# Regarding Roses Tallahassee Area Rose Society

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## President's Message By Jan Godfrey

Greetings!

I hope everyone has had an enjoyable few months. We were able to have our annual picnic outside under the oaks; the evening was lovely; food, as usual, was delicious and it was great to see new members there. The gathering gave us the opportunity to get to know them better.

I learned a lot at the Exhibitor's School. The most useful to me was learning what the judges consider to be the most perfect form of beauty for each class of roses and how to exhibit Old Garden Roses. Having that information will make it so much easier for me as I have really not been sure even after reading the written information in the Show program. The speakers had so much knowledge to share. A huge thank you to Glenn Schulman, Bill Price, Joanne Maxheimer and Mona Lisa Abbott for

taking their time to enlighten us. and to Mary Maud Sharpe for organizing the event.

At our next meeting (Thursday, August 2) Hank Rosen will be sharing his method of getting roses ready for the fall bloom. Hank is very knowledgeable and will welcome questions and discussion on what others do, as well. Also, please bring a rose so that we can enjoy their beauty and fragrance. It will also allow others to see a rose that could be added to their collection

Chili Thrips! Until this year I had not been familiar with them. None of my plants had ever been attacked by them. This spring I introduced a few new plants. I knew they were not happy so, not being aware of the symptoms of Chili Thrips. I used my usual spray and after a couple of weeks they began to look

better. However, soon afterwards some of my other roses began to look very unhealthy and I could not figure out why. I had heard that other rosarians were having trouble with Chili Thrips so I started researching and found pictures which forced me to the sad realization that my roses had many of the symptoms. By this time half of my roses had been affected. Oh dear! What a battlespraying with Spinosad and Organocide. Have continued spraying with Spinosad and have added a horticultural oil (Suffoil -X). Now it seems almost under control. During my research into Chili Thrips, I learned that the larvae and eggs are located in the soil and swarm the plant when mature. So now I also drench the soil with Spinosad.

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#### August 2018

#### **August Meeting**

Date: Thursday, August 2,

2018

Time: 7:00 pm.

Place: Jubilee Cottage. Goodwood Museum and Gardens. 1600 Miccosukee Road.

Tallahassee, FL

Program: "What to do in Your Garden for a Great Fall Bloom" will be presented by Hank Roses, master rosarian and longtime member of TARS. There will be time for questions and answers.

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#### Special Notes

- Volunteer at Goodwood Saturday mornings 9:00 am-Noon and third Wednesday 9:00 am.
- Volunteer at the Peace Garden the first Wednesday March through October beginning at 9:00 am. Contact Mary Maud Sharpe, 850-878-9625, wjmmsharpe@aol.com

#### Thought You'd Like To Know—Princesse de Sagan

Princesse de Sagan is a dark red china. It was introduced in 1887 by Dubreuil. The blooms are medium size and are cupped. The stems are long and have few thorns. The parentage is unknown. The plant is a vigorous grower and does well in our area. The blooms have a sweet fruity ing in your garden.

fragrance and it reblooms throughout the bloom season. It is one of the varieties that has been selected and replanted at the reflection pool rose garden at Goodwood. You can see its growth habit and blooms there. You may want to try it in plant-



Princesse de Sagan (China)

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Fortunately, I was mostly able to control the infestation with the OMRI certified organic sprays noted above but things looked so dire at one point I did use a stronger chemical for one application. During my research I also found another interesting way of controlling pests—predator insects. Orius Insidiosus, also called the minute pirate bug, seems to be one of the best for thrips. More information on biological pest control and integrated pest management can be found on GreenMethods.com.

This has been a very busy summer for me, trying to keep my precious roses alive.

I am looking forward to seeing you all at the meeting and having the opportunity of sharing the experience of some of your summer roses.

"The fragrance always stays in the hand that gives the rose."

— George William Curtis Jan Godfrey 986 Winding Creek Rd Quincy FL 32351-5290 850-442-9076 JannieG@tds.net

#### Goodwood Roses

The first phase of replanting the roses at Goodwood is completed. Stop by and see the new plantings at the south of the reflection pool. If you would like to help with maintenance the scheduled time is the third Wednesday of the month at 9:00 am. The Goodwood volunteers report that if you would like to volunteer in the propagating program come to Goodwood on Saturday mornings from 9:00 am till noon. We are accepting and would appreciate cuttings. There is always something to do. For more information contact any of the regular volunteers:

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There are plants available. Please let others know. In the reflection pool garden which has been replanted each side of the garden is a reflection of the other. An irrigation system has been installed and is operational. Maintenance includes removing deadwood and spent blooms, fertilizing and removing weeds. Work is usually completed in an hour.

