

Regarding Roses

Tallahassee Area Rose Society

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President's Message By Marion Nimis

August 2014

Welcome to the dog days of summer. I know they're here because my roses look like "dogs" and so do I! About now I start regretting I ever complained about the cold! But I'm a Brit and the weather is the Brit's main topic of conversation. It's too hot, too cold, too wet, too dry. The other topic is a detailed discussion of their health. Y'all know not to greet a Brit with, "How are you?"

The when, why and how of fertilizing roses is so important because they are such heavy feeders. So it's my pleasure to tell you that our August meeting is a Power Point presentation and discussion. The title of the program is Fertilizing Roses, What They Need And How To Give It To Them. It's a timely program because we need to continue feeding roses during the growing season for a little longer.

Erratic fertilization is another reason why my roses look dreadful. I blame my husband Gerard for over-fertilizing my roses. He belongs to the "if a little is good, a lot is better" school. He recently gave the roses enough fertilizer to last a lifetime because he never wants to do it again. Disaster. Some roses died, some had dead canes, some need leaves, and the rest put out long thin shoots. I made the same mistake a few years ago. I was off to England and gave them three months supply all at once! Another disaster. Bill Dority suggested I put the correct combinations in paper bags. Small amounts for little roses, double for the big roses. I forgot to mark the bags, so half of the big roses had too little and the tiny ones got too much. Not quite the disaster, but not too good either.

Just a reminder that roses

should be lightly pruned, (more like a manicure really) at the end of August/early September. This means cutting out dead or rubbing canes and tidying them up. Don't cut them back too hard though. Less than one-third is generally recommended.

The TARS Rose Show, October 25-26, is hard upon us. Bob Schelhorn has been, in the words of Dylan Thomas, "Willingly Cornered", or successfully bribed into being our Rose Show Chair. At our July board meeting, we agreed that we should offer Bob all the help he needs to make the 2014 Show a great one. This year's theme is Roses in the Red Hills. Everyone knows more about the show than I do. So, I'm hoping you will identify your expertise

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Society Meeting
Date: Sunday, August, 17,
Time: 3:00 p.m.
Place: Laundry Cottage, Goodwood Museum and Gardens, 1600 Miccosukee Road, Tallahassee, Florida
Program: Fertilizing Roses / Why and How. Now is the time to give your roses a boost before their fall bloom and how and why you fertilize can make a difference in how your plants respond with larger and deeper colored blooms.

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Thought You'd Like To Know — Clotilde Soupert (Polyantha)

Clotilde Soupert is a polyantha that was introduced by Soupert and Notting in 1890 and is still quite popular. It has beautiful, distinctive blooms that have an intoxicating fragrance. The flowers are unusually large for a polyantha opening from buds to a warm rosy pink center

with more than 100 petals. As the blooms continue to open the outer petals become pearly white. It is a compact bush and the foliage is a rich medium green. It blooms in cycles from spring till frost. It is frequently compared to *Souvenir de la Malmaison* as

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"Clotilde Soupert"
(Polyantha)

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

President's Message (Continued)

and step forward to help out. I unwisely volunteered to be the Rose Show publicity chair—a bit like throwing myself into the deep end and not being able to swim. As in everything it's who you know. If any TARS members have contacts in the news media who could help us get material published, please e-mail me.

Many thanks to Mary Maud Sharpe for chairing the June library month. I understand a number of people took brochures, etc. Mary Maud and I represented the society with a display and handouts at the Leon County open house on Paul Russell Road May 31. Thanks to Pat Stanford who has developed a TARS Facebook page. I hope Pat will tell us all about it at our next meeting.

See you August 17 at 3:00 p.m. at the Goodwood Laundry Cottage.

I look forward to it.

Marion Nimis

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Thought You'd Like to Know (Continued)

the blooms are similar though smaller. It is somewhat tolerant of shade, good for bedding or mass plantings, suitable for hedging and rows and can be grown in pots. Cuttings root easily and Goodwood has offered it in the past. Many of you may have it in your garden. If not, you may want to try it as a new plant.

Goodwood Roses

We hope that you bought roses at the 2014 sale. Plants are still available on each Saturday morning until all 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 September 3. 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.

June was Library Month

The society had a number of visitors to the display of roses and rose books during the month of June at the main downtown Leroy Collins Library. We are pleased to learn that some of them are interested in roses and we have added them to the mailing list. Let's welcome them to the meetings and activities.

MINUTES OF THE TALLAHASSEE AREA ROSE SOCIETY PICNIC May 16, 2014

There was no business held at the picnic and no minutes to be published. However, a good time was enjoyed by the members who attended. The food was great, the weather perfect and the fellowship exceptional. Thanks to Marion Nimis and her husband Gerard for hosting this annual event for society members.

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. This will be our 30th show and we would like to make it the best ever!

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. It will be following our show and the dates are October 31—November 2. The registration form is available on the DSD website www.deepsouthdistrict.org. We will have this form and information at this month's meeting. The rose show will be inspiring and you will get to see many new varieties. Plan to enter 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.

Annual Picnic A Success

From those of us who were able to attend the annual picnic hosted by our President Marion Nimis and her husband Gerard at their home and garden on the shore of lake Jackson we want to say "Thank You" to them for a pleasant evening of food and fellowship. It was great that some members who are unable to attend meeting earlier in the day could join us. The food was fabulous and the weather perfect. Members stayed and visited on the Nimis' deck until almost dark.

