

Regarding Roses

Tallahassee Area Rose Society

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President's Message By Marion Nimis

September 2014

Welcome to September and the monsoon rains of northern Florida. I prayed for rain over Labor Day because I was leaving for five days. Nothing. Upon my return, the high heat, humidity, and torrential rain, did a real number on my roses. Every rose seemed to be a Mecca for black spot.

The big news is the upcoming TARS Rose Show, "Roses in the Red Hills", to be held October 25-26. I'm not too proud to beg, and I'm begging you all to exhibit roses. Otherwise we'll have bare spots on our tables. I thought the rules for exhibiting roses were written in Japanese until Mary Maud explained them to me. It's not that difficult and you may even win a prize. Growing a show-worthy rose is well beyond my reach. But I know most of you are very good at it.

Bring your roses so we can all enjoy them.

It would be good if we could attract more visitors, in fact, it's essential. There are so many beautiful roses and so many people working hard to make the show a success, we deserve a good turnout. I implore all TARS members to think PUBLICITY. I know from experience lots of people grow roses so there's real interest out there. We need to approach neighborhood associations, flyers up on church bulletin boards, work places, stores, and so forth. Please consider e-mailing friends, relatives, neighbors, co-workers, anyone and everyone!

We need all hands on deck to make everything shipshape for our show. Much as I hate the overuse of nautical references, this is the shot across the bow, for everyone who can, to come forward and help.

There will be camaraderie and laughter, especially if you are watching me trying to fill those teeny, tiny, glass vases with water without removing that wedge thingy first. The society invites judges, exhibitors, workers and members to lunch on show day.

Mary Maud Sharpe, one of the early members of the society, who is still extremely active, reminds me that 2014 is TARS rose show 30th anniversary. We should celebrate this anniversary. Please bring your ideas to our next regular meeting at 3:00 pm September 21 at the Jubilee Cottage at Goodwood. I'm looking forward to our speaker, Priscilla Parham Hudson. See you there.

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Thought You'd Like To Know – The Lady Gardener

The Lady Gardener is a new introduction for 2015. It is a shrub (English Rose) bred by David Austin. It is particularly interesting in that it is the first in the English Old Rose group that has an apricot color bloom. The color pales toward the outside of the petals. Blooms are ro-

sette shape with a large button eye which opens up. They are semi-double and large, about 4 inches across and have 65 petals. The petals are arranged in a quartered formation. The fragrance is a strong Tea, with a hint of cedar wood and vanilla. It repeat flowers (Continued on Page 2)



"The Lady Gardener"
(Shrub)

Society Meeting

Date: Sunday, September, 21, 2014

Time: 3:00 p.m.

Place: Jubilee Cottage, Goodwood Museum and Gardens, 1600 Miccosukee Road, Tallahassee, Florida

Program: Priscilla Hudson, a local Master Gardener will be the speaker. She will share some of her gardening experiences and what she has discovered in her gardening and beekeeping practices.

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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)

quickly and is very healthy. It is an excellent garden plant. If you like English Roses this new introduction may be an excellent one to add to your garden.

Meeting Notes

Priscilla Hudson, our speaker for the September program is a local Master Gardener, Permaculture Designer, Beekeeper and winner of an Aveeno \$10,000 grant to share the importance of pollinators with our community, which she has been doing for the last several years through visiting and volunteering in school gardens as well as giving talks and demonstrations to a variety of groups. Recognizing the connection of all things, Priscilla advocates organic gardening and the use of non-intrusive, sustainable practices. Priscilla will be sharing some of her gardening adventures as well as what she has discovered in her gardening and beekeeping practices.

Mike Herring, Goodwood Museum and Gardens, will briefly update us on the rose gardens at Goodwood and share with us future plans during our business part of the meeting.

If you would like to help provide refreshments for our social time, please contact Mary Maud Sharpe, 850-878-9625, wjmmsharpe@aol.com.

Goodwood Roses

We hope that you bought roses at the 2014 sale. Plants are still available on each Saturday morning until plants find a new home. The volunteers work on Saturday mornings from 9:00 am until noon. Rooting of new plants for next year's sale is continuing. Cuttings and additional volunteers will be welcomed. Contact John Sullivan for more information at joh4@aol.com.

Peace Garden

The new plants for the Peace Garden that were planted earlier seem to like their new home. The next work day will be October 1. The time is 9:00 a.m. and we should be finished in one hour or a little more. We plan to use Bayer Advanced All-In-One Rose & Flower Care throughout the season since it worked so well for us last year. We would be pleased to have you come and join us. The Peace Garden is located at the east end of the east most park in the chain of Parks on Park Avenue in the heart of Tallahassee.

Awards for the Rose Show

Cheryl Gibbons has graciously agreed to be the chairman for the awards committee for the rose show. If you would like to donate an award 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, cherbe1@comcast.net. Donations appreciated.

MINUTES OF THE TALLAHASSEE AREA ROSE SOCIETY MEETING August 17, 2014

The August meeting of the Tallahassee Area Rose Society for 2014 was held at 3:00 at Goodwood Museum and Gardens in the Laundry Cottage. President Marion Nimis presided and welcomed members. There were no minutes for the month of May since in May the group met for a picnic at the home of Marion Nimis. In the absence of the treasurer Karen Jackson gave the treasurer's report which was approved by the membership. She reported there are 82 paid members.

