

Regarding Roses

Tallahassee Area Rose Society

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President's Message By Marion Nimis

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What with the January cold circling around like a hungry wolf and the ice storm of the century, I regret any complaints I made about my roses. Just when I thought they couldn't look any worse, they did! Spring will, I hope, work its usual magic and bring all our roses back to life, although I fear some may be lost.

What a pity we didn't have more people at our January gathering. It was perfectly understandable of course given the miserable cold Thursday night. Your noble board and a few other stalwarts did turn out and we had a fruitful meeting. Mary Maud and Cheryl updated us on the DSD Mid-winter meeting and we had a brief meet and greet session talking about how we got started growing roses. Everyone emphasized the need to grow our society.

We need more members and more ideas.

Now that the tilt of the earth is beginning to favor us with more sun, longer days and higher temperatures and given the fact our meetings are back on Sunday afternoon, there's no excuse not to come and enjoy. Come for fun, fellowship and to share information. Remember, you are all a valuable resource.

We had a wonderful event on Saturday, February 8. John Sullivan and his merry band of volunteers held their old garden rose sale at Goodwood. This sale continues on Saturday mornings from 9:00 to noon until all roses are sold. They are a real bargain at \$7.00 each.

Saturday, February 15 Bill Dority will show us how to prune roses correctly. The pruning "how-to" diagram in my book looks nothing like the dauntingly

neglected rose in front of me. My rose is a tangled misshapen mess which frightens me. I know it will draw blood. Thank goodness for Bill. The event will be at Bill's garden, 3201 Brook Forest Dr. from 2:00 to 4:00 p.m.. Bring long gloves, a hat, plenty of water, sharp pruners and loppers. If Bill's roses have huge thorns like mine, remember to wear a heavy suit of armor.

February is a busy month in the garden. It's probably a good idea to have your soil tested and amended as necessary. My Auntie Gert said, "Never go into the garden without pulling a weed". Now's a good time to catch them while they're small and moist.

Our next rose society meeting will be held on (Continued on Page 2)

Society Meeting

Date: Sunday, February 16, 2014

Time: 3:00 p.m.

Place: Goodwood Museum and Gardens, Jubilee Cottage.

Program— Tina Jennings, Remarkable Roses, will be speaking on "Buck, Kordes and Old Garden Roses". All of these roses are easy care and some are listed as Earth-Kind roses. Plan to be there for Tina's delightful presentation and questions and answers.

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Thought You'd Like To Know — Carefree Beauty (Shrub)

Carefree Beauty is one of the best of the roses bred by Griffith Buck. It was introduced in 1979. It can withstand the freezing winters of the Midwest. The flowers are medium pink with paler backs. It is lightly double and has the look of a floribunda. The petal count is 15-20. The buds are

somewhat like a hybrid tea. The flowers open flat and borne singly or in clusters of up to five. The plant has vigorous, healthy, sprawling growth. It repeat blooms well and it produces large orange hips. It has an ARS rating of 8.6. It is sometimes called Katy (Continued on Page 2)



"Carefree Beauty"
(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

President's Message (Continued)

Sunday, February 16 at 3:00 pm. Tina Jennings from Remarkable Roses Nursery, will cheer us up with her lovely roses. She's going to talk about Buck, Kordes and Old Garden Roses. If you order in advance, Tina will bring your roses to the meeting. Contact her at 423-653-6880. I'm looking forward to seeing more of you.

Thought You'd Like to Know (Continued)

Road Pink, but should be exhibited in rose shows as *Carefree Beauty*. There is a group planting at Goodwood on the left side of the road going back to the parking area. They have done well!

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.

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. Contact John Sullivan for more information at joh4@aol.com.

Tips on Sharpening Your Clippers

To do a professional cleaning and sharpening all parts of the clippers should be taken apart and cleaned thoroughly. You will need a small wrench to loosen the nut. Lay the parts out so that you will remember exactly how to put them back together. All parts should be cleaned to remove any grim and also any plant sap or tar that has collected. "Goo Gone" may be the best, but any good solvent can work.

Most clippers are bypass and only the cutting blade should be sharpened. If clippers are extremely dull, start with a small file to begin the sharpening process. Use one stroke—not a back and forth motion. For finer sharpening continue with a whetstone, very fine sandpaper or special tape with a fine abrasive.

Use white grease (hardware store) on the inside part of the blades and wipe off excess.

Reassemble the clippers and adjust the tension on the nut so that the clippers move freely, but are not firmly tightened.

The test is to try to cut a regular letter paper. If you have done the process properly your clippers are ready to prune your roses without damaging the plant canes. You may have to adjust the tension.

Congratulations!

MINUTES OF THE TALLAHASSEE AREA ROSE SOCIETY MEETING

January 23, 2014

The first meeting of the Tallahassee Area Rose Society for 2014 was held at 7:30 at Goodwood Museum and Gardens in Jubilee Cottage. President Marion Nimis presided and welcomed members. The minutes for the month of November as published in the newsletter were approved. Mary Maud Sharpe gave the treasurer's report which was approved by the membership. She asked that members submit annual dues to her. They are due in January. She also asked for members to assist in finding reasonably priced liability insurance for the Society. She reported that officer signatures on the Society bank account had been updated. The only outstanding expense is the engraving on rose show trophies. Vice President Cheryl Gibbons announced that the owner of Remarkable Roses located in Alabama would speak at the February meeting on growing roses organically. She passed out inventories so that members could place orders to be delivered at the next meeting.

Cheryl Gibbons and Mary Maud Sharpe reported the highlights of the DSD Mid-Winter Rose meeting in Gainesville.

