

Regarding Roses

Tallahassee Area Rose Society

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President's Message By Marion Nimis

April 2015

My roses were superb. My plants were covered in blossoms. The leaves were pretty green. A couple of bushes had even come back from the dead. I was seriously contemplating showing a few of them. And then it rained. It has rained! It is raining! It will rain! The flowers drooped and balled. The buds turned brown and rotted on the stem. The leaves grabbed every speck of blackspot going. With the rains, came gale force winds which actually turned my large Prosperity rose inside out.

I couldn't imagine what else could go wrong, until my husband offered to help prune. I'd fallen behind after breaking my right hand and was trying to manipulate the pruners with my left. Gerard came out wielding his loppers ready to make some progress. While I nitpick with

my tiny pruners, he was laying waste. He might have got away with all the carnage if he had no said "OOPD" I was truly horrified when I looked up to see him holding a branch that represented a third of my New Dawn. Now they're not only bedraggled, they're misshapen as well and several have large holes in them.

I don't think Bill Dority would say, "Your roses will thank you for it", this time.

Thanks to Cydney and Art Wade from Rose Petals Nursery for their wonderful presentation at our March meeting. They showed slides of an old farm near Gainesville which is being restored. They brought beautiful roses with them so members could buy some. I bought two roses: Tiffany and Xochimilco.

At our April board meeting we discussed the Tallahassee Consulting Rosarian (CR) school to be held Saturday, June 27 in Jubilee Cottage

from 9:00 am till 1:00 pm. We've organized the lectures and lunch will be provided. Montine Herring is our contact person. Tallahassee desperately needs more CR's to help the locals with their roses. We debated whether Sunday is still the best day to hold our meetings and whether we should revert to Thursday evening meetings. We'll ask for a show of hands at the next meeting.

We need to formalize the 2015 Rose Show Chair. John Sullivan and Hank Rosen: You have been warned. Now is the time to think up your excuses.

The board hopes members will attend the 94th Thomasville Rose Show April 24-25, 2015 in the Big Tent downtown Thomasville. They're supportive of our show, let's support theirs.

Society Meeting

Date: Sunday, April 26, 2015

Time: 3:00 p.m.

Place: Jubilee Cottage, Goodwood Museum and Gardens, 1600 Miccosukee Rd., Tallahassee, Florida.

Program: A sharing of tools and equipment that you use that you would recommend to others and that you feel you could not grow roses without. There will be a demonstration of sharpening clippers with a handout.

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Thought You'd Like To Know — Baby Faurax

Baby Faurax is a polyantha introduced in 1924. It has charming amethyst flowers and blooms all the time. It is thought to be a dwarf sport of the Rambler Veilchenblau. It is a small plant with very fragrant blooms. It was introduced by Lille Lyon.

The name was given in honor of a Belgium nursery. The foliage is a dull mid-green.

It was one of the favorites of Bill and Anna Price. They frequently exhibited it as a winner in Tallahassee and Thomasville. Give it a try in your garden.



Baby Faurax
(Polyantha)

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)

Our next meeting is Sunday April 26 at 3:00 pm in Laundry Cottage which has just been newly painted inside. The subject is: What I couldn't do without in growing my roses. I'm hoping all will attend especially to see Mary Maud Sharpe demonstrate how to sharpen your pruners, etc.

June is both library month and rose month. Last year, Mary Maud and others designed a nice display of roses and literature to promote TARS and the ARS in the downtown library. We need to change the roses to our vase every there days. Please help by bringing roses to our display.

I'm manning the butterfly table and rose display at the Leon County Extension Open House Saturday, May 9 from 9:00 am to 1:00 pm at 615 Paul Russell Road. We hope to attract new members with the rose display. Come and check it put.

Don't forget the summer picnic Sunday, May 17 6:00 pm at my house: 2105 Miller Landing Road. We had a blast last year. See you all there.

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94th Thomasville Rose Show

Spring rose shows will be here before too long. Thomasville Rose Society will be holding their 94th show Friday and Saturday, April 24—25. We hope that many of our members will plan to go and to exhibit. There will be a photography division in the show. Rick Thomas 1-800-234-9536, rthomas@rose.net is the contact person.

Jim and Daisy Mills, K and M Nurseries plan to be at the Thomasville show with rose bushes. They sell plants on fortuniana rootstock. If you would like to preorder contact them at 601-648-2908, info@kandmroses.com. Their website is www.kandmroses.com. They now have David Austin roses on fortuniana. They also do custom grafting.

Goodwood Roses

The major sale was Saturday, February 14 and it went well. There are still varieties left and they can be purchased on Saturday mornings from 9:00 am till noon. Contact John Sullivan at 727-8636 or joh4@aol.com. Goodwood has a new volunteer and could use and would appreciate any volunteer help that rose society members can give during the week or on Saturday mornings with the propagation folks.

Goodies

Mary Maud Sharpe is coordinating the "Goodies" for refreshments after the meetings during our social time. If you would like to volunteer to help contact her at 850-878-9625 or wjmmsharpe@aol.com.

