

# Regarding Roses

## Tallahassee Area Rose Society

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## President's Message By Bill Dority

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The community is becoming more aware of us as attested by the interest in the Pruning Demonstration on February 19 and the recent Open Garden Event of May 1. And, we want to promote more of the same in the future, perhaps a Fall Open Garden Event the first week in November. We have a lot to do and think about before our next meeting in August. The TARS Rose Show is certainly at the top of the list. Remember, Pat Stanford must have your full support and now is the time to get in touch with her.

And, the tone and substance of our future meeting programs is a matter of concern to me, too. So, if I ask you to share with us a "Profile" of your garden, what would you do? In our program for September, I will lead off with a profile

of my Roe Patch. I will have copies of the material as handouts. We'll use it as an example for some meetings starting next January, when you will be called upon to volunteer to do the same. No two are expected to follow the exact same pattern and that will be O. K. But we will all be engaged in the telling, listening, and discussing. This will not be a completion, but a learning/sharing program that should be of high interest to all. Stay in touch through June and July and I'll see you in August.

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### Picnic Time

You don't want to miss the annual picnic at Goodwood, on Thursday, May 19. Bill Kerber has agreed to conduct a tour of the Goodwood rose gardens prior to the time food is served. He will have golf carts available at 6:30 p.m. or for self guided tours you may come as early as you like. The society will be providing "Reggie" grilled chicken, beverages and paper goods. If you have never had "Reggie" chicken you are in for a real treat. His special secret marinade gives just the right touch. You are asked to bring your favorite side dish or dessert to share. This is a time of fellowship and getting to know other members. Family (continued on page 2)

### Society Picnic

Date: Thursday, 19, 2011

Time: Time 6:30 p.m.

Place: Jubilee Cottage at Goodwood Museum and Gardens

Program: Annual Covered Dish Picnic. See details on Page 1. Plan to come and enjoy the food and fellowship with other members.

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## My Favorite Rose— Julia Child by Seymour Roses

Julia Child earned a noteworthy reputation as a chef extraordinaire who could produce food with exceptional gustatory and visual characteristics. So it is not surprising that a rose was named after her, and the floribunda *Julia Child* bears that distinction. This rose possesses characteristics that are

compatible with the chef's reputation. *Julia Child* has a bright yellow color at the initial bloom, and the color slowly fades to a lighter hue as it ages, and it possesses a nice licorice scent which is especially noticeable with a mass planting as I have: there are twelve *Julia Child* (continued on Page 2)



Julia Child  
Floribunda

### Special Notes

- Volunteer at Goodwood Saturday mornings 9:00 a.m. till noon. Call Bill Kerber 893-1165 or e-mail wkerber@juno.com for more information.
- Come to the picnic.
- Volunteer to serve on a committee for the rose show.

### ***Picnic Time*** (continued)

members or guests are invited. Serving time is 7:00 p.m. There is a form enclosed for you to respond to Isabelle de Sercey. This will help in planning set up, etc.

This will be the last society event until August.

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

roses lining an 80 foot walkway leading to my front door. I have combined this with a number of red and pink double knockout roses and the combined color scheme is very striking. I have found *Julia Child* to be a prolific repeat bloomer, as prolific as the knockouts and almost as disease resistant. I will occasionally see some black spot on the floribunda but this never gets to the point where the plant is weakened; however, unlike earth kind varieties I adhere to a regular spray schedule. *Julia Child* is a relative newcomer as it was introduced in 2005; it was an ARS member choice winner as well as AARS winner and it has been given a 8.1 rating by the ARS. I can heartily recommend *Julia Child* to anyone interested in a prolific blooming and nicely scented yellow floribunda with good disease resistance.

(Editor's note: Photo on page 1 is by Seymour Rosen)

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

You may remember that several years in the past we have 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. The society will be providing the library with an annual subscription to the ARS magazine. If you have roses that you will be willing to donate to the arrangements at the library contact president Bill Dority and let him know. The rose arrangement will need to be replaced several times each week.

### ***Thomasville Rose Show***

We are very pleased that a number of our members were able to exhibit at the recent Thomasville show. Although roses bloomed early this spring, the show had many entries and the quality was exceptionally good. Rick Thomas won the queen of the show and many other top awards. Other Tallahassee exhibitors were Jim and Martha Dooley, Bill and Anna Price, Montine Herring, Bill and Mary Maud Sharpe, Sylvester and Martha Jean Woodward, Isabelle de Sercey, Marilyn Watson, Emiko Dooley, Ellorie Levy and Seymour Rosen. We hope that many other Tallahassee folks were able to visit the show. A show is a great way to see many varieties at their best and decide what you would like to add to your garden.

## ***MINUTES OF THE TALLAHASSEE AREA ROSE SOCIETY, April 14, 2011***

President Bill Dority called the meeting of the society to order at 7:00 p.m. and presided. He welcomed members. Minutes of the March 17, 2011 society meeting were accepted as presented in the newsletter. The Treasurer's report for the month was accepted.

President Dority announced that Pat Stanford had accepted the chairmanship of the annual show and stated that she would need the help and support of members to make the show successful. Members were asked to contact her and volunteer to assist with the many activities that need to be done.

President Dority reminded members of the Open Garden event to be held Sunday afternoon, May 1. The public is also being invited to attend and members were urged to invite other rose lovers.

It was announced that there would not be a business meeting and program in the month of May. The annual picnic will be held at Goodwood. More information will be sent to members.

