

Regarding Roses

Tallahassee Area Rose Society

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President's Message By Marion Nimis

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For myself, I'm thankful that I made it through the Christmas Holidays. As I ricocheted from one gathering to another, it all began to blur into one long celebration. Perhaps it was the wine!

I trust you all celebrated with people you love and managed to tolerate those you don't. In England the festivities begin on Christmas Eve, carry on through Christmas Day, and through Boxing Day, and sometimes even longer. I should grumble because it's the perfect excuse for eating and drinking way too much for way too long.

TARS first ever Christmas party in December was great fun! Mary Maud and I went to town with food and treats and members brought more food and libations for us all to enjoy. Friends from my Spanish and French groups who've expressed

interest in TARS came along for the ride, and, to be pressured. Pat Stanford was presented with the 2014 Bronze Medal for her dedication and hard work for TARS. Richly deserved.

Our next meeting is Sunday, January 18, at 3:00 pm at the Laundry Cottage at Goodwood. I'm unsure whether I can preside at our January meeting. Without a vice-president we may have to call on the "Ghost of Christmas Past".

Our January Board meeting was held Saturday, January 10 at my house. Many topics were discussed and we are off to a good start for 2015!

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ARS / CR School

One of the considerations of the board at their recent meeting was the possibility

of holding an ARS / CR School here in Tallahassee in the near future. It has been proposed that this would be a joint venture of the Tallahassee Area Rose Society together with the Thomasville Rose Society and the Wiregrass Rose Society of Dothan; however, any rosarian would be welcomed to attend to recertify, to audit and/or take the test (which is open book). The instructional part of the school is one half day and would be scheduled for a Saturday. Please see other information in the newsletter concerning this ARS program.

If you would be interested in attending, please get in touch with President Marion Nimis and let her know. Pat Stanford, TARS CR Coordinator, would be pleased to answer questions. Contact her at 850-519-3745.

Society Meeting

Date: Sunday, January 18, 2015

Time: 3:00 p.m.

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

Program: A power point program on the Book "Right Rose Right Place" will be presented. Peter Schneider's ideas and suggestion will help you plan, plant and care for the roses in your garden.

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Thought You'd Like To Know – Dainty Bess

Dainty Bess is a beautiful single-flowered Hybrid Tea that continues to be popular. It was bred by Wm. E. B. and Daughter Archer in Britain in 1925. The Archer hybridizers used as the parents Ophelia and Kitchener of Khartoum. It is one of the most be-

loved of the single Hybrid Teas and is available from nurseries around the world. The blooms can be a single flower but are generally in clusters of up to seven or more on one cane. The stamens are maroon and the petals are silky pink.

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Dainty Bess
(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

Thought You'd Like to Know (continued)

The fragrance is moderate tea and the foliage is leathery, dark green. The growth is vigorous and the height of the plant makes it good for a mixed border. It has an ARS rating of 8.4. In 1935 a climbing Dainty Bess was introduced. Both are repeat bloomers which bloom prolifically at the start of the season and intermittently thereafter. If you like single petaled roses you will love *Dainty Bess*.

Bronze Medal Recipient

For those of you who were not able to attend the Christmas Social, you will be pleased to know that Pat Stanford was awarded the 2014 ARS Bronze Medal. Pat is a long time member of the society who served two years as president and continues to serve on the Board of Directors. She also serves as a Consulting Rosarian and CR Coordinator for the society. She has been chairman of the local show and served on many committees. The certificate and medal read: "To Pat Stanford for Outstanding Service in the Tallahassee Area Rose Society and the American Rose Society 2014." Congratulations Pat!

Right Rose Right Place

It is time to make plans for the 2015 season of rose growing and some rosarians will be moving plants and buying new ones. Our January program will hopefully help you in the decisions you make for your 2015 garden. Peter Schneider has many suggestions of ways to have a successful experience. Be sure to enter your name in the basket for the door prize (A copy of the Book *Right Rose Right Place* by Peter Schneider). It will be a great addition to your rose library. There are many beautiful photos of the roses he recommends and has grown over his years of experience.

2015 Programs and Events

The Board of Directors would welcome input from members on activities and program that the society should undertake this year. New ideas are great and things we have done before that were of particular interest are good as well. Please contact President Marion Nimis with your suggestions.

94th Thomasville Rose Show

It is a little early to think about spring rose shows, but they 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 exhibit.

DSD Mid-Winter Meeting

We are unable to give you a first hand report, but understand that it was a good meeting and a good time was had by all that attended. Watch for more information in the DSD Bulletin.

TALLAHASSEE AREA ROSE SOCIETY

Christmas Social, December 21, 2014

The December Christmas Social of the Tallahassee Area Rose Society for 2014 was held at 3:00 pm at the home of President Marion Nimis. There was no business or program—just food and fellowship. However, President Nimis presented the 2014 Bronze Medal to Pat Stanford for her outstanding service to TARS.

Respectfully submitted,
Mary Maud Sharpe
Acting Secretary

Goodwood Roses

The volunteers at Goodwood are still continuing to move rooted cuttings into larger pots. The major sale is scheduled for Saturday, February 14 and the plants look good. Buy your sweetheart a rose bush! Extra help would be appreciated at the sale. Contact John Sullivan at 727-8636 or joh4@aol.com. Mike Herring is still looking for ideas and help with the gardens. If you can be of assistance please contact President Marion Nimis so that she can get the information to Mike. 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 will continue to coordinate 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.

