

Regarding Roses

Tallahassee Area Rose Society

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President's Message By Marion Nimis

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The recent weeks of below average temperatures and chilly rain here in Tallahassee made me think I'd been transported back to cold, old England! The icy weather took its toll on me as well as my roses. Apart from a few miserable leaves covered in blackspot, nothing looked alive.

What a difference a little rain and a bit of sun makes! Suddenly I have bunches of healthy red leaves on all but three of the roses and once more ... hope springs eternal.

As usual I have been lollygagging around, not pruning as I should have. Just as I thought I'd got the whole pruning thing down, I read that different kinds of roses need different kinds of pruning. As I can't tell an OGR from a miniflora (or whatever) I'm truly stuck and I should have paid more attention

to Bill Dority's masterful display of pruning skills. Many thanks to Bill for hosting so many pruning sessions in his garden.

There's exciting news for TARS members on the education front. A consulting rosarian (C.R.) school is planned for one Saturday in June in Tallahassee. More on this later. It's a wonderful opportunity to learn a great deal more about roses. Remember you don't have to take the test at the end if you don't fancy it. TARS is in desperate need of more consulting rosarians. So I hope everyone will join us. It's so much better, don't you think, when it's in your own backyard rather than having to drive for several hours to somewhere else? It's much cheaper too. Obviously we need enough people to make it worthwhile, and I shall take it personally if you don't sign up.

TARS has a lovely program

planned for you this month. Two experts on roses, Cydney and Art Wade, from Rose Petals Nursery, Newberry, Florida, will give a presentation on antique roses and their ranch. I hear that they have a good selection of roses. If you have particular roses in mind, you can pre-order them at 352-215-6399 or find more information by visiting their web site at rosepetalsnursery.com/, and they will bring them to our meeting. They will also bring roses from their nursery for those who don't pre-order.

Just a reminder: Your TARS dues should be in by now.

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Society Meeting
Date: Sunday, March 15, 2015
Time: 3:00 p.m.
Place: Jubilee Cottage, Goodwood Museum and Gardens, 1600 Miccosukee Rd., Tallahassee, Florida.
Program: The program will be "Antique Roses for Your Garden" and will be presented by Cydney and Art Wade from Rose Petals Nursery. They will tell us about the roses they grow and their ranch.

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Thought You'd Like To Know – Champneys' Pink Cluster

Champneys' Pink Cluster is a Noisette that was originated by John Champneys in 1811. He was a small-time rice planter in Charleston, South Carolina when he discovered this ancestor of all Noisette roses. Its flowers are pale pink, nearly double, and borne

in large loose clusters. It grows quickly and is fairly healthy. It flowers only once, but is still widely grown. It has a rating of 8.5. It develops small red attractive hips.

It is appreciated for its hardiness and easy of growing.

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Champneys' Pink Cluster
(Noisette)

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

Thought You'd Like to Know (continued)

Give it a try in your garden. Rose Petals Nursery has it.

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. You will receive more information later and 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.

Dues are Due

It is time again for annual dues to TARS. You should have received a membership form earlier. If you have questions, contact information is on the form or contact the treasurer. See page 4 for contact information. We hope that you will join us for 2015 meeting and events.

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 can 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.

Goodwood Membership

Goodwood has asked that TARS extend a special invitation to members to also become members of Goodwood. There are several different levels and benefits of membership. Visit the Goodwood Museum web site at www.goodwoodmuseum.org/members.php for the levels and benefits. We plan to have membership forms at the meeting. There are many activities and events at Goodwood that are of general garden interest as well as other cultural events.

Responsibility...

"One's philosophy is not expressed in words; it is expressed in the choices one makes...and the choices we make are ultimately our responsibility."

TALLAHASSEE AREA ROSE SOCIETY

MEETING—February 15, 2015

President Marion Nimis called the meeting to order at 3:00 pm at Jubilee Cottage, Goodwood Museum and Gardens and presided. She welcomed members and visitors.

The minutes of the January 18 meeting of the society were approved as written in the newsletter.

Mary Maud Sharpe gave the monthly Treasurer's report which was accepted.

Plans for the Consulting Rosarian School to be held in June are continuing. Members were urged to plan to attend.

John Sullivan reported that the sale of roses at Goodwood on February 14 went well. There are still varieties left and the sale will continue on Saturday mornings.

The program was a power point presentation on "Tips on Pruning Roses for Spring Bloom Season" presented by Mary Maud Sharpe. There was interesting discussion by members.

The door prize was awarded and the meeting adjourned.

Members enjoyed refreshments and fellowship.

Respectfully submitted,

Mary Maud Sharpe

Acting Secretary

Rose Petal Nursery

Cydney and Art Wade have developed their nursery in recent years. Cydney has grown roses for more than 36 years and Art breeds Florida Cracker horses and cattle. They are both Florida natives. The ranch and Nursery are located in Newberry, Florida and the ranch is called Lightered Wood Ranch. They are located just a few miles from Gainesville, with easy access from I-75. They are happy to have visitors. They are preserving history one rose at a time. Their list of in-stock roses is quite extensive and can be found on their web site. They do custom rooting and roses are own root plants. They ship plants. There is much more information on the website (rosepetalsnursery.com) too. We are very pleased to have them come and share their knowledge of Old Garden Roses.

