

Regarding Roses

Tallahassee Area Rose Society

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President's Message By Marion Nimis

March 2014

If you're like me and didn't get any roses for Valentine's Day nor jewelry or chocolates either for that matter (my husband is still being punished!) then John Sullivan has lovely roses for you. There's still a wonderful selection and now with the warmer weather and the rain they're budding out nicely. My roses have just exploded with leaves giving me great joy that we've all survived the winter. I once knew so little about roses that I thought the new red leaves were diseased because they weren't green.

Bill Dority's pruning session was invaluable for those of us who ponder each twig, give it a quick snip with the pruners, then stand back and admire our work. Bill gave us hedge trimmers and told us to "have at it". That the more we hacked

off our roses, the more "they'd love us for it".

Thanks also to Hank Rosen for his Presentation of "Rose Growing Made Easy" at Tallahassee Nurseries.

In February, we so enjoyed Tina Jennings excellent lecture and lovely slide show. We saw some of the most beautiful roses ever. She also brought roses with her to sell. I bought two Bucks and a Kordes.

Don't forget our upcoming program on Sunday, March 16 at 3:00 pm at the Jubilee Cottage. The Grotgen's of Valdosta will be discussing "David Austin English Roses" and showing us which ones do best in our area.

Please restrain yourself from fertilizing yet. You need to wait about a month for the soil to warm to about 45 degrees. Although our arugula, turnips and beans didn't come up, the weeds came up with a vengeance.

So WEED, WEED, WEED.

All dues should be paid by now. If you haven't, pay them ASAP. I just remembered I haven't paid mine yet. Even if you can't be active, your dues are a huge bargain and will help you keep in touch with the TARS group.

2014 Dues are Due

Yes, it is dues time again and a membership form is enclosed for you to renew for 2014, if you have not already. You may bring your dues to the meeting or mail to the treasurer. Contact information is on the form. If you have questions the treasurer will help you. We hope that you will join us for another year of program meetings and events.

Thanks to the many members who have renewed!

Society Meeting

Date: Sunday, March 16,

Time: 3:00 p.m.

Place: Goodwood Museum and Gardens, Jubilee Cottage. Program— John and Jean Grotgen will be presenting a program on David Austin English Roses. They will tell us which ones grow best in our area. They will have descriptions and photos. They grow beautiful rose and have had winning exhibits in our show.

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Thought You'd Like To Know — The Alnwick Rose (Shrub)

Alnwick Castle is a shrub rose and is known as *The Alnwick Rose*. It is a David Austin rose and is a pink blend introduced in 2001. It has a rating of 7.5. The blooms have many petals and are cup shaped. The fragrance is rich old rose scent with a hint of raspberry. It grows bushy

and upright. It is exceptionally reliable. David Austin roses sold in the US are grown in the US. After 50 years of breeding David Austin English Roses combine the charm and fragrance of old roses with the more color ranges and the repeat flowering of modern roses. The (Continued on Page 2)



"The Alnwick Rose"
(Shrub)

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)

Alnwick Rose is named for the Alnwick Garden, one of the finest in Britain, and created by the Duke and Duchess of Northumberland. David Austin roses are available through many sources and come in many varieties. If you do not have any of these English rose you might want to give them a try.

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 will begin soon. 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. You are invited to bring roses to exhibit and schedules will be available soon. 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. 800-234-936 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 order ahead and 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 will hold their quarterly meeting in early April. They will be making plans for other activities for the year. If you have ideas for things you would like to have the society do that we may have never done or improvements of events of the past, please pass them on to any member of the board. (See contact information on page 4) Your suggestions are welcomed and much appreciated. The board will also be starting to work on the annual show. It is hard to believe that this will be the 30th one. Bob Schelhorn has agreed to be the show chairman and he will need the help of all the members to make it a success. The 2014 show is planned for October 25 and 26 at the Department of Agriculture Conner Building. We especially need help with publicity so that we can get the word out to everyone who loves roses.

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

The meeting was held at 3:00 at Goodwood Museum and Gardens in Jubilee Cottage. President Marion Nimis presided and welcomed members. The minutes for the month of January as published in the February newsletter were approved. Mary Maud Sharpe gave the treasurer's report which was approved by the membership. She also asked for members to assist in finding reasonably priced liability insurance for the Society. Unless a local source is identified in the next week, the society will obtain liability insurance from the American Rose Society source. She reported the society has forty-four members who have paid for 2014.

Other announcements included:

Hank Rosen will give a presentation of growing roses at Tallahassee Nurseries on Saturday, February 22 at 10:00 am.

Members agreed to change meeting time to 3:00 pm on Sundays. Location will fluctuate between Jubilee Cottage and the Laundry Cottage depending on Goodwood bookings.

