

Regarding Roses

Tallahassee Area Rose Society

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President's Message By Pat Stanford

Here we are at the last meeting for the year. It is a busy one!

First, we will have a brief Business Meeting, during which we will have the opportunity to elect the officers and directors for the coming year. Electing them is part of your responsibility, but the most important part is to be supportive, present, positive, active and enthusiastic members of our society in the year to come.

Secondly, it will be my privilege to award the Bronze Medal for outstanding service to our society. I have kept this under wraps, so unless you want to wait until the January Newsletter to find out, you'll just have to come to the meeting.

Thirdly, and this is the fun part, we will learn how to use our roses in holiday arrangements.

We'll discuss different ways we can use roses for home, church, office, and party events over the holiday season. Kelly DeWall will be our guest speaker. As I had hoped, I DO have some roses and hope to past Thanksgiving. BRING SOME OF YOURS! Let's see what interesting arrangements Kelly can show us how to do!

I need to thank some more people that I left off last month. I started by listing just first names last month, and then realized that I had more than one person with the same first name, so I started adding last names and Alas! Some of my friends were left off entirely. Grrrr! John Sullivan faithfully took care of the refrigerator truck and helped from beginning to end. Joe Kennedy was there pitching in. Eleanor Ramage helped with registration and she did the hand held bouquets. Most of the volunteers wore

several hats throughout the weekend. If I have still missed someone consider yourself thanked!

This is also the last time we will meet at night. We have found that many of our folks can no longer drive at night or simply do not want to. We have moved the meetings to THIRD SUNDAY afternoons. There will be one exception and that is January. We will meet January 13 that month. Time is 2:30 pm. (You may have heard 2:00 pm before, but we need time to set-up.) We will also have a new location. While still at Goodwood, we will utilize the Laundry Cottage. I will give you directions in the January newsletter, but you can also check the website which we will update with that information very soon.

See you November 15.
Bring Roses! Pat

My Favorite Rose— Chrysler Imperial by Cheryl Gibbons

When I began rose gardening a couple of years ago I only wanted roses that has it all— strong color, deep fragrance, resistance to disease, and sturdy stems for cutting. There were so many beauties on the market, but finding those qualities in one rose proved to be a challenge. Finally I set-

tled on a favorite that had the color and fragrance I wanted and planted several of them in my garden. The beautiful *Chrysler Imperial*, Hybrid Tea. It is a large classic, deep rich crimson-red rose with exceptional fragrance. The flowers are so heavy that they
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Chrysler Imperial
Hybrid Tea

November 2012

Society Meeting

Date: Thursday, November 15

Time: 7:00 pm

Place: Jubilee Cottage at Goodwood Museum and Gardens

The program will be presented by Kelly DeWall, Esposito Garden Center, on making holiday arrangements.

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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. Call Martha Dooley 850-342-4016

***My Favorite Rose* (continued)**

sometimes weaken their fragile stalks under their weight. It likes warm climates and warm areas, and full sun brings out the sheen like velvet of the flowers. The disease resistance is fair, with it being sensitive to mildew and rust. Don't water on the leaves of this one, and remember to mulch the soil. It especially likes pruning that promotes good airflow. This rose created a sensation when it came out in 1952. In 1953 it won the AARS award, in 1956 the ARS Gold Medal Certificate, and in 1965 it also won the James Alexander Gamble Rose Fragrance Medal. There is also a climbing version of this rose but I have never seen one. When this rose was introduced they wanted to call it "Chrysler" but the car-makers objected to the use of their trademark, so *Chrysler Imperial* it became. My cousin was in the hospital and I took her a bouquet of these roses. She just loved them, as she was tired of all the hospital medicinal smells. Now, when she inquires about my roses, she always asks if I have any of those "car" roses. These roses are always a hit, especially when friends need a lift, are having a special occasions, or when fragrance is important.

Peace Rose Garden

The regular Peace Garden volunteers will be taking off the next several winter months maintaining the garden. They will be meeting on the first Wednesday of each month at 9:00 am beginning in March. Plan to come and join them.

Goodwood Roses

Recently the volunteers have been busy rooting cuttings and moving rooted cuttings to larger pots. If you have varieties that might be useful to the volunteers, contact John Sullivan, joh4@aol.com, and make arrangements to get cuttings to him. It is still not too late for the volunteers to root more cuttings. John is at Goodwood on Saturday mornings. Extra folks on Saturday mornings from 9:00 am until noon would be welcomed. If you can't commit for every Saturday, come when you can. The sale is scheduled for February 9, 2013. Help us spread the word by telling your friends.

DSD Mid-Winter Meeting- January 18-20, 2013

This meeting is sponsored by a DSD Committee in Gainesville, FL. Regular registration should be made by 12/13/12. 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 is 12/13/12. Get your reservation in soon to 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.

MINUTES OF THE TALLAHASSEE AREA

October 18, 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. President Pat Stanford stated that the 2012 Deep South District Convention and Rose Show, held on October 5 - 7, had received positive comments. She announced that TARS member Cheryl Gibbons had won the "Novice Award" at the rose show. She said that the Sunday Tour of Rose Gardens was of three gardens each outstanding, though very different from each other. Mary Maud Sharpe announced that she had brought rose show schedules, if members would like one for their files. President Stanford announced that the Board of Directors had made a decision to change the Society's meeting time and date. Starting in January 2013, the Tallahassee Area Rose Society will meet on the third Sunday at 2:00pm. President Stanford announced that this change had been made for several reasons and stated the reasons. Marilyn Watson announced that the speaker for November would be Kelly DeWall from Esposito Garden Center and that the program would be using roses in holiday arrangements. She asked that everyone bring roses to be used with the program. John Sullivan announced that the Master Gardeners would be having an Open House on Saturday, October 20, 2012, and that he would be having an information table about roses. Marilyn Watson announced that she planned to have a table with info about roses and TARS at the Oct. 20th "Agricultural Weekend" in Jefferson County. The program for the evening was presented by Vice-President Marilyn Watson. Entitled "Listening To Your Roses," the program was focused on using scientific procedures to identify problems in the rose garden, as well as finding out what roses need in order to be healthy and productive. The program was very informative.

