

Regarding Roses

Tallahassee Area Rose Society

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President's Message By Pat Stanford

May 2013

Yes—It is picnic time and we hope that you are planning to come. Please respond to the picnic invitation which is enclosed and get back to us as soon as possible. You can e-mail or call me. We need to know how many to prepare for and we want to see you there!

Remember, the picnic takes the place of our May meeting. Come and bring your favorite side dish or dessert; the society will provide the popular "Reggie Chicken", beverages and paper goods. Gathering time is 5:00 pm—serving time is 5:30 pm. The time is early enough to enjoy the afternoon, rose loving friends and still have your evening free. Also remember that the picnic is the last time we will meet until the August monthly meeting for our fall programs.

April's meeting was presented by John and Jean Grotgen of the Thomasville Rose Society. They had a wonderful presentation about "Fabulous Floribundas". If you didn't want some of these roses before, I think you would want some now! I got the idea to replace a small hedge with several plants. Perhaps I can do that this fall when I am more mobile.

Thomasville's Rose Show was very successful! Many of the Tallahassee folks were there to help, exhibit and win awards.

Our own rose show will be one week earlier than originally planned due to a conflict with the DSD Convention being hosted by the Greater West Palm Beach Rose Society. So, mark your calendar now for October 19th and 20th instead of the original planned 26th and 27th.

If I don't see you at the picnic, have a nice summer! We will look for you when you come back refreshed and eager to share your love of roses. Keep up the fertilizing, spraying and watering.

Breaking News

Bob Schelhorn won the queen of the show in Thomasville with a beautiful **Gold Medal**, grandiflora rose! He was on cloud nine and may still be. He also had a **Veterans' Honor** winner in the court and a **Melody Perfumée** fully open bloom. He is a long time member, ARS Consulting Rosarian, a past president and currently is a member of the Board of Directors.

He has left his roses in good hands and is on a stint as a chef on a yacht in the Bahamas.

Congratulations Bob!

Society Picnic

Date: Sunday, May, 19

Time: 5:00 pm

Place: Goodwood Museum and Gardens (at Jubilee Cottage under the oak trees if the weather is good or inside Jubilee Cottage if it rains)

There is no planned program—Just plenty of good food and fellowship with other rose lovers. Family members and guests are welcome.

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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— Butter Cream

Butter Cream is one of the top Minifloras in the most recent rating and is ranked second with a RIR rating of 7.8. It is a cross of Anne Morrow Lindbergh and Fairhope and was created by Robert B. Martin, Jr. It was introduced on 2003 and won its first queen at the 2003 Gainesville show. The

exhibitor was Steve Felts, from Ocala, Florida. *Butter Cream* is larger than its parent Fairhope. The blooms are a true medium yellow which tends to be whiter in hot sunny conditions. They are high centered, with good substance and last well on the bush or as a cut flower. It has 28 to



Butter Cream
(Miniflora)

***Thought You'd Like to Know* (continued)**

32 petals. The bush grows upright, tall, with medium green, semi-glossy foliage which is highly disease resistant. It grows well on its own roots. If you are considering adding some Miniatures and/or Minifloras to your garden you will be pleased with *Butter Cream*.

Annual Picnic

The society is planning for the annual picnic to be held on May 19 rather than a program meeting. This is the only social meeting of the year and we know that those of you who have attended in the past have had a great time visiting each other and talking roses and other things. We'll again meet at Goodwood since we would have inside facilities in case of rainy weather.

There is a form enclosed so that you will have contact information for responding if you plan to attend. Family members and guests are welcome. This is a fun time to get to know fellow members better. The food is always great! TARS members are very good cooks.

Thomasville Rose Show

The Thomasville Rose show was held Friday, April 26 and Saturday, April 27. There were TARS members there to exhibit, clerk, etc. In addition to the queen winner, Robert Schelhorn, other winners and/or exhibitors were Anna and Bill Price, Rick Thomas, Bill Dority, Michael Michelis, Cheryl Gibbons, Marilyn Watson, Seymour Rosen, Hank Rosen and Bill and Mary Maud Sharpe. The number of entries was not as many as in past years due to the unusually cool spring, but the quality of blooms was very good.

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.

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 Rose Plant Sale

The sale will continue on Saturday mornings from 9:00 am until noon. Some varieties are sold out, but there are still good selections. 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 April 21, 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. The minutes of the March 17, 2013 meeting as printed in the April newsletter were approved. Mary Maud Sharpe, treasurer, gave the treasurer's report which was accepted.

The annual open gardens tour on May 5 will include the gardens of Cheryl Gibbons, Karen Jackson, Marilyn Watson, Bill Dority as well as the Peace Garden and the Healing Garden.

The annual TARS picnic will be held Sunday, May 19, at 5 pm, outside the Jubilee Cottage at Goodwood.

The TARS Rose Show will be held October 19 and 20 in order to accommodate the ARS District convention and rose show to be held the following weekend in West Palm Beach.

John and Jean Grotgen of Valdosta, GA presented a well-received program on the history and cultivation of floribunda roses that attracted a standing-room-only audience consisting of TARS members, new members and the general public. The Grotgen's led a lively discussion on which varieties are especially successful in this area.

