

Regarding Roses

Tallahassee Area Rose Society

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President's Message By Marion Nimis

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What a difference a month makes! Everything is hunky dory and "springy" in the garden and my roses have "thanked me" for their pruning. I can see they're bigger and better every day. I can honestly say, that my roses have comforted me this year more than anything else in the garden. Black spot is still a bit of a problem. Perhaps it's old leaves, all the rain, or some bad husbandry habit I've developed. I don't spray them either.

A big thank you to John and Jean Grotgen who gave a wonderful presentation on David Austin English Roses. John discussed the roses that do best in our area and revealed stories / legends about how they got their names. So sorry they are moving, we'll really miss them. They are such

knowledgeable people.

The TARS Board held their quarterly meeting Saturday, April 5 at Cheryl Gibbon's home. She treated us to a wonderful tea of smoked salmon, ham, fruit, biscuits, plus a bottle of sherry. In spite of the rain, a good time was had by all. Pat Stanford volunteered to investigate how we might use Facebook to attract new members. Cheryl offered to man a booth at Leon County's Extension Open House on May 31. She'll need help with preparing materials as handouts. June is Library month and rose month, and Mary Maud Sharpe offered to handle a rose exhibit at the Library. A few more topics came up which we'll discuss at our next meeting.

I want to remind everyone that the Thomasville Rose Show is on April 25-26. Because Easter falls on our normal monthly meeting day, we decided to move our

meeting to Sunday April 27, at 3:00 pm. Brenda Pratt will give a talk on Tallahassee City roses of which she is in charge. I've heard she gives an excellent presentation and I urge all members to attend. John Sullivan tells us that the Goodwood rose sale is still continuing until all roses are sold.

I'm looking forward to hosting our annual picnic at my house Sunday evening May 18. I live on Lake Jackson with a splendid view of the lake. The board plans to make it a jolly time for everyone with beer, wine, a main dish and delicious side (which hopefully you'll bring:

À bientôt.

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Society Meeting
Date: Sunday, April 27,
Time: 3:00 p.m.
Place: Goodwood Museum and Gardens, Laundry Cottage.
Program— Brenda Pratt, who is responsible for the city rose gardens will be the featured speaker. She will be explaining how to keep roses growing and blooming in the summer months during our hot weather. Be sure to get her tips on successful rose growing.

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Thought You'd Like To Know — Hannah Gordon (Floribunda)

Hannah Gordon is a floribunda and has now moved to number 2 in the latest listing of ratings. It is a 1983 Kordes rose and is a striking combination of red and white. The petals have a cherry red around a white center. The flowers at first have the shape of a hybrid tea and open to a

wave of 20 to 25 petals. They are borne singly or in clusters of up to nine. The leaves are dark and glossy. The bush has upright growth. It gets its name from the Scottish actress Hanna Gordon. The current rating is 8.7. It is an excellent exhibition rose as well as a good (Continued on Page 2)



"Hannah Gordon"
(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)

good landscape rose and would be a great selection if you are adding new plants to your garden.

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 is Friday, April 25 and Saturday April 26. It will again be held in the big tent downtown Thomasville. There will be signs in town to direct you. We hope you planned to bring roses to exhibit. If you do not exhibit, it is worth the trip just to see the many rose at the show. There are many other activities too. The contact person is Rick Thomas. 800-234-9536 or rthomas@rose.net.

K and M Nurseries Coming to Thomasville

Jim Mills from K & M Nurseries plans to come and bring roses. You may have ordered ahead. He will deliver at the show on Friday. If you would just like to look and shop, he brings a good selection in addition to special orders. Roses are grafted on fortuniana rootstock. Contact him at 601-648-2908. Visit the web site info@kandmroses.com and you will find his many types and varieties. He and his wife Daisy also do custom grafting.

TARS Board Meeting

The society board of directors at their April 5 meeting discussed numerous ways that the society can reach out to new rose growers. The board would be interested in ideas from the membership that might accomplish this goal. Please contact president Marion Nimis with any suggestions that you may have. She can be reached at 850-894-1133 or marion@statistix.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 May 7. The time is 9:00 am and we should be finished in one hour or a little more. We plan to use Bayer Advanced All-In-One throughout the season since it worked so well for us last year. We would be pleased to have you come and join us.

"Coming together is a beginning, keeping together is progress; working together is success."

Henry Ford

MINUTES OF THE TALLAHASSEE AREA ROSE SOCIETY MEETING March 16, 2014

The March meeting of the Tallahassee Area Rose Society for 2014 was held at 3:00 pm at Goodwood Museum and Gardens in Jubilee Cottage. Vice President Cheryl Gibbons presided and welcomed members. The minutes for the month of February as published in the March newsletter were approved. Mary Maud Sharpe gave the treasurer's report which was approved by the membership. She reported there are 63 paid members. The chapter obtained liability insurance from the national American Rose Society source.

Other announcements included:

Hank Rosen gave a presentation on growing roses at Tallahassee Nurseries on Saturday, February 22 at 10 am.

Bob Schelhorn has agreed to take responsibility for the Tallahassee Rose Show to be held on the last Saturday of October.

The Thomasville Rose Show will be held April 25-26.

Due to many scheduling conflicts no tour of member rose gardens for the public will be held this year. Bill Dority will open his garden on May 4.

