

Regarding Roses

Tallahassee Area Rose Society

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President's Message By Pat Stanford

November 2013

I have enjoyed the past two years as president. We have been busy, haven't we?

First I want to thank ALL of you who showed up at the Rose Show to set-up, tote tables, clerk, do classification, do placement, move or fill vases, exhibit roses, prepare goodies and lunch, tally winners, pack boxes, and tear the thing all down again. Last year I tried to list names and I probably left out a bunch, so I am just thanking you this way. You know who you are and so do the others who were there working along with you. It is a tiring event, but worth it in the time we can spend with each other.

After our brief Business Meeting, we will vote on the slate of officials brought forward by our Nominating Committee Chairman, Bob Schelhorn.

We elect a new president this year and I am excited about the nominee. Please come cast your vote and show support for *all* who will be part of the TARS Board. The report of the nomination committee is in this newsletter.

That taken care of, we get to learn how to use our roses in holiday arrangements. Kelly DeWall will be our guest speaker again this year. She was so enthusiastic and so well received, we want her to do it again. If you missed it last year, DO NOT miss it again this year! She will show us how easy it is to use roses for home, church, office and party events over the holiday season.

See you at the meeting.

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Program Notes

Kelly tells us that she will have supplies for the program, but that if members have roses from their gardens you may bring them. She also promises to help individuals after her presentation if you bring your own container and roses to guide you in making your own arrangement to take home to enjoy. The best way to learn is through doing and with her help you will be learning from her years of experience what to do and what not to do. She will guide you in the type of design you can make from the container you select. Look around and find a container that goes well with your furnishings and be prepared to have some fun doing something for yourself or to share and take to a special friend.

Society Meeting

Date: Sunday, November 17
Time: 2:30 pm

Place: Goodwood Museum and Gardens, Laundry Cottage.

Program—Holiday arrangements demonstration by Kelly DeWall. Come and learn how to make beautiful accents with your roses for the holiday season. Kelly is back by popular demand.

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Thought You'd Like To Know – Tiffany

Tiffany is a Hybrid Tea that was originated by Lindquist in 1954. A rose that is still widely grown 50 year after its introduction is a special one. *Tiffany* has a wonderful fragrance, elegant form and performs well in hot climates. The buds are long and slender and open out toward the center. The bloom color is pink with a hint of salmon. The flowers come singly or in small clusters on fairly long and strong stems. The plants have vigorous growth and dark green foliage. It repeat blooms well through late autumn. There is also a (continued on page 2)



"Tiffany"
(Hybrid Tea)

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

Thought You'd Like to Know (continued)

climbing form, but is not as popular as the bush form. *Tiffany* was the winner of the novice class at the recent rose show and was exhibited by Lu Juana Michaels. *Tiffany* has a rating of 7.9.

DSD Meetings

The DSD Mid-Winter meeting in 2014 will be hosted by Atlanta Rose Societies. There will be a horticulture refresher class on Friday morning and an arrangement refresher class on Friday afternoon. These classes will fulfill the continuing education requirements of accreditation. Friday evening there will be a welcome buffet. Saturday programs include speakers Malcolm Manners, Barry McCasland, Jim Mills and Chris Van Cleve. Jolene Adams, president of ARS will be our guest on Saturday evening for the awards banquet when the bronze medal winners and photo contest winners will be honored. The Consulting Rosarian School will be held on Sunday morning. If you would like to become a CR contact Ralph Stream so that the necessary paper work can be done. The hotel is again the Best Western Gateway Grand in Gainesville, Florida. A registration form is enclosed so that you can make plans early.

Election of Officials

Robert Schelhorn is chairman of the Nominating Committee. Officials serve for a one year term and may be elected for additional terms. The election will be held at our November meeting and the nominees are as follows:

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

Nominations may also be made from the floor. Officials begin serving as soon as elected. If you have ideas for society activities let the new officials know.

Thank You!

To all of the officials who have given of their time and talents to lead us for the past year and to the members who have supported them and the society, we offer our sincere thanks and gratitude. There is no way to determine the number of volunteer hours that have been spent to fulfill the purposes of the society. Members have maintained the Peace Garden, volunteered at Goodwood, planned and sponsored the annual rose show, open their gardens, helped others with rose questions as well as held interesting program meeting with delicious refreshments. As Pat said in her message "We have been busy, haven't we?" Yes, we have!

MINUTES OF THE TALLAHASSEE AREA ROSE SOCIETY MEETING

October 6, 2013

The monthly meeting of the Tallahassee Area Rose Society was held at 2:30 at Goodwood Museum and Gardens in Jubilee Cottage. President Pat Stanford presided and welcomed members and visitors. The minutes for the month of September as reported in the September newsletter were approved as written. Mary Maud Sharpe, treasurer, reported income and expenses, balance in the TARS account and a membership of 100 individuals. The treasurer's report was approved.

President Pat Stanford reminded members of the upcoming rose show and members were asked to exhibit and help in any way possible. She also reminded members of the DSD Convention and Rose Show as well as the Heritage Rose Foundation Convention in November. She announced that election of officials for the 2014 year will be held at the November meeting.

Bill Dority invited members to visit the healing garden which is in full bloom and located at the Cancer Center.

The program was presented by Mary Maud Sharpe. She gave tips on exhibiting at a rose show and a handout was available. Members entered their roses in the member show as outlined in the schedule. Members were the judges and voted on the best of each class. Awards were given to the winners.