"All our dreams can come true; if we have the courage to pursue them."

Walt Disney

## Tallahassee Area Rose Society Minutes May 3, 2018

## Jubilee Cottage, Goodwood Museum and Gardens

There was no official business—just good food and fellowship at the annual picnic.

Pat Stanford
Secretary

#### Peace Garden

Yes, volunteers are continuing to meet and take care of the garden each first Wednesday of the month at 9:00 am. Plan to come and join us. Cookies and drinks are provided to help you regain your energy. You will find it is a good way to get to know other society members. We are usually finished in an hour.

#### E-Mail Addresses

On occasions the society finds it convenient to contact members by e-mail. The list needs to be updated. If you have an e-mail that you are willing to share, please send it to wjmmsharpe@aol.com and we promise it will not be given to others, but used within the society. Since the DSD Bulletin is now online it could be easily shared through e-mail to all members. We do plan to share the next copy of the Bulletin which should be issued soon with members who have given us e-mail addresses. Many of you may all ready be receiving it from the district.

## Hospitality Committee—Martha Dooley

If you are willing to provide a goodie (sweet, savory, beverage) for August, please call me at 850-342-1711 or e-mail to mbdooley@embarqmail.com or text to 850-294-4016. Thanks to all who have volunteered in the past!

## ARS/DSD Exhibitor School

In June the society co-sponsored with the Pensacola rose society and the Thomasville rose society an Exhibitor's School for exhibitors in rose shows who exhibit in horticulture, arrangements and photography. The school was a district event. The instructors were Glenn Schulman, Bill Price, Joanne Maxheimer and Mona Lisa Abbott. Thanks to each of them for sharing their knowledge experiences with us. Thanks to Bob Schelhorn and Mary Maud Sharpe for providing lunch.

#### Invite Others to Join TARS

Invite others you know who are interested in roses to come and join us for the programs we are planning for the remainder of 2018. Offer to bring them with you.

## Deadline for September Newsletter

The deadline for submitting information for the September Newsletter is August 23. Please send information to the editor Mary Maud Sharpe at wjmm-sharpe@aol.com.

## August Consulting Rosarian Report

By John Sullivan

As a kid in Vicksburg, Mississippi, I was fascinated by an antebellum rose behind my aunt's house. It was a single red rose and I never knew the name. So, I thought I'd look for a story on the oldest know rose. I found the "Rose of Hildesheim". It grows on a wall of the Hildesheim Cathedral, a Catholic cathedral in Hildesheim, Germany, that is dedicated to the Assumption of Mary. The cathedral and the adjacent St. Michael's Church have been on the UNESCO of World Heritage Sites since 1985. The rose that climbs on the wall of the cathedral's apse is believed to be the oldest living rose in the world. A Rosa canina, commonly known as a wild dog rose, it grows against the eastern apse of the cathedral, which is around 21 meters (69 ft.) high and 9 meters (30 ft.) wide. The rose bush reaches a height of around 10 meters (33 ft.) and documentation verifies its age at approximately 700 years. The Cathedral was destroyed by Allied bombers in 1945 during the Second World War, but the roots of the rose bush survived and it blossomed again among the ruins. According to legend, while the rose bush flourishes, Hildesheim will prosper.

In the United States one of the oldest and certainly the largest is Lady Banksia in Tombstone, Arizona. It was shipped from Scotland and planted in 1885, back when **Tombstone** was a boomtown for silver mining. The tree officially covers 9,000 square feet, and its gnarled trunk is about 12 feet around. If you ever visit, make it in spring since the bush blooms only once a year.

One of the oldest still existing public rose gardens is Jules Gravereaux's Roseraie de L'Haÿ south of Paris in L'Haÿ-les-Roses, which was laid out in 1899 and remains the biggest rose garden in France. At Goodwood we propagate Lady Banksia(white), a species rose, like the one in Tombstone, AZ. It will grow as large as you let it. We also sometimes have Rose a Parfum de l'Hay, a hybrid rugosa, that has a great smell, dark red, but a little stingy on the blooms. It is named after the famous garden in France. We make it easy to enjoy roses' link to history in your own yard.