Friendships...

"I think if I've learned anything about friendship, it's to hang in, stay connected, fight for them, and let them fight for you. Don't walk away, don't be distracted, don't be too busy or tired, don't take them for granted. Friends are part of the glue that holds life and faith together. Powerful stuff."

Jon Katz

August Consulting Rosarian Report

By Hank Rosen

Welcome to the "dog days of summer". August is one of the hottest months of the year in Tallahassee and we have had relatively little rainfall for the past two months. The most important thing you can do for your roses at this time of year is to keep them hydrated! If you have an irrigation system in your garden, now is the time to use it! With daily temperatures in the 90's, I have found it necessary to irrigate my bushes two to three times a week for about 15 minutes at a time. I irrigate in the morning when it is still a little cooler. Two days after watering, I will check the soil moisture level by pushing my finger into the soil to a depth of a couple of inches. If it is already dry, I will water the next day, if not I will wait another day and check again. If you have a small rose garden, you can water by hand and then use the same procedure to check the moisture level.

Keeping your garden clean is also essential to its overall health. As leaves turn yellow and drop off as they normally do this time of the year, pick them off the bush or off the ground and discard them. New foliage will replace the old leaves. You can also re-mulch your garden with fresh pine straw or other suitable mulches. Continue your regular spray routine this month and throughout the summer and fall.

During late August and into September you will want to do your "fall pruning" by pruning your bushes by about one third. You will also want to add organics to the soil to improve its friability. Milorganite, cow manure, fish emulsion, alfalfa meal, and cottonseed meal are all good choices.

Following these steps, you should have beautiful bushes and roses ready for the fall and the Tallahassee Area Rose Show.

2014 DSD Photo Contest

Contest Rules

1. Contestants may enter up to 3 images per Class. Multiple entries of a rose variety within the same Class are not allowed.
2. Photos must be submitted in JPEG image format.
3. Images must be taken by an amateur photographer who is a member of the ARS and living in the Deep South District or a local Rose Society located in the DSD.
4. Digital images that have won awards in previous ARS or DSD photography contests are not eligible.
5. Images must be identified by their ARS approved exhibition name.
6. Identify each image submitted by its Class and ARS approved exhibition name. Ex: Class 8 - Abraham Darby.
7. E-mail questions/entries to Stephen Hoy; hoy127@cox.net. Include your name, home address, and phone number.
8. ENTRIES MUST BE RECEIVED BY OCTOBER 1, 2014.
9. Reception of entries will be confirmed by e-mail.

Classes

- #1: One Hybrid Tea or Grandiflora - one bloom per stem, no side buds permitted, exhibition stage, no single-flowered cultivars.
 - #2: Hybrid Tea or Grandiflora Spray - must have two or more blooms. Single petalled HT's or GR's allowed.
 - #3: One fully open Hybrid Tea or Grandiflora - one bloom per stem, no side buds permitted, stamens must be visible. Single petalled HT's or GR's allowed.
 - #4: One Floribunda - one bloom per stem, no side buds permitted, most perfect phase of beauty.
 - #5: Floribunda or Polyantha Spray - must have two or more blooms.
 - #6: Old Garden Rose - one bloom per stem or spray, side buds permitted. Entries must be submitted with date of introduction. Two awards will be given; Dowager Queen for roses introduced before 1867 and Victorian Award for roses introduced in 1867 or later and for unknown date of introduction.
 - #7: Shrub Rose - Classic Shrubs (H. Kordesii, H. Moyesii, H. Rugosa, or H. Musk) or Modern Shrubs, one bloom per stem or spray, side buds permitted. No David Austin roses (see Class #8).
 - #8: David Austin Roses - one bloom per stem or spray, side buds permitted. Must be a David Austin introduction.
 - #9: Climber - Large Flowered Climbers, Hybrid Giganteas, Ramblers, and Hybrid Wichuranas, one bloom per stem or spray, side buds permitted.
 - #10: Species Roses - one bloom per stem or spray, side buds allowed. See *Modern Roses*, *ARS Handbook for Selecting Roses*, *Official List of Approved Exhibition Names for Exhibitors and Judges*, or visit www.helpmefindroses.com.
 - #11: One Miniature - one bloom per stem, no side buds permitted, exhibition stage, no single-flowered cultivars.
 - #12: One Miniflora - one bloom per stem, no side buds permitted, exhibition stage, no single-flowered cultivars.
 - #13: Miniature or Miniflora Spray - must have two or more blooms. Single petalled cultivars allowed.
 - #14: One fully open Miniature or Miniflora - one bloom per stem, no side buds permitted, stamens must be visible. Single petalled cultivars allowed.
 - #15: Any Arrangement - any class of rose. Must include arranger's name and name of roses.
 - #16: Macro Photography - any part of a rose photographed at extreme close range, may include insects.
 - #17: Abstract or Impressionist Photography - a photo having non-objective, design, form, or content of a rose(s) or any part of a rose. May be digitally manipulated.
 - #18: The Rose Garden - a photo taken of a garden prominently featuring roses.
 - #19: Novice Class - any rose from an entrant who has not won an award (1st, 2nd, 3rd, or Hon. Mention) from a DSD or ARS Photo Contest.
- Plan to enter this photo contest! The winners will be published and recognized at the mid-winter meeting.

Upcoming Society Programs

August 17: Society Meeting: Fertilizing Roses & Rose Bushes

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

October 19: Society Meeting: TBA

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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