

# Regarding Roses

## Tallahassee Area Rose Society

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## President's Message By Pat Stanford

February 2013

Those who missed our January meeting missed a good program. It was a comprehensive talk about rose culture from preparing your soil to enjoying the blooms. Soil test kits were given out with instructions sheets. I hope you took advantage of this and sent yours in. Knowing what might be lacking is a very good way to start off the new year.

The Laundry Cottage is different than our old digs, but we will adapt. Just remember to park by the Carriage House. Last month, we had some folks trudging up the hill from the back of Jubilee Cottage! (Maybe they just wanted to get some exercise in while they were at it?) We were happy to see some of our long-ago friends coming back. I believe it was due to the new time and day. I hope y'all keep coming!

Our committees are pretty well set, but we need three areas covered:

1. Rose Show Chair—Don't let this scare you. With input from previous show chairs, we created a notebook to help with this task. All of us who are experienced" will be glad to help and guide you along the way. You'll learn a lot.
2. Open Gardens Coordinator—The gardens are already set, so all that needs doing is creating maps to guide people to them and making up signs to put out front of each.
3. Hospitality Coordinator—This person just needs to make sure that those bringing goodies don't duplicate each other and since more people are wanting to contribute their favorite recipes, you won't have to bring something EVERY month.

Step right up! Get involved! We need you!

This month's program is a pruning demonstration on the roses at Goodwood. John Sullivan, who really knows these roses, will show us how. Go to the Laundry Cottage as usual and he'll lead you the roses where he is demonstrating the pruning. Afterwards, we'll go back to the Laundry Cottage to cool off and have some goodies. Don't forget to bring your pruners, gloves, a hat and any other tools that might be helpful.

I'm sorry that I will miss this one. I had foot surgery and am still recuperating. I hope to be back for the March meeting, but I'm gonna do what the doctor tells me, so I don't have to do this again!

Even if you know everything about pruning, come (Continued on Page 2)

### Society Meeting

Date: Sunday, February 17

Time: 2:30 pm

Place: Laundry Cottage at Goodwood Museum and Gardens

The program will be a pruning workshop lead by John Sullivan. Basics will be covered at the Laundry Cottage and hands on experience will be in the Goodwood gardens

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## Thought You'd Like To Know— Lady Salisbury

*Lady Salisbury* is a new introduction by David Austin Roses and is a variety with great Old Rose Alba charm. Rose pink buds open to pure pink flowers, which gradually become a softer shade as the blooms age. The blooms are rosette in shape with a button eye in the center, but eventu-

ally there is a cluster of stamens visible in the middle. The fragrance is light. *Lady Salisbury* is hardy and the repeat blooming is excellent. This makes for a long flowering season. The foliage is much like old garden roses. The naming of the rose celebrates (Continued on Page 2)



*Lady Salisbury*  
(An English Rose)

### Special Notes

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

### ***President's Message (continued)***

enjoy what should be a pretty afternoon, and talk roses with friends—old and new.

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

the 400th anniversary of the Hatfield House in Hertfordshire, the home of Lady Salisbury. It was built in 1611 by Robert Cecil, the 1st Earl of Salisbury. Lady Salisbury will be planting this new rose in the gardens at Hatfield. This garden features a number of roses and is well known and loved.

#### **(Editor's Note)**

When I read that *Lady Salisbury* was a new introduction, I knew I would like to have it for my garden. My English father was from the Salisbury area and one of my prized possessions is a small tea cup depicting the Salisbury Cathedral that my grandmother insisted that he take with him when he left England as a 19 year old. *Lady Salisbury* promises to be a sentimental addition as well as an excellent bloomer.

### ***Workshop for the February Meeting***

The workshop for February will be a hands on demonstration of how to sharpen your clippers. Bring your clippers if you would like to be a part of the hands on and sharpen yours. There will be a handout. Well sharpened clippers are a must for pruning your roses. Sharpening can be a "Do it Yourself" and is not too difficult to learn.

### ***Spring Open Gardens***

The society is again planning to hold tours of local society member gardens in May. If you plan to open your garden, please contact President Pat Stanford for more details. The gardens will all be different, and 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 in May 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 a later meeting of the society.

## ***MINUTES OF THE TALLAHASSEE AREA***

### ***January 13, 2013 Society Meeting***

The monthly meeting of the Tallahassee Area Rose Society was held at 2:30 pm at Goodwood Museum and Gardens at the Laundry Cottage. President Pat Stanford presided and welcomed members and visitors. The minutes of the November 15, 2012 were approved as printed in the January 2013 newsletter. The treasurer's report was presented and accepted. The treasurer reminded members that annual dues are payable this month.

The president asked members to recommend and seek a projector compatible with Power Point programs for future speakers at a cost of under \$500.00. She also asked members to volunteer to serve as chairperson of hospitality, garden tour coordinator and rose show chairperson. She called for members to volunteer their gardens on the society's website as gardener of the quarter.

The Goodwood rose sale will be held February 9, 2013.

Robert Trawick, Extension Agent for Jackson County Florida, spoke about the different types of roses and best ones for this area of Florida. He also distributed materials for soil testing.

A door prize was awarded. The meeting adjourned at 4:00 pm and members enjoyed refreshments and fellowship.

