

# Regarding Roses

## Tallahassee Area Rose Society

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## President's Message By Marion Nimis

October 2014

Here in Tallahassee, it's been an up-and-down month for roses. A few weeks ago I was delighted to see everyone's rose gardens looked as bad as mine (schadenfreude: pleasure derived from the misfortunes of others). Suddenly, a miracle, called cooler weather, happened, and even my roses began to look good – I actually entertained a short-lived fantasy about entering a novice rose class. This week, I watched a heavy wind blow by rose petals to kingdom come and torrential rain dealt the final blow.

Mike Herrin of Goodwood gave a brief presentation during our September meeting. Goodwood has reached a turning point where they can't maintain many of the rose bushes planted by TARS members years ago. Currently there's no one to

water, fertilize, or prune roses except for Mike who has too many other things to do. Goodwood hasn't the money or manpower to continue and has decided to remove lots of roses. The rose propagation and sale will continue as long as John Sullivan can manage with his Saturday morning volunteers. It's a huge job and they could use more volunteers. Please sign up if you can. Several board members are concerned about getting cuttings for the rose sale. If TARS wants to save Goodwood roses beyond the ones already slated for removal, it's up to TARS. Mike Herrin and the Goodwood Garden Committee remain open to suggestions. Please let me know if any of you are willing and able to help retain more Goodwood roses. I need to know who in TARS has bought Goodwood roses so we have addi-

tional sources for cuttings. Please e-mail me if you have any.

Cheryl has arranged a marvelous treat for us on Sunday, October 19, at 3:00 pm. We're touring the gardens of Neil and Carol Sheppard in Woodgate. I hope we'll have a terrific turnout. This is a unique opportunity to see a private "British" rose garden.

Meanwhile the 30th annual rose show is just days away (October 25–26). Let's really enjoy this one. We need to attract new members, have more exhibitors and increase the number of visitors. There's a lot of work to do. If members can only offer one or two hours, it would be wonderful. There are knowledgeable, nice, kind people to help you identify and show your roses.

Don't forget that we (Continued on Page 2)

### Society Meeting

Date: Sunday, October 19, 2014

Time: 3:00 p.m.

Place: Garden of Neil and Carol Sheppard, 1436 Woodgate Way, Tallahassee, Florida. See map enclosed.

Program: Tour the "British" rose garden of Neil and Carol Sheppard. Neil will give a guided tour, tell his rose culture practices, and answer any questions from TARS members. Don't miss this.

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## Thought You'd Like To Know – Rhode Island Red

*Rhode Island Red* is a large-flowered climber that was bred by the Brownell Family in 1957 that can be used as a pillar. The color is a dark currant-red and the blooms have 30 to 35 petals. The blooms are cupped, have a moderate fragrance and repeat

bloom on the current year's growth. The foliage is dense, medium green. The growth habit is lateral as well as vertical and it can be trained along a fence or wall. The rating is 7.7. It is sometimes called Fields of the Wood which is a found rose at a Christian (Continued on Page 2)



*Rhode Island Red*  
(Large-Flowered Climber)

### 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)***

Retreat of the same name in North Carolina. It has been on the Goodwood list of roses for sale and some of you may already have it in your garden. If not, you may want to add one to your collection of roses.

### ***President's Message (Continued)***

have a new photography exhibit. See the schedule for more information and plan to enter.

I hate to harp, but rose shows are about showing roses. So unless you're looking at the rose bush wreckage I'm facing, please, **please** bring your roses and friends to the 30th rose show. I expect you all to be there so I can meet you and together we can join in the fun.

### ***Awards for the Rose Show***

Cheryl Gibbons, chairman for the awards committee for the rose show will still accept awards or monies to purchase awards. Please contact her ASAP. You may bring your donations to the meeting or she can be reached at 850-668-5247, cherbel@comcast.net.

### ***Looking Forward to Fall***

**TARS Annual Rose Show:** The Annual 2014 Rose Show is planned for October 25 and 26 at the Conner Building where the society has previously held this event. Chairman Bob Schelhorn and committee chairmen are working on plans. You may contact Bob at 850-907-1325 or bschelhorn@comcast.net and volunteer to help.

