

Regarding Roses

Tallahassee Area Rose Society

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President's Message By Bill Dority

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As your president, I've learned to appreciate those who come forward with a hand outstretched to greet you with the words, "I want to and or I will do something that needs to be done." I also appreciate the donors who have helped increase our treasury and give them a "Thank You". A special "Thank You" goes to Pat Stanford who recently accepted the Chair of the 2011 TARS Fall Rose Show. The show is scheduled for October 29 and 30. She is going to need a few more weeks to clear up some of her busy work load, but with the guidance of Mary Maud Sharpe and the host of past participants, plus the backing of the entire membership, Pat will start providing the management skills to help us keep the historic TARS rose show going and growing.

We need a theme, so give Pat your ideas and tell her how you would like to help. Also we have a great list of participants who are opening their gardens for the May 1 Open Garden afternoon. There is more information as a separate handout in this mailing of the newsletter. Tell your neighbors and friends. There will be publicity in the local newspaper. As you can tell, I'm excited about this event and hope that you are too! We have so much going on, so much needing to be done, but we are having fun doing it. Try it, you'll like it. Plan to come to the society picnic on Thursday, May 19. There will be details in the May issue of "Regarding Roses".

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Open Gardens

This event will be held on Sunday afternoon, May 1 during the hours of 1:00 pm to 4:00 pm. There is a listing of TARS members that are hosting including addresses, other information, etc. to guide you in making the visits. We hope that the weather will cooperate and that many of you will be able to see all of the gardens. You'll get to learn new varieties that others grow, see how they have used roses in their landscapes, and meet some other rosarians that love roses as much as you do. Please feel free to copy the garden information and pass it on to others. A special thanks to the members who are opening their garden for the afternoon.

Society Meeting

Date: Thursday, 14, 2011
Time: Time 7:00 p.m.
Place: Jubilee Cottage at Goodwood Museum and Gardens
Program: "Photographing Roses", by Hank Rosen and other TARS members. Learn how to enter and win in the DSD contest.

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My Favorite Rose— Peace by Nancy Bell

Years ago, when I was a kid, the Aunt of a close friend of mine had the most beautiful rose in her garden I had ever seen. That rose started me on my love of roses. It was big, beautiful and looked like it just loved life, blooming to make everyone happy! That's what I thought as a kid. And it

did make me happy with all its beautiful blooms. I was told it was a Peace rose.

I didn't learn the significance of the history of the Peace rose until much later. Historical accounts of the Peace rose vary somewhat depending on who is doing the writing (continued on Page 2)



Peace
Hybrid Tea

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.
- Exhibit at the Thomasville Rose Show.
- Volunteer to serve on a committee.

My Favorite Rose (continued)

but most articles agree that in 1935, in Lyon, France, a man named Francis Meilland and his father started over 800 crosses of roses selected fifty seedlings and tagged one #3-35-40. They worked on developing this rose for four more years. However, when Hitler invaded France, the Meilland family, concerned their business would be lost, sent cutting out to Italy, Turkey, Germany and the United States. In France, the rose was named 'Madame Antonine Meilland' after Francis Meilland's mother, in Italy, 'Gioia (Joy) and in Germany, 'Gloria Dei' (Honor to God). In the United States, the name for the rose was given by Robert Pyle of Conrad-Pyle Company, on April 29, 1945, the same day Berlin fell and World War II ended. The rose was appropriately named 'Peace', which has outlasted all other names. Coincidentally, the All American Award for roses was given to the Peace rose on the day the war ended in Japan came to an end. On May 8, 1945, when Germany surrendered, 49 delegates, who formed the United Nations, were presented with a Peace rose and a message of peace from the American Rose Society. "We hope the 'Peace' rose will influence men's thought for everlasting world peace." In 1951, the Peace rose was the first rose to receive the American Rose Gold Medal award, corresponding with the signing of the peace treaty with Japan. The All-American Selection (AARS) was given to the Peace rose in 1995. In 1995, to commemorate the 50th anniversary of the Peace rose, Tallahassee Area Rose Society dedicated the Peace rose Garden in the downtown park. What a lot of symbolism, hope and meaning this rose carried with it!

