

Regarding Roses

Tallahassee Area Rose Society

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President's Message By Pat Stanford

April 2013

I will (Finally!) be back at the April meeting. It has been a longer road back in recovery from the surgery than I had thought. In a few more weeks, I can ditch my constant companion "Bootie" and get into my garden. My roses have suffered a little as I have not been able to fertilize or spray. But they don't look terrible and that just goes to show you that roses are more forgiving than they have a reputation for!

I hope your gardens are responding to your tender loving care and are ready to reveal their beauty in time for the Thomasville Rose Show which is Friday and Saturday, April 26-27. If you have never entered, make this your year to have some fun and put one or more of your roses in the show. If you don't have roses to show,

go anyway—you will learn a lot just by seeing what some of the best roses look like.

Speaking of Thomasville, our April program is a presentation on "Fabulous Floribundas" and will be brought to us by John and Jean Grotgen of the Thomasville Rose Society. You will not want to miss this!

Our March meeting was a panel of Consulting Rosarians. Thanks to Rick Thomas for coming down from (again) Thomasville to moderate the discussion. Thanks to the members for their questions and to the Consulting Rosarians for sharing their knowledge. This panel discussion is usually a very well attended program.

Please feel free to bring in your rose problems or take a picture of them if you can't bring them to the meeting. This is one of the reasons for

our society's existence—to help others understand problems, pests and learn how to grow better roses.

See you at the meeting.

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DSD Convention and Rose Show—2013

The West Palm Beach Rose Society will host the 2013 DSD Convention and Rose Show. In order to find a location the society will be holding this event on the scheduled date of our Tallahassee rose show. Our show will be moved forward one week and will be held, Saturday, October 19 and Sunday, October 20. Save these dates.

Meeting Workshop

Wedges—Supplies you will need, how to prepare and how to use.

Society Meeting

Date: Sunday, April 21

Time: 2:30 pm

Place: Laundry Cottage at Goodwood Museum and Gardens.

The program will be presented by John and Jean Grotgen, Valdosta, GA. The program title is "Fabulous Floribundas". They love and have many floribundas in their garden.

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Thought You'd Like To Know—Lavaglut

Did you know that *Lavaglut* continues to be the number one exhibition rated Floribunda. It's rating is 8.6 and it is a fabulous floribunda. It is dark red (almost black red) and has a mild fragrance. It was bred by Reimer Kordes from Germany and introduced in 1979. The name *Lav-*

aglut is German for lava glow. The name is not easy, but the rose is great. It produces large clusters of the deep velvety red blooms, which are long lived. The leaves are glossy green. The growth habit is short, rounded, upright, sturdy and bushy. It re-blooms very well, and the blooms



Lavaglut
(Floribunda)

Special Notes

- Volunteer at Goodwood Saturday mornings 9:00 am till noon. Contact John Sullivan, joh4@aol.com for more information.
- Volunteer to bring refreshment to one of the monthly meetings.

Thought You'd Like to Know (continued)

do not lose their rich red color. For exhibitors it refrigerates well and is highly recommended as a winner. For any rose grower it is an excellent garden rose. The plant is extremely disease resistant. With these qualities there is no doubt it is a number one rose!

Spring Open Gardens

The society is again planning to hold tours of local society member gardens Sunday, May 5. If you plan to open your garden, please contact President Pat Stanford for more details. The gardens will all be different. You will get to meet other society members and visit with them while you are visiting in the garden. Each garden has something to share that you will find interesting.

Annual Picnic

The society is also 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. The food is a real treat! We'll again meet at Goodwood since we would have inside facilities in case of rainy weather. There will be more details later.

Thomasville Rose Show

The Thomasville Rose show will be held Friday, April 26 and Saturday, April 27. Mark your calendar now and plan to exhibit your roses. If you can't exhibit, plan to go and just see the show. The contact person is Rick Thomas 1-800-234-9536 or rthomas@rose.net. We will have schedules available at this meeting of the society.

DSD Meetings

The Spring issue of the DSD Bulletin has 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 very interesting rosarians.

"Never mistake knowledge
For wisdom.
One helps you make a living;
The other helps you
Make a life."

Eleanor Roosevelt

MINUTES OF THE TALLAHASSEE AREA

March 17, 2013 Society Meeting

The regular monthly meeting of the Tallahassee Area Rose Society was held at 2:30 pm at Goodwood Museum and Gardens in the Laundry Cottage. In the absence of President Pat Stanford and Vice President Cheryl Gibbons, Board Member Bob Schelhorn presided. The minutes of the February 17, 2013 meeting were approved as printed in the March newsletter. The Treasurer's report was presented and accepted. There were eight new memberships reported.

Members discussed the possibility of adding a photography competition to the fall rose show. Mary Maud Sharpe will attend the rose show in Birmingham, AL where photography is included in the show. She will report their methods and popularity of the event. Two alternatives were discussed: (1) include photography at the rose show or (2) have a separate event at another time. Several members suggested contacting the Photography Guild for advice and seeking participation of members.

It was also announced that Goodwood Museum and Gardens needs help with roses on the grounds. Though it is too late to do much pruning, assistance is still needed for weeding and other on-site chores. Volunteers could work on Saturdays or perhaps add a work day on Tuesdays.

Rick Thomas moderated a panel of rosarians, Mary Maud Sharpe and Bob Schelhorn, who answered member questions on all aspects of growing roses. The highlight of the discussion was the suggestion of Mary Maud Sharpe to insert the cut end of a stem for propagation into a grape. This method increases the possibility for survival during shipment or other delays.