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

Respectfully submitted,
Mary Maud Sharpe
Acting Secretary

TARS Rose Show

The show was a beautiful one and society members who were winners are Cheryl Gibbons/Mike Michelis, Lu Juana Michaels, Anna and Bill Price, Hank Rosen, Bob Schelhorn, Mary Maud Sharpe and Rick Thomas. Thanks to the local exhibitors and the exhibitors who came from out of town and brought their beautiful roses. A complete listing of winners will be posted on the TARS website and copies will be available at the meeting. The quality of the blooms entered was very good and the arrangement designs and photos of roses made the show delightful for the visiting public. The luncheon for the judges, exhibitors and society members was delicious. Set up, placement, judging, hosting and take down all went smoothly with the leadership of Show Chairman, Pat Stanford. Congratulations Pat! If you missed it this year, make plans now to be there next year to enjoy the comrade of other society members, learn more about our rose hobby and support this society event.

November Consulting Rosarian Report

By Bob Schelhorn

I grow lots of stuff besides my three dozen hybrid tea rose bushes. I have pots of peppers. I have pots of herbs. I have pots of ferns. This is not to mention five varieties of citrus trees which spent their infancy in pots. Notice what they all have in common? POTS!

During the luncheon at our recent rose show I sat across from Jeff Hoffman. Jeff, from Sea Island, Georgia, was one of our judges. He began showing several of us pictures of his many roses, all of which were grown exclusively in pots. I thought this was kind of weird...at first. As Jeff continued to extoll the many virtues of growing roses in pots it started to make a lot of sense. He had put together a handout entitled "Advantages to Growing Roses in Containers" which he kindly sent to me the following week.

Allow me to highlight just a few of these advantages.

- + No digging. This also means no roots, no rocks, and no clay.
- + No weeds or invasive grasses.
- + You control the potting soil mix.
- + Much less mulch.
- + Easier control of how much water your roses receive.
- + Perfect drainage (Jeff likes to put his pots on pallets)
- + Etc., Etc., Etc.

Are you starting to get the picture? I'm certainly sold. This method of growing is ideal for beginners, for seniors, for those with limited sunny places, for those in above ground level dwellings provided they have a bit of patio. My personal usage would be to start a collection of minis, which I have never had. If you would like a copy of Jeff's handout or more information, please get in touch (850-907-1325 or bcschelhorn@comcast.net). Till then, have the best of holidays.

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".

Heritage Rose Foundation Conference

This 2013 conference will be held in Lakeland, Florida at Florida Southern College, November 14-17. You have received a schedule of events and a registration form earlier. We hope you have made plans to go!

Goodwood Old Garden Roses

The volunteers work on Saturday mornings from 9:00 am until noon. Currently they are moving rooted plants to larger pots for the annual sale. Contact John

Getting Roses Ready for 2014

Our first hard frost will be arriving soon and the rose bloom season for 2013 will be over. Winterizing our roses is not nearly the task that rosarians farther north will need to do. Most rose plants in our area will survive with little or no special care. Using extra mulch around the base of plants is usually a good idea. Cutting back extremely tall canes can be done to keep plants from being uprooted due to heavy winter winds. Leaving spent blooms on the plant will promote some dormancy; however, many rosarians do pull off the petals to eliminate as much mold as possible. Do not apply nitrogen containing fertilizer. Do continue to water if rain is not sufficient. Test the soil for moisture rather than just looking at the condition of your foliage. Keep winter weeds under control. There seems to be weeds for every season. If you have kept your plants healthy, they will respond by coming back in the early spring.

While your roses are resting take time to plan what you want to do by adding new plants even if it may be necessary to remove some of your existing plants. There may be some plants that didn't perform as well as others that you would like to replace. Look at the new catalogues that will be arriving soon. Remember the roses you saw at the garden tour last spring of the rose show that were a must have and locate a supplier. Plan to go the DSD Mid-winter meeting. There will be vendors that will bring plants to you as a special order or you may browse and purchase. The old garden rose sale at Goodwood will be February 9, so plan to add landscape plants.

Inventory your supplies and equipment. Sharpen clippers, be sure your sprayer is in good condition and make note of things you will need on hand when planting and pruning season arrives. Check you irrigation system, if you have one, to be sure all the spray nozzles are clean and that there are no leaks. You may need a profession to assist you.

Catch up on your reading! If you are like me you probably have things that you have not had time to read or that you would like to read again that you have kept. There is a wealth of information on the TARS, DSD and ARS websites. You can also search the web for your favorite rose subjects. The local library has many colorful and interesting books. Hopefully you will find winter evenings during the holidays with time at home to do some catch up reading.

Most of all enjoy these winter months for some rest and relaxation from your rose gardening. Spring is so exciting—be ready to enjoy it!

God

*Gave us memories
So that we might
Have roses in
December*

Upcoming Society Programs

November 17: Holiday Arrangements—Kelly DeWall

DSD Events

January 17-19, 2014: DSD Mid-Winter Meeting, Gainesville, FL. Contact Bobbie Reed, 770-979-4237, berdks@mindspring.com.

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.

ARS Rose Calendars

The ARS 2014 calendars are available and they make great gifts for rose friends. The rose photos are great. The cover is Scentimental (Best of Show at TARS rose show). Other roses of the month are Matilda, Love Song, Green Ice, Chicago Peace, Yvonne Rabier', Hey Jack, Marchesa Boccella, Eyeconic Lemonade, Joy, Playboy, Perfect Moment and Showbiz. There are other rose photos on the side bars. All photos are winners. The price is \$10.00 and can be ordered by calling 1-800-637-6534 or from the website www.ars.org. We plan to have a copy at the meeting for you to see. It is 11 x 13 and has room for you to note all your rose events and other important activities. All sales benefit the American Rose Society.

Information: www.tallahasseearearosesociety.org

The Tallahassee Area Rose Society meetings are at 2:30 pm on the third Sunday of the month except June, July, and December at the 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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