

# Regarding Roses

## Tallahassee Area Rose Society

*Affiliated with The American Rose Society*



## President's Message By Pat Stanford

January 2013

Happy New Year! I am not really big on resolutions... I tend to break 'em! So I am making a list of some goals instead. I hope one of *your* goals is to be more active in our society. We need you! There are many opportunities to participate in the activities of our organization. I look forward to working with you to make this a very successful year. Think of where you would LIKE to serve and don't be afraid to step up. If a position on a committee that you were thinking of being on has been "filled", we can still use your help.

Our Officers are all contributors and will be fun to work with as we set (and accomplish) our goals for the year. One goal I'd like to fulfill is that each meeting be rewarding and fun for *everyone*. I want you to be able to go to a meeting to learn something or to

refocus on an area that you may not have thought about for a while.

Congratulations to Frank Parker on being awarded the Bronze Medal. His many hours spent gathering information, collecting articles and directing the work on our awesome website, as well as his work on publicity and the questionnaire that gave us direction on many things is deeply appreciated.

A special THANK YOU goes to Lennie Kennedy for her many years as our Secretary. She is taking a much needed break from that office, but she will still be a vital part of our group.

I am excited about our new day, time and location. It is my hope that some of our long-time members will come back now that they don't have to drive at night. You are missed! Your

knowledge is needed. We want you back!

Now is the time for making plans for your rose garden. It is a good time to order new roses, get a soil test, and water if necessary. (If this rain keeps up, probably not real necessary!) Our speaker this month, Rob Trawick, is going to be talking about just that: how to prepare our rose beds, test the soil and get it ready for better roses.

See you at the meeting!  
*Pat*

Plan to be there for the first meeting of the year and learn how to get your roses off to a great start! Your roses will thank you and you will be surprised at how wonderfully easy it is to grow beautiful roses in Tallahassee. Come and get information from an expert.

## Thought You'd Like To Know— Hot Tamale

*Hot Tamale* has been elected to the Miniature & Miniflora Rose Hall of Fame as a 2012 selection. It is a yellow-blend miniature with yellow-orange blooms that change to yellow-pink and finishing pink. The blooms are high centered and can grow as a single bloom or as a spray. The fragrance

is slight and the foliage is dark green, and semi-glossy. It was a 1994 Award of Excellence winner. It was hybridized by Dr. Keith Zary and is his first introduction to the Hall of Fame. Since the creation of the Miniature and Miniflora Rose Hall of Fame in 1999, roses (Continued on Page 2)



*Hot Tamale*  
(Miniature)

### Society Meeting

Date: Sunday, January 13,

Time: 2:30 pm

Place: Laundry Cottage at Goodwood Museum and Gardens

The program will be presented by Rob Trawick, Extension Horticulturist, IFAS, Chipley, Florida.

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### 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.

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

that have stood the test of time in commerce for at least 20 years, recognized for excellence as well as longevity have been honored. There have been 31 rose honored since 1998. *Hot Tamale* is very disease resistant. It can be grown in the ground or in a container and would make a good tried and true plant for your garden.

### ***Peace Garden***

Don't forget that the peach garden volunteers will begin again in March their regular garden maintenance. Plan to join them on the first Wednesday of the month at 9:00 a.m.

### ***Workshop for the January Meeting***

The workshop for January will be the use of a siphon mixer to give your plants liquid feeds. It can make using liquid feed much easier even if you only have a few roses. It is very simple to use. 1. Attach the siphon mixer to your outside faucet. 2. Attach your garden hose to it. 3. Place the rubber hose in a container holding your liquid fertilizer mix. The fertilizer mix is then siphoned up through the rubber tube and into the garden hose. No more measuring and mixing needed. The fertilizer is dispensed evenly from the siphon mixer at a ratio of 16 to 1. One gallon of concentrate can be dispensed in 3 to 5 minutes depending on the flow rate. You'll wonder how you ever got along without it.

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

The society is again planning to hold garden tours of local society members in May. If you would be willing to open your garden, please contact President Pat Stanford for more details. Your garden does not need to be large, and you will get to meet other society members and visit with them while they are visiting your garden. Everyone has something to share that others will find interesting.

### ***Annual Picnic***

The society is again 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. 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 go and exhibit your roses. If you can't exhibit, plan to go and just see the show. It is worth the trip to Thomasville.

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

### ***November 15, 2012 Society Meeting***

A regular monthly meeting of the Tallahassee Area Rose Society was held at 7:00pm at Goodwood Museum and Gardens in the Jubilee Cottage. President Pat Stanford presided and welcomed members and visitors. The minutes of the September 20, 2012 meeting were approved as printed in the October newsletter. The Treasurer's report was presented and accepted.

It was announced that the meeting date times and locations are to be changed beginning in January 2013. The January meeting will be held the second Sunday and all other meetings will be the third Sunday. The time will be 2:30 p.m. and the location will be the Laundry Cottage at Goodwood.

The slate of officials was presented by the nominating committee. The report was accepted. Sy Rosen moved that the nominees be elected; seconded by Joan Rosen; motion carried.

The Bronze Medal was awarded to Frank Parker for outstanding service to the local society.

