

# Regarding Roses

## Tallahassee Area Rose Society

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## President's Message By Marion Nimis

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Two weeks ago I had a wonderful rose garden I was planning to show off to TARS members who came at our picnic. I was confident I'd impress everyone with my rose growing skills. However, the roses got wind of this and now, after four solid days of heavy rain, they look sad and bedraggled. There's narry a rose to be seen, the leaves have so much blackspot the bushes look yellow and the rose buds have every disease known to man! The buds are white or brown and dropping dead. Some have holes in them, some have been bitten off down to their stamens, others have little wriggling black things (thrips?). Beats me. Hank Rosen said I'd see the beetles at night so I was out stalking my roses with a torch. No luck—no beetles. I'm beginning to rethink the "Roses are

Easy to Grow" mantra. Or, perhaps I should have listened to Bill Kerber who recommended I buy roses that "any fool can grow".

Now Brenda Pratt from Parks, Recreation & Neighborhood Affairs Department, City of Tallahassee does know how to grow roses. In April she gave a terrific presentation on how she and her staff take care of all the roses in Tallahassee. It's a huge job with all the spraying, pruning, replanting, mulching, watering, etc., but Brenda makes it look easy. Of particular interest was her fertilizer recommendation: Osmicote 15-9-11 applied in late March when it's warmer which supplies a 12 month feed released throughout the year. A third of a cup per bush once a year in late March. We are pleased to have Brenda as a new member of TARS.

At the April meeting we

discussed including a photography exhibit at the rose show and ways to get more publicity for the society activities.

Our picnic is at my house on Sunday, May 18, at 6:00 p.m., and of course everyone is invited. Bring your family and friends. The address is 2105 Miler Landing Road. Drive north on Meridian Road one mile past Maclay Road, then turn left on Miller Landing Road. My house is on the left 2.2 miles down the road.

If you are waiting for me to cook, I'm afraid you'll all go hungry, but Mary Maud assures me everyone will bring something, any food group will do—side dishes, desserts and if you like wine or beer. (See more information in this newsletter.

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### Society Meeting

**Date:** Sunday, May, 18,  
**Time:** 6:00 p.m. gathering  
6:30 p.m. serving

**Place:** Home of President Marion Nimis, 2105 Miller Landing Rd., Tallahassee, FL (See enclosed Map / Directions)

**Picnic Covered Dish—** There is no planned business or program, just good food and fellowship. A great time to get to know fellow rosarians and have some rose talk.

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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 – My Sunshine (Miniature)

*My Sunshine* is a miniature rose with parents Sunsprite and Fool's Gold and was introduced by Tiny Petals Nursery in 1986. It is still a popular variety and has a rating of 8.4 and is in the top 20 miniature roses. It is a medium yellow, single, flat, borne singly or in small clusters. It is a

constant display of blooms. It has a moderate fragrance and medium green semi-glossy foliage. If you like single petal roses you will love *My Sunshine*. It can be grown in a pot on a patio or in the ground in a bed. It is also quite disease (Continued on Page 2)



"My Sunshine"  
(Miniature)



### ***Thought You'd Like to Know (Continued)***

resistant. It would be a great selection if you are adding new plants to your garden. Miniature roses can be easy to grow roses.

### ***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 has begun. Cuttings and additional volunteers will be welcomed. Contact John Sullivan for more information at joh4@aol.com.

### ***Thomasville Rose Society 93rd Annual Rose Show***

This event was Friday, April 25 and Saturday April 26. A number of TARS members were exhibitors. The show had excellent quality roses for visitors to see. TARS members who exhibited were winners in a number of classes.

### ***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 June 4. 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 is Library Month***

The society will again be participating in the ARS June Library / Rose Month. The society will provide a display of information about the society as well as fresh garden grown bouquets throughout the month to the main downtown Collins Library. The Library displays books on roses that are available for check out and reference. This event has proved to be an excellent outreach for the society. If you have roses that you would be willing to share, contact Mary Maud Sharpe, 850-878-9625 or wjmmsharpe@aol.com, who will be coordinating Library Month and providing fresh garden grown rose designs. You are invited to check out the books available at the library.

*Don't be too hard on yourself.*

*There are plenty of people willing to do that for you.*

*Do your best and surrender the rest.*

*Tell yourself, I am doing the best I can*

*With what I have in this moment.*

*That is all I can expect from anyone, including me.*

*Love yourself and be proud of everything you do.*

*Even your mistakes, because your mistakes mean  
you're trying.*

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

The Society met at 3:00 pm in the Laundry Cottage at Goodwood Museum and Gardens. President Marion Nimis called the meeting to order and presided. She welcomed members and visitors. The minutes of the March 16 meeting were approved as published in the April Newsletter. The Treasurer's report was given by Mary Maud Sharpe and was accepted.

President Nimis reported on the recent TARS Board Meeting and there was discussion on how to best increase membership in the society. Bill Dority announced the "Open Garden" to be held at his garden on Sunday, May 4.

Brenda Pratt, Parks, Recreation & Neighborhood Affairs Department, City of Tallahassee, presented the program on how to take care of your garden and explained what the City does in planting and maintenance. She distributed handouts and answered questions.