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 was on the garden tour this year. There was a representative of the volunteers who had a handout about the garden and explained the rose care plan that is being followed. The Peace Garden has been an ongoing project of the society since 1994. Volunteers are always welcomed.

June is Library Month June is Rose Month

If you would like to participate by helping to donate garden roses for bouquets or designs to be used during the month of June, please contact Mary Maud Sharpe, 850-878-9625 or WJMMSHARPE@AOL.COM for more information. The downtown Leroy Collins main library is the location. The address is 200 West Park Avenue.

May Consulting Rosarian Report

By Hank Rosen

The Thomasville show for 2013 is now history and congratulations to all of members who came and especially those who exhibited and won awards. We are especially proud of our own Bob Schelhorn who took the prize for Queen of the Show with a beautiful Gold Medal!

May is a transition month for the rose garden. Earlier this spring you should have given your roses a healthy dose of organics and granular fertilizer to get them ready for both the spring rose shows and/or for your own enjoyment. The roses should have just completed a blooming cycle and they are ready for some more nutrition. Roses are very productive power plants (no pun intended) and after doing their job of making beautiful roses, they tend to get tired and need to be fed once again.

My fertilizing schedule includes using 4 month Osmocote (19-6-12) to keep the bushes fed little by little over a long period of time. I also use either 16-4-8 or 13-6-6 with 50% slow release nitrogen, available from Graco. I always water well the day before I fertilize to make sure the roots will not get burned. It is also a good habit to water the day after, as necessary. For hybrid teas and other large bushes, I use about a cup per bush per month and about half a cup for smaller bushes and minis and minifloras.

Keeping up with your spray schedule is also critical during this month and the rest of the Summer (if you elect to spray). We have been somewhat fortunate with a relatively dry Spring so far and not a lot of fungal issues. The best way I have found to stay on schedule is to mark the calendar in advance for every 10-14 days or whatever period you find you can live with. I try to stick to a 14 day schedule and only spray fungicides on a regular basis. I use Banner Maxx and Manzate as the basis for my spray program, with Manzate being the contact fungicide and Banner Maxx more systemic. I sometimes rotate with Immunox as my systemic fungicide to avoid the fungal diseases developing an immunity to just one fungicide. My pesticide of choice for now is Conserve Naturalyte, which is inexpensive, excellent on thrips and does not harm beneficial insects. Spray in the morning or late evening when it is cool and the air is calm. Always wear protective clothes, gloves, and a mask when spraying.

As our daytime temperatures are now consistently over 85 degrees and will be for the foreseeable future, your roses need watering. They will need to get at least one inch or more of water per week. Check your soil every few days with your index finger and water if is dry. Using a 3-4 inch layer of mulch is also helpful and will conserve moisture and keep the weeds down.

Just stay on course for the rest of the Spring and Summer and you will continue to have beautiful roses.

Thanks to the Members Who Opened Their Gardens for the Spring Tour

Bill Dority has been a rose grower for many years and grows a number of varieties and types of roses. He is an avid promoter of Old Garden Roses and he uses them in this landscape plan.

Cheryl Gibbons loves roses of all types. She is partial to roses with fragrance. Her garden is fairly new and she continues to add more roses. There is always one more that she simply must have.

The Healing Garden is a project of Bill Dority and members of the Tallahassee Garden Club and is located at the TMH Cancer Center for the enjoyment of the patients. The roses are Old Garden and Bill got them from Goodwood. The garden is fairly new and has been added to recently.

Karen Jackson's garden is not only roses but other plants that you will find interesting. Her specialty are roses that do not require chemical sprays.

The Peace Garden was originally planted in 1994 with plants purchased by donations from TARS members and in cooperation with the City of Tallahassee. The dedication was April 29, 1995. It is maintained by TARS members.

Marilyn Watson has added to her garden recently and she uses compost for the major feeding of her roses in her rose culture practices.

The weather cooperated and we hope that you had the opportunity to visit all of the gardens, since they are each unique and different.

Our thanks to the members who made this event happen and thanks also to those members and guests who visited the gardens.

DSD Photo Contest

It is time to start taking photos and making entries for this year's contest. Classes have been revised so that there will be more photos. There are now 20 classes which include all types of roses, arrangements, macro photography, abstract or impressionist photography, rose gardens and novice.

The complete listing of rules and classes was in the spring issue of the DSD Bulletin and can be found on the DSD website deepsouthdistrict.org or you may contact Stephen Hoy, 478-953-7705, hoy127@cox.net.

Entries must be received by July 31, 2013. Review the rules and classes, get out your camera and make your entries soon! If you have questions contact Stephen Hoy and he will be glad to assist you.

The photo contest presentation is a part of the DSD Mid-Winter meeting.

"We keep moving forward, opening new doors, and doing new things, because we're curious and curiosity keeps leading us down new paths."

Walt Disney

Upcoming Society Programs

May 19: Picnic and no planned program— Just food and fellowship

June and July: No planned society meeting

August 18: TBA

Calendar of Local Society Events

May 19: Picnic

June: Library Month / Rose Month—Main Library, Downtown Tallahassee

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

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