

# Regarding Roses

## Tallahassee Area Rose Society

*Affiliated with The American Rose Society*



## President's Message By Marion Nimis

December 2014

Merry Christmas all. I imagine you had a wonderful Thanksgiving. The deer made a real Thanksgiving dinner out of my roses—they must have had out-of-town relatives the way they ate.

This is the first December newsletter for TARS. I want to invite everyone to the TARS Christmas party at my house on Sunday, December 21, from 3:00 to 4:30. Look for the details in this newsletter. Everyone is very busy this time of year, so we understand if you can't come. Do try to be there however because at 3:30 I'm going to present the Bronze Medal. Hope to see you there even if it's only for a short time. Meanwhile, do as your roses are doing. Go dormant and get plenty of rest to get ready for the new year. There will be plenty of work to do

when Valentine's Day arrives. Don't forget to continue watering your roses, but otherwise leave them alone.

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### Christmas Social

Early in the year Program Chairman, Cheryl Gibbons, suggested that we have a Christmas Social during the month of December. The board whole heartedly agreed and so for the first time the society is going to have a party!

President Marion Nimis has graciously invited member to gather at her home. A map is enclosed to help you and a telephone number is listed so that you can reach her. She plans to have balloons on the mail box.

We hope that this will be the start of another event for members to get to know each other better. It is a drop in

event, but plan if possible to be there for the bronze medal presentation at 3:30 p.m. There will be light refreshments.

### Member Help Needed

The society is still in need of a person to fill the Vice-President position for the society.

If you would be willing to serve or know of a member who you think might serve. Please contact President Marion Nimis with suggestions. Her contact information is listed at the end of the president's message. According to the by-laws the board is responsible for filling any vacancy of the board of directors. The Vice-President acts if the President is unable, serves as a Board Member and may be Chairman of a committee, though not necessarily Program Committee Chairman.

### Society Christmas Social

**Date:** Sunday, December 21, 2014

**Time:** Beginning 3:00 p.m.

**Place:** Home of President Marion Nimis, 2105 Miller Landing Road, Tallahassee, Florida.

**Program:** There will be good food and fellowship. The Bronze Medal for 2014 Outstanding Service to the society will be presented. You will want to be there to congratulate the recipient.

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## Thought You'd Like To Know – Iceberg

*Iceberg* is a white floribunda that was introduced in 1958. It was developed by a German rose breeder, Reimer Kordes and is among the world's best known roses. The parent varieties are Robin Hood and Virgo. There are a number of sports that have been

discovered. Among them are Blushing Pink Iceberg, Brilliant Pink Iceberg, Burgundy Iceberg and Climbing Iceberg. Iceberg was an important parent of David Austin English Roses. The plants are generally disease free, but can have

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*Iceberg*  
(Floribunda)

### 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)

black spot in humid climates. The bloom may be used as cut flowers and have a strong fragrance. It is known for winter hardiness and can be grown in large pots. The climbing Iceberg should not be pruned for the first two years and after that pruned sparingly. It blooms on old wood only. Iceberg was a favorite rose of a now deceased member of the society. He planted it along the front walk way leading to his home.

### *Mid-Winter Meeting*

This 2015 event is planned as a joint meeting of the Carolina and Deep South Districts. It will be held in Savannah, Georgia at the Savannah Desoto Hilton in the heart of the historic district, on January 9-11, 2015. You can call for reservation availability at 1-877-280-0751. A registration form was sent to you earlier. DSD needs volunteers for the many things that need to be done. Contact Karen Prevatt 813-634-1830, or [kprevatt@verizon.net](mailto:kprevatt@verizon.net) with questions and to volunteer. There will be arrangement workshops on Friday. Session I is 9:30—11:30 a.m. and Session II is 1:00 to 3:00 p.m. The consulting rosarian school is on Sunday from 8:00 a.m. till noon. Mark your calendar, make your reservation and plan to attend. District events are special and this one will be "especially" special.

### *Soil Adjustments*

Now is an excellent time to prepare new beds for planting. If beds are prepared now they will have time to "mellow". If your beds have been ground level and have not drained well, you might want to consider raised beds. There are many materials available to build raised beds. Materials that are generally used are concrete blocks, bricks, old railroad ties and treated lumber. Be sure to not use lumber that has creosote. These beds are generally 4 to 12 inches above the surrounding ground. The beds should be constructed so as to have drain spaces. Better drainage for your roses equals more success with your roses. It is also a good time to adjust your current beds with some new materials and to adjust the pH if necessary. This is generally the time of year that rosarians have a soil test done on existing beds. We will have soil test kits available at the Christmas Social, or you can get them from the Extension Service located at 615 Paul Russell Road, Tallahassee. Instructions on how to obtain your soil sample are included in the kit. The charge is nominal. Your test results will help you in determining what you need to add to make your beds their best. If your beds have become compact, loosen them. Most rosarians use a pitch fork to do this so as to not damage the roots. Add extra mulch if needed to retain moisture and deter weeds in both existing and new beds.

## *MINUTES OF THE TALLAHASSEE AREA ROSE SOCIETY MEETING November 16, 2014*

The November meeting of the Tallahassee Area Rose Society for 2014 was held at 3:00 pm at Goodwood Museum and Gardens at the Laundry Cottage. President Marion Nimis presided and welcomed members. The minutes for the month of October were approved as published in the November newsletter. Mary Maud Sharpe gave the treasurer's report which was approved by the membership. The fund totals \$2,211.82. Income for the month included \$92 for sale of roses at the rose show and \$35 in new memberships. There were \$164.29 in expenses for rose show awards.