John Sullivan reported that the Goodwood rose sale has netted \$4,000. The sale continues.

Several members reported success in using the product Liquid Fence to keep deer away from roses. It penetrates the bush and leaves a foul taste. The odor disappears. It is available in spray and granular form. Others reported success using alfalfa tea.

Several members encouraged organizing a tour of member rose gardens for the public again this year. No decision was made.

Tina Jennings of Remarkable Roses in Cedar Bluff, Alabama spoke on the ease of growing Griffith Buck, Kordes and old garden roses. She spoke of the special traits of many of these roses and offered many for sale on the cottage patio.

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, March 16, 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".

*How old would you be
If you didn't know how old you are?
Satchel Paige*

March Consulting Rosarian Report

By Pat Stanford

March is a very important month to get things started in the rose garden. I had just pruned my roses in late February and I hope you all have dodged the rain enough to get that done. New growth comes on this pruning and plants with good healthy foliage will have much better blooms and that is what we are after, after all. New foliage on most rose bushes has a reddish color on their newer stems and leaves. And though each variety has a somewhat different color to its leaves, they eventually all turn a nice uniform shade of green.

A carefully planned and well carried out spray program early in the season is essential to insure your new growth becomes beautiful blooms. When you spray, make sure you get good spray coverage on both upper and under the leaves. You may have to dodge the rain to do this and if it rains within four hours of your spraying, repeat the procedure as soon as possible - usually the following day. For safety wear protective clothing, rubber boots, goggles, and respirator and then take a shower when finished.

Some of our members are trying to get away from chemicals, but you will *still* need to find a way to use some of the less harmful sprays that are making their appearance now. Spraying some kind of fungicide is one of the most important requirements for growing great roses. Fungicides need to be applied as soon after pruning as you can get it done. This insures that all of the pruning cuts as well as the rest of the bush will be covered. Always follow the quantity instructions in using garden chemicals, more is not generally better! However, in spraying, an ounce of prevention is worth a ton of cure.

Organics, if not already added, should be worked into the soil now. The first fertilization should also take place. If you do not have access to a commercial organic fertilizer, you can make your own using organics like Milorganite, manure, alfalfa meal, cottonseed meal and fishmeal.

If your soil sample is acidic, this can be corrected with Dolomite Lime. Alfalfa pellets, Milorganite and magnesium sulfate are excellent additives. Around the end of the March, each plant will welcome and respond to a shot of fish emulsion. Consistent watering as needed pays off in quantity and quality of blooms.

Only use pesticides when pests are present! Most rose loving insects attack the new growth and the buds, so mist the buds at least weekly. If you are looking to get away from chemicals, Garden Sense has a whole line of products.

Remember that all insects are not "bad" - some are beneficial in that they are predators which kill the harmful insects. One product (Bayer Lawn Rose and Insect Spray) claims to kill only the harmful insects and spare the beneficial ones. Right now, most pests are not all that active, except tiny Aphids, which can

easily be washed off with a water wand. I'll leave it to our CR's in later months to address those specific pest problems that arise as the hot weather approaches.

Happy Gardening!

David Austin

David Austin was born in 1926 on a farm where he still lives. His father was a farmer and he also farmed before going into the nursery business in the early 1960's. He was interested in growing plants from an early age and became interested in breeding plants from a friend of his father. In the 1940's he got the idea of crossing old roses with modern roses. He worked on combining the charm of old roses with the colors and repeat blooming of modern roses. He also wanted to produce plants which were well rounded shrubs that would make good garden plants.

The first variety he introduced in 1963 was named Constance Spry and others were introduced in 1967 and 1968, but they only flowered once in the early spring. His work continued and the 1969 his introductions were called English Roses. When he introduced Graham Thomas and Mary Rose in 1983 at Chelsea the English Roses gained popularity. He has introduced over two hundred varieties.

David Austin started David Austin Roses in 1969 as other nurseries did not seem interested at the time. He has received many awards for his work.

He lives in Shropshire and oversees one of the world's largest garden rose breeding programs. He and his oldest son own one of Britain's leading rose nurseries. He is still active in the nursery and divides his time between the breeding program and writing.

His rose gardens at Albrighton have over 800 varieties which includes the collection of English Roses. It is open to the public.

English Roses are grown in most rose growing countries of the world. Many of them do well in our area. Wayside Gardens was the nursery that sold plants in the early years. David Austin Roses and many other retailers now have them available.

Modern Roses 12 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.

Upcoming Society Programs

March 16 : Society Meeting: *"David Austin English Roses"* presented by John and Jean Grotgen, Valdosta, GA.

April 20: Society Meeting: TBA

TARS Events

May 18: Covered Dish Picnic: Marion Nimis Home and Garden, 2105 Miller Landing Rd., Tallahassee, FL. (More information in May 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. The 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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