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.

March Consulting Rosarian Report

By Pat Stanford

March is a very important month to get off to a good start in the rose garden. I had not pruned my roses until very late February, due to the freezes we were still having. That and rain made it difficult to get it done. New growth follows pruning and plants with healthy foliage will have better blooms. That is what we are after, isn't it? New growth on stems and leaves of most rose bushes is a purple color. Although each variety has a somewhat different hue, they eventually all turn a nice uniform shade of green.

A carefully planned and well carried out spray program early in the season is essential to insure your new growth gives you beautiful blooms. When you apply, make sure you spray on both upper and under the leaves. For safety, wear protective clothing, rubber boots, goggles, and a respirator and then take a shower when finished.

If you are one of our members trying to get away from using chemicals, great! But, you will *still* need to use some of the less harmful products making their way to the forefront now. Using fungicides are important requirements for growing great roses. They need to be applied as soon after pruning as you can get it done. This insures that all of the pruning cuts as well as the rest of the bush will be covered. Always follow the instructions in using any product - more is *not* always better! However, an ounce of prevention is worth... well, you know...

Organics, if not already added, should be worked into the soil now along with doing your first fertilization. If you cannot find a commercial organic fertilizer, you can make your own using organics like Milorganite, manure, alfalfa meal, cottonseed meal and fishmeal. If you use fresh manure, let it "set awhile" before using it.

I hope you did a soil test, either by sending it into the Extension Office with the materials we provided at the January meeting, or with a good soil tester you may have yourself. If you found that your soil is acidic, it can be corrected with Dolomite Lime. Alfalfa pellets, Milorganite and magnesium sulfate are excellent additives. Around the end of the March, each plant will welcome and respond to a shot of fish emulsion, potent in essentials as well as odor! Consistent watering pays off in quantity and quality of blooms. Don't count on the rain, but if there is an abundance of it, back off watering.

Only use pesticides when pests are present! Most rose loving insects attack the new growth and the buds, so mist the buds at least weekly. If you are looking to get away from chemicals, Garden Sense has a whole line of products.

Remember - all insects are not "bad" so don't go nuke all them. Some are beneficial in that they are predators which kill harmful ones. Bayer Lawn, Rose and Insect Spray claims to kill only the harmful insects,

and spare the beneficial ones. I have not tried it, but with a busy schedule, I may have to this year.

Welcome Spring! Now get out into your garden!

Feeding Your Roses

Roses are like us they like food to eat and something to drink on a regular basis. When and how you fertilize and water your roses is very important. The six most common nutrients in decreasing order that plants get from the soil are:

- Nitrogen for growth of tall strong canes, good blooms and rich dark green foliage. Nitrogen should be in proper balance in the soil. A lack or an excess of nitrogen can be harmful. Additions of nitrogen must be transformed so that they are available to the plants.
- Potassium which promotes root growth and bloom color.
- Calcium holds cell walls together and promotes stability and early growth. Makes a sturdier plant.
- Magnesium promotes chlorophyll formation and interacts to produce greener foliage and healthier, disease-resistant plants.
- Phosphorus stimulates root growth, producing quality plants and big blooms. Also hastens plant maturity, adding to winter hardiness.
- Sulfur is the raw material for amino acids and proteins needed for plant health. Also lowers pH.

The minor micronutrients elements iron, manganese, boron, zinc, copper, molybdenum and chlorine are generally present in a well-prepared fertile soil.

The availability of nutrients is affected by the soil acidity. The soil acidity is measured by the pH of the soil on a scale of 0 to 14 with the ideal range for roses from 6.0 to 6.5. This ideal range is the point at which most nutrients are available to our roses. Usually pH tests will be lower than the recommended range and dolomitic lime will be needed to raise the pH. A form of sulfur is used to lower the pH. Adjustments may take some time.

Fertilizers which are organic (from once living organisms) and inorganic (chemical) are available in many forms. Examples of organic fertilizers are cottonseed meal, blood meal, alfalfa meal, fish emulsion, manures, compost and sewer sludge. Organic fertilizers will take longer to effect plant growth, but tend to last longer. Inorganic chemical fertilizers are salts and come as many materials and are listed as ingredients on the product. Choose fertilizers that are low in chlorides which are especially injurious as soil becomes dry. Fertilizers with a form of nitrate can have an almost immediate effect on plants. Other forms will generally take longer. Remember the rule of watering both before and after applying fertilizers and wash the foliage to remove any dust from the materials you use.

Plants drink their food and sufficient water is a must. Rainfall is generally not sufficient for our roses.

Enjoy Your Roses!

Upcoming Society Programs

March 15, 2015: Society Meeting—Cydney and Art Wade, Rose Petals Nursery, “Antique Roses for Your Garden”

April 19, 2015: Society Meeting—TBA

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

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

ARS CR School—June 2015, Goodwood Museum.

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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