

# Regarding Roses

## Tallahassee Area Rose Society

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## President's Message By Marion Nimis

January 2014

I trust you emerged unscathed from the holiday season with enough energy to cope with the challenges of 2014. I wish you good health and a successful year of growing ever more lovely roses.

We owe a huge debt to 2013's board members, committee chairs, and everyone else who helped out: John Sullivan was always at the ready with a rose door prize, Mary Maud Sharpe did so much for our group that it's hard to list it all, but I will mention her pound cake; and who can forget Martha Dooley's amaretto bundt cake; Cheryl Gibbons was a terrific V.P. who thankfully agreed to stay on; as did secretary Karen Jackson whose beautiful roses inspire us; Pat Stanford was a truly outstanding president, whose shoes I cannot fill. Pat also did a splendid job of shouldering

the rose show chair responsibilities as well. I'd like to pay tribute to the dedicated TARS members we lost in 2013, including Marge Orrick, Robert Harper and Bill Sharpe. Anna and Bill Price are no longer able to grow roses. They will all be missed.

I hope this will be a big year for TARS. The board agreed that we must do everything we can to increase our membership, otherwise, like a neglected rose, our local society will wither and fade. Our mandate is to educate, but without greater attendance and more members, we cannot do so. Recruiting new members is difficult, and TARS had tried valiantly in previous years. But if everyone could recruit just one more member, we'd double our numbers.

January's board meeting was productive. We confirmed committee chairs

and set dates, topics, and goals for 2014. We want to make the meetings more fun and more social, and we need your help. Our picnic/party will be at my house. Cheryl will host our end-of-year holiday party. To that end, our first meeting, "Let's Talk Roses", will be a meet and greet where we'll take turns telling the group who we are, how and why we started growing roses, etc. Thus we are all "speakers" at our January meeting. So we need you. I urge you all to come. We'll have refreshments, both before and during the meeting. That way, we can finish on time.

Please bring you ideas for future meetings. Be prepared to offer to bring a door prize. And most of importantly, be prepared to volunteer to be our

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### Society Meeting

**Date:** Thursday, January 23—Note Change

**Time:** 7:00 pm—Note Change

**Place:** Goodwood Museum and Gardens, Jubilee Cottage. Program—"Let's Talk Roses" Members will enjoy light refreshments and a social gathering. The program will be a sharing of how members became interested in roses and how they learned about the local rose society events.

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## Thought You'd Like To Know — Tranquility (Shrub)

*Tranquility* is a shrub that has light yellow to pure white blooms. The blooms have neatly placed petals that form a perfect rosette. The light yellow of the buds quickly fades to white. The bloom size is 3 1/2 inches and the petal count is 110. They have a light apple fragrance. The

growth of the plant is vigorous, upright and bushy. It is almost thornless and very healthy. It grows four feet by three feet and could be larger in our area. The hybridizer is David Austin and it is a 2014 new rose introduction. It could be a great new plant for your garden this year!



"Tranquility"  
(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 February through October beginning at 9:00 am. Contact Mary Maud Sharpe, 850-878-9625, WJMM-SHARPE@AOL.COM

show chair. This is the gaping hole in our agenda that we must fill ASAP.

To attract new members, our meetings need to be relevant and "cool" and appropriate for each month. We know roses are beautiful and can be grown anywhere there's enough sun. But many people don't know this. The board decided we should do more to emphasize organic methods of cultivation, and dispel widely held myths that roses are hard to grow, require toxic chemicals, and can only survive in well manicured flower beds.

At present, my roses look dreadful. Hard freezes followed by inches of rain have made them look as if they'll never bloom again. What leaves they still have are covered with black spot. Branches are broken and twisted. I could go on. Knowing your roses will recover is a sign of hope for the future. Meanwhile, January is the month to relax, flip through rose catalogs, plan to buy a few new roses from John at Goodwood, pick up soil sample kits from the extension office, and decide what needs to be done. But basically leave your roses alone until Valentine's Day pruning.

So to all of you, willingly cornered, I say thank you. See you Thursday. And remember, "Gather ye rosebuds while ye may".

#### ***2014 Dues are Due***

Yes, it is dues time again and a membership form is enclosed for you to renew for 2014. 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 are planning to join us for another year of program meetings and events.

#### ***January Meeting Date and Time Change***

Because of the weekend DSD Mid-Winter Meeting held in Gainesville and several other conflicts, the date of the meeting is being changed from our regularly scheduled date and time to January 23, Thursday evening at 7:00 pm at the Jubilee Cottage at Goodwood Museum and Gardens. A number of our members attended the DSD Mid-Winter Meeting which did not conclude until noon on Sunday. They will be able to give us a report on Thursday evening. They will be pleased to share what they learned from the horticulture and arrangement judging sessions, the Consulting Rosarian School as well as the speakers. We plan to go back to our regular scheduled meeting time on Sunday afternoon for the following months of the year. We have learned that Jubilee Cottage will not be available for each of our meetings and some of the meetings will be in the Laundry Cottage. Be sure to check your newsletter each month.

*"One of the greatest discoveries a man makes, one of his greatest surprises, is to find he can do what he was afraid he couldn't do."*

**Henry Ford**

## ***MINUTES OF THE TALLAHASSEE AREA ROSE SOCIETY MEETING***

***November 17, 2013***

The final meeting of the Tallahassee Area Rose Society for 2013 was held at 2:30 at Goodwood Museum and Gardens in the Laundry Cottage. President Pat Stanford presided and welcomed members and visitors. The minutes for the month of October as published in the November newsletter were approved. Mary Maud Sharpe gave the treasurer's report which was approved by the membership.