Marion Nimis reported that the June rose display at the Leon County Public Library was a success for both staff and patrons. Members contributed fresh roses to enhance the display. Many people expressed an interest in the society's activities and want to join.

John Sullivan presented a Power Point program on the types and sequencing of rose fertilization.

Members suggested many approaches for publicity for the rose show and the society. They included Facebook, the website, the Killearn neighborhood newsletter, a TV news spot, and garden club newsletter. Pat Stanford will design a flyer to distribute to key sites.

The theme for the rose show will be "Roses in the Red Hills."

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, September 21, at Goodwood. Priscilla Hudson will present a program on bees, pollinator plants, healthy soils and healthy amendments.

Respectfully submitted,

Karen Jackson

Secretary

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. A registration form and schedule of events are enclosed. 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.

September Consulting Rosarian Report

By Montine Herring

Hopefully the days will be getting a little cooler and you will be able to work longer in your garden. Here are some tips to get your rose plants ready for some great blooms to enjoy and exhibit in the fall shows.

We hope that you lightly pruned and fertilized your roses around Labor Day. Your plants need plenty of organics such as milorganite, cottonseed meal, and/or alfalfa meal to carry them through the winter. Chemical fertilizer is also needed, but remember to discontinue using a nitrogen fertilizer after the fall shows.

Continue to water regularly and deeply using about 1 to 2 inches a week, especially before and after fertilizing. A good layer of mulch helps to retain moisture and keep weeds at a minimum.

Continue with your spray program, alternating chemicals such as Banner Max or Manzate. Orthene misted just on the buds should control thrips which can ruin your beautiful blooms. Good undamaged blooms and clean foliage always win top honors.

Remember to get show schedules and exhibit for the TARS annual show, October 25-26 and the DSD annual Convention and Show October 31 - November 2.

Share your blooms with friends and good luck at the shows with your beautiful blooms.

More About the Rose Show

There is an enclosure that tells you some of the specifics of the rose show. We are asking members to share this information with others to assist in publicity. If you have more questions, contact the president or show chairman. Their contact information is shown.

One of the society members, Seymour Rosen, has asked that the society include a photography division in the show. If you would be interested in exhibiting your photos, contact show chairman Bob Schelhorn so that plans can be finalized. All supplies would be furnished by the society, help in entering would be available and anyone could enter this division (need not be a member of the society).

Schedules will be available soon. We hope that you are planning to exhibit and also planning to volunteer to help with placement, clerking, set up/take down, etc.

ARS Roses in Review

Annually ARS asks members to complete a form evaluating roses that they may have in their garden so that these evaluations can be used to publish the annual Handbook for Selecting Roses which gives rating for roses and determines top rated roses in a number of categories. If you have not already filled out the 2014 form, please do so. Even if you do not grow any of the rose listed, please return the form checking don't grow any of the rose listed. You can do this online if you like. ARS CR's are urged to participate and other members should too.

DSD Photo Contest Deadline October 1

Gear and Tips for Safe Gardening

There are many products on the market to help you protect yourself as you garden. Here are some tips for helping you with your next purchases.

- **Hands and Arms**

Gloves are a necessity and need to be practical. Gloves come in types that keep hands clean and allow the sense of touch or those that protect your hands and arms.

You will need different types for different jobs. They should fit well, not too tight or too loose. Leather gloves are best for pruning roses. Saddle soap or other leather treatment should be used to keep them soft. Remember to protect your arms also.

- **Elbows, Wrists, Legs and Knees**

Knees need the most protection. Knee pads that attach to your knees or kneeling pads made of soft foam or rubber are available. If possible, try them out in the store before purchasing. At Goodwood there are rolling carts that volunteers use to sit on as they weed. Cuff straps made for elbow injuries can be purchased at a drug-store. You may also want to use wrist braces. Shin guards are usually not need, unless you are prone to banging into things.

- **Face, Eyes and Ears**

Be aware of dangers to your eyes and ears. You can use ear plugs or ear pads/mufflers for more protection.

Glasses provide some protection for your eyes, but plastic goggles provide all-round protection. A good respirator is a must for rosarians who spray. It should fit your face correctly and have filters that are changed frequently. Try it on at the store and ask for help from the sales persons.

- **Head**

A hat or scarf gives protection. Your hat should have a wide brim. Baseball types cover the top of your head and shade your eyes, but do not protect you ears, necks and sides of your face. A straw hat or one made of other woven material works best since it breathes. Your hat Should protect your neck well, if not consider tucking a towel under your hat and let it drape over your neck. It is a good idea to use a sunscreen especially if you don't wear long sleeves. A waterproof variety that is labeled "broad spectrum" is best. See your doctor regularly to check any spots on your skin.

- **Feet**

Wear good sturdy shoes with thick soles. If you have weak arches, wear boots that lace up for more support. Keep your shoes soft the same way you do your leather gloves.

- **Miscellaneous Protection**

Use an insect repellent. Mosquitoes can be dangerous and are usually present late in the evening.

- **Tetanus Shots**

Lastly, don't forget to keep your tetanus shot up to date. Thorn pricks and other skin breaks happen frequently. If you don't know when you received your last shot, check with your doctor.

Invite a Friend to the September Meeting

Upcoming Society Programs

September 21: Society Meeting: Bees and how they pollinate our roses, etc. will be presented by Priscilla Parham Hudson.

October 19: Society Meeting: TBA

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.

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.ars.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

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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