

# Regarding Roses

## Tallahassee Area Rose Society

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## President's Message By Bill Dority



August 2011

I hope everyone has had a good June and July and is ready to get into the swing of things for the fall. While some of you were focused on other important things, some of us still had our shoulder to the wheel and were keeping TARS on course. The chairman of the rose show, Pat Stanford, was certainly one of those. Plans are well underway! This program has a lot of opportunities for all of us, and if you find yourself at this date without an assignment, you need to get on board. There are three key areas that await your participation. First, be a volunteer during the show. Get your assignment and make it happen. Second, be an exhibitor. If this is new to you, plan to attend the October workshop at the society meeting and ask an experienced exhibitor for

help. Third, talk it up! Word of mouth is still the best way to spread event information. We will be contacting the media and if you can help with this, please let us know as soon as possible. Our August meeting will be various topics of interest to members. I will lead the monthly workshop on making rose variety signs for your garden. In September I will start our program series of "Profiling Our Gardens". This involves explaining and discussing members' gardens. There will be handouts. Also, there are some excellent ideas on data gathering being fostered along the way. So welcome back folks. Don't miss out on the fun!

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### Remembering Bill Kerber

As many of you know Bill Kerber died July 31. We plan to have copies of the obituary and the special article which appeared in Tallahassee Democrat at the meeting. Services were held for him on August 6 in Iowa. The Goodwood Volunteers are planning memorial services at Goodwood in late September or early October and more details will be available at a later date. He will be remembered as the leader of the propagation and annual Old Garden Rose sales at Goodwood. He willingly shared his love and knowledge of rose with other rosarians. Many of us have lost a true friend and we extend our sympathy to his family.

### Society Meeting

Date: Thursday, August 18, 2011

Time: Time 7:00 p.m.

Place: Jubilee Cottage at Goodwood Museum and Gardens

Program: What's going on at TARS...Goodwood (Past, Present and Future) / Memorial for Bill Kerber / CR Reports / Rose Show

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## My Favorite Rose— Mister Lincoln by Kathy Dunnigan

I have loved *Mister Lincoln* for quite some time. He is one of the most fragrant roses in my small garden. As a cut flower, his strong and intoxicating fragrance will fill a room. His deep red, very velvety booms are beyond compare. I was first introduced to Mister Lincoln in my childhood. My

grandmother had two of them, one growing on each side of her kitchen window. His sweet, wonderful fragrance would waft its way into her kitchen while we were cooking together or just having a cup of tea. Grandmother is no longer living; however, I can't (continued on Page 2)



Mister Lincoln  
Hybrid Tea

### Special Notes

- Volunteer at Goodwood Saturday mornings 9:00 a.m. till noon. Contact John Sullivan, joh4@aol.com for more information.
- Get your roses ready for fall blooms.
- Plan to exhibit this year
- Volunteer to serve on a committee for the rose show.



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

help but think of her and the special times we shared whenever I smell the fragrance of *Mister Lincoln*. This rose will always have a special place in my rose garden and in my heart.

*Mister Lincoln* was hybridized by Swim & Weeks (USA) and introduced by Conard-Pyle (USA) in 1964. He is a cross between Chrysler Imperial and Charles Mallerin. His ARS rating is 8.7 and he received the All-American Rose Selections Award in 1965.

### ***June is Rose Month* *June is Library Month***

You may remember that for several years the society has promoted ARS and TARS during the month of June by having a display of rose books and other materials as well as fresh home grown roses at the downtown library during the month of June. This is just one more way of reaching out to the community and letting them know that it is possible to grow roses in Tallahassee. This year the society again provided the library with an annual subscription to the ARS magazine and fresh rose arrangements several times each week. Information about the society was available for library visitors. The library personnel was most helpful and gracious. We have made arrangements with the library personal to celebrate rose and library month in 2012. Lennie Kennedy and Mary Maud Sharpe were the society representatives for this event.

### ***"Johnny Appleseed (OGR'S)" for 2012***

*By Bill Dority*

I have completed my list for the coming year for the "Johnny Appleseed of Garden Roses" campaign. Each year I provide plants as gifts for individuals and projects for March plantings. This year 140 plants were provided. Requests have all ready been received for 2012. If you would like to join me in this campaign as a worker, a supporter or to request plants, please contact me soon, 850-570-7046 or billdority@yahoo.com.