TALLAHASSEE AREA ROSE SOCIETY MEETING—March 15, 2015

The March meeting of the Tallahassee Area Rose Society for 2015 was held at 3:00 at Goodwood Museum and Gardens at Jubilee Cottage. In the President Marion Nimis presided and welcomed members. The minutes for the month of February were approved as written.

Mary Maud Sharpe gave the treasurer's report. The fund totals \$2,147.82. She reported eight members had joined or rejoined, and there were no expenses pending. Future expenses will include engraving of show trophies. The treasurer's report was accepted.

The Consulting Rosarian school will be held in June.

The Thomasville rose show may need clerks for Friday April 24.

The Goodwood Rose sale continues every Saturday. Price is \$7/bush. One and two year bushes will be available.

Sy Rosen reported an excellent rose nursery in Apopka. It is Nelson's Nursery. Cydney and Art Wade presented a program on antique roses and offered plants from their nursery for sale.

A door prize was awarded. The meeting adjourned at 4:00 pm and members enjoyed refreshments and fellowship.

The next meeting will be held Sunday, April 12, at Goodwood at 3 pm.

Respectfully submitted,
Karen Jackson
Secretary

Peace Garden

The Peace Garden volunteers have pulled weeds, cut out dead wood and fertilized the garden. It is ready for spring and has begun to bud out. We plan to continue to use Bayer's All-In-One Rose & Flower Care. It has worked well. Fortunately it appears that we did not lose any plants due to the extremely cold winter. Join us if you can. See special notes on page 1 for information and contact.

ARS/CR School

There does seem to be enough interest in holding a CR School here in Tallahassee and the society is making plans. We hope that many of our members will plan to attend. There is extra information in this mailing that will give you more information. Contact Mary Maud Sharpe and she will try and answer your questions. Note that those who plan to take the test should let us know as soon as possible.

April Consulting Rosarian Report

By Montine Herring

April is a busy and exciting month. All the heavy pruning and heavy fertilizing have been completed. Our thoughts turn to getting our roses ready for the first flush of beautiful blooms and for the spring rose shows. It's helpful to have a rose calendar to write down what you are doing to your roses—watering, spraying, fertilizing, etc.

Since the organics have already been applied to the beds, now is the time to apply liquid fertilizers such as Peters 20-20-20 with trace elements, fish emulsion and sequestrine 330FE for that extra boost and deeper color. Any of these are supplements for earlier applied granular and organic fertilizers.

A regular spray program is essential in having a healthy disease-free bush. Spray weekly using one or two fungicides for diseases adding an insecticide if needed for thrips. Thrips can destroy the blooms causing them to turn brown. I use a small spray type bottle to mist the buds with Orthene or Conserve when the buds start showing color. Another menace to watch for is spider mites. They appear on the underside of the leaves and will defoliate the plants if not controlled. Washing the underside of the leaves with a water wand or a strong stream of water is effective but using a chemical spray such as Avid, Floramite SC, or Shuttle 15 SC has been very effective for me. Whatever products you use, please read the directions on the labels and use the recommended amounts. Take a shower after spraying.

The rose plants need to be well watered before and after you fertilize and before you spray. When it is hot and dry I water twice a week. It is almost impossible to over water and don't be afraid to get water on the leaves—the plants love a bath. The mulch need to be thick enough to keep the beds cool and weeds to a minimum. Whatever your rose schedule, just be SAFE AND CONSISTENT with your program.

Remember to get and study your schedule for the Thomasville Rose Show. Friday, April 24. There is a place for nay rose that you grow. Good luck with your beautiful blooms.

TARS Annul Picnic

President Marion Nimis has graciously invited the society to hold the annual picnic at her home. There will be more details later. It will be our regular meeting day on the third Sunday and the society will provide the entrée. Member may bring a favorite side dish or dessert to share. Be sure to mark you calendars for Sunday, May 17. This will be the last regular event before the summer break. This is an excellent opportunity to meet fellow members and talk roses and other things.

Tips on Sharpening Your Clippers

- To do a professional cleaning and sharpening all parts of the clippers should be taken apart and cleaned thoroughly. You will need a small wrench to loosen and the nut. Lay the parts out so that you will remember exactly how to put them back together. All parts should be cleaned to remove any grim and also any plant sap or tar that has collected. "Goo Gone" may be the best, but any good solvent can work.
- Most clippers are bypass and only the cutting blade should be sharpened. If clippers are extremely dull, start with a small file to begin the sharpening process. Use one stroke – not a back and forth motion. For finer sharpening continue with a whetstone, very fine sandpaper or special tape with a fine abrasive.
- Use white grease (buy at local hardware stores or auto supply stores) on the inside part of the blades and wipe off excess.
- Reassemble the clippers and adjust the tension on the nut so that the clippers move freely, but are firmly tightened.
- The test is to try to cut a piece of regular letter paper. If you have done the process properly your clippers are ready to prune your roses without damaging the plant canes. You may have to adjust the tension.
- Congratulations!

