

Regarding Roses

Tallahassee Area Rose Society

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President's Message By Pat Stanford

August 2013

Welcome back from our little hiatus!

I don't know about you, but I am glad that the summer is past half gone. It seems hotter and rainier than ever to me. (Don't we say this every year and then forget how awful it was in the fall?) I have even heard of some losing plants to too much rain and it has been difficult for many of us to try to stay ahead of the black spot and bugs. But press on, we must! Our roses depend on us if we are to depend on them for our fall blooms.

With fall approaching, our show comes along with it. Here are things to consider for your participation. 1. Volunteer. Where? I have a nice list, but we'll need help setting up, putting things out, filling vases with water, clerking, and many more:

2. Enter a rose or two or three or more in the show. Why? You'll learn something and it is *fun*, and 3. Promote it. How? Talk about it to your friends and neighbors. We'll take care of publicity in the newspaper and have posters and fliers out, but we need some "chatter". You DO talk don't you?

The May picnic was nice. Even though it was a little warm, there was a very nice breeze under the oaks. I was going to only eat small and "healthy" stuff, but one of my "friends" who will remain nameless, started playing waiter and kept bringing cookies and brownies around to the tables. We had a nice time together.

Our August program will be a real treat: Bill Dority will present "The Roses in My Garden" — an essay in poetic form inspired by his roses. Bet you didn't know Bill was a poet, did you? I

found that a surprise too, when he sent me a poem a few years ago. Turns out that what he sent was a part of our program. He has been working on perfecting this for four years. Portions have appeared in the DSD Bulletin and on the ARS web site. It should be an enjoyable and informative program.

Hope to see you there!

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Breaking News

We have just learned that ARS has more copies of "Growing Beautiful Roses" that was written by Tommy Cairns. Our supply has run out, but we will be ordering more copies for new members and for handouts to visitors at the fall rose show. It is an excellent guide and reference.



Lyda Rose

(Shrub—Hybrid Musk)

Thought You'd Like To Know — Lyda Rose

Lyda Rose is a shrub, hybrid musk, but is very different from most roses in its class. It blooms in large cluster sprays of pale white flowers edged with lavender pink. The growth is angular with very strong stems. Reports are that it blooms well even in limited sun. The fragrance is strong

and spicy. The foliage is dark green. It repeat blooms well and has good disease resistance. It was bred by Kleine Lettunich and introduced in 1994. The latest "ARS Handbook for Selecting Roses" gives Lyda Rose a rating of 8.9. If you are looking for one more good

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Society Meeting

Date: Sunday, August, 18

Time: 2:30 pm

Place: Goodwood Museum and Gardens Laundry Cottage

Program—"The Roses in My Garden" (Poetry) presented by Bill Dority. Bill is an author of original rose poetry found on the ARS website. He grows roses of all types and is an emeritus CR and past president of the society.

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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)
shrub, you will like this rose. Give it a try in your garden.

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 is enclosed for you 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.

The DSD Mid-Winter meeting in 2014 will be hosted by Greater Atlanta Rose Society. 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 cuttings to share for rooting, the volunteers could use them. Contact John Sullivan for more information at joh4@aol.com.

Goodwood Garden Chairs

Chairs in remembrance of Jim Myers and Bill Sharpe have been added to the front rose garden at Goodwood and were made possible by donations from friends and family of these Goodwood volunteers. They are located adjacent to the existing bench in remembrance of Bill Kerber and are the same style. When you are at Goodwood go by the front rose garden rest a spell.

Growing Beautiful Roses & Gardens Without Chemicals

Pam Greenewald will be presenting our September 15 program and sharing her experiences with organic gardening. To order roses from her nursery, Angel Gardens, in Alachua, Florida, contact her at 352-359-1133 and she will deliver. For more information visit her web site www.angelgardens.com. Invite friends to come!

The Tallahassee Area Rose Society Picnic May 19, 2013

There was no business or program just good food and fellowship for members. There are no minutes to publish.

Karen Jackson
Secretary

Peace Garden

The Peace Garden has a new sundial donated by friends of Robert Harper in remembrance of him. It will be installed soon. The Peace Garden has been an ongoing project of the society since 1994. New volunteers are always welcomed. Work meetings are on the first Wednesday of the month at 9:00 am.

June was Library Month June was Rose Month

The downtown Leroy Collins main library was the location and the society has several persons who are interested in roses that have asked to be added to the mailing list. This is a joint annual event of the Library and the society. The display of rose books and fresh garden grown rose arrangements is located on the second floor of the library. The library has many interesting books on roses for reference and reading. Check it out!

We Need Your Photos

Hopefully 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!

Election of Officials

A Nominating Committee will be appointed soon to make nominations for officials for the 2014 year. Officials serve for a one year term and may be elected for additional terms. We will be asking members to assist the committee. Be thinking of ways you might help the society and be ready to volunteer. The election will be held in November and the nominees will be listed in the November "Regarding Roses".