The date for the April meeting falls on Easter. Therefore, the April meeting will be held on April 27.

Jean and John Grotgen of Valdosta, Georgia presented an extensive program on the history and varieties of David Austin roses.

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, April 27, at Goodwood.

Respectfully submitted,

Karen Jackson

Secretary

Goodies

Our social time at each meeting is a special time to get to know other rosarians and talk more about roses. If you would like to help with refreshments call Mary Maud Sharpe at 850-878-9625 or e-mail wjmm-sharpe@aol.com about bringing "goodies".

Bill Dority to Hold Open Garden

Bill Dority plans to have his garden open for visitors on Sunday, May 4. The time is 2:00 to 4:00 pm. His address is 3201 Brookforest Dr., Tallahassee and you may contact him at 850-570-7046 or billdority@yahoo.com. He grows many types and varieties of roses and will be pleased to answer any question about rose culture.

March Consulting Rosarian Report

By Rick Thomas

Well here we are all getting ready for the first blooms to open. Actually, as I am writing this I do have some already. I have Dr. Troy Garrett and Sombreuil with blooms. In all reality, I should not have to write what to do this month as it should already have been done. What I am doing now in my garden is getting ready for the Thomasville Rose Show. I am walking through the garden and side budding regularly. I am spraying routinely. The closer I am to the show, the less I will spray with anything that leaves a residue on the leaves so it will be easier for me to clean the leaves as I am the lazy rosarian.

I have already done the fish emulsion through the irrigation system and will likely do it another time or two. I did a tablespoonful per bush and also added a tablespoonful of chelated iron, and a tablespoonful of liquid pond fertilizer such as 10-52-8. I had a discussion with a physician as to why I did this when my phosphorous levels were adequate. I responded why does she give patients B-12 shots when their levels are adequate? She said it helps them feel better. So does it?? I don't know but my blooms are great.

The week or two before the show, I will walk through the garden daily and spray insecticides on the blooms to keep the thrips off. They are a real problem at my house and the battle is a very difficult one to win. Remember to follow the labels and don't use more than the label says.

Modern Roses12 Online

The Modern Rose 12 online data base is a comprehensive listing of tens of thousands of roses and is frequently updated. It is a new benefit for ARS members and is free. Go to the Resources page of the ARS website. Scroll down to interesting links. The first link is to the Modern Roses 12 database. The registration code is:12345678 (this will not change). The password is the same as the password to access the Members Only website. This password will change quarterly and you will find it on the Departments page of your American Rose magazine. This means that updated information will always be available to members and a great help for classification of roses to exhibitors and judges at rose shows. Membership in ARS just gets better and better. all the time. It is suggested that you place an app on your smart phone or tablet to access the online version of Modern Roses 12.

TARS Annual Picnic

The Picnic will be our last event before the summer break. Plan to come and enjoy the good food and fellowship of other rosarians. "Reggie" smoked chicken will be the entrée. More details and directions to Marion Ninis's home will be in the May newsletter.

Safety Tip on Taking care of Your Roses and Yourself

The government through the Environmental Protection Agency has set standards for pesticide handling and use. Insecticides, fungicides, herbicides, miticides, etc, are types of pesticides. Most pesticides are mixed with other inert materials for ease of application and are sold as dusts, granules, wettable power, solutions and emulsifiable concentrates. You must always use caution when handling pesticides. Read the label which provides information on safe use, the dilution levels, the plants it may be used on and the pest that it will control. There will be caution, warnings and danger information on the containers.

Pesticides enter the skin quite readily and concentrates are especially dangerous. If spills occur, wash immediately. Wear protective rubber gloves, goggles and a respirator when mixing and during use of chemicals. Safety equipment may be purchased from a number of sources. Marpan Supply Company is one of the good sources of safety equipment locally. After you spray it is extremely important to shower and wash all your protective clothing separately.

Choose the best time to spray and do not spray when windy. With even the slightest breeze spray with the breeze and never against it.

Be sure that the sprayer you use is in proper working order. There should never be leaks in the sprayer or hose connections.

Open, mix and dilute the pesticide you use outdoors or in a well ventilated area. Mix only what you will use. Never use more pesticide than is recommended on the label. More is not better and can be harmful to your plants.

Always keep chemicals in their original containers. Store out of the reach of children and pets in a dark, dry location. Dispose of empty containers properly.

Be sure to use the right chemical for the problem you are controlling. Make sure that your roses are well watered before spraying. Be careful to spray the underside of the leaves as well as the tops.

If you have a choice of chemical, choose the less toxic if possible. Consider using the one that you will need to use less frequently.

Do not use restricted pesticides unless you have a Certified Pesticide Applicators license. This is against the law.

Consult your local Department of Environmental Protection and/or the manufacturer of the product you are using if you have questions or need advice. They will be pleased to help you. You may also visit the environmental protection agency website www.epa.gov.

Keep your tetanus shot up to date just in case of an accidental wound.

Learn what you should do and practice it faithfully. Never be careless!

Upcoming Society Programs

April 27: Society Meeting: (Please not change of date) Brenda Pratt, Parks and Recreation City of Tallahassee will present program on "Care of City Roses".

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.

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. Rose registration list is 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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