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 crew has the season off to a good start. The dead wood and spent blooms have been cut off and the weeds pulled. The roses have been treated with Bayers Advanced All-in-One and Mills Magic. The irrigation system has been checked and new batteries installed. We are pleased to report that the experiment of sending cutting for new plants was successful. Cool Roses Nursery reports that the cuttings with a grape on the end of the stem arrived in good condition. We borrowed this tip from camellia friends who use a grape on the stem to transport blooms to a show. It worked for rose cuttings too!

April Consulting Rosarian Report

By Bill and Mary Maud Sharpe

Seeing those first bloom of the season when roses bloom in April makes the pruning, fertilizing, spraying, watering, etc. that rosarians did in February and March worth all the time and effort to give their roses the care they need. Enjoy and share your roses!

Most rosarians will tell you to visit your garden daily now and to do preventative maintenance rather than having to correct a problem. There are several things that happen in the spring that can ruin your blooms. With cool nights and warm days you may experience mildew problems. Leaves will become twisted, distorted and covered with a white powdery mass. This usually occurs when roses are pushing new spring growth. Fungicidal sprays may be used. Downy mildew may also occur under moist cloudy conditions. Leaves develop purple to red or brown irregular spots and purple irregular blotches may develop on large canes. Use of a systemic fungicide containing metzlxyl to help. Subdue has worked well in the past. Thrips hide inside buds and blooms and damage the petals. Spraying daily just the blooms and top foliage with orthene should save your blooms. Spider mites are not really an insect, but a true spider. They come in hot dry weather. They suck sap from the leaves and other tender parts. You will notice lightening of the foliage and tiny webs and eggs will appear on the underside of the leaves. You may successfully eliminate them with strong sprays of water to the underside of the leaves or you may need to use miticides. There are several that may be used (Avid, hexygon, or floramite). If the miticide you use does not kill the eggs, continue to spray at frequent intervals as more mites will hatch. As with any problem prevention is always best.

Be sure that you water your roses sufficiently. Even if you have an irrigation system, check to see that it is working properly.

Continue to feed your roses. Less more often is better than too much at one time. Heavy rain will tend to require more often feeding.

Remember as you cut blooms that you are pruning your plants. Carefully cut to allow for good air circulation and always remove dead wood.

Goodwood Old Garden Rose Plant Sale

The sale will continue on Saturday mornings from 9:00 am until noon on the plants left. Some varieties are sold out, but there is still a good selection. Contact John Sullivan for more information at joh4@aol.com.

Goodwood Needs Garden Volunteers

The gardens at Goodwood are in desperate need of care. We need volunteers that can work in the gardens. Contact Mary Maud Sharpe 850-878-9625, or e-mail WJMMSHARPE@AOL.COM.

Floribundas

Floribunda is the Latin for "many-flowering" and is a group of garden roses that were developed by crossing hybrid tea rose with polyantha roses. The hope was that roses with hybrid tea beauty and colors and roses with a profusion of blooms would result. It was successful in the early 1900's. A Danish breeder, Dines Poulsen, first named one of his crosses Poulsen rose. He introduced "Else Poulsen" in 1924 and other breeders began introducing similar varieties. In 1930 the name "floribunda" was coined by Dr. J. N. Nichols, a rose hybridizer for Jackson and Perkins, a US Nursery.

Floribundas feature a stiff shrub, smaller and bushier than a hybrid tea, but not as sprawling as most polyanthas. The flowers are smaller than hybrid teas, but have large sprays. This gives a great landscape appearance. As hoped they have many colors.

Lavaglut, the number one exhibition floribunda, and featured in the Thought You'd Like to Know April column on page one, is a great floribunda. Others listed in order of their rating are Playboy, Sexy Remy, Hannah Gordon, Playgirl, Betty Boop, Day Breaker, Johnny Becnel, Scentimental, Hot Cocoa, Sheila's Perfume, Lady of the Dawn, Europeana, Kanegem, Julia Child, Nicole. Moondance, Fabulous and many more with new ones being introduced.

Margaret Donaldson, an early member of the society from Havana, always said "I love my floribundas". Two of her favorites were Gene Boerner and Ivory Fashion. They were show winners.

Montine Herring has had winners of Europeana sprays in local rose shows.

Seymour Rosen has as a favorite, Julia Child, and he has a number of this variety in his garden.

Floribundas can make a statement in your garden as a single planting or as a mass planting. If you have not tried them, you may not know what you are missing.

If you do have a favorite floribunda or several in your garden and it is blooming, bring either a one bloom per stem or a spray specimen to the meeting. Other members will enjoy seeing your fabulous floribundas.

Events and Programs

The TARS Board will be making decisions soon for the remainder of the year for society activities. Please contact president, Pat Stanford, or any board member (see listing on page 4) with suggestions you may have. Your ideas are welcomed and will be considered. We want this to be a member society with activities that members enjoy and participate in to learn more about our national flower, the rose.

"Whether you think you can,
Or that you can't,
You are usually right."
Henry Ford

Upcoming Society Programs

April 21: "Fabulous Floribundas" by John and Jean Grotgen, Valdosta, GA

May 19: No planned program-- Just food and fellowship

June and July: No planned society meeting

August: TBA

Calendar of Local Society Events

May 5: Open Gardens

May 19: Picnic

June: Library Month--Rose Month

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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