

Regarding Roses

Tallahassee Area Rose Society

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President's Message By Pat Stanford

March 2012

I have finally finished pruning all of my roses. In spite of being ignored, many have new growth and they will bloom well before the Thomasville Rose Show next month. I've planted three new bushes I got from Goodwood's rose sale and they are doing well. I'm on the lookout for some more that I want to plant around my house to replace some shrubbery. Since I'm not one of the country squires in our club who have acreage to plant hundreds of roses, I am at the point of having to take stuff out just to have more roses.

Both pruning workshops were excellent, though both had very "iffy" weather to contend with. Both Bill Dority, on Saturday and John Sullivan, on Sunday did a fine job of explaining what to look for before making the cuts and then letting folks 'go to it'. Next

year I think we should encourage folks to bring lopping shears to Goodwood as many of those roses larger canes could use a more severe pruning.

Our March program will be outstanding. We will have a Consulting Rosarian panel. Each CR will tell what they are doing in their garden currently and what they plan to do over the next few months. There will be a question and answer time when you can ask your questions of the panel, so bring a notebook and lots of questions! We have a lot of knowledge in our group and the CR's are ready and willing to help all of us get a better understanding of what it takes to grow better roses.

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March To Do Notes

- If you have not finished pruning, catch up before it is too late.
- Feed your roses. Water and spray them too.
- Check out the remaining rose at Goodwood and get some for your garden.
- Plan to exhibit at the Thomasville Rose Show on Friday, April 27.
- Call President Pat Stanford and volunteer to help on a committee.
- Invite a friend to come with you to TARS society events.
- Enjoy our beautiful spring weather.
- Have a "Happy Saint Patrick's Day! Remember to wear green.

Society Meeting

Date: Thursday, 15, 2012

Time: Time 7:00 p.m.

Place: Jubilee Cottage at Goodwood Museum and Gardens

Program: Hank Rosen will moderate a panel of TARS Consulting Rosarians. The CR's will tell what they are doing in their garden. They will answer your questions.

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My Favorite Rose— By Clara Jane Smith

I know this "Queen" has a fine botanical name, but in my world she is known as "Bill Kerber's Pink Pet". Now I must deviate from roses to bring you up to date on some of the past history of Goodwood and my "Bill Kerber's Pink Pet". In the earliest days of Goodwood when their last

heir, Tom Hood, left the property in the hands of the Barnett Bank to be opened to the public, a group of strong-back volunteers led by the charming and capable Weej Broderson took on the task of taming the jungle the public had inherited. After several years of (continued on Page 2)



Pink Pet
(China)

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)**

hard labor, Weej convinced us that the time had come to introduce Goodwood to the gardening world by hosting "The Rose Society".

We invited outstanding speakers, and much to our amazement, they came. We took them on a tour from South Georgia to Wakulla, Florida visiting outstanding rose gardens. One of the highlights was a southern picnic in the garden of Bill and Mary Maud Sharpe. Their rose garden was worthy of the center fold in a slick gardening magazine.

When it came our time to entertain at our home our garden did not have a single rose. The challenge of raising teenagers and nursing hybrid tea roses was just too much for this Mama, so the roses had to go. Our rose authority at Goodwood, Bill Kerber, recognized my dilemma and assured me he would solve the problem and he did. The evening of our party our garden was a showplace of pink old fashioned garden roses. Unbeknownst to our guests, the roses were planted in pots and placed strategically. I relished the praise but when that several roses be left for our enjoyment, I screamed "Bill I don't have time". To which he replied, with pipe in his mouth, "You won't need time".

This I found to be true. "Bill Kerber's Pink Pet" blooms early spring thru a mild winter. She is like a gift of light and laughter. I have encouraged my young gardening friends to venture into the rose world by way of my "Bill Kerber's Pink Pet".

Goodwood Rose 2012 Sale

Many varieties are sold out, but there is still varieties to select from that do well in our area. Some rose plants still need to find a home and the sale will continue on Friday and Saturday mornings from 9:00 am till noon. Contact John Sullivan, Jopn4@aol.com with questions. The volunteers are busy now replanting the garden since some plants need to be replaced.