Kelly DeWall, Esposito Garden Center, presented the program on arrangements for the holidays. She created several beautiful arrangements from rose brought by society members. She explained her techniques and showed materials that you would have in your garden, or can be purchased to use during the holidays.

Door prizes were awarded. The meeting adjourned at 8:15 p.m. and members enjoyed refreshments and fellowship.

Respectfully submitted,

*Mary Maud Sharpe*

Acting Secretary

### ***Goodwood Old Garden Rose Plant Sale***

The sale is planned for Saturday morning, February 9 at 9:00 a.m. Help us spread the word by telling friends. For Questions contact John Sullivan at john4@aol. The plants are looking good and the sale will be held even if it is cold or raining. Plan to get there early for best selections.

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

This meeting is sponsored by a DSD Committee in Gainesville, FL. If you have never attended a mid-winter, plan to go. The programs are great. Pat Shanley, newly elected ARS Vice President will be a program speaker.

Vendors will be there with plants (you can preorder) for your spring planting. This is also a good opportunity to update your CR status by attending the CR school on Sunday morning or better yet become a CR. Contact Ralph Stream, 352-591-4474 or streamj@gmail.com. The hotel cutoff date has past, but you may be able to get a reservation by contacting Best Western Gateway Grand (352-331-3336). The theme is "Butterflies and Roses". Local society Bronze Medal winners will be recognized on Saturday evening at the dinner.

## January Consulting Rosarian Report

By Bill Dority

Here is what Rosarian Bill Dority's prospectus for January looks like. And I am speaking for my home garden of some 160 Cat 1 roses (HT's, Fl's, Gr's, Mini's and LCI's). What a wonderful Free Time for them. The plants are dormant and that means NO spraying, or feeding and little or no watering. Your mulching should have been completed way before now. So what can you do that would be beneficial to your roses. Well, for me, it is time for evaluating/mulling/planning for the new season that is fast coming down the road, including: plants to keep/plants to trash-can; selecting suppliers; getting tools ready for the season and probable, stocking-up; checking my irrigation system and make some needed fixes; and etc. Also, it might be worthwhile to peak underneath the mulch to see if weeds could be coming in. So pull 'em or scratch 'em out! You can't afford to waste this precious time by doing little or nothing, because Ole Satchel Paige says, "Ya gotta keep moving, else somethings liable to be gaining on ya". Believe me, it will. So make good use of this so called "Free Time". In my case with all my involvement in my "Johnny Appleseed of Garden Roses" program, January is a very busy time for me. But, I still try to practice what I have preached, above. Good luck and enjoy your roses. Contact me, if I can help or even just to jaw, anytime.

### Election of Officials at November Meeting of the Society

The elected officials for the 2013 year are:

President	Pat Stanford
Vice President	Cheryl Gibbons
Secretary	Karen Jackson
Treasurer	Mary Maud Sharpe
Board of Directors	John Sullivan
Board of Directors	Robert Schelhorn
Board of Directors	Frank Parker
(Past President)	

The contact information is shown on page 4. Support these persons and contact them with ideas you would like to see the society to try or to retry in 2013. Your support and your suggestions will be greatly appreciated.

*"A man may die, nations rise and fall,  
but an idea lives on."*

John F. Kennedy

Remember the meeting date, time and location have been changed to Sunday, January 13, at 2:30 p.m. at the Laundry Cottage (last building in line of building behind the main house) at Goodwood.

## A Year of Roses

### January

- Make plans for the year
- Order Plants and supplies
- Clean up existing beds

### February

- Prune
- Add organics, lime and Epsom salts
- Re-mulch

### March

- Begin spraying when bushes leaf out
- Water. water, water
- Wash foliage with water if frost forms

### April

- Watch for insects and disease and take action
- Enjoy your first blooms

### May

- Continue to water, fertilize and spray during the bloom cycles.
- Deadhead spent blooms.

### June

- Protect yourself from summer heat. Work in your garden in early morning or late evening

### July

- Roses will be stressed and blooms will be small. Don't despair and continue your rose care.

### August

- Remove any dead wood. Cooler weather is on the way.

### September

- Do a cut back pruning on Labor Day for bigger better fall blooms.

### October

- Enjoy some of the best blooms of the year! Exhibit at the local show.

### November

- Discontinue feeding your plants. Tender new growth can be harmed during fall and winter.
- Discontinue deadheading and allow plants to become dormant.

### December

- Prepare new beds and have a soil test done.
- Reminisce on your fun year with roses.

## Dues are Due

Dues for 2013 are due and a membership form is enclosed. We hope that you will 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 member

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

## Upcoming Society Programs

**January 13: Program:** Getting your rose bed ready, testing your soil and growing beautiful roses in 2013.  
Rob Trawick, IFAS

**February 17: Program:** TBA

**March 17: Program:** TBA

## Calendar of Local Society Events

**May 5: Open Gardens**

**May 19: Picnic**

### DSD Events

**January 18-20 DSD Mid-Winter Meeting—**  
Gainesville, FL. Contact Jean Stream, 352-591-4474, stream@gmail.com. This meeting also includes the DSD Consulting Rosarian School for updating status or for becoming a CR.

### ARS News

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. Get access to the quarterly bulletins.

### 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

**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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