—Photography

TARS Events

Goodwood Old Garden Rose Plant Sale: Saturday mornings 9:00 a.m. till noon. Contact John Sullivan, 850-727-8636 or joh4@aol.com

DSD Events

ARS/CR School—Saturday, June 27, 2015, Goodwood Museum 9:00 am—1:00 pm. Contact Montine Herring 229-872-3316 or Mary Maud Sharpe 850-878-9625, wjmmsharpe@aol.com. Hosted by Tallahassee Area, Thomasville and Wiregrass Rose Societies.

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 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

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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***"A Toast To Karen" 56th Deep South District
Rose Show & Convention***
Hosted by DSD Volunteers and Supporters
Hilton Garden Inn, 1702 Gornto Road, Valdosta, GA 31601
October 23 – 25, 2015



Registration Information:

Name(s) [for name badges] _____

Street Address _____

City, State & Zip _____

Phone _____ E-mail _____ Local Society _____

Registration Fees:

	<u>Price</u>	<u>Number</u>	<u>Amount</u>
Regular (postmarked by 10/4/2015)	\$50	_____	_____
Late (postmarked after 10/4/2015)	\$55	_____	_____
Welcome Buffet (Friday 7 pm, Cash Bar 6-7 pm) Fried Chicken, Baked Ham, vegetables, bread, dessert & tea	\$25	_____	_____
Banquet Buffet (Saturday 7 pm) (Cash Bar 6:30-7 pm) Chicken Francese Beef Tips Pan Seared Tilapia Served with salad, vegetables, bread, dessert, tea & lemonade	\$36	_____	_____

Meals - MUST BE RESERVE BY 10/17/15

Sunday morning Garden Tour – (drive on own or carpool)

The Crescent – The Valdosta Garden Center, Inc. 904 N Patterson St

Leave the Hotel at 9:00 am – Arrive at 9:30 Tour 9:30 - 12:00 noon

Guided tour and/or self-guided tour - Donation to Garden Club \$5.00 _____

Total Amount Enclosed \$ _____

Would like to bring a dessert to share at the Hospitality Suite, please let us know (yes _____ no _____)

Would like to Clerk the Rose Show (yes _____ no _____)

Do you plan to Exhibit (Horticulture (yes _____ no _____) Arrangements (yes _____ no _____))

Make Checks Payable to "Deep South District" - Mail this form with your check to our Registrar,
Rita Moore – 110 Leigh St, Daleville, AL 36322-2361 (phone-334-598-2103)

Cancellation Policy: Registration Fee Less 25% will be refunded if request is received by 10/14/2014. No refund after that date.

For Additional Information, Contact: Karen Prevatt, 813-833-5122, kprevatt@verizon.net

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and visit www.deepsouthdistrict.org for schedule of events and details.

Hotel Information - Event dates: October 23 -25, 2015 (room rate also available on Oct 22 & 26)

Call the hotel directly to make your reservation and indicate that you are coming for the DSD ARS Convention Oct. 23. We need an exact count of the rooms reserved by our attendees!

Hilton Garden Inn, 1702 Gornto Rd. Valdosta, FL 31601- 229-219-1011 Rooms are \$99.00, plus tax, per night, single or double occupancy. Hotel will provide a \$5/per day/per person breakfast voucher (2 day maximum), Free high-speed wireless internet access, no charge self parking. **To receive discount rate, please book on or before September 23, 2015.**

Location: Exit 18 off of I-75, East ¼ mile on the left.

Hotel Reservation Cutoff Date is 9/23/15. After this date, lowest room rate will be based on space availability.

***Karen J. Prevatt
Deep South District
American Rose Society***

July 22, 2015

Dear Rose Society Presidents:

I am attaching a registration form for the Deep South District Annual Convention and Rose Show to be held October 23-25 in Valdosta, Georgia. This is the first district sponsored convention and rose show and we need your help in getting the word out to your members. We did not have a local rose society volunteer to host the event this year, but I wanted to make sure that we could carry on the tradition. I apologize for not getting this registration form to you earlier but we had trouble locating a hotel with convention facilities. Some of our district members will be contacting you about participating in the event and donations from your societies for raffle prizes and show awards. Please see that all of your members get a copy of the registration form in their next newsletter and encourage them to attend this fun event.

Very truly yours,

Karen J. Prevatt