

# Regarding Roses

## Tallahassee Area Rose Society

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## President's Message By Pat Stanford

May 2012

The April Meeting was well done. Mary Maud Sharpe and Martha Jean Woodward showed us some pretty nifty arrangements, both for show and for the dining room table. We saw that doing arrangements does not take a lot of time, just an imagination.

Our Open Gardens was fun! I got to all but one, and that was no small feat considering the span of miles. I went cruising by the last house at 4:15, but didn't feel comfortable just be-bopping in there with the sign down and no one around. It was a real treat last year, so I'm sure it was again! I think we should try this earlier—like the week before the Thomasville Show—so we don't all melt. My truck's temperature gauge read 93 degrees. Glad I packed a bunch of water!

The Thomasville Show was a success! Many of our members helped, showed and received awards. I'm looking forward to our show this fall. Plans are already being made and I anticipate it being our best show to date. It will be earlier this year so I hope that means more blooms! It would be great if more of our members took part. Even if you do not show, come out and meet some folks and see beautiful roses. Other societies in the Deep South District are partnering with us, as this is the DSD Convention and Rose Show. On May 20, we will have a planning meeting for this at Goodwood's Laundry Cottage (Next to the Carriage House). I invite you ALL to attend. Officers from all participating societies will be there. If you have questions or concerns, this is a meeting you'll want to come to.

Don't forget the picnic! Please come and bring a side dish to compliment the now famous "Reggie Chicken". We will have a nice time of fellowship and fun activities are in the works. Let me remind you that the picnic is the last time we will meet until the August 16 regular meeting. If I don't see you, have a good summer and keep up the fertilizing, spraying and watering. We'll look for you to come back refreshed and eager to share your love for roses.

*Pat*

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Remember to let Martha know that you are planning to come to the picnic. See enclosed information

### Society Picnic

Date: Thursday, May 17

Time: Gather 6:30 p.m.

Serve 7:00 pm

Place: Jubilee Cottage at Goodwood Museum and Gardens

There will be no program or business meeting. Come and enjoy good food and a time of fellowship

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## My Favorite Rose—A Bouquet By Ann Stevens

When asked which rose is my favorite, I have to stop and think for a minute. I like roses. But the ones that bring the most pleasure are the roses that I can share with others. Sharing the love of nature and the rose that grew in your yard is special.

I took a little bouquet of my roses to a funeral. The Funeral Director told me he would find a special place for my roses. He put them on the speaker's podium. I got a thank you note from the family.

I took a bouquet of  
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Old Garden Roses  
(A Bouquet)

### 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)

small pink roses to a friend in the hospital. They were placed with the commercial arrangements. She told me that "everyone" loved them.

I made a birthday bouquet for a friend. She placed them in a spot where she could enjoy them until they faded away.

I have considered the placement of the roses in my yard to include the neighbors. One of my neighbors asked me how my garden was doing. I told her about the rose sale at Goodwood and she came and bought a rose for her yard.

All in all it can be said that I like roses and sharing them with others.

(Editors Note: The roses in the photograph are old garden roses which are the specialty at Goodwood. Ann is a regular Goodwood volunteer on Saturday mornings and helps with propagating, the sale and care of the rose gardens. She grows roses in her own garden too which she talks about in her article.)

### ***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.

### ***91st Thomasville Rose Show***

The Thomasville Rose Society annual show was great. It was again held in the big tent and there were many exhibitors and visitors. Thanks to the Tallahassee members who exhibited and attended this event.

### ***Goodwood Roses***

There are still some plants available at Goodwood. John Sullivan will be there on Friday and Saturday mornings from 9:00 am until Noon to help you make selections. All of the plants do well in our area and they need to find a good home. Make room for one more rose!

### ***TARS Garden Tours***

Joan Rosen did an excellent job of coordinating the tours. A special thanks to the members who opened their gardens. Getting your garden ready for visitors can take much effort and it was evident that members who opened their gardens love their roses and give them TLC.

***Most of the important things in the world***

***Have been accomplished by people***

***Who have kept on trying***

***When there seemed to be no hope at all.***

Dale Carnegie

### ***Minutes of The Tallahassee Area***

***Rose Society, April 12, 2012***

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 March 15, 2012 meeting were approved as presented in the newsletter. The Treasurer's report was presented and accepted. It was announced that on April 14 a meeting would be held at Angel Gardens in Alachua, Florida. Two speakers would be featured (Ruth Knopf and Peggy Martin). Also on April 14 Goodwood Museum and Gardens would hold the spring plant sale. Mary Maud Sharpe announced that she had brochures for the upcoming TARS Tour of Rose Gardens, to be held on May 6. She also had Thomasville schedules and entry tags for the April 27-28 Thomasville Rose Show. President Pat Stanford introduced TARS member Michael Michelis, the 2012 Rose Show Chair. She presented him with a notebook containing show guidelines. President Stanford thanked Joan Rosen for her work in chairing the Garden Tours, to be held on May 6. Fliers and maps for the tour were made available to members and visitors. President Stanford announced that the TARS picnic would be held on May 17 and that everyone was asked to bring a side dish or dessert. President Stanford stated that the Wiregrass Rose Society had declined to chair the 2013 Deep South District Mid-Winter Meeting. She stated that the TARS Board had tentatively decided to co-host the Deep South District 2012 Fall Convention and Rose Show with the cooperation of the Thomasville and Wiregrass societies and approval of the membership. After some discussion, a motion was made that the Tallahassee Area Rose Society co-host the 2012 Deep South District Fall Rose Show and Convention; motion carried.