Door prizes were awarded and the meeting adjourned at 4:00 p.m. Members enjoyed refreshments and fellowship.

Respectfully submitted,

Mary Maud Sharpe

Acting Secretary

### ***Bill Dority Held Open Garden***

Bill Dority opened his garden for visitors on Sunday, May 4. He grows many types and varieties of roses and hosts this event annually.

### ***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 will be working this summer 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 and it will be held 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 forms should be available soon and we will include this information in the newsletter. 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.

## **May Consulting Rosarian Report**

*By Mary Maud Sharpe*

Most rosarians have reported a good spring bloom, even though or maybe because of the cold winter. The re-blooming varieties will continue to bloom throughout the summer months although in most cases the blooms will be somewhat smaller during the summer months. Continue to give your roses the care they need by fertilizing generally once a month, spraying every week to ten days and watering frequently. Watering is probably the most important thing that you can do. It transports nutrients to the roots and keeps the foliage hydrated. It also helps during bloom season to make blooms bigger and better. I always remember hearing Margaret Hardin, one of the top exhibitors in DSD, say in the spring and fall you grow roses and in the summer we grow bushes. Summer care of your bushes is the key to a great fall bloom season. Remember to do most of your work in the early mornings or late in the afternoon as the weather becomes hotter. It is better for your rose plants and better for you too.

After using Bayer Advanced All-In-One at the Peace Garden I now feel confident in recommending it and I am planning to use it in my home garden. Other CR's are recommending that it be used once a month rather than every six weeks as stated on the container. We generally have more rain than some other parts of the country and I assume that is why it is being recommended to use more often. I find the granules are easier to use than the liquid. Most suppliers of garden products carry it.

Cut spent blooms as frequently as you can. This helps your plants to recycle blooms more often.

Remember to apply more mulch as it thins. This helps with weed control which otherwise can be a lot of work and the retention of moisture on hot summer days as well as gives a neat appearance to your beds.

Enjoy your summer blooms and share with others!

### **TARS Annual Picnic Sunday, May 18**

The Picnic will be our last event before the summer break. There is no planned business. Plan to come and enjoy the good food and fellowship of other TARS rosarians. The society is providing "Reggie" smoked chicken for the entrée, beverages (Lemonade and Tea) and paper goods. Marion suggests you bring wine or beer if you like. Members are asked to bring their favorite covered dish of salad, casserole, vegetable or desert. A map and directions to Marion Nimis's home are enclosed in this newsletter. Also enclosed is a form for you to let us know if you plan to come. Contact information is on the form. Your response will help in planning. Bring family members with you to enjoy the fellowship, food and fun. Plan to arrive at 6:00 p.m. Serving begins at 6:30 pm. The current weather forecast looks good. A special *thank you* to Marion for hosting this annual event.

## **Water, Water, Water**

- Plants get their water through their roots and like a moist soil that has good drainage.
- The saying is true that roses need water, but do not like wet feet.
- Too much water in the soil can be harmful.
- Proper drainage is very important.
- Raised beds can be helpful for proper drainage.
- Water is important at any time of the year, but especially important during the hot summer months.
- Water retention is important since water should pass through the soil at a rate that allows plants to take up nutrients.
- Always water before and after fertilizing your plants.
- There are many types of ways to water. Your soil conditions will determine the system that works best for you. You may choose to use a sprinkler, hose water by hand, a soaker hose or an automated irrigation system. You may choose to do it yourself or have a professional make the installation.
- Overhead watering can be done, especially during the summer to cool off the plants. We all know what a cooling shower of rain can do for our gardens.
- When using a sprinkler, you may need to apply fungicides more frequently for mildew and blackspot.
- Always deep soak your plants. It is better to water deeply less frequently than to light water more frequently. Light watering produces shallow root systems which can be harmful to plants during times of drought.
- Roses need to be soaked to a depth of 8 to 10 inches.
- Roses should receive normally the equivalent of one inch of rainfall per week.
- There are tests that can be done for water retention and for drainage.
- Rose foliage will wilt if plants do not have sufficient water—never let your plants wilt.
- For newly planted roses you may want to build a basin around the bush. The basin can be flooded and the water will penetrate the soil and not run off.
- Use a layer of mulch not only to deter weeds, but to retain moisture and moderate the soil temperatures.
- Roses grown in pots will require more frequent watering than roses grown in beds.
- Water well before spraying so that the foliage will not be damaged by spray materials.
- Allow spray materials to dry completely before watering roses.
- Roses generally require more water during their bloom season.

You may find it helpful to use a rain gauge to measure the amount of water that your roses are getting.



## Upcoming Society Programs

**May 18: See Event Information Below**

**August 17: Society Meeting: TBA**

### TARS Events

**May 18: Covered Dish Picnic:** Marion Nimis Home and Garden, 2105 Miller Landing Rd., Tallahassee, FL. (See more information in this newsletter)

**Goodwood Rose Sale of Old Garden Roses:** Many varieties are still available beginning at 9:00 am and closing at 12:00 Noon on Saturday mornings till all plants are sold. Contact John Sullivan at 727-8636 or joh4@aol.com for more information.

**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](http://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. Rose registration list is 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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