Refreshments were served after the meeting. A "mini-workshop" of yard implements and decorations was available for persons to look at and ask questions.

Respectfully submitted,

Lennie Kennedy, Secretary

Workshop at November Meeting

The workshop will be a display of "things" that you will find useful when making arrangements. These "things" are generally referred to as mechanics. They help your roses do what you want them to do and keep them where you place them.

November Consulting Rosarian Report

By Robert Schelhorn

I have always believed that a CR's primary purpose is to impart bits of wisdom to fellow Rosarians, advice they most likely have not heard before, all for the betterment of their rose growing hobby. To that end I offer you three tips that are easy, inexpensive and proven successful.

ROUND UP FOAM: I have used liquid Round Up for weeds and invasive grasses in years past and have invariably had nearby rose bushes sprout growth from a distant planet. The liquid leeches into the soil around the roses and thereby effects the roses long after the weeds are dead. Round Up Foam does not leech. It is a systemic herbicide that works on contact with the top of the weed, exactly as a systemic fungicide works to prevent blackspot when sprayed on our rose bushes. It costs \$5.77 for a tall, Carolina blue, aerosol can and is available at Home Depot but not at Lowe's.

CLR is a lime build up remover commonly used in the tub and shower. I use it there and put a chug-a-lug in my cloudy vases, fill them with water, let them sit for a while. (30 minutes or overnight, whatever fits your schedule) Dump the vases or pour into another cloudy vase, rinse with fresh water and you will have crystal clear vases that look like new. CLR comes in a 28 oz. gray plastic jug and is readily available at Publix for \$5.69.

Tip number three involves placing a small (or large) animal figurine in your garden to repel armadillos. I use guard rabbits, one in each circular bed of twelve bushes. I have NEVER had a bit of armadillo damage in eleven plus years. I won't speculate why this works but I promise you it does.

I hope you employ these tips and enjoy the same results as I have.

A bonus tip: I am frequently asked how to control deer. My standard answer is a long heavy chain and a cougar. That should keep the deer away.

Election of Officials

The election of officials for the 2013 year will be at our November meeting. Frank Parker, chairman of the nominating committee makes the following report:

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)	

These nominees have agreed to serve. Nominations may be made from the floor at the meeting.

Tips on Making Your Arrangements the Best

- Remember that this is a rose arrangement. Keep your roses dominant. Use other plant materials sparingly, especially other flowers.
- Choose your container carefully. If it is too large for the number of roses and other plant material, it may be too overpowering.
- Shapes and textures of other plant materials can add interest.
- The container should be the right shape, color and texture to compliment your roses. You can find interesting containers that you have in your kitchen. Another idea is to spray paint clear containers. You may use a regular spray paint or textured paints.
- If using a floral foam, allow it sink in the water and never force it into the water. Air pockets may be formed if it is forced. Secure the floral foam into the contain by taping at the top of the container. Place tape slightly off center for better symmetry of your arrangement.
- Use a floral preservative. You may purchase or use the recipe of four tablespoons vinegar, four teaspoons sugar and one half teaspoon of bleach in one gallon of water. Just add more water as your roses and plant material hydrate.
- Cut stems of the roses at an angle for ease in inserting into floral foam and for better take up of water solution.
- Remove leaves and thorns from the stems that will be in the water solution or inserted into the floral foam.
- If using mixed colors it is generally best to use darker color in a lower position and lighter colors higher in the arrangement for better balance. Also use larger roses at the bottom and smaller roses at the top.
- When making dinner table arrangements be sure to make them either low or if tall very thin, so that your guests view is not obstructed.
- Seed pods, dried bare branches and colored leaves give a different look for the fall and winter season.
- Stop before you make the arrangement too crowded. Less is better. In a mass bouquet create a focal point slightly above the lip of the container. Roses or plant material positioned below the lip of the container can give added interest and balance.
- Consider where the arrangement will be placed and how it will be viewed. Will it be all around or flat against a wall. Even against a wall, add extra plant material in the back to give depth.
- Step back and view your arrangement from several feet away to evaluate the over all appearance.
- If you are pleased with the creation, others will also be pleased and enjoy the roses!

Upcoming Society Programs

November 15: Program-Making Decorations for the Holidays

Calendar of Local Society Events

November 15-Society Meeting (Election of Officials for Coming Year and Awarding Bronze Medal)

December-No Society Meeting

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

The 2012 American Rose Annual has mailed and should be arriving in your mailbox very soon.

The 2013 ROSES Calendar is available! Contact Peggy Spivey 800-637-6534 or go to the website www.ars.org to order. The price is \$10.00 plus shipping.

Four months trial memberships are still being offered by ARS. You get free access to the quarterly bulletins and two issues of the American Rose magazine plus much more.

You may get online access to the data base of Modern Roses which lists all rose registered for a fee of \$20.00. The access is good for one year. The original printing of Modern Roses 12 is available for \$20.00 plus shipping. It was originally published in 2007. The data base is updated and expanded constantly.

Information

The Tallahassee Area Rose Society meetings are at 7:00 p.m. on the third Thursday of the month except June, July, and December at the Jubilee 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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