

Regarding Roses

Tallahassee Area Rose Society

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President's Message By Pat Stanford

September 2012

The cooler weather has driven me outside more and my roses have been more faithful to me than I have been to them. The weather also reminds us that it is time for our fall show, coming earlier this year to accommodate the DSD Convention. Please help in any way you can to make this a success. All hands will be needed for setting up, moving props, awards, table, etc. breaking down, loading...and yes we have lighter tasks like filling vases, clerking and many more.

This is also an important time of the year for our society during the last three meetings of the year. There is the Bronze Medal to be awarded and election of officers to be held in November. The TARS Bronze Medal recipient has already been selected and the medal has been

ordered. We are asking members to share with the nominating committee any ideas or suggestion that they may have for the new slate of officials. More information will be in your October newsletter.

See you at the meeting and the convention and show.

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DSD Mid-Winter Meeting

It is all ready time to be thinking about and registering for this event to be held in Gainesville, FL January 18-20. The meeting is sponsored by a DSD Committee and a listing of events and a registration form is enclosed. Regular registration should be made by 12/13/12/ If you have never attended a mid-winter, plan to go in 2013. The pro-

grams are great. Pat Shanley, newly elected ARS Vice President will be a program speaker.

The fellowship with other rosarians is fun. 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, with questions and for more information. 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.

Society Meeting

Date: Thursday, Sept. 20

Time: 7:00 pm

Place: Jubilee Cottage at Goodwood Museum and Gardens

The program will feature the perpetual trophies that are a part of the Annual TARS rose show. Members will learn what each represents, how to enter and be a winner.

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My Favorite Rose—Sunsprite By Teresa Normandie

Frank and I have the basic problem that there are so many beautiful roses and we have so little time, energy and space that we have always been drawn to the roses that have the best real rose fragrance. The smell of a rose is romantic beyond description whether it be on a foggy

spring morning, in the bright sunny heat of a summer afternoon or later in the fall when roses have their best color. So, *Sunsprite*, a floribunda (Friesta, cv. KORresia) has become a favorite. It may not be the rose that inspired the song "The Yellow Rose of" (Continued on Page 2)



Sunsprite
(Floribunda)

Special Notes

- Volunteer at Goodwood Saturday mornings 9:00 a.m. till noon. Contact John Sullivan, joh4@aol.com for more information.
- Volunteer to help at the Peace Garden on first Wednesday of the month.

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

Texas" but *Sunsprite* could have been. It has bright yellow blooms of medium size that hold for a couple of days and give off a competitive fragrance. You will usually find it entered in the fragrance class at the show and it can be a winner. We bought ours from Tallahassee Nurseries (Weeks Roses plant) in a three gallon pot. The tag with the plant stated that it is a medium height, well rounded bush with medium double bloom size and strong sweet licorice fragrance—deep yellow blooms that prefer cooler temperatures. The tag description proved to be correct. In about a year it was growing and blooming quite well. We find that it responds to regular fertilizer and deep consistent watering which enhances the color and fragrance. As a bonus it is quite disease resistant. It adds color to our landscape and can be used as a cut rose.

Peace Rose Garden

The regular Peace Garden volunteers continue to maintain the garden. They are pleased with the way the new plants are growing and the use of the Bayer Advanced All-In-One that is being used this season. They will be meeting on the first Wednesday of each month at 9:00 am to do maintenance work. Come and join them. Bring your own clippers and gloves. All rose supplies are provided plus cookies and beverages.

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. We would like to have the varieties that we offered in 2012 and other varieties would be a great addition. It is still not too late for the volunteers to root more cuttings. A computer list is available of suggested varieties. You will find John at Goodwood on Friday and 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.

DSD Bulletin Changes

Changes are being made in the DSD Bulletin. Beginning with the winter edition the bulletin will be available at no charge by e-mail to all ARS members with an e-mail address. The Bulletin will be shared with the society newsletter editors for distribution to their local society. Issues will be available on the DSD website. There has been and will continue to be information for all rosarians included in each addition. It is hoped that this change will be helpful to members of the DSD. Refunds are to be made to prepaid subscribers. Bobbie Reed, a winning society newsletter editor, will be the editor for the Bulletin.

Minutes of the Tallahassee Area

Rose Society

August 16, 2012, 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. There were no minutes of the May 17, 2012 picnic, as there was no business. The Treasurer's report was presented and accepted. President Pat Stanford called for announcements. Mary Maud Sharpe announced that plans for the Deep South Convention and Rose Show, to be held on October 5-7, 2012, were well underway. She said that the schedule for the Rose Show had been approved. This convention rose show will take the place of the regularly scheduled TARS rose show at the end of October. President Pat Stanford announced that the June Library Month had gone well and that several persons had expressed an interest in learning more about the TARS. President Stanford also gave an update on the convention planning, stating that three gardens had been chosen for the tour of gardens on Sunday, October 7. She announced that planning meetings for the convention were underway, with the next meeting on August 19, to be held in Jubilee Cottage at Goodwood. President Stanford urged all persons present to register for the Deep South District Convention and Rose Show. President Stanford stated that publicity for the rose show was very important, urging everyone to get the word out about the event.

President Stanford introduced Marilyn Watson as the speaker for the evening. Marilyn presented a program on Composting, using props and handouts to illustrate the secrets of turning ordinary garden soil into rich, nutritive soil suitable for growing beautiful roses. The program was very informative and the audience was attentive and asked questions. After the presentation, door prizes were presented to several attendees.