#### TARS 2018 Annual Show

Reserve the last weekend in October for the 2018 annual TARS rose show. We hope that many of our members will be exhibiting this year. The schedule will be similar to previous years, so study the classes and plan those you can enter. Mark you calendar now and join us in supporting this annual event to introduce the public to the world of roses and how they too can enjoy roses in their gardens. Jan Ignash, 360-485-7435, Jmignash@gmail.com and Ann Stevens, 850-576-1800, stevensann@yahoo.co, are co-chairs for the show. Contact them and volunteer to help.

## Photography Exhibits

Take the opportunity during the bloom season to do photos of your roses to enter in the photography division of the TARS show. The schedule will be much the same as prior years. Each class has a winner selected and there is a Queen, King and Princess with an award and a rosette. Remember that if your photos are exhibitor grown roses you are also eligible for the special ARS Gold, Silver and Bronze Medal Certificates. All supplies will be furnished by the show committee and the matting becomes the property of the exhibitor. Exhibits are entered on Saturday morning from 7:00 to 10:00 am and must remain in place until the close of the show on Sunday at 5:00 pm. The "Guidelines for Judging Photography" is available online at the American Rose Society website, rose.org. There will be specific rules and the entry class included in the show schedule available before the show.

#### DSD Horticulture Seminar

This event is designed for horticulture judges to meet the audit requirement for judges; however, anyone interested in learning how roses are judged is welcome to attend. Photography judging is to be included. It will be held on Saturday, September 22, 2018 at the Thomas County Public Library, 201 North Madison Street, Thomasville, Georgia. The session is from 9:30 am until 3:00 pm. There is no charge. You are asked to register so that supplies and space will be provided. There is a form enclosed and you may contact Jim Small, DSD Chair of Horticulture Judges, (321-662-1292) if you have questions. This is great opportunity to learn what the judges are looking for in a winning exhibit and travel distance is not too long. We hope that you will plan to attend. There will be a horticulture and arrangement school soon if you are interested in becoming an ARS judge.

#### Roses in Review

Yes, it is time again for you to review the rose you have in your garden and report to Cindy Dale, DSD Chair or report on the ARS web site rose.org/rir. Cindy will be pleased to help you. You may contact her at rosepro@bellsouth.net. Some printed information is enclosed with this newsletter. These reviews are the basis for the "Handbook for Selecting Roses" which will be published early next year. Your input is very important and is truly appreciated. You do not need to be a member of ARS to participate in this review. There is more information on the web site. The score range is 0.0 to 10.0 with 10.0 being the perfect rose. You may review roses you have seen in other gardens. If you do not grow the roses listed you are still asked to make a report and check the appropriate boxes. Consulting and Master Rosarians are urged to participate. The more participation the better the reviews and the more useful the handbook can be to members and the public when selecting new plants to add to their gardens.

## Upcoming Society Programs and Events

August 2—Program—Hank Rosen, "What to do in Your Garden for a Great Fall Bloom"

September 6—TBA

October 4—IBA

October 27–28—Annual Rose Show, Doyle Conner Building, 3115 Conner Boulevard, Tallahassee, FL

November 1—TBA

#### ARS/DSD Events

#### ARS/DSD Horticulture Judging Seminar—

September 22, 2018 in Thomasville, GA. Contact Jim Small, 321-662-1292.

#### ARS Events and News

Four month trial memberships are still being offered by ARS. You get free access to the monthly bulletins and two issues of the American Rose magazine plus much more. There is much interesting information in the ARS magazine such as news from ARS, articles on varied rose topics, beautiful photos, national, district and local events and much more.

Visit the ARS website www.rose.org. There is valuable information for local society members. As a member you have access to the members only information in addition to information for all who visit the site.

Publications such as Horticulture, Arrangement and Consulting Rosarian Manuals are available for reference and download. The Rose Registration Listing is also available. ARS e-mails members the publication of ARS & You.

Information: www.tallahasseearearosesociety.org

The Tallahassee Area Rose Society meetings are at 7:00 pm on the first Thursday of the month except June and July at the Jubilee Cottage, Goodwood Museum and Gardens.

**Membership**: Annual dues are \$15 individual, \$20 joint. Contact the treasurer, Mary Maud Sharpe, 850-878-9625, wjmmsharpe@aol.com

The Deep South District of the ARS issues a quarterly copy of the Bulletin. It is available though e-mail to all ARS members. A black and white copy is also available to members who do not have an e-mail address. Make check for \$10.00 to Deep South District and mail to Kay Harrell, 121 Shore Rush Circle, St. Simons Island, GA 31522-1420

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