Goodies

Our social time following each meeting is a special time to get to know other rosarians and talk more 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".

August Consulting Rosarian Report

By Pat Stanford

August is important in your garden for many reasons:

1. Prune. While spring is when we do heavy pruning, now is the time we build healthy and strong plants. *Late August – mid September* is the best time for the fall cut back. Some people use Labor Day as their guide, but mine need help now. We are trying to encourage growth of the stronger stems, so cutting anything smaller than a pencil, especially those growing sideways into the plant will help do this. Also, remove all the dead wood that you can. Get out the loping shears if necessary.

2. Spray. This was hard this year with the constant rain. I work full time, so weekends are about “it” for me, unless I wanted to go out at midnight (and I didn’t). I am playing “catch-up” in many ways after my surgery and recovery time, and it will take several more weeks to get ahead of the black spot problem. I was trying to “go organic” but the bushes are practically crying out for additional help. I am using Manzate, recommended a long time ago for just this problem. Do not use too much – it will hurt both the plant AND you! And don’t forget to wear protection.

3. Fertilize. I began many years back using a program that was originally published in the ARS magazine. Week 1: 20-20-20 (If you can find it); Week 2: Epsom Salts (I get the stuff out of the pharmacy area at Wal-Mart – the same stuff package differently in the garden center is about 2\$ more!); Week 3: Fish Emulsion (a smelly product, but the roses love it); and Week 4: Milorganite (Or any other organic, slow release fertilizer such as Cottonseed Meal or Alfalfa Meal). Water before you fertilize. Really? With all the rain? Yep – a little bit to moisten the roots so you don’t burn them. Organics are fine for the long term, but if you (like me) need a quick boost now, a liquid or chemical fertilizer will do the trick.

4. Mulch. Weeds, weeds, weeds! I hate all the weeds! Replenish your mulch. It really helps keep moisture in and keeps weeds at bay. My weeds got so bad, I went out (at 6:30AM to beat the heat) and tore up all my mulch and pulled the weeds out of that. I then laid down a product called Preen, which will not harm the roses, and put the cleaned mulch back down with new mulch on top. I know of someone who actually uses Round-up in their garden, but I don’t trust my aim with the sprayer! Another thing I may try next spring is putting down 6 pages of newspaper per area of coverage and then putting your mulch on top of that. The newspaper is supposed to create a barrier for the dang weeds but will break down just like the mulch.

Confession is good for the soul. Stuff I did NOT do while recuperating from surgery: I did not fertilize. I did not spray. I did not cut my spent blooms. And you

know what? The roses are OK. They aren’t the most beautiful things in the world right now, but it just goes to show that roses are not the prima donnas that many people make them out to be.

While the weather makes us want to stay inside and not really do anything, now is the time to make the effort. Think cool air... fall... big blooms...ah.... I’m looking forward to that. It just takes a little work now to reap the harvest.

Let’s Talk About Mulches

One of the most important things you can do for your roses is to add a good layer of mulch around them or if planted in beds, the entire bed. There are a number of benefits from proper mulching.

- First, mulching helps to conserve the moisture in the soil. It helps reduce evaporation and drying out of the soil around plantings.
- Mulching helps to keep the soil temperatures more even by keeping soil temperature warmer in the winter and cooler in the summer. Your roses grow better.
- Mulching helps to prevent erosion. This is most important if planting on uneven surfaces or inclines
- Mulching helps to retain and filter water into the soil by minimizing runoff of excessive water during heavy rainfalls.
- Mulching adds nutrients to the soil as it slowly composts over time
- Mulching can also help with weed problems. It forms a barrier which can help prevent weed seeds from growing.

Mulching improves the over all appearance of your garden. It can make your rose plants look better.

There are many different materials that can be used for mulch such as tree bark, pine straw, leaves, wood chips. Pine straw is the one most commonly selected by rosarians in our area. Generally mulch should be 3 to 4 inches deep. The amount of mulch depends on the mulch you select to use. Fluffing mulches occasionally with a wire rake can extend their life and keep them effective. It is also very important not to have too much mulch. Excessive mulch may reduce the oxygen supply to roots, if it is applied too thickly.

Mulching is an important part of rose culture. Keeping your mulch at the right levels will make your roses happy and healthy.

*“Let us be grateful to people
who make us happy,
They are the charming gardeners
who make our souls blossom..”*

Marcel Proust

Upcoming Society Programs

August 18: Roses in My Garden" (Poetry)—Bill Dority

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

October 13: Members Rose Show

November 17: Holiday Arrangements—Kelly DeWall

Calendar of Local Society Events

October 19-20: Annual Rose Show—Conner Building. Contact Pat Stanford 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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