Marilyn Watson distributed forms and asked for members to complete and return to her as soon as possible. This information is to be used in planning future programs.

The program on photographing rose was presented by Seymour Rosen, Jim Dooley and Hank Rosen with each participant giving very interesting tips and suggestions.

Door prizes were awarded and the meeting adjourned. Members enjoyed the rose tip for the month and refreshments.

Respectfully submitted,

*Mary Maud Sharpe*

Acting Secretary

### ***Peace Garden***

New rose plants have been planted in the Peace Garden to replace the ones that were destroyed by accident. The regular volunteers are pleased to announce that the newly planted bushes appear to be doing well. We normally meet on the first Wednesday of the month to do maintenance work. Come and join us at 9:00 am. The garden is in the downtown parks.

Our next project is to have a better irrigation system installed at the garden. We hope to have this completed soon.

We are also in the process of again trying to graft some more Peace roses onto fortuniana root stock. This project was not successful last year, but we are trying again.

## ***May Consulting Rosarian Report***

By Bill and Mary Maud Sharpe

Although the calendar does not tell us it is summer, the past few days have certainly seemed like summer has arrived. Temperatures have been in the 90's (too hot to work outside in the middle of the day) and the rose blooms are smaller. Spider mites have appeared in some gardens and the weeds are definitely growing. What better ways are there to tell it is summertime. Since spring bloom was early maybe that is the reason summer is early too.

Most rosarians reported a great spring bloom. The garden at Goodwood was a mass of old garden rose blooms. Our Seven Sisters had climbed farther up the tree and bloomed two weeks before it usual Mother's day bloom of past years, so it got to go to the Thomasville show.

Remember your New Year's resolution about doing a better job of taking care of your roses and spray regularly, fertilize often and be sure that your roses have enough water which is probably the most important thing. Don't get busy with other summer fun and forget to dead head frequently. Remember that you are pruning each time you cut blooms and/or spent blooms. Plan your cuts to keep your bushes open for good air circulation.

The care you give your roses during the summer months will determine the bloom you will get for our fall rose show. Evaluate your plants and be ready to replace any that do not perform as they should.

Lastly share your roses! Nothing puts a smile on the face of anyone more than the gift of roses.

### ***Rose Activity for the May Picnic***

At the meeting this month we will have rose arrangements on each table. Each arrangement will be similar and contain the same varieties of roses. Your challenge is to identify as many of the roses as you can. Each table group may work as a team. You might find varieties you would like to have in your garden.

### ***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 picnic.

## ***Water and Roses***

The old saying "Roses don't like wet feet" is true. Too much water in the soil can be almost as bad for roses as not enough water. Watering is very important and there should be enough but not too much. It should be just right to percolate through the soil. If you have a drainage problem, raised beds may be the answer. The water should pass through the soil at the proper rate so that nutrients are taken up by the plant roots. Watering in combination with fertilizer is critical. Always water both before and after applying fertilizer. This practice should eliminate any fertilizer burn. Watering overhead can be beneficial during the summer to cool your garden during the hot summer weather. Overhead watering is not generally recommended during periods of high humidity when blackspot is a problem. During the day it is best to water early and allow the foliage to completely dry. It is better to water deeply less often than light watering more frequently. There are test that you can do to determine water retention and also water drainage. As the water continues to pass through the soil it brings with it oxygen which is necessary for good plant growth. When soil drainage is poor water fills the small spaces in the soil and forces out the oxygen. Mother Nature can not be depended on to give your plants the right amount of water at the right times. Check your beds often and be sure that your roses receive the correct amounts of water. You may water effectively with sprinklers, hose end, or specially designed irrigation systems. The choices are many and varied. It has been said many times that watering is probably the best thing you can do for your roses.

### ***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 after the summer break. She is asking members to help her in selecting a "theme" for the show and get back to her soon. The "theme" is used to select the titles for the arrangement classes and work will be done on the schedule for the show during the summer break. Many of you will remember that last year the "theme" was *Spirits of Rose Past* and there was a special class for the hybrid tea or grandiflora with the earliest date of introduction. If members have any ideas to enhance the show, Pat is asking that you contact her 850-519-3745, [wordhacker@centurylink.net](mailto:wordhacker@centurylink.net).

### ***A Special Thanks !***

The May 1 Open Gardens was a great success! We give special thanks to Bill Dority, Sue Hansen, Karen Jackson, Bill and Anna Price, Seymour and Joan Rosen and Stephanie Wilfong for opening their gardens to not only TARS members, but to the public. The gardens were beautiful and so was the day! The weather could not have been better.



### **Upcoming Society Programs**

**August 18:** Bill Kerber will discuss Old Garden Rose varieties and their use in the landscape.

**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.

### **Calendar of Events TARS Society**

**May 19—Society Picnic**

**June—No society Meeting**

**July—No Society Meeting**

**August 18—Society Meeting**

**September 15—Society Meeting**

**October 20—Society Meeting**

**November 17—Society Meeting (Election of Officials for 2012)**

### **Rose Shows: Spring**

**May 30—Pensacola Rose Show**

### **Rose Shows: Fall**

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

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

**August 12-13 DSD Blackspot and Beetles—Ft. Gaines, GA.** Check the DSD Website for details.

### **ARS National Events:**

**June 2-6 Spring National—Winston-Salem, NC**

### **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

### **June 24-26 Miniature National—Syracuse, NY**

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