

Regarding Roses

Tallahassee Area Rose Society

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President's Message By Marion Nimis

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Welcome back to our first newsletter since May. I trust you've all had the kind of summer I wish I'd had; lolling around on the beach, having a high old time with family and friends, barbecues galore, drinks on the patio, etc.

It seems to me that it's been an unusually heavy and humid summer but then I haven't lived here that long. However, yesterday I read in the Democrat that July 2016 was the hottest on record.

I finally decided to get a grip on my rose garden this summer. I suited up in long sleeves, long trousers, socks, sensible shoes, gloves, and a hat. I drenched myself in the spray that is supposed to protect you against all these little "thingies" which cluster around your eyelashes. Flinging aside the patio doors, secateurs in hand, I strode purposely

into the garden. I got about twelve feet before I realized it was all a huge mistake. I felt as if I'd stepped into the maw of a fire-breathing dragon. It was all I could do to drag myself back into the house. "mission unaccomplished".

So my roses have gone to rack and ruin. The rot set in when I spent four days in South Carolina. The roses, just like my cats, decided to punish me for my absence. It seems they have spider mites, thrips, compact soil, nutritional deficiencies of all kinds, and a particularly nasty outbreak of blackspot.

I, therefore, have zero advice to offer anyone.

We have only a couple of months before the October rose show. Please think of volunteering. We have lots of spots to fill. The rose show has been scheduled for two days this year. We're hoping this extension will attract more visitors. Please

call the chairmen Bob Schelhorn 850-907-1325 or Mary Maud Sharpe 850-878-9625 to offer your help.

Plan to exhibit as many roses as you can this year. Last year, there were classes which no entries. Let's make a bigger effort this year. I, myself, plan to exhibit for the first time. And if I can, you can too!

Support your monthly TARS meetings. We have a tantalizing roster of speakers this fall. The food is always delicious, and the company even more so. We'll be meeting on the third Thursday at 7:00 pm the rest of the year.

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Crescendo
(Hybrid Tea)

Thought You'd Like To Know – Crescendo

Crescendo is a soft pink and white colored hybrid tea rose. The hybridizer is Dr. Kieth Zary and it was introduced in 2010. The white and pink blend blooms are up to 5 inches across and have 26 to 40 petals. The fragrance is very strong and is spicy. The foliage is large size, glossy and dark green.

The medium size bush grows upright. It is highly disease resistant and blooms throughout the growing season. It is good for garden and exhibition. If you like hybrid teas and are looking for a rose to add to your garden, *Crescendo* should be on our list to consider.

August Meeting

Date: Thursday, August 18

Time: 7:00pm

Place: Jubilee Cottage, Goodwood Museum and Gardens.

Program: "Summer Care of Roses" will be the program and will be presented by Bill Dority, a long time rose grower and ARS Consulting Rosarian. He will give us tips on what to do now to have a great bloom season this fall. Don't miss it.

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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

Goodwood Roses

The Goodwood volunteers report that the 2016 sale was successful. If you would like to volunteer in this propagating program come to Goodwood on Saturday mornings from 9:00 am till noon. Cuttings are welcomed. For more information contact any of the regular volunteers:

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Peace Garden

The Peace Garden is located in the chain of parks in downtown Tallahassee in the east most park (Genevieve Randolph Park) at the east most end. Street parking is available. The volunteers are still using Bayer's All-In-One rose and flower care which is three systemic products in 1. It is fertilizer, insect and disease control and we are applying once a month. New folks are welcomed. We meet once a month on the first Wednesday of the month at 9:00 am.

E-Mail Addresses

On occasions the society finds it convenient to contact members by e-mail. The list needs to be updated. If you have an e-mail that you are willing to share, please send it to wjmmsharpe@aol.com and we promise it will not be given to others, but used within the society. Since the DSD Bulletin is now online it could be easily shared through e-mail to all members. We will plan to share copies of the Bulletin with members who have given us e-mail addresses. Many of you may all ready be receiving it from the district.

DSD Annual Convention and Rose Show "Driving Miss Rosey"

This event is October 7-9 and is hosted by Greater Atlanta, Greater Gwinnett and South Metro rose societies and will be held at the Westin Atlanta Airport. Early registration must be postmarked by September 1 and hotel reservations must also be booked by September 1. A registration form and more information is enclosed. Contact information is on the form. There is a judges seminar beginning at 1:00 pm on Friday and a welcome buffet. You do not need to be a judge to attend this seminar. Saturday is the rose show (we hope you will exhibit), educational events, and awards banquet. Sunday morning features the gardens of Cindy and Dave Dale and Linda and Walt Reed. We hope you will plan to go for all of the activities. This is a great educational experience, an opportunity to get to know fellow rosarians and have some fun too.

"Whatever you are, be a good one."

Abraham Lincoln

Tallahassee Area Rose Society Picnic Event—May 19, 2016 Laundry Cottage, Goodwood

There are no minutes for this event since it was a social event and no business was conducted. The food was delicious! The fellowship great!

Roses In Review (RIR)

Yes, it is 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 or you may submit paper forms to DSD RIR Coordinator, Cindy Dale, 306 Wintney Way, Peachtree City, GA 30269-3248. Results will be in the January/February 2017 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.

TARS Annual Rose Show

The show dates are Saturday, October 29 and Sunday, October 30. The location will be the Department of Agriculture and Consumer Services, 3125 Conner Boulevard. Most of the committees have a chairman and have been working on plans. There are still openings and you are asked to volunteer to help. Contact Bob Schelhorn, 850-907-1325, b.schelhorn@yahoo.com or Mary Maud Sharpe, 850-878-9625, wjmmsharpe@aol.com. We will be inviting out of town exhibitors; however, we need as many member 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 schedules and will include horticulture, arrangements and photography divisions. Schedules will be available soon. There are novice classes and we will have help from experienced exhibitors to give you tips. Show awards or monies to purchase awards are being solicited. We will need as many members as possible to set up and take down the show. The annual show is our major outreach to the public.