The Peace rose is a Hybrid Tea rose, a vigorous, hardy rose, resistant to disease with beautiful blooms that are long lasting, long stemmed and well shaped. The petals are a delicate, creamy, pale yellow with pink edges and the average bloom diameter is 6". There is a mild fragrance. The plant has glossy leaves and grows 4' to 6 1/2' high, and up to 3' wide.

This rose has been used as a parent to many roses, including 'Double Delight', 'Casanova', 'Royal Highness', 'Garden Party', and 'Perfume Delight' to name a few.

So everywhere I have lived, from Florida to New Jersey, I have had a rose garden and always in my garden, a Peace rose. I haven't always been successful with each plant (thanks to blackspot!) and sometimes it was hard to find a good plant. But when I do see a Peace rose blooming, it still makes me happy...like a kid.

Thomasville Rose Show

The Thomasville Rose show will be Friday, April 22, and Saturday, April 23, in the big tent downtown Thomasville. The contact person is Rick Thomas 229-226-8310 / 800- 234-9536 or e-mail rthomas@rose.net. Plan to exhibit and/or visit the show.

MINUTES OF THE TALLAHASSEE AREA ROSE SOCIETY, March 17, 2011

A regular meeting of the Tallahassee Area Rose Society was held at 7:00pm at Goodwood Museum and Gardens in the Jubilee Cottage. President Bill Dority presided. He welcomed members and visitors to the meeting and conducted a short business meeting. A motion was made to accept the Secretary's minutes for the February 17, 2011 meeting, as presented in the newsletter; seconded; and carried. The Treasurer's report was made and accepted. Long-time TARS member Vasta Yarborough died recently and the society, along with the Thomasville Rose Society, had sent flowers to the service. The society received a notice from the Central Florida Heritage Rose Society about a special event speaker, Anita Clevenger, April 9 and 10, 2011. President Dority encouraged members to donate to TARS as tax deductible donations. He announced the Open Gardens Program, scheduled for Sunday, May 1, 2011, from 1:00 to 4:00 pm. He stated that currently four gardens had been signed up for that date, and he was hoping to get one or two additional gardens to add to the number of open gardens. Members were asked to contact Mary Maud Sharpe for e Thomasville Show Schedules.

Jennie Myers introduced the program speaker, Michael Jenkins, a staff botanist with the Florida Division of Forestry. He presented a most interesting and informative program on "Removing Invasive, Exotic Plants", giving many details of the methods used. A handout was available. President Dority thanked Michael for his presentation.

President Dority announced that the door prize for visitors would be a rose bush and worm castings. The door prize for members was a rain gauge.

The meeting adjourned at 8:10 pm and members enjoyed refreshments. During the refreshments and fellowship time, a mini-workshop was presented on "Things Found To Be Useful In The Rose Garden In Past Years," presented by Mary Maud Sharpe.

Respectfully submitted,

Lennie Kennedy

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 were responsible for giving the new plants their new home. 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.

April Consulting Rosarian Report

By Oline Reynolds

April is the month when I love to walk in the garden early in the morning and see what is happening. The birds are singing, but the most important thing to me is to see my roses beginning to come into bloom. The new tender growth has hardened and the buds are coming. Some of my roses are even beginning to bloom. I love my old garden roses and they are usually early bloomers. Lady Banks is among the first and the beautiful yellow blooms cover the canes. This year I have a new treat to look forward to. I received as a gift a tall climber musk rose *R. moschata*. It is classed as a species and originally came from Asia and Middle-East. It was introduced to Europe in the 16th century. I am very anxious to see how it likes its home in Bainbridge. From the information I have *R. moschata* blooms in late summer, so I may have a little more wait. Spring to me makes the work of the past several month worth all the effort. But the work is not over. Weekly spraying needs to be continued. Fertilizer needs to be applied regularly and watering will soon be a daily routine. Then there is the frequent deadheading and the never ending job of pulling weeds. My advise for spraying is to read all labeling carefully and follow directions. Take care of yourself by wearing protective clothing and a good mask. As the weather warms work in the morning or evening cooler part of the day and drink plenty of fluids. And, lastly enjoy your roses!