The meeting ended at 8:00 pm. Refreshments were served and Mary Maud Sharpe presented a mini-workshop on preparing water suitable for hydrating and sustaining cut roses with the addition of vinegar, sugar, and bleach.

Respectfully submitted,

Lennie Kennedy, Secretary

Special Request

The Wiregrass Rose Society has volunteered to prepare "Goodie Bags" for the DSD Convention and Rose Show. If you have items that you could donate, please bring them to the meeting. We plan to have 200 bags available for attendees. Any small useful items would be appreciated.

September Consulting Rosarian Report

By Anna and Bill Price

This is an important month in the rose garden. If you have not already done so last month, it is time to prune away all the spindly growth from the summer and shape the bush into the form you want it to take. One hint about pruning which we have never seen in print is how to handle the candelabra which forms in the summer as the bush is trying to put out sprays. Simply cut out the center which does not have adequate stem growth to support a future bloom and then trim the surrounding stems if they are of sufficient size. This is important because these candelabra usually form on the basal which grew most recently and it allows the basal to reach its full potential for bloom production.

It is also the time of the year to add some organics if you have not already done so. Milorganite is readily available and so is mushroom compost. What you choose is not important as long as it is a readily available organic.

We plan on liquid fertilizing the last 4 weeks before the rose show which will hopefully stimulate some good stem and bloom growth. If you choose not to do that, a fall fertilizing is still reasonable to carry the bushes through the winter.

During the summer we let the bugs have their share of whatever the rose offers them. However this is the month that the bugs and we have a parting of the ways. We use insecticides when needed to protect the fall blooms.

If you do have some blooms worth showing, please consider entering them in the show. That is what the show is for and it will have a strong impact on the way you view your roses in the future. That is the reward for all the effort. If it is your first time ask any of us for suggestions.

In any case enjoy the fall flush of blooms and take note of how brilliant the color is at this time of the year. Don't hesitate calling a consulting rosarian if you have questions. They really want to help.

Roses in Review-RIR

Kitsy Mostellar, DSD RIR Coordinator, is urging all rosarians to complete their reviews and submit reports. The deadline is September 26 and you may send in your reports or submit your report online by going to ARS.org.. All CR's are required to make a report. Forms will again be available at the meeting. Even if you do not grow any of the listed roses, please make a report stating this. Every report counts.

Let's make the DSD a winner in 2012!

Opportunity is Missed by Most People Because it is Dressed in Overalls And Looks Like Work

Thomas A. Edison

Selecting Roses for Your Garden

It is not too early to be planning on replacing or adding new rose plants to your garden. Whether you plant in the fall or wait until late winter or early spring you should begin to evaluate your roses to see if you will keep them or consider replacing them with another variety. Some plants do well for many years and if they are still a favorite, keep them. However, generally when plants begin to go back, it is time to replace them. If you are considering adding plants, you may want to reconsider your landscaping. Roses can fill needs such as hedges, screens or groundcovers. Sun exposure plays an important role in gardening with roses. The area you originally selected may have become shady and plant would do better in another area. If you plan you will enjoy your roses more. The growth habit of the bush, the overall size and shape, may influence your decision. Roses come in all shapes and sizes, so you can choose what is best for you. You may want to plant blocks of color of the same varieties. This can make quite a statement to garden visitors. Color is very important. Warm colors of red, orange and yellow are bright and appear closer. Cool colors of white, lavender and pink are soothing and give a calming impression. Color opposites make each color brighter and stronger than it would be by itself. Compact bloomers work well in containers. A major consideration is the amount of time you have that you can spend on maintenance. If your time is limited, select roses that do not require a great deal of care (there are some). Many gardeners look for fragrance when they select roses and it is a plus. The amount of space that you have may limit the number of plants and the type of roses you select. As an example large flowering climbers may be too much for a very small area. You may need something as a focal point. Here, select something that is a favorite of yours. A major consideration is a variety that does well in your specific area. Visit other gardens, and the local rose show to see what others are growing. The local society members will be happy to share with you the rose that do best in their garden. Disease resistance is a great quality for a rose. You will need to consider this especially if you have limited time for maintenance. In descriptions of roses the petal count is generally given. Rose with more petals will generally last longer, both on the bush and as a cut flower. Generally roses that are considered landscape varieties are not as good for cut flowers; however, there are exceptions. Most rosarians have moved existing plants with success. It is best to do this during the winter months, since plants are dormant then. Do some planning and be creative with your garden. Remember that a garden is a work in progress. Keep what you like about your garden, but don't be afraid to change what you would like to change. Your roses might like the changes too.

Upcoming Society Programs

September 20: Program-Understanding the TARS Rose Show Trophies

October 18: Program-Listen to Your Roses

November 15: Program-Making Decorations for the Holidays

Calendar of Local Society Events

September 20-Society Meeting

October 18-Society Meeting

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

December-No Society Meeting

Rose Shows

October 6—Tallahassee Area 28th Rose Show at the DSD Convention and Rose Show, Tallahassee, FL. Contact Montine Herring, 229-872-3316.

DSD Events

October 5-7 DSD Annual Convention and Rose Show -Tallahassee, FL. Contact Pat Stanford, 850-519-3745, wordhacker@centurylink.net, John Grotgen, 229-242-0097, jgrotgen@surfsouth.net or Pat Wentz, 334-696-8371, pjwaw@hughes.net

January 18-20 DSD Mid-Winter Meeting—Gainesville, FL. Contact Jean Stream, 352-591-4474, stream@gmail.com.

ARS Events

September 26 Fall National Conference and Rose Show—San Ramon, CA. Contact Thomas Bolden, 707-280-5920, tvbalden@yahoo.com

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

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