In lieu of a program members discussed ways to increase publicity and attendance for the show, attract additional rosarians to exhibit flowers and reduce workload for setting up the show. Mary Maud Sharpe gave statistics on the numbers of entries to the show. There was no count of attendees, formal evaluation or surveys. Marion Nimis thanked members for all their assistance in preparing the show with special recognition to Bob Schelhorn who chaired the show and prepared the Saturday lunch.

Former President/Nominating Committee Chairman, Pat Stanford announced the slate of officers for the coming year. They are: Marion Nimis, President; Vice-President, still vacant; Karen Jackson, Secretary; Mary Maud Sharpe, Treasurer; Hank Rosen, Pat Stanford and Ann Stevens, Board Members. Members approved unanimously.

Marion Nimis announced that the Bronze Medal will be awarded at 4:00 pm during the Society Christmas Party to be held at Marion's house at 2105 Miller Landing Road on Sunday, December 21, 3:00-5:00 pm.

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, January 18, at Goodwood at 3:00 pm.

Respectfully submitted,  
*Karen Jackson*  
Secretary

### *Join The American Rose Society*

There are many benefits for rosarians offered by the American Rose Society. Visit the web site at [www.ars.org](http://www.ars.org) to learn about these benefits and view an issue of American Rose magazine.

### *Happiness*

*"Thousands of candles can be lit from a single candle, and the life of their candle will not be shortened. Happiness never decreases by being shared."*

Buddha



## ***December Consulting Rosarian Report***

By Mary Maud Sharpe

I like December because it is Christmas and because it gives me a chance to start over with new plans for my roses. I have resolved to do a better job of taking care of my roses and am looking forward to a great spring bloom. The two Peggy Martin roses (the rose that survived Katrina) have done well and they are keepers. Their spring bloom has been great for the past several years.

Holiday time is basically planning and get ready time for rosarians in our area. Decide which roses you will keep and which new ones you will add to your garden. Order or purchase new roses early for best selection. If you plan to move any of your roses to a new location, our dormant time late January or February is best. Cutting extended roots with a shovel prior to moving is generally recommended. Take as much surrounding soil as you can as you make the move. Remember to water well.

Inventory your tools and supplies and make your purchases for the growing season. Leave some hints for Santa of the things you want. Check your sprayer and your irrigation system (if you have one).

Resolve to keep records of when and what you use for fertilizers and spray materials. Records are better than memories.

Please wait until mid February to prune roses. You'll be glad you did. Dead wood may be pruned at any time and doing this early will help when it is pruning time.

If you have questions, ask other rosarians at the meetings. They will be pleased to share their experiences with you.

### ***TARS Bronze Medal***

Just one more reminder that this award will be made at the December TARS party. You will want to be there to congratulate the recipient of this year's award. Mark your calendar for December 21 and plan to join us.

### ***Goodwood Roses***

The volunteers at Goodwood are still continuing to move rooted cuttings into larger pots. The major sale is scheduled for mid February and the plants look good. 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 member can give during the week or on Saturday mornings with the propagating folks.

## ***A Year of Roses***

### **January**

- Make plans for the year.
- Order Plants and supplies.
- Clean up existing beds.

### **February**

- Prune (Valentine's Day is generally perfect time in our area).
- Add organics, lime and Epsom salts.
- Re-mulch.

### **March**

- Begin spraying when bushes leaf out.
- Water. water, water.
- Wash foliage with water if frost forms.

### **April**

- Watch for insects and disease and take action.
- Enjoy your first blooms.

### **May**

- Continue to water, fertilize and spray during the bloom cycles.
- Deadhead spent blooms.

### **June**

- Protect yourself from summer heat. Work in your garden in early morning or late evening

### **July**

- Roses will be stressed and blooms will be small. Don't despair and continue your rose care.

### **August**

- Remove any dead wood.
- Cooler weather is on the way.

### **September**

- Do a cut back pruning on Labor Day for bigger better fall blooms.
- Fertilize and do other maintenance as in the spring.
- Add extra mulch if needed.

### **October**

- Enjoy some of the best blooms of the year!
- Exhibit at the local show.

### **November**

- Discontinue feeding your plants. Tender new growth can be harmed during fall and winter cold weather.
- Discontinue deadheading and allow plants to become dormant.

### **December**

- Prepare new beds and have a soil test done.
- Reminisce on your fun year with roses.

***Invite Your Rose Friends  
to the Christmas Social***

## Upcoming Society Programs

**December 21: Society Christmas Party:** Home of Marion Nimis

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

### 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

### DSD Events

**January 9-11, 2015: Carolina and Deep South Districts Mid-Winter Meeting:** Hilton Savannah Desoto, 877-280-0751. Contact Karen Prevatt 813-634-1830, kprevatt@verizon.net. The theme is Savannah Magic.

### 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](http://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](http://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](mailto: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. It is also available to members who do not have an e-mail address. Contact Phil Paul at 210 Third Street West #4110, Bradenton, FL 34205, 941-345-4911, [rosesrus65@verizon.net](mailto:rosesrus65@verizon.net).

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