May Garden Tours

May is the traditional time that the society sponsors garden tours of member gardens. If you would like to open your garden to other society members, contact president Marion Nimis and let her know. Also tell her what days and times would be more convenient for you. There are always things in other gardens that you may want to try in your garden. The first flush of blooms will be over, but some plants may be re-blooming by sometime in May. There will be more information later about dates and times.

Add Plants to Your Garden

It is not too late to add plants to your garden. In addition to checking the old garden roes at Goodwood, check the local nurseries to see what they have to offer. Remember that as the days get warmer you will need to water more frequently especially new plants that you plant now. It takes sometime for roots to spread and plants to become established. Actually for the first few days the plants still think they are in their pot and like lots to drink. It may help to make a circle mound of soil so that water will not run off. Adding extra mulch will also help keep the soil cooler. They should establish well in a few days.

Upcoming Society Programs

April 26, 2015: Society Meeting—Member Sharing of tool, etc. used in rose hobby. Demonstration of sharpening clippers.

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

August: Society Meeting—Preparing 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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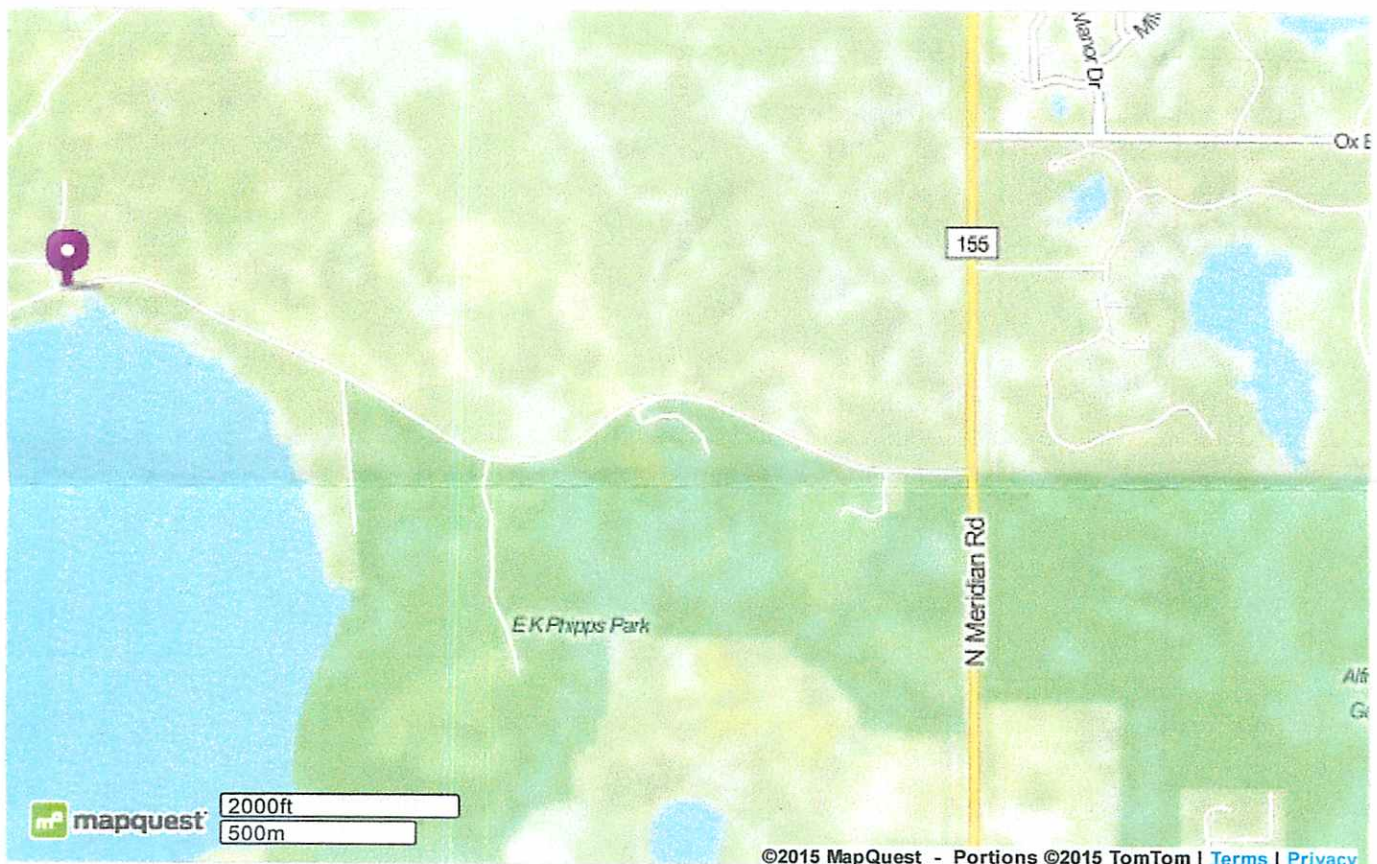
Sunday, May 17, 2015

6:00 p.m. Gathering

6:30 p.m. Serving

Map / Directions to Nimis Home
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