

Regarding Roses

Tallahassee Area Rose Society

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President's Message By Pat Stanford

September 2013

A thunder roar,
A lightning flash;
The rains came down,
But we still had our bash!

O. K., so that is not as good as Bill Dority's epic poem, which some members present helped him read. For a bit there, I thought we'd have to do it by candlelight, as it was getting dark and quite breezy outside! We're glad Bill shared his four year project with us. If you missed the August society meeting, you can read it at the ARS website (Americanrosesociety.org), the DSD website (Deepsouthdistrict.org) or the TARS website (Tallahasseearearosesociety.org) under the gallery tab.

The weather has still kept me inside for the most part. My roses have been more faithful to me

than I have to them. They are blooming and are looking a little better since I went after the life-sucking weeds with a vengeance. Soon I won't be embarrassed to resume my practice of cutting them and sharing them with friends and co-workers.

The weather should break very soon, which reminds us that it is time for our fall show, coming earlier this year to accommodate the DSD Convention and Rose Show in West Palm Beach. The convention took our usual last weekend of October spot, so we moved the show AND our meeting up. The meeting next month is October 6; the show will be as usual, at the Conner Building, the weekend of October on 19 and 20.

Please help in any way you can to make the show a success. All hands will be needed for set up, moving props, trophies/awards, tables, etc.,

breaking down, loading...and yes, we have lighter tasks, like filing vases, clerking and many, many others.

This is always an important time of the year for our society. The Bronze Medal winner will be revealed to you all soon. You can play an important role by sharing suggestions which you may have for the new slate of officials to the Nominating Committee. Bob Schelhorn is chairman of the committee and you may reach him at 850-907-1325 or bschelhorn@comcast.net.

Our regular monthly meeting for THIS month is September 15th and it promises to be a very good one. Pam Greenwald, a regular columnist for the ARS magazine and owner of Angel Gardens Nursery in Alachua, Florida will

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Society Meeting

Date: Sunday, September, 15

Time: 2:30 pm

Place: Goodwood Museum and Gardens Jubilee Cottage

Note change of location

Program—Pam Greenwald will speak on growing roses without chemicals. Come and learn from her experiences and get your questions answered on why and how.

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Thought You'd Like To Know — Gartendirektor Otto Linne

Gartendirektor Otto Linne is an easy to grow shrub (S) with deep pink, a little white patch at the center, double ruffled petaled blooms that are borne in large clusters. It was introduced in 1934 from Lambert, Germany and has a rating of 8.7. The growth is upright and fountain like. It

grows well as a hedge or can be trained as a climbing rose in some climates. The stems are not quite, but nearly thornless. The foliage is healthy and leatherly with light apple-green leaves. Otto Linne was the first director of gardens and cemeteries in Hamburg. There is a

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Gartendirektor Otto Linne
(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 of each month beginning at 9:00 am. Contact Mary Maud Sharpe, 850-878-9625, WJMMSHARPE@AOL.COM

Thought You'd Like to Know (continued)

plant at Goodwood located just outside the fence adjacent to the rose propagation area. You have probably seen it many times. One of our members also has a plant and recently need to have it identified. Goodwood volunteers believe they were successful in the identification by comparing the bloom, color size, making a petal count and the lack of thorns as well as the growth habits. If you have a beautiful antique rose that you need to identify the Goodwood volunteers will be pleased to help you.

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be our speaker. She will tell us how we can grow roses organically. I am very interested in this topic and hope you are as well. It should be a very informative program.

See you at the meeting!

Pat

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TARS Rose Show

Pat Stanford will be the show chairman. She has most of the committee chairmen, but there are still things that need to be done and she is counting on members to volunteer. Contact her at 850-519-3745 or wordhacker@centurylink.net. The dates are October 19 and 20 and the location is the Conner Building, Department of Agriculture and Consumer Services. Plan to exhibit roses. Schedules will be available soon.

DSD Meetings

The Spring issue of the DSD Bulletin had an announcement that the Annual DSD Convention and Rose Show is being hosted by the West Palm Beach Rose Society. It will be October 25-27. Mark your calendar now and plan to attend and exhibit roses. A registration form was sent to you earlier to register for the meeting events and hotel rooms. There is additional information in the summer issue of the DSD Bulletin and on the DSD website. We will have additional forms at the meeting.

The DSD Mid-Winter meeting in 2014 will be hosted by Atlanta Rose Societies. There will be more information later so that you will be able to make plans early.

District events are well worth your time and effort to attend. You will learn many things about our rose hobby as well as meet some very interesting rosarians.

Goodwood Old Garden Roses

The volunteers work on Saturday mornings from 9:00 am until noon. If you have cutting to share for rooting, the volunteers could use them. Contact John Sullivan for more information at joh4@aol.com.

MINUTES OF THE TALLAHASSEE AREA ROSE SOCIETY MEETING

August 18, 2013

The monthly meeting of the Tallahassee Area Rose Society was held at 2:30 pm at Goodwood Museum and Gardens in the Laundry Cottage. President Pat Stanford presided and welcomed members and visitors. There were no minutes for the month of May because the picnic replaced the monthly meeting. Mary Maud Sharpe gave the treasurer's report which was accepted. The paid membership is a total of 98.

The Society sponsored the annual rose display and exhibit at the Leroy Collins Public Library and garnered additional names for the newsletter.

The TARS Rose Show will be held October 19 and 20 in order to accommodate the ARS District meeting and rose show to be held the following weekend in West Palm Beach. The date of the October meeting will be changed to accommodate the other rose activities later in the month.

Bill Dority, Past President, presented his charming essay in poetic form "My Rose Garden". Members joined in to read various lines.