### ***RIR—Roses in Review***

Enclosed is the information about RIR and the form for you to use in reporting. The deadline for reporting is September 26 and Kitsy Mostellar or DSD coordinator is asking you to make your report as soon as possible. Even if you do not grow roses on the list, make a report stating this and you will be counted as a participant. All ARS consulting rosarians are required to report annually. Please help by rating your roses! This will be discussed at the meeting. You may also contact Bill Dority if you have questions.

***"The difference between  
the possible and the impossible  
lies in a person's determination."***

*Tommy Lasorda*

### ***The Tallahassee Area***

### ***Rose Society Picnic, May 19 2011***

President Bill Dority welcomed members and guests. The weather was perfect and the food and fellowship were great! There was no official business.

### ***Peace Garden***

The regular volunteers are pleased that the new irrigation system had been installed and is working at the Peace garden. Maintenance work has been done during the summer. We meet on the first Wednesday of the month. Come and join us at 9:00 am. The garden is in the east end of the downtown chain of parks on Park Avenue.

### ***Goodwood Rose Volunteers***

The devoted Goodwood volunteers are well on the way to rooting plants for the annual Old Garden Rose sale. The volunteers meet each Saturday morning from 9:00 am until noon to propagate plants and do maintenance work in the garden. Most of the plants for the sale are grown at Goodwood; however, each year the list of plants available has some different varieties added. If you have heirloom plants from which cuttings can be taken and would like to donate them, contact John Sullivan, e-mail joh4@aol.com. John would also be pleased to have you join the volunteer group. He will be at our August meeting to give you insight to future plans and answer questions you may have.

### ***Miniature and Miniflora Rose***

#### ***Hall of Fame***

Since the creation of the Miniature and Miniflora Hall of Fame in 1999, those roses that have stood the test of time in commerce for 20 years have been recognized.

The honorees for this year are Kristin and Olympic Gold and were announced at the ARS National Miniature Conference in June.

Kristin was hybridized by Frank Benardella and named for his and June's first granddaughter. It was introduced by Nor'East Miniatures Roses. It is a red blend and has a rating of 8.1.

Olympic Gold was hybridized by Nelson Jolly. It is a light yellow miniature that is now classified as a miniflora. It has a rating of 7.8.

The honorees were chosen by the ARS Miniature/Miniflora Rose Committee from the 68 different varieties that were nominated.

You can be assured that they will be a winner in your garden too. They can be container grown successfully.



## **August Consulting Rosarian Report**

By Bill Dority

By the latter part of August my bushes are at their biggest. But, they are not blooming at their best. So, now is the time for me to give them a wake-up call, much the same as I did last February, but with a less severe cut back. For what I call my category one roses (Hybrid Teas, Grandifloras, Floribundas, Miniature, Minifloras and Large Climbers) I will clean up the plants by removing all trash throughout and trimming laterals to a node at a point that is larger in diameter than a pencil. Since the new growth will never equal the size of the stem from which it is grown, I will make most of my cuts at a point equal to or larger than a pen, when I am considering entries for the TARS rose show the latter part of October. For what I call my category two roses (Old Garden Roses, Shrubs, Polyanthas and Hybrid Musks) I will clean-up only making sure to remove all dead wood. I will clean up the beds and make sure the mulching is at a depth of three inches. I fertilize all plants with 1 cup Milorganite, 1 cup cottonseed meal, 1/2 cup KMag and 1/2 cup dolomite lime watered in well. Depending on the condition of the plants, I may add 1 cup of Epson salts per plant. The feeding program that works for me may not fit your needs. That is why you need to take advantage of our soil program in November and get you soil tested. I will continue my spraying program on my category one roses through mid-October. The plot of ground for my rose patch is a red clay hillside heavily populated with pine and oak trees. I use raised beds for the most part. With adequate watering I can look forward to my roses at their finest through early November.

### **Rose Tip at the Meeting**

At the meeting this month we will have a workshop given by Bill Dority on making signs for your rose plants that he has used successfully in his garden. Many of you may have seen these sign when you visited his garden during the spring tour. This will be held during the fellowship time.