**DSD Convention and Rose Show:** The Gainesville Rose Society will be hosting this event in Gainesville, Florida, at the Best Western, Gateway Grand. We are fortunate that it will be close and travel distance will not be too long. The dates are October 31—November 2. We will have more registration form and schedules of events at the Sunday tour. The rose show will be inspiring. **Plan to attend and exhibit at the show.** At district events you get to meet so many other rosarians and learn from them. You will make friends that will last a lifetime.

### ***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 reservations at 1-877-280-0751. The room rate is \$115 per night. DSD needs volunteers for the many things that need to be done. Contact Karen Prevatt 813-634-1830, or kprevatt@verizon.net with questions and to volunteer. Registration form will be available soon. Mark your calendar, make your reservation and plan to attend. District events are special and this one will be "especially" special.

### ***MINUTES OF THE TALLAHASSEE AREA ROSE SOCIETY MEETING — September 21, 2014***

The September meeting of the Tallahassee Area Rose Society for 2014 was held at 3:00 at Goodwood Museum and Gardens at Jubilee Cottage. President Marion Nimis presided and welcomed members. The minutes for the month of August were approved as published in the September newsletter. Mary Maud Sharpe gave the treasurer's report which was approved by the membership. She reported there are 84 paid members. Anticipated show expenses include, judges honorarium, lunch for judges, exhibitors and members, and additional show supplies. The annual contribution to Goodwood Museum and Gardens in the amount of \$250 will need to be made in early October.

Mike Herrin, Director of Facilities and Horticulture at Goodwood, informed members that Goodwood could no longer sustain the numerous plantings of antique roses and shared a design of a much smaller rose presence for the property. He asked for input from members. He questioned the need to preserve many antique varieties since they were available in private gardens in the area. Members suggested he consult with various gardening organizations in the community for input and possibly contacting WCTV to appear on a local news show to bring more interest from the public. Members discussed at length the decline of the rose gardens as a result of neglect for want of staff and volunteers to maintain the plants, watering system, etc.

Priscilla Hudson, a Master Gardener and consultant on permaculture, was the featured speaker on the importance of pollinators in the garden.

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, October 19, at Goodwood at 3 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

*Karen Jackson*

Secretary

(Some individual members continued the discussion with Mike following the meeting.)

### ***Notes About the Rose Garden Tour Meeting***

The garden of Neil and Carol Sheppard promises to be a delightful treat for TARS members. Cheryl Gibbons invited Neil to come and speak to us and he made the gracious offer for us to come to his garden since he felt he could better explain his rose culture practices to us by showing us his garden. He has many of the roses from Goodwood sales and was a friend of the late Bill Kerber who brought life to the Goodwood rose gardens. The weather is predicted to be perfect. He is British and visits there often. His wife is a delight too.



## **October Consulting Rosarian Report**

By Bob Schelhorn

You're a member of the Tallahassee Area Rose Society. You pay your dues. You read the newsletter. You may even attend the meetings and call yourself a rosarian...But, do you exhibit? NO!!?! I didn't think so. How come? Your roses won't win? You've never done it before? You work on Saturdays? You can't find Doyle Conner Building? PUHLLLEEEZZ!!! Admit it! You're Chicken.

Step up to the plate, Chickens. The Society needs you to exhibit. It might be fun. You could even win a ribbon. You will see some friends and make some new ones. You will walk away from the show feeling good. I guarantee it. Having participated, you will have become part of the solution rather than part of the problem.

Yes, it is a little intimidating at first. Don't even glance at Glenn Schulman's exhibits until they are on the awards table. Yes, you don't know what the hell you are doing. Your favorite rose has thrips (Conserve). You gotta get up early. Your bunions hurt. You are low on gas. Your dog eat your homework. Tuff. Exhibit anyway!

Start by enlisting a fellow rosarian (an exhibitor, a consulting rosarian or a master consulting rosarian, preferably), for guidance. Read the rose show schedule. Mary Maud Sharpe will send you one. Highlight the classes that apply to you. Make a list of questions to ask—it should be pretty long. Get and prepare some entry tags before hand. Grab a sheet of address labels that Jerry Lewis sent you after receiving that last check. Sharpen a couple of pencils. Get some rubber bands. Scissors. Clippers. Q-Tips (haven't quite figured out why you need these, but the big dogs use 'em by the gross). The 2014 ARS Handbook—vital for spellings and classifications. Finally, skip your morning coffee—you'll be jacked enough. Make yourself a nice refreshing Bloody Caesar (Vodkas and Clamato) to calm the nerves. Best of luck. See you at the show.