No bronze award was bestowed this year.

Bob Schelhorn, chairman of the Nominating Committee, presented a slate of officers to serve for the Year 2014. They include:

President – Marion Nimis  
Vice-President – Cheryl Gibbons  
Secretary – Karen Jackson  
Treasurer – Mary Maud Sharpe  
Director (Past President) – Pat Stanford  
Director – Marty Quinn  
Director – John Sullivan

Pat Stanford asked for nominees from the floor; there were none. Members in attendance approved the slate unanimously.

Kelly DeWall of Tallahassee Nurseries returned to speak again this year. She presented a variety of arrangements of roses and fall garden plants useful for Thanksgiving celebrations.

Cheryl Gibbons gave an extended thank you to Pat Stanford for her two years of hard work on behalf of the Society. Members joined in a round of applause.

A door prize was awarded. The meeting adjourned at 3:30 pm and members enjoyed refreshments and fellowship.

Respectfully submitted,  
*Karen Jackson*  
Secretary

#### ***Election of Officials***

The following members were elected to serve for the 2014 year.

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Vice-President—Cheryl Gibbons  
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See contact information on Page 4.

*Invite a friend or neighbor who loves roses  
to come with you to the meeting!*

## **January Consulting Rosarian Report**

*By Martha Jean Woodward*

January is the time to relax from the routine chores of rose growing. This gives us time to search the catalogs for new varieties to replace the ones we have shovel pruned. If you have not grown any Old Garden Roses, give these a try. I like Carefree Beauty, Mutabilis, and Prosperity. These will go on sale at Goodwood on Saturday, February 8 beginning at 9:00 am. Have your soil ready for these new arrivals.

Plan to get you clippers and loppers sharpened because February is pruning time. Check your fertilizer and spray supplies and purchase what you will need.

And, as Bill Price always suggested, "Form the habit of keeping records. Record the date each time you spray and fertilize listing what you used and the amount."

Wishing you a Happy New Year Of Rose Growing.

### **Goodwood Roses**

The volunteers work on Saturday mornings from 9:00 am until noon. Currently they getting ready for the annual sale. Contact John Sullivan for more information at joh4@aol.com.

### **Tetanus**

#### **What You Should Know and What You Should Do (Reprinted)**

All gardeners should be aware of some basic facts about tetanus and make certain that their tetanus immunizations are current. The wound need be no larger than a thorn prick to harbor bacteria to produce the toxin which is very poisonous. In recent years approximately 11% of reported tetanus cases have been fatal. The highest mortality rates are in unvaccinated persons and persons over 60 years of age. Tetanus, also called lockjaw is a medical condition characterized by a contraction of muscle fibers. The incubation period is usually about 8 days, but may be as long as several months. There is no blood test that can be used to diagnose tetanus. Diagnosis is made from symptoms. It is best to prevent tetanus by vaccination. The CDC recommends that adults receive a booster vaccine every ten years. Some doctors recommend boosters every five years. It is standard practice to have a booster if persons are uncertain of when they were vaccinated. Tetanus occurs in soils rich in organic matter. Tetanus is often associated with rust, especially rusty nails. This concept is misleading, but the rough surface of rusty metal provides a habitat for *C. tetani* endospore and the nail may puncture the skin and allow endospore to enter the wound. When tetanus infection does occur, it is highly lethal. If a tetanus develops in an person who has not been immunized, the fatality rate runs from 45 to 55 percent with the best hospital care. Always consult you health care provider for more information. Never neglect a wound. Keep your booster vaccinations up to date! It is easy to protect yourself.

## **2014 Resolutions**

There has been a lot said for the advantages of New Year Resolutions and comments that they are too hard to keep. Many of us do not follow through as we should, but to get a chance to start anew has a certain appeal especially to rosarians since it is a new year of rose growing. So here are a few for you to consider.

- Grow better roses.
- Remember the things that worked in the past and plan to do them again.
- Learn something new!
- Find a mentor and don't be afraid to ask for help and advise.
- Keep a calendar of what you do and when you do it to use as a reference for future activities and to remind you of things you should do and when.
- Buy at least one new rose.
- Plan to rejoin TARS and attend all the society meetings if possible. Meet a member you do not know well and visit with them.
- Get one new rose book.
- Volunteer to help on a society committee.
- Visit your rose garden more frequently just to see and smell the roses.
- Share roses with others—neighbors or friends.

You can think of other resolutions. Add them to this list and don't worry if you don't keep all of them, just start the new year with enthusiasm for your rose growing hobby and enjoy it to the fullest! May 2014 be a good year for you and your roses.

### **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 wjmm-sharpe@aol.com about bringing "goodies".

### **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](http://www.tallahasseearearosesociety.org).

### **DSD Mid-Winter 2014**

The meeting was great! The weather was cold, but the speakers excellent, comrade wonderful and we were able to get three new roses for the peace garden. Plan to go next year!

### **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.



## Upcoming Society Programs

**January 23 Society Meeting: "Let's Talk Roses" -** A learning experience of how members got interested in roses and how they learned about TARS. Moderated by Marion Nimis (Member Participation).

**February 16: Society Meeting: "Buck, Kordes and OGR's"** (A power point presentation) by Tina Hart of Remarkable Roses, Cedar Bluff, AL.

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

## TARS Events

**February 8: Goodwood Rose Sale of Old Garden Roses.** Many varieties will be available beginning at 9:00 am and closing at 12:00 Noon. Sale continues on Friday and 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](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. The 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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