DSD 2016 Exhibitor's School

This event held June 18 in Tallahassee was sponsored by Tallahassee Area, Thomasville and Wiregrass rose societies. There were 40+ rosarians who attended. Thanks to all of our members who worked to make it a success.

Five States Have a Rose as the Official Sate Flower

The states and their flower are New York (the rose), Oklahoma (Oklahoma), Georgia (Cherokee), and Iowa and North Dakota (Wild Prairie). This is rose trivia that you may want to add to your trivia that you have stored away about roses.

August Consulting Rosarian Report

By Martha Jean Woodward

We hope that each of you have been doing what you know to do to get you through the long hot summer (remember that summer is not yet over). Basically it is the routine garden activities of water, fertilize, spray and dead head.

Watering is probably the most important thing that you do for your roses. The correct amount of water is critical (enough but not too much). The amount of water will depend a great deal on the condition of your soil and the way it drains. Ideally your soil composition should allow water to pass through the soil at a slow enough rate so that nutrients can be taken up by the plant roots. You should water well both before and after fertilizing your plants. Overhead water can be beneficial. Be sure to allow the foliage to dry completely during the day after watering overhead. Rain during the summer has been more generous than in recent years.

Fertilizer both chemical and organic is necessary for good plant growth. Chemical fertilizers can easily be washed away with heavy summer rains. Carefully monitor your plants to decide if more fertilizer is needed. Remember that in the summer we grow plants. Blooms may not be as plentiful and will be smaller, but plants should grow well.

Blackspot is the thing that gives us more problems in the summer than most other things. It loves hot humid weather. There are many spray materials that are used, but the tried and true is Manzate. It is not expensive and is effective. However, it will leave a residue on your foliage. Do not spray in the heat of the day. Be sure to water well before you spray.

Regularly cutting spent blooms which we call dead-heading will help your plants produce more blooms and repeat bloom faster. Do this as often as you have time. If you allow seed pods (hips) to form it gives the plant a signal to become dormant. Remember to cut above a five-leaflet leaf since this is where the new growth and next blooms should be formed. Remove any old and diseased leaves from your bush or that have fallen on the mulch to help in preventing further problems.

Toward the end of the month or early September (Labor Day weekend) do a cut back of about one third and add organics since they will help greatly with fall blooms.

Lastly remember to take care of yourself. Work only in the early morning or late evening. Never work in the heat of the day.

You should be growing beautiful roses to enjoy. Share them with friends and plan to enter the Tallahassee Society rose show at the end of October.

Let's Talk About Fertilizers

We know when we are hungry. Plants are like us they get hungry too, but it harder for them to communicate their needs for food and water to us. It is important that their needs are met and it is also important that the times and amounts are also met. Too little results in plants that do not grow well and produce a bountiful supply of blooms; however, too much may be equally harmful.

There are many kinds of fertilizers and it is a challenge to select the proper ones to use. It is well known that roses are heavy feeders and should be fertilized regularly during the growing season. Plants need the three nutrients—Nitrogen, Phosphorus and Potassium. Nitrogen helps with above ground canes and produces healthy, vegetative, green growth, phosphorus helps roots by making for strong roots and flower production, potassium is used by the whole plant and encourages growth and helps the plant through stressed times. The other nutrients that roses need are calcium, magnesium, sulfur, boron, copper, iron, manganese and zinc. Magnesium (Epson Salts) is particularly important. It is recommended to be used at the beginning of the growing season in amounts of one third to one half cup per plant. Quality fertilizers will contain both the major macronutrients and the micronutrients.

Fertilizers are either organic or inorganic. Organic ones are manures, compost or other plant or animal products and are better for the environment as they improve your soil. Healthy soil makes for healthy roses. Inorganic fertilizers are manufactured and come in forms of water soluble or liquid, granular and slow-release. Remember that inorganic fertilizers do not help in conditioning your soil. The general rule is to fertilize roses every 4-6 weeks during the growing season with granular fertilizer. Weather conditions are more important than an actual date. In spring when you have 4 to 6 inches of growth it is time to start fertilizing. In the fall stop fertilizing about 8 weeks before you usually have your first frost. Tender new growth maybe harmed by frost.

It is best to fertilize roses in containers with a water-soluble or liquid fertilizer and frequently.

If you are following these basic recommendations and are having nutrition problems, check your pH levels. Roses like a pH level of 6.0 to 6.5. A soil test can help to determine problems.

Finally, remember to water your roses both before and after fertilizing washing the foliage so that the fertilizer will not damage the foliage.

*"Live as if you were to die tomorrow.
Learn as if you were to live forever."*

Mahatma Gandhi

Upcoming Society Programs and Events

August Meeting—Thursday, August 18 at 7:00 pm.

"Summer Care of Roses", Bill Dority, society member.

September Meeting—Thursday, September 15 at 7:00 pm. "Landscaping with Roses"

October Meeting—Thursday, October 20 at 7:00 pm.

"Show Challenge Classes", society members.

Annual Rose Show—October 29-30. Contact Robert Schelhorn, 850-907-1325, b.schelhorn@yahoo.com or Mary Maud Sharpe, 850-878-9625, wjmmsharpe@aol.com.

DSD Events

Fall Convention and Rose Show—October 7-9.

Hosted by Atlanta Rose Societies. Contact Chris Woods, 770-309-0645, cewoods1268@yahoo.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 7:00 pm on the third Thursday of the month except June and July at the Jubilee 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 Kay Harrell, 121 Shore Rush Circle, St. Simons Island, GA 31522-1420

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