

Regarding Roses

Tallahassee Area Rose Society

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President's Message By Jan Godfrey

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First, I would like to thank Bob Schelhorn for agreeing to take on the responsibilities as a Board Member of TARS. I look forward to his input and further contribution to the Society.

February is one of my favorite months of the year. My field is vibrant green with the perennial rye and early herbs— weeds to most—against the brown of last year's finished plants. Daffodils, my other passion, have been blooming since November and will continue until late March but February always brings the widest variety of colors, shapes and aromas.

But for me, the best part of February is the Rose Sale! I look forward to it every year. I spend hours going over the available roses and trying to decide which few I will get this year and where I will

plant them. Well, when Tim and I get to Goodwood, plans go out the door and the number of roses that "I must have" increases considerably. We always end up with a much larger number of roses than we had intended. All of the roses in my gardens have come from Goodwood and I am sure that the new additions will fit right in. I hope that you all found at least one rose that had to be added to your collection.

It's time to prune! This month's program will be all about pruning by ARS Master Rosarian, Hank Rosen. We all need to be out there this month pruning to remove diseased and dead stems as well as reducing the overall size of the plant to encourage new healthy growth and of course the first spring bloom.

Are your pruners sharp enough to cut paper? We'll have a demonstration and tips to help you do it yourself

during the refreshment and fellowship time. There is information in the newsletter, if you can't make it to the meeting.

Hope to see you there.

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Pruning Roses

Thanks to Hank Rosen for sharing his tips on pruning roses for our February program. Even though you may have experience there are always tips you can learn from other rosarians and tips you may have learned that you can share with them. Let's share our experiences. Pruning can be one of the very best things you do this year for the roses in your garden. See you there!

Thought You'd Like To Know—Jema

Jema is an Astor Perry hybrid tea that was introduced in 1982. It is an apricot blend with 45 petals. It has a rating of 7.9 and has a strong fragrance. The bloom form is high centered which makes it a good exhibition rose. It is good for garden as it blooms throughout the season. The plant is a

tall vigorous grower. It was one of the favorites of the late Margaret Donaldson, a charter member of TARS. It is also a favorite of Hank Rosen, a member of TARS.

(Editor's Note)

I have recently purchased a *Jema* from K & (Continued on page 2)



Jema
(Hybrid Tea)

February Meeting

Date: Thursday, February 16, 2017
Time: 7:00 pm
Place: Jubilee Cottage, Goodwood Museum and Gardens, 1600 Miccosukee Rd., Tallahassee, Florida
Program: "Pruning, Why, When, How". Speaker Hank Rosen. Come and learn how to prune for great roses this spring bloom season. There will also be tips on sharpening clippers during the refreshment/fellowship time.

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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

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M Nurseries for planting this spring. I hope it will do as well for me as it did for Margaret. The photo is of a bloom that is on the potted plant I have on my front porch that I plan to plant soon.

Goodwood Roses

The Goodwood volunteers report that roses have done well. If you would like to volunteer in this propagating program come to Goodwood on Saturday mornings from 9:00 am till noon. We have recently added new volunteers to the Goodwood group and would be pleased to have others. There is always something to do. For more information contact any of the regular volunteers:

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The 2017 rose sale on Saturday, February 11, was quite successful. Thank to the many members who were there to help. There are still plants available and will be sold each Saturday from 9:00 am till noon. Some plants are being reserved for planting at Goodwood. We'll keep you updated about the new rose garden there.

Dues are Due / ARS Trial Membership

The treasurer is still collecting 2017 dues. In addition to the local society, ARS offers a free Trial Membership Program. A new member of a local society, who is not already an ARS member receives a four month membership in ARS at no cost to the new member or to the local society. It includes two issues of the American Rose magazine and much more. If you know someone that is interested, please let them know of this offer. Dues are due for 2017 membership in the society. An additional form is enclosed, if you have not yet paid your dues.

CR / Exhibitor's School

In 2015 the Tallahassee, Thomasville and Wiregrass societies sponsored a Consulting Rosarian School and in 2016 these societies sponsored an Exhibitors School. Both proved to be a success. We have been asked if these societies would again repeat these schools. Please let members of the board know if you are interested in attending either or both of these schools. We are considering doing a CR School in June of 2017. It has been proposed that they be conducted on alternate years. We would need to make arrangements with Goodwood soon to schedule Jubilee Cottage. We have had several ideas that might improve the schools. If you have attended in the past, we would like your comments good and bad. We hope that we have learned what worked and what didn't, but your input would be a great help in making the decision to continue the schools. You do not have to be or become a consulting rosarian to attend—just an interest in growing better roses. We are centrally located which makes it easier travel for many in the district.

Tallahassee Area Rose Society Meeting

January 19, 2017, Jubilee Cottage - Goodwood

The meeting was called to order by President Jan Godfrey at approximately 7:04 pm.

There were no meeting minutes, since there was no meeting in December. Instead, TARS members were invited to a delightful holiday party in the beautiful Nimis home.

Mary Maud Sharpe presented the Treasurer's Report which was accepted.

Mary Maud also announced that trophies have been engraved for next year's show.