Pruning Demonstration

Bill Dority tells us that he will be pruning roses at the Healing Garden located at the Cancer Center (just off of Miccosukee Road on Surgeons Drive and east of Goodwood) on Thursday, February 5 from 9:00 am till noon. He will be pruning on Friday and Saturday, February 13 and 14 and again on Friday and Saturday, February 20 and 21 in the afternoons from 1:00—4:00 pm at his home garden, 3201 Brookforest Drive. He has graciously invited TARS members to come for instruction and/or practical experience. Yes, you can help with the pruning. The listed dates and times are for weather permitting. Contact him at 850-570-7046. For members who do not know Bill, he has been growing roses of all types for years, has been an ARS Consulting Rosarian and is always willing to share his knowledge about rose culture.

Dues are Due

It is time again for annual dues to TARS. A membership form is enclosed. If you have questions, contact information is on the form. Join us for 2015!

January Consulting Rosarian Report

By Mary Maud Sharpe

It is time to get serious about plans for the spring bloom. If you have roses you need to move to a different location it is time to prepare the places that you plan to plant. Have a soil test done on your present beds and perhaps the new location too. Reworking older beds is one of the must do tasks at this time of the year. Your soil test report will help you in knowing what additives you will need. Loosen the soil in your beds so that it is not compact and will drain well. Remove winter weeds and cut out dead wood. (Dead wood can be removed at any time of the year.) Place orders for new varieties that you would like to have. Popular varieties sell out quickly. Remember that fortuniana rootstock does well in our area, so purchase plants on this rootstock if you can find them. The promise of spring and the roses it brings each year is what our rose growing hobby is all about. Enjoy and share your roses in 2015!

Soil Test Kits

There will be soil test kits available at this meeting, if you did not get one at the December social. It does include all the information you need to take your sample and send it for analysis.

ARS Consulting Rosarians

(What They Do and How to Become One)

The ARS Consulting Rosarian Program is probably the most important thing for a local society. These ARS/Local Society Members are the experienced rosarians that help and mentor new rosarians. They have been certified by ARS after attending a CR school and passing a test. Their service is to anyone not just society members and it is at no charge. They will consult with you at any time and even make "house calls" by coming to your garden to look at your particular situations and tell you what they would continue or change to grow better roses. If they do not know the answers immediately they will research and find out the best plans of action and get back to you. Their knowledge is quite extensive and their experiences in their own gardens will be a starting point to assist you. Many of their suggestions will also be cost saving ideas and most of us have all ready learned that growing roses can be costly (but well worth the price). They may also be able to give you time saving ideas for the things you need to do to keep your roses healthy and producing the beautiful blooms that all of us want our plants to produce.

ARS has developed a Consulting Rosarian Manual that has recently been updated and is available on the ARS web site for reference or to download and print. It is free and available. CR's use it and you can too.

The chapters include all the thing you need to know:

- Consulting Rosarian
- Consulting Rosarian Program
- Consulting Rosarian Mission
- Basic Rose Culture
- Soil & Water
- Fertilizers
- Pest Control
- Pesticides and Safety
- Major Insect Pests
- Diseases

Qualifications to become a CR are:

- Must be a regular or associate of ARS for three consecutive years.
- Must be active member of a local society.
- Must have grown rose for at least five years.
- Must send a CR candidate form and three letters of recommendation to DSD CR chairman.
- Must attend an ARS school and pass the open book test.
- Must attend all programs at a school.
- Must know and live up to CR code
- Must attend one CR School or seminar at least every four years.
- Must willingly share knowledge and enthusiasm for roses.
- Filing a Roses in Review form is expected annually.
- Complete an activity form each year.

Cindy Dale, South Metro Rose Society, Peachtree City, Georgia is the current national chairman of Consulting Rosarians. Ralph Stream, Gainesville Rose Society, Micanopy, Florida is the current Deep South District chairman of Consulting Rosarians and Pat Stanford is the TARS Coordinator of Consulting Rosarians. The society CR's are listed on page 4.

CR's are very important to a local society. They share their knowledge, experience and love of roses. The world of roses can be intimidating to many gardeners and CR's can make growing rose an enjoyable, fun experience simply by their guidance. It is our hope that you as a member of TARS will seriously consider attending the proposed school and becoming a CR. You may choose to audit this year and become a CR at a later date and we encourage you to also consider this if you do not meet the qualification. The information presented at the school will help you grow better roses and make your rose growing hobby one that you will enjoy even more.

Confidence

"I am only one, but I am one. I cannot do everything, but I can do something. And because I cannot do everything, I will not refuse to do the something that I can do."

Edward Everett Hale

Upcoming Society Programs

January 18, 2015: Society Meeting: Program "Right Rose, Right Place" based on Book by Peter Schneider.

February 15, 2015: Society Meeting

March 14, 2015: Society Meeting

April 19, 2015: Society Meeting

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

TARS Events

February 14, 2015: Goodwood Old Garden Rose Plant Sale: 9:00 a.m. till noon. Contact John Sullivan, 850-727-8636 or joh4@aol.com

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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