Peace Rose Garden

The regular Peace Garden volunteers assisted by some other folks got the plants planted at the Peace Garden in early March. The beds have been amended with new bed mix soil and each plant got special "goodies" in their individual holes. Each plant also has a new stake. The irrigation system is being reworked and new straw for mulch will be put down soon. We'll be meeting on the first Wednesday of each month at 9:00 am to do maintenance work. Come and join us. Bring your own clippers and gloves.

Dues are Due

Dues for 2012 are due and a membership forms are enclosed for those who have not renewed. Remember to invite others to visit our meetings and activities. Everyone who loves roses is welcomed to be a member. A trial membership in the American Rose Society is free to new members of TARS.

Minutes of The Tallahassee Area Rose Society, February 16, 2012

A regular monthly meeting of the Tallahassee Area Rose Society was held at 7:00 pm at Goodwood Museum and Gardens in the Jubilee Cottage. President Pat Stanford presided and welcomed members and visitors. The minutes of the January 19, 2012 meeting were approved as presented in the newsletter. The Treasurer's report was presented and accepted. Mary Maud Sharpe announced that the 2013 DSD Mid-Winter Meeting may be hosted by the Pensacola and Wiregrass Rose Societies. John Sullivan was asked to give a report on the Goodwood old garden rose sale that was held on February 11, 2012. He stated that approximately \$7,700 had been netted from the sale of the old garden roses and 57 varieties and 300 roses were still available. Roses will be sold on Friday and Saturday mornings. President Pat Stanford announced that the Society would hold rose pruning demonstrations this coming weekend. The first would be on Saturday, February 18, at the garden of Bill Dority from 1:00 – 4:30 pm. The second would be at Goodwood Museum and Gardens on Sunday, February 19, from 2:00 – 4:00 pm. Mary Maud Sharpe announced that members were planning to replant the Peace Garden On March 7, 2012 from 9:00 – 12:00 pm. Members were invited to help. Hank Rosen announced that on February 4, 2012, he had presented a seminar on roses at Tallahassee Nurseries. John Sullivan announced that Goodwood Museum and Gardens would hold a sale of heirloom tomatoes in March, 2012 and a sale of spring garden plants in April, 2012. President Stanford gave an update on Committee Chairs, stating that the Society still needed a Rose Show Chair. Door prizes were awarded to two members, Sue Hansen and Hank Rosen.

President Stanford introduced the speaker for the evening presentation. Sue Hansen gave a profile of her garden, stating that she had been very involved in gardening for the last ten years, mainly growing roses and vegetables. She handed out a map of her property, showing where the various beds were, and she handed out a list of roses that she grew. A fan of organic gardening and raised beds, Sue also discussed what organic nutrients she used in her beds and her use of compost bins to prepare mulch for the soil. It was a most interesting presentation and the audience responded with many questions and comments. The meeting ended at 7:55 pm. Refreshments were served and a workshop on "Protection and Personal Safety" was presented during the social time.

Respectfully submitted,
Lennie Kennedy, Secretary

April Meeting Date Changed to 12th.

March Consulting Rosarian Report

By Bill and Mary Maud Sharpe

The anticipation of the April spring bloom makes March one of the most exciting months of the year for rosarians. The weather is usually cool enough that work in your garden is pleasant and there is much work to be done. You will need to constantly monitor your plants for any insects or diseases that will harm your developing blooms. Insects may need to be controlled by insecticides. Use these chemicals only if necessary. Miticides are specific chemicals used to control mites and are similar in action to insecticides and should also be used as necessary. Mites usually are present in periods of warm dry spells. Fungicides are used to control fungi that cause molds, rots and plant diseases. Know your chemicals and use them properly.

Watering is one of the most important things that you can do for your roses. Be sure that your plants are properly hydrated both before and after fertilizing and before spraying. Water deeply when you water. Deep watering less frequently is better than light watering more frequently. Roots need to be encouraged to grow as deep as possible.