Mark Tancig, Leon County Extension Officer, presented an interesting and informative program on soil testing and improvement to aid in growing the most beautiful roses. He noted that the best way to start was to get the soil tested, and he made available soil sample bags, test forms, and information for collecting soil sample and submitting them to the UF/IFAS Extension Soil Testing Laboratory in Gainesville. (IFAS stands for Institute of Food and Agricultural Sciences.) Mark noted that roses prefer loose, well-drained soil with ample organic matter and a pH of 5.5 to 6.5. The ideal would be clay loam, containing a little clay, a little sand, and a little silt. The main minerals needed are nitrogen, phosphorus, and potassium, along with calcium, magnesium, and several micronutrients. The soil pH is important and affects the availability of many minerals. For example, at high (alkaline) pH, iron is not very available. For the crop code on the Test Form, roses would be listed as 602 (woody ornamentals or trees in the landscape) or 603 (landscape azaleas, camellias, gardenias, hibiscus or ixora). Nitrogen is not tested for because it is too unstable for good results; the general recommendation is to apply 0.2 pounds of nitrogen per 100 square feet. This would be, for example, 2 pounds of 10/10/10 (nitrogen/phosphorus/potassium) per 100 square feet. Slow-release fertilizer should be used after pruning and in late summer, with water-soluble fertilizer used during the main growing season. Organic fertilizers tend to be slow-release, as they need to be broken down before the plants can use them, but they generally are more expensive. Mineral fertilizers tend to be quick release. Bone meal can provide calcium. Lime can be used to raise the pH; hydrated lime is fast acting, while dolomitic lime is slower acting. Mushroom compost also raises the pH, while sulfur-containing compounds can help to lower the pH. The American Rose Society can be a source of information for recommended rose feeding levels.

Marion Nimis won the drawing and received a small chalk board.

The meeting was adjourned at about 8:15 pm, followed by delicious refreshments.

Respectfully submitted by

Janet Newburgh

Secretary

"Don't wait for your ship to come in, swim out to it."

February Consulting Rosarian Report

By Mary Maud Sharpe

We hope you have planned the changes you wish to make in your garden for the spring. Now is the time to put those plans into action. The local nurseries have plants and it is time to begin planting, pruning and all the other routines of watering, fertilizing, spraying and replacing mulch. There is a hint of spring in the air. Some flowering trees are blooming. Pruning is the most important task and it needs to be completed usually by the first week of March in our area. There are general rules that need to be followed, but each plant grows differently and each rosarian has their own approach and guidelines. One rule is don't worry after you have pruned because you can't put a lopped off cane back on the bush. Very rarely will a plant die from pruning. Generally it seems to give them the energy to come back and begin their new growth. There have been volumes written about pruning and it is worth while to read articles by other rosarians. However, if your way is working, stick to it. Come to our February meeting and program! Contact any of the Consulting Rosarians for help.

2017 DSD Mid-Winter Meeting

The dates are January 20-22. We hope that many of our members will plan to attend. The list of speakers is Pat Shanley, President of ARS, David Clemons, hybridizer of miniature and miniflora roses, Gaye Hammond, Past President of the Houston Rose Society, and Allen Owings, Professor of Horticulture at LSU. The theme of the meeting is "Grow, Show, Share" and you will hear from some of the top rose speakers. There is information on each speaker in the winter edition of the DSD Bulletin. Plan to make entries in the photo contest. Included are an arrangement workshop on Friday afternoon, a welcome reception and supper, Saturday speakers, raffle, awards dinner, vendors and Sunday a consulting rosarian school. For more information see contact information on the registration form. Information was sent to you earlier. We'll answer questions at the meeting and it is not too late to plan to go.

TARS Board Met in January

The 2017 TARS board met to finalize events, committees and other items of business for the year. However, if you have ideas of things you would like to have the society undertake this year you may still contact the president or any member of the board with suggestions. It will be greatly appreciated. The one big event will be the hosting of the DSD annual convention and rose show. This rose show will be our local show for the year and we will need the help of all members to make it a success. You will be hearing more about this soon! Suggestions for activities may be repeating events from the past or things we have never tried. Program subjects will be welcomed. If you have a committee you would like to be a member of, volunteer now.

Tips on Sharpening Your Clippers

1. 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.
2. 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.
3. Use white grease (buy at local hardware stores or auto supply stores) on the inside part of the blades and wipe off excess.
4. Reassemble the clippers and adjust the tension on the nut so that the clippers move freely, but are firmly tightened.
5. 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.
6. Congratulations!

Convention and Rose Show

In 2017 the Tallahassee Area Rose Society and the Thomasville Rose Society will be hosting this annual event. Plans are beginning to be made and we will need your help in making it a success. This event will be in October (tentative dates of 26-28) and will be our TARS rose show as well as the district show. You will be hearing much more about this during the coming year. If you have ideas for speakers please contact the president. The district officials will help with plans since this is a district event. This will be a great opportunity to attend an annual district convention since there will not be out of town travel. Let's make this a memorable one! We need a theme too, so be thinking.

Thanks to Hank Rosen

Tallahassee Nurseries hold interesting events on Saturday mornings on a variety of subjects. Last Saturday morning the subject was roses and Hank Rosen presented the program encouraging interested folks to grow beautiful roses. He also told them about TARS and the activities we host each year, the CR program that is our outreach to help both new and older rosarians and answered rose culture questions. Thanks Hank for being our ambassador and sharing your love of roses.

Upcoming Society Programs and Events

February—Hank Rosen, Master Rosarian, will present the program on “Pruning—Why, When and How”.

March—Bob Schelhorn will present the program on “Rose recommended Varieties that do Well in Our Area”.

April—TBA

May— Covered Dish Picnic TBA

DSD Events

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.

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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