John Sullivan updated members on the activities of Goodwood rose activities. The annual sale will be held February 8. Price of a bush will be \$7.00. Gary Knox the extension agent from Quincy bought roses to re-establish an old rose garden at the extension office.

Marion Nimis led a lively discussion for ways to increase membership. Suggestions included a slide show for speakers on how to plant roses, how to grow them, and how to select plants and the addition of a photography section in the rose show. She asked members to bring more ideas to the next meeting.

Door prizes were awarded. The meeting adjourned at 8:30 pm and members enjoyed refreshments and fellowship.

The next meeting will be held Sunday, February 16, at Goodwood.

Respectfully submitted,

Karen Jackson

Secretary

Goodies

Our social time following 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 wjmmsharpe@aol.com about bringing "goodies".

*"Cherish your human connections—
Your relationships with friends and family."*

Barbara Bush

February Consulting Rosarian Report

By Mary Maud Sharpe

The major thing that you need to do this month is to prune your roses! Most rosarians do their spring pruning on Valentine's Day. However, it can be done as late as March first and some old garden roses are best pruned after their first spring bloom particularly if they bloom on old wood. Take advantage of the pruning demonstration at Bill Dority's garden. (See more information in this newsletter.) Many new rosarians are intimidated by pruning. If you have looked and read books on this art, you may be confused. The figures in the printed information is hard to relate to the actual plants that you have in your garden. The general principles are your clues.

- Use good sharpened clippers
- A saw will help remove large woody canes
- Lopping shears with long handles can be used for hard to reach cuts
- Prune after the last frost
- Cut out all dead wood
- Cut so that the center of the bush is open for good air circulation
- Cut until the core of the cane is white good healthy tissue
- Remove all growth below the bud union of grafted plants
- Shape your plants
- Reduce the size of the bush
- Cut out small twiggy growth
- Cut 1/4 inch above a bud eye (where foliage was attached)
- Remove all pruning trash and many rosarians recommend to immediately spray with lime sulfur before new growth appears

The care you give your roses in late winter and early spring will reward you during your bloom season. Take your rose hobby seriously, but keep it fun.

TARS Web Site

Frank Parker would like member input on the web site. You may contact him at 850-893-9740 or e-mail stagerider@earthlink.net. Remember to visit the web site often. It is www.tallahasseearearosesociety.org.

Pruning Demonstration

Bill Dority is hosting a pruning demonstration at his garden, 3201 Brook Forest Dr., Tallahassee, FL on Saturday, February 15 from 2:00 to 4:00 pm. He grows all types of roses. Come and learn pruning techniques! Contact him at 850-570-7046 or billdority@yahoo.com. The weather predictions look good with no rain and a high of 68°. Remember to bring your own clippers and gloves. Help us spread the word by telling other rose lovers. Visitors are welcomed. Bring a friend with you.

A Little Information About

Buck, Kordes and OGR'S

Dr. Griffith Buck became interested in rose breeding when he was a high school student and began correspondence with a Spanish rose breeder. After World War II service he enrolled at Iowa State where he received his degrees and became a professor. His breeding program work was to have roses of wild rose species which were hardy and disease-free, but bloomed only once a year and were quite large with Hybrid Teas of the 19th and 20th century that flowered repeatedly on bushes of a manageable size. Both Neils Hanson and Wilhelm Kordes contributed to the breeding stock used by Griffith Buck. Buck grew seedlings in the greenhouse one year until they were big enough to plant them out the second spring. They would get water and cultivation and no spray for disease. His roses combined the best characteristics of both wild species and Hybrid Teas. His roses gained popularity in the 1980's and 1990's. In 1997 the American Rose Society established the annual *Griffith Buck Memorial Rose Trophy*.

Kordes roses are seriously low-maintenance roses. There are several reasons that Kordes roses are special. They are some of the most beautiful roses you will find. They are elegant with simple colors which most gardeners like. W. Kordes and Sons is one of the oldest breeding groups in the world and have hybridized roses for more than a century. The Kordes family developed many of the methods that are still used by modern rose breeders. Their breeding stock is used by breeders around the world. Kordes roses are some of the toughest roses you'll find. They are from northern Germany and are very cold-hardy roses that thrive in North America. Their breeding makes them resistant to disease, pests and fungus. They do not require artificial chemicals or growth enhancers. Some of the varieties that are most popular are *Iceberg*, *Bride's Dream*, *Dortmund*, *Eva*, *Erfurt*, *Eutin*, *Hannah Gordon*, *Nicole*, *Sparrieshoop*, *Sunsprite* and *Yankee Doodle*. Their introductions included all types of roses.

Old Garden Roses (OGR's) refer to those classes that existed prior to 1867, before the introduction of the first hybrid tea, *La France*. There are many classes of OGR's and the classes may be different and distinctive in bloom characteristics and plant growth. Some of them are spring bloomers only; although, others do have recurrent blooms. Many have a heavy fragrance and the fragrance is specific. Some have only a light fragrance. The colors are whites and pinks, with some reds, yellows and mauves. They are excellent landscape plants that require minimal care. Old Garden Roses are sometimes referred to as Heritage Roses or old fashioned roses. They are survivors and can be found at old homesteads and at cemeteries. OGR's can make a great addition to your garden. Some are even good as cut roses.

Upcoming Society Programs

February 16: Society Meeting: "Buck, Kordes and OGR's" (A power point presentation) by Tina Jennings of Remarkable Roses, Cedar Bluff, AL. Contact her at 423-653-6880 and she will bring your rose order to the meeting.

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

April 20: Society Meeting: TBA

TARS Events

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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