Rose Tip for the April Meeting

At the meeting this month we will have a collection of items that you will find useful in exhibiting at a rose show. The door prize will be a tote that contains "stuff" that will be helpful in grooming rose to enter in a show. Don't forget that the Thomasville show is Friday, April 22.

DSD 2011 Convention and Rose Show

The Tampa Rose Society is hosting this event and a registration form is enclosed. Plan to go and make your reservations at the hotel early. The cut off date is October 28. It would also be helpful to the Tampa folks if you will also register early to help them in planning. 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. There will be more information later and we will share it with you. It is not a long trip to Tampa, so plan to take rose and enter the show. You'll be glad you did.

Spraying Suggestions

- Make a regular schedule and stick to it. Sometimes the weather will not cooperate with you, but do make a consecrated effort to pick a day of the week that is convenient for you and make time in your busy schedule.
- Identify the problem and use the proper chemical.
- Wear protective clothing, long sleeves, long pants and shoes that cover your feet. Be sure to wear a mask that is designated for chemicals you will be using. Marpan, a local company, has masks available that fit your face and cover both your nose and mouth.
- Use only chemicals allowed for use on roses.
- Store all chemical in a safe place out of reach of children and pets. Preferably in an air conditioned environment.
- Use the least toxic chemical that will accomplish your reason for spraying. This protects you as well as the environment.
- If possible, rotate the chemicals you use and do not continue to use the same ones for the entire season.
- Mix chemicals when you are ready to spray. Do not mix and allow to stand.
- Mix chemicals in a well ventilated area.
- Wear rubber gloves when mixing chemicals. Clean up any spills immediately. Wash gloves with soap and water before removing them.
- Some chemicals may be mixed, but do your research and never mix chemical unless you know that it is safe.
- Read the direction supplied with the product you are using and follow them exactly. Use the amounts listed. More is not better and may even be harmful to you and your plants. You don't need a runoff.
- Be sure that your plants are well hydrated before spraying.
- Use a surfactant with will allow the spray to cover the foliage completely. Some chemicals have this included, some do not. Spreader stickers are available, but something as simple as liquid ivory soap will help.
- Be sure that the underside of the foliage is covered. Many diseases begin on the underside of the leaves.
- Be sure to keep your spray equipment clean.
- Never use herbicides such as "roundup" in a sprayer that you use to spray your roses.
- Spray during a calm part of the day. Never let the mist from the spray cover you. Keep any even slight breeze blowing the spray away from you.
- Spray during the cooler part of the day. This is more comfortable for you and better for your plants too.
- It is very important to shower immediately after spraying. Clothing should not be worn again before washing. Remember to wash separately. Be sure to wash your glasses too.
- Keep records of the chemicals that you use and the dates on which they were used. This is helpful for future problems that require spraying.
- Ask questions. Contact the manufacture if necessary.

Upcoming Society Programs

April 14, 2011: Hank Rosen will lead a panel discussion and demonstration on "Photographing Roses". Several TARS members are very accomplished photographers. We expect to have lap tops set up to show "real time" results of techniques that our photographers use in various settings.

August 18, 2011: Bill Kerber will discuss Old Garden Rose varieties and their use in the landscape.

Calendar of Events

TARS Society

April 14—Society Meeting

May 1—Rose Garden Open House

(Details provided with newsletter)

May 19—Society Picnic

June—No society Meeting

July— No Society Meeting

August 18—Society Meeting

Rose Shows: Spring

April 22- 23—Thomasville Big Tent downtown
Thomasville, GA. Contact: Rick Thomas 229-226-8310
or 800-234-9536

April-16-Gainesville

April 16-Central Florida

May 7-Jacksonville

May 30-Pensacola

May 7-8-Atlanta

May 7-8-Birmingham

May 14-South Metro

Rose Shows: Fall

October 29-30-Tallahassee

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