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

Respectfully submitted,

Karen Jackson

Secretary

Peace Garden

The Peace Garden volunteers always welcome new folks. Work meetings are on the first Wednesday of the month at 9:00 am.

We Need Your Photos

We plan to have a power point program during the show of photos from members of individual roses, garden scenes, society activities—anything about roses that will interest visitors to the show. Contact show chairman, Pat Stanford, 850-519-3745, wordhacker@centurylink.net. Recognition will be given to members submitting entries for this program. Get your cameras out and get started now!

Pam Greenwald is Coming

Our September program will be a presentation by Pam Greenwald on "Growing Beautiful Roses and Gardens Without Chemicals" and will be in Jubilee Cottage. Pam and her husband James have owned and operated Angel Gardens in Alachua since 1991. They use no chemicals. We are pleased to have Pam present this fun and informative program. We hope that you can come. Contact Cheryl Gibbons, TARS program chairman, for more information at 850-668-5247, cherbel1@comcast.net.

August Consulting Rosarian Report

By Martha Jean Woodward

The days will soon become somewhat cooler and it will be more pleasant to spend time in the garden getting our roses ready for beautiful fall blooms. It is still not too late to cut back your roses – but not as severely as in the spring. Usually most rosarians do this Labor Day weekend. Fall fertilizing is similar to the spring routine. Give your plants plenty of organics to carry them through the winter. You can use chemical fertilizer now but not after October since plants should not have tender growth when cold weather arrives. With the three digit temperature we have been having, be sure to water frequently. Check to see if you need to stake to prevent wind damage. Remember to dead-head frequently through October. For your spray program, most rosarians alternate their products for more effective control. Check your mulch as you may need to replenish it to help moderate soil temperature and control weeds.

Enjoy your fall blooms.

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”.

Election of Officials

Robert Schelhorn is chairman of the Nominating Committee to make nominations for officials for the 2014 year. Contact him 850-907-1325, bschelhorn@comcast.net with suggestions. Officials serve for a one year term and may be elected for additional terms. Be thinking of ways you might help the society and be ready to volunteer to help the new officials. The election will be held in November and the nominees will be listed in the November “Regarding Roses”.

Heritage Rose Foundation Conference

This 2013 conference will be held in Lakeland, Florida at Florida Southern College, November 14-17. Enclosed is a schedule of events and a registration form. The early bird registration is good until October 1.

DSD Bulletin

At the recent meeting of the TARS Board distribution of this quarterly publication was again discussed. Soon all members who have given e-mail addresses on there membership form will receive the 2013 issues. Members who do not have e-mail and would like a copy will need to contact Mary Maud Sharpe, 850-878-9625 or wjmmsharpe@aol.com.

Things You Should Know About Organics

Fertilizers which are referred to as organic are made up of materials that were once living organisms. They are generally animal wastes such as manures, ground up organisms such as fish meals, or former plant materials such as cottonseed meal or alfalfa meal.

They tend to have several characteristics in common. For example they have a low nutrient content. Chicken manure considered strong has a nitrogen content of 4.5% and many others are lower. The nutrients are slow release and must have biological action from the soil to release the nutrients. The soil must be warm for this biological action to take place. Under certain conditions more nitrogen maybe required than is provided by the decomposition of organics. Organics do add to the level of humus in the soil. Humus gives soil its ability to store nutrients, to break down rocks and give the soil its proper structure. It also increases the soil's capacity to hold water. Organics have a long term effect on the condition of soils. The overall structure and health of the soil is greatly enhanced by organics.

There are a number of commonly used organic materials used by rosarians to keep their roses happy and healthy. Cottonseed meal is somewhat acidic, but does contain 7% nitrogen, 3% phosphorus and 2% potassium. There is little danger of burning when it is used. It is good to use in high pH soil as it tends to lower the pH. Blood meal is dried, powdered blood that is from slaughterhouses. It is a very good source of nitrogen and must be used carefully. It does supply some trace elements, for example iron. Alfalfa meal is a good additive and contains hormones that stimulate growth. It can be used as the meal or some rosarians use it as a tea. Too much is not good. Fish emulsion is a good source of nitrogen and some of the trace elements. It is made from partially decomposed blend of finely pulverized fish. It can boost a plants growth spurts. When you apply fish emulsion, you should always follow with a deep watering. Manures are complete fertilizers; however, they are low in the amounts of nutrients that they supply to roses. A common ratio for manures is 1-1-1. They are excellent as soil conditioners. Fresh manures have a higher nutrient content. As they age, leach or are composted the nutrient content is lowered. Chicken manures will burn whereas cattle and horse manures do not. Remember that manures vary depending on the type and age. Sewer sludge is the recycled product of municipal sewage treatment plants. There are two forms available for sale. The activated sludge type has higher concentrations of nutrients than composted sludge and is sold in dry, granular form. It is considered a general purpose, long lasting, non-burning product. There have been some questions of the heavy metals that it may contain. Take care when applying. Milorganite has been used at Goodwood for quite some time with good results in both the garden and in the pots of rooted cuttings. Roses love organics!

Upcoming Society Programs

September 15: Organic Gardening—Pam Greenewald, Angel Gardens, Alachua Florida

October 6: Members Rose Show (Note change of date)

November 17: Holiday Arrangements—Kelly DeWall

Calendar of Local Society Events

October 19-20: Annual Rose Show—Conner Building. Contact Pat Stanford, 850-519-3745, or wordhacker@centurylink.net.

DSD Events

October 25-27: DSD Convention and Rose Show, West Palm Beach Rose Society. Contact Debbie Coolidge, telephone 561-684-2421, or e-mail geoffcoolidge@bellsouth.net

ARS Events and News

September 20-22: American Rose Society Miniature National Rose Show and Conference.

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.

Information

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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