Respectfully submitted,  
*Karen Jackson*  
Secretary

### ***DSD Mid-Winter Meeting 2013***

This meeting was sponsored by a DSD Committee in Gainesville, FL. Frank Parker our Bronze Medal winner was recognized on Saturday evening at the dinner. The arrangement workshop on Friday afternoon was well attended and interesting. The speakers on Saturday were very good and the raffle was a successful fundraising event. Our society received a note of thanks for our contribution of our raffle items. The consulting rosarian school was well attended.

### ***Dues are Due***

Dues for 2013 are due and a membership form is enclosed if you have not currently paid your dues. We hope that you plan to join us for an exciting year of rose programs and activities that the board has planned. Remember to invite others to visit our meetings and activities. Everyone who loves roses is welcomed to be a member. Trial membership in the American Rose Society is free to new members.

Bring your dues to the meeting or mail to the address on the form.



## February Consulting Rosarian Report

By Bill Price

February is one of my favorite months in the rose garden. That is because the roses need me more in February than in any other time of the year. Now is the time to transplant, if you want a bush moved. It is a good practice to till the soil around the bushes as it has become compacted over the past year. This brings up the question of what to do with the mulch and opinions differ on this. On the one hand it has reached a stage of decomposition which makes it desirable as an organic amendment to your soil. In my case the winter weeds are thick enough that it leaves only a small amount suitable for retention and the undesirable fungi around makes me want to get rid of most of it.

There are two things which are a must for this month and they are pruning and organics. Begin pruning by removing dead and diseased canes, twiggy and nonproductive growth and those canes which cross over. Open the center of the bush to allow better air circulation. Cut the canes to about pencil size or larger in diameter and to an outside or inside bud eye aiming for a candelabra or vase shape to the bush as much as possible. It has been recognized that older canes do not produce as well as newer ones but their elimination depends on what remains. Do inspect the growth an old cane had last year. If it was skimpy and twiggy, it will do no better this year and deserves to be removed. The final decision is the resulting height of the end result. Experts disagree but one third to one half can be removed with little argument, some experts go lower. Avoid harsh pruning on the new bushes.

The next best thing you can do for your bush is feed it an organic mixture. They provide a steady supply of nutrients needed by the soil microorganisms that change all nutrients into forms that the plant can absorb. The more you know about organics and the wiser you use them, the better luck you will have with your bushes. Put them on early before the soil is warmed, because it takes a number of weeks for them to accomplish their mission. Place a good mulch of oak leaves or pine needles and consider spraying with a good topical fungicide.

This is the time of the year I think of the rosarians who have made such an impact on me and the rose successes I have had. I am so grateful for their influence on my life as a rosarian. All this is to say you should get to know your rosarians better and interact with them as much as possible through the meetings.

### Goodwood Old Garden Rose Plant Sale

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

## Planting a Rose

Most rose plants are sold as potted plants and are best planted late winter or early spring in our area

Be sure that your plant has sufficient root ball as some nurseries pot bare root plants so that they can be sold over a longer period of time. Keep in pots if necessary or plant as bare root plants. Information is usually supplied.

Plants may be planted in individual holes or in a bed. In either case it is generally recommended that amendments be added to the soil and mixed well. *It is desirable* to prepare the soil several weeks before planting so that any organics added will have time to "mellow". The soil should have a pH of 6.5 so that nutrients added will be utilized by the plants. The soil should be of a consistency that will form a firm ball in your hand which will easily fall apart if jarred. Roses need well drained soil. They do not like wet feet. Potting mix, compost and other amendments can be purchased if necessary. Many rosarians use raised bed very successfully. Super phosphate to help with root growth, a slow release fertilizer, Milorganite and manures are common additives. Chicken manures should be well aged as it will otherwise burn tender roots. The size of the hole will depend largely on the size of the plant. A hole with a depth of 18 inches and a width of at least 24 inches is generally satisfactory. Many plants can become quite large. Allow room for growth between plants. Plant above ground level since plants tend to sink in newly prepared soils. Mulch well. Water frequently for the first several weeks after planting until plant roots become well established and extend.

Do not cut back plants at planting time. Many plants do not need pruning for the first several years of growth.

Goodwood plants are own root not grafted plants. Therefore there is no need to worry about the height of the graft or protecting it. There may be more than one plant in the container that you have purchased. If so, it is suggested that you not split out the second plant. For a fuller and better rose, each container should be planted as purchased.

Enjoy your Roses!

### Get Your Tetanus Shot

Growing roses is a wonderful hobby; however, you do need to protect yourself. Do remember to update your tetanus shot! If you do not remember when your latest shot was done, check to find out and get your update if necessary. Follow your doctor's recommendations on the frequency that shots are required to keep you safe. Even with protective clothing thorn pricks can happen and may cause serious problems.



## Upcoming Society Programs

**February 17: Program:** Pruning Workshop with demonstration and hands on practice—John Sullivan

**March 17: Program:** A panel of Consulting Rosarians will answer your questions.

**April 21: TBA**

**May 19:** No planned program.

## Calendar of Local Society Events

**May 5: Open Gardens**

**May 19: Picnic**

## DSD Events

No Information available at this time

## 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](http://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 p.m. 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](mailto:WJMMSHARPE@AOL.COM)

**The Deep South District** of the ARS issues a quarterly copy of the Bulletin. It will be 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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