### **DSD 2011 Convention and Rose Show**

The Tampa Rose Society is hosting this event. Plan to go! The society has been working on making this a very special convention and show. If you are a long time DSD Convention attendee you know what a great experience DSD events are, if you are a new-comer you will be delighted with the programs, new friends and the fellowship with others who love roses. It is not a long trip to Tampa, so plan to take rose and enter the show. You'll be glad you did. If you have misplaced your registration form that was sent to you earlier, we'll have more forms at the meeting. The deadline for early registration is September 1. (Dates and contact information on page 4)

## **TLC for Your Roses and for You**

Summer can be brutal for your roses and for you with the excessive heat. We have had many very hot days. Being sure that your roses have an adequate amount of water is critical. If rain is infrequent it is a good idea to water your roses overhead occasionally to refresh them. When rains are excessive you may need to use more fertilizer as it can easily be washed away. Continue to remove spent bloom (rosarians call this deadheading) so that plants will re-bloom more quickly. Check you plants frequently for signs of spider mites. They can come before you know it and can defoliate plants. Sometimes a blast of water will help, but often you will need to use a miticides. Use insecticides only when necessary for bugs that can cause damage to foliage or blooms. Try and keep blackspot in check. This problem is usually worst in our hot humid summers. Work in the cool parts of the day. Most rosarians find that early mornings are the best times of the day. Be sure to protect your self when you spray by wearing protective clothing. Read the label and follow all directions. More is not better. Spray early during still periods and if there is a slight breeze always spray with the breeze never against it. Take a shower and laundry clothing immediately after spraying. Be sure to leave your sprayer clean and ready for the next time you will need to use. TLC you use now will reward you later with great blooms.

### **TARS Annual Rose Show**

The show is planned for the last weekend in October and the dates are Saturday, October 29 and Sunday, October 30. Pat Stanford is the show chairman and she will be calling on members to assist in many ways to make the show a success. You will hear much more about the committees and details of the show at this meeting and in the future. The "theme" is **Celebrating With...Wine and Roses** and is used to select the titles for the arrangement classes. This year we will have a new perpetual award in memory of Bill Kerber. It will be the best entry from the classes of Polyanthas, Climbers, Shrubs and Old Garden Roses (these are the Goodwood roses he loved). Plan to make entries in these classes. If members would like to help on committees for the show, Pat is asking that you contact her 850-519-3745, wordhacker@centurylink.net.

### **Show Awards**

If you would like to donate awards to be used at the rose show or monies to purchase awards, please bring them to the meetings. It would be greatly appreciated.

### **A Special Thanks**

A special thanks to Frank Parker who continues to update the TARS website. Frank has devoted many hours to the development of the site and maintaining it so that it is current is a challenge. If you have any materials, such as articles, pictures, etc. that you think could possibly be used, forward them to Frank, e-mail stagerider@earthlink.net. The website address is [tallahasseearearosesociety.org](http://tallahasseearearosesociety.org). Take time and visit the site and give the address to others. There is much valuable information there.

## Upcoming Society Programs

**September 15:** Bill Dority will be profiling his garden patch.

**October 20:** Pat Stanford, TARS 2011 Rose Show Chairman, will be telling us what happens on show weekend.

**November 17:** Stan Rosenthal, Leon County Extension Service, will be discussing soils and their importance in growing quality roses.

*Look for information coming soon on 2012 upcoming programs to help you learn how to grow better roses.*

## Calendar of Events TARS Society

- ✧ August 18—Society Meeting
- ✧ September 15—Society Meeting
- ✧ October 20—Society Meeting
- ✧ November 17—Society Meeting (Election of Officials for 2012)
- ✧ December—No Society Meeting

## Rose Show:

- ✧ October 29-30—Tallahassee, FL. Contact Pat Stanford, 850-519-3745, wordhacker@centurylink.net

## DSD Event:

- ✧ November 11-13—DSD Annual Convention and Rose Show—Tampa, FL. Contact Walt Pilat, 813-818-7686 or trs.wpilat@verizon.net.

## ARS National Event:

- ✧ October 13-16—Fall National Convention—Los Angeles, CA. Contact Marcia Sanchez-Walsh, losangelestinseltownrs@gmail.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

**The Deep South District** of the ARS issues a quarterly E-mail copy of the Bulletin for \$10 a year or \$25 for three years. Printed copies are \$15.00 a year or \$40.00 for three years. Kay Harrell, DSDBulletin@fairmarsh.com

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