### **More About the Rose Show**

There are enclosures that give you an invitation to lunch on show day. We are asking members to contact others to assist in publicity. If you have more questions, contact the president or show chairman. Their contact information is shown on page 4.

One of the society members, Seymour Rosen, has asked that the society include a photography division in the show. Plan to be a photo exhibitor too!

Schedules are available. We hope that you are planning to exhibit and also planning to volunteer to help with placement, clerking, set up/take down, etc. Helping at the show is a good way to get to know other TARS members.

## **How to be a Winning Exhibitor**

**Learn How to Grow Good Roses**—Learning to grow good roses is a work in progress. Learn the basics and then continue to do the things that have proven successful for you. It is better to have fewer roses and take care of them well, than to have too many roses and not give proper care. Be sure to label each variety with the correct ARS exhibition name. Roses are disqualified if not properly named.

**Read and Understand the Schedule**—It is very important to read and understand all the rules governing the show. If you have questions ask the show chairman or the classification chairman.

**Selecting Blooms**—The blooms from your garden that you plan to exhibit at the show should be as perfect as possible. The form should be typical of the variety and generally be symmetrical. Blooms need to be fresh and if stamens are showing they need to be fresh with no discoloration. The petals should have substance. Follow the schedule to be sure your roses are in the form required for the class (exhibition; open or most perfect form of beauty).

**Cutting and Storing Blooms**—Cut your blooms as near to the show date as possible. However, they may be cut earlier and stored in a refrigerator. Be sure to cover all blooms that are stored to retain substance (this is not necessary if using a florist refrigerator). Refrigeration may change the color of some varieties. It is advisable to use a preservative if blooms are cut early and stored. (Four tablespoons of vinegar, four teaspoons of sugar and one half teaspoon of bleach in one gallon of water works well). Keep all foliage which will not be below the top of the show container. Clean foliage if spray materials are evident. Use a mild detergent solution. Protect foliage by wrapping (waxed paper works well) so that there are no tears in the leaves. If you need to remove any outside petals, gently rock them so as not to leave any evidence of removal. In removing petals balance the removal so that the bloom retains its symmetry.

**Transporting Blooms**—Carry your blooms to the show in a suitable container. Handle blooms very carefully. Do not allow your blooms to become bruised.

**Plan Your Entries**—Select which blooms will be entered in the classes you plan to enter. Obtain entry tags ahead of time and fill them out before the day of the show if possible. Use pencil to print cards legibly. Use preprinted address labels for name and address. This will save you time on show day.

**The Day of the Show**—Plan to arrive at the show early so that you will have time to enter all of your blooms. If you need help don't be afraid to ask. Select the proper container for your bloom(s). You may use a wedge to position your specimen in the container. To help open blooms gently blow into them. For floating exhibits, plan to enter them last as they may tend to sink with time. Attach your completed entry tag and take your entry to the classification table. Good luck!

### **Invite a Friend to the October Garden Tour Meeting**

### Upcoming Society Programs

**October 19: Society Meeting:** Tour of the Neil and Carol Sheppard garden, 1436 Woodgate Way. Tallahassee, FL at 3:00 pm.

**November 16: Society Meeting: TBA**

**December 21: Society Christmas Party:** Home of Cheryl Gibbons (More information later)

### TARS Events

**Annual Rose Show - October 25-26, 2014:** Contact Show Chairman Robert Schelhorn, 850-907-1325 or bschelhorn@comcast.net.

### DSD Events

**October 31—November 2, 2014: DSD Convention and Rose Show:** Best Western, Gateway Grand, Gainesville, FL. Contact Ralph and Jean Stream, 352-591-4474, streamj@gmail.com or Tom and Shirley Mullins, 352-378-4231, mullins32@bellsouth.net.

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

### 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.

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.

**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, July, and December 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. It will also be made available to members who do not have an e-mail address. Contact Phil Paul at 1106 Bullrush Terrace, Lakewood Ranch, FL 34202.

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