During bloom cycles be sure to keep spent bloom cut. If spent blooms are allowed to remain on the plants, seed pods called hips will form and the plant may cease to produce new blooms. Be sure to keep adequate mulch on your beds. Mulch help to retain moisture as well as deter weeds. There always seem to be those pesky weeds. Most of all enjoy your rose hobby!

ARS/DSD Judging School

A registration form for the Horticulture Judging School is enclosed. The form has dates and contact information as well as hotel information. 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. We hope that many of you will take this opportunity and attend. It can be a learning experience that may make you a better exhibitor even if you do not plan to become a judge.

Hospitality Committee

If you would like to help with refreshments at the meetings, please contact Martha Dooley, 850-342-1711 or jkdooley@embarqmail.com. You may bring a special "goodie" to share. The society hospitality committee furnishes the beverages and paper goods.

Workshop for March Meeting

We'll have several systemic products that are perhaps a good idea for small gardens. There are products on the market that give you fertilizer, insect and disease control. If you are short on time for gardening this may be an option you would like to try.

Safe Use of Chemicals

Protecting chemicals are chemicals used before infection of fungus spores. Eradicating chemicals are chemicals applied after infections appear. Systemic chemicals are chemicals which are relocated by leaves and roots and distributed in the plant to prevent infection. It cannot be stressed enough that persons using chemicals need to read the label and follow direction completely. Chemicals can be absorbed through the skin while mixing or spraying. Dust and mists can also be inhaled and it is especially important to use a proper respirator to protect yourself. Concentrates are most dangerous.

Wear protective clothing and gear. Wear closed toe shoes. Long sleeves and long pants are a must. Use goggles and a respirator. Wear rubber gloves especially when mixing chemicals. Do not spray in windy weather. If there is a breeze be sure to spray with the breeze—never against it. Take a shower immediately after spraying and wash all clothing in a separate load. Keep all chemicals in original containers and stored away from children and pets. Dispose of empty containers in the proper way. Never use more chemical than recommended on the label. More is not better. Plan to spray either early or late in the day to reduce plant damage. Always spray the underside and the top of the leaves for better results. Use the least toxic chemical that will give you the results you need. Mix only the amount of chemical you need. Never mix chemicals to use later. Even safe chemical should be used with care. Never use a chemical for uses not listed on the label. Consult the manufacturer of chemicals. They will be able to answer your questions. Do not hesitate to consult or go to Tallahassee Memorial Hospital. Seek help if you have an accident with the use of chemicals.

Spring Rose Shows

The Thomasville rose show will be held on Friday, April 27 and Saturday, April 29. You are invited to come and exhibit your roses. Entries will be received on Friday from 7:00 am until 10:00 am. We plan to have schedules available at the TARS April meeting. The show is held in a big tent in downtown Thomasville and is open to visitors on Friday afternoon and again on Saturday. Invite others who are interested in roses to come and see the show. It is spectacular. This will be the 91st show and Thomasville is proudly celebrating. There are other activities too.

There are other societies that sponsor spring shows and would be pleased to have you as an exhibitor or visitor. Check the DSD web site for dates and contact persons.

"Dictionary is the only place that success comes before work. Hard work is the price we must pay for success. I think you can accomplish anything if you're willing to pay the price."

Vince Lombardi

Upcoming Society Programs

March 15: The Society CR's will give you tips on growing better roses and will take questions from the membership.

April 12: Arranging roses that anyone can do (*Please note change of date*)

May 17: (No Planned Program) Covered Dish Picnic

June: No society program/meeting

July: No society program/meeting

August 16: Program TBA

Calendar of Local Society Events

March 15—Society Meeting

April 19—Society Meeting

May 6—Open Gardens (Self tour to member gardens—Maps and directions provided)

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

June and July—No society meeting

August 16—Society Meeting

Rose Shows:

April 27-28-Thomasville 91st Rose Show. Contact Rick Thomas 800-234-9536, e-mail rthomas@rose.net.

October 27-28—Tallahassee Area 28th Rose Show. Location Conner Building—Contact and more information TBA.

DSD Events:

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

ARS Events:

May 25-27-ARS/DSD Horticulture Judging School—Gainesville, FL

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

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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