President Stanford introduced the speakers for the evening's presentation. Society members Mary Maud Sharpe and Martha Jean Woodward presented a program by demonstrating simple rose arrangements for home and everyday occasions. Handouts were available. Containers and materials other than roses were discussed. The speakers also gave tips on preparing arrangements for entry in a rose show. The speakers presented much useful information and the audience responded with many questions and comments. Door prizes which included the demonstration arrangements were awarded.

The meeting adjourned at 8:00 pm. Refreshments were served and a mini-workshop on items used in making arrangements was presented.

Respectfully submitted,

*Lennie Kennedy*, Secretary



## **May Consulting Rosarian Report**

*By Montine Herring*

Spring came unusually early this year and roses bloomed early along with many other flowering trees and shrubs. Some rosarians experienced both powdery and downy mildew along with thrips. Most of this was due to the weather conditions, but it can be discouraging as well. There have been some scattered showers recently, but you should be sure to give your roses extra water. As the spring weather turns to summer, rose blooms will be smaller and colors will be somewhat faded. Keep your bushes healthy by continuing to fertilize, spray and of course water throughout the summer. Your roses will reward you with a great fall bloom. Remember to keep spent blooms cut. Do your gardening work in the early mornings or late afternoons – never in the heat of the day.

Enjoy your roses this summer!

### **ARS/DSD Judging School**

This school is for current judges to up date their status, for persons who wish to become judges to take the examination and for others to audit for information only. There will be a gathering on Friday evening. The school will be on Saturday and the examination will be held on Sunday. It can be a learning experience that may make you a better exhibitor even if you do not plan to become a judge. See contact on page 4.

### **Hospitality Committee**

If you are coming to the picnic, contact Martha Dooley, 850-342-1711 or jkdooley@embarqmail.com. This will help the committee in planning. If the weather permits, tables will be set up under the big tree in front of Jubilee. If necessary we will move inside.

### **Planning Meeting for DSD Convention and Rose Show**

There will be a meeting of members of the Tallahassee Area Rose Society, the Thomasville Rose Society and the Wiregrass Rose Society on Sunday, May 20 at the Laundry Cottage, at Goodwood Museum and Gardens from 3:00—5:00 pm to begin plans for the 2012 DSD Convention and Rose Show. The three societies will be co-hosting this event. We hope that many of our members will be able to attend to help in planning the event. If you can't make it to the meeting you can still help with the many things that will need to be done to make this a memorable event for the rosarians of the Deep South District. The three societies will be working during the summer to finalize plans, etc. The dates will be October 5-7. This convention rose show will take the place of our annual show and will include district challenge classes as well as our society challenge classes. The weekend will include a welcome dinner on Friday evening, the show, programs and the awards banquet on Saturday and garden tours on Sunday.

## **Water, Water, Water**

- Plants get their water through their roots and like a moist soil that has good drainage.
- The saying is true that roses need water, but do not like wet feet.
- Too much water in the soil can be harmful.
- Proper drainage is very important.
- Raised beds can be helpful for proper drainage.
- Water is important at any time of the year, but especially important during the hot summer months.
- Water retention is important since water should pass through the soil at a rate that allows plants to take up nutrients.
- Always water before and after fertilizing your plants.
- There are many types of ways to water. Your soil conditions will determine the system that works best for you. You may choose to use a sprinkler, hose water by hand, a soaker hose or an automated irrigation system. You may choose to do it yourself or have a professional make the installation.
- Overhead watering can be done, especially during the summer to cool off the plants. We all know what a cooling shower of rain can do for our gardens.
- When using a sprinkler, you may need to apply fungicides more frequently for mildew and blackspot.
- Always deep soak your plants. It is better to water deeply less frequently than to light water more frequently. Light watering produces shallow root systems which can be harmful to plants during times of drought.
- Roses need to be soaked to a depth of 8 to 10 inches.
- Roses should receive normally the equivalent of one inch of rainfall per week.
- There are tests that can be done for water retention and for drainage.
- Rose foliage will wilt if plants do not have sufficient water—never let your plants wilt.
- For newly planted roses you may want to build a basin around the bush. The basin can be flooded and the water will penetrate the soil and not run off.
- Use a layer of mulch not only to deter weeds, but to retain moisture and moderate the soil temperatures.
- Roses grown in pots will require more frequent watering than roses grown in beds.
- Water well before spraying so that the foliage will not be damaged by spray materials.
- Allow spray materials to dry completely before watering roses.
- Roses generally require more water during their bloom season.
- You may find it helpful to use a rain gauge to measure the amount of water that your roses are getting.

## Upcoming Society Programs

**May 17:** (No Planned Program) Covered Dish Picnic

**June:** No society program/meeting

**July:** No society program/meeting

**August 16:** Program TBA

**September 20:** Program TBA

## Calendar of Local Society Events

**May 17—Society Covered Dish Picnic** (Members and guests)

**June —No society meeting**

**July—No society meeting**

**August 16—Society Meeting**

**September 20—Society Meeting**

## Rose Shows:

**October 6—Tallahassee Area 28th Rose Show** at the DSD Convention and Rose Show, Tallahassee, FL

## DSD Events:

**May 25-27-DSD Judging School—Contact James Small, 407-628-3874, jsmalljr@cfl.rr.com.**

**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 Wente, 334-696-8371, pjwwaw@hughes.net**

## ARS Events:

**June 1-3-ARS Multi Regional Arrangement Judging School—Franklin, TN. Contact Sandy Dixon, 904-778-2887, e-mail sandydixon@comcast.net.**

**July 27-29 Mini National Conference and Rose Show—Columbus, OH. Contact Brian Burley, 614-846-9404, bburleymech1092@yahoo.com**

**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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