

Regarding Roses

Tallahassee Area Rose Society

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President's Message: Jan Godfrey

September 2019

It was so nice to see folks at last month's meeting who I hadn't seen in a while and members I had not met before. I hope that you will all continue to come. Brenda Pratt, who is in charge of the City of Tallahassee's rose gardens, shared her consistent routine for fertilizing and spraying, what to use and when to use it. I appreciated learning which roses grow best for her. I also really liked the lively question and answer session after her presentation.

I do have concerns about some of the products used by the City and many local rosarians—what is their impact on the soil and the many beneficial insects in our gardens? There are a few of us in the Society who are using natural products as their routine spraying and fertilizing regimen. Timing of sprays to avoid harming pollinators is defi-

nately part of my routine.

The soil here is sandy loam so I am always interested in building rich topsoil. Earthworm castings are one of the products I use and they definitely help with soil enrichment. One of our long time Master Rosarian, Hank Rosen, once told me that if your soil has worms present, then you are probably doing fine. I love to dig in the soil and find the wigglers—they tell me everything is in good balance.

This summer Tim and I visited the Morris Arboretum of the University of Pennsylvania in Philadelphia. There is a beautiful rose garden on site. There were many varieties that we had not seen before, as well as some familiar old friends. We spent several hours there enjoying the sights and scents of the garden. There were also some very inspiring ways of dis-

playing roses in the garden, particularly for climbers and ramblers. This was our first visit to a formal rose garden and we hope to see more in the future.

I am really looking forward to Seymour Rosen's program this month. He will be presenting photographs he has taken in some of the rose gardens that he has visited. It will be great to find out where these gardens are and to see the pictures of gardens and roses he will present. Seymour is an excellent photographer and has won awards for his pictures both at our Rose Show and in Thomasville.

I'm looking forward to seeing everyone on Thursday September 5th.

Don't forget to fill out 2019 Roses in Review. This can be done easily online.

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September Meeting

Date: Thursday, September 5, 2019

Time: 7:00 pm.

Place: Jubilee Cottage, Goodwood Museum and Gardens, Tallahassee, FL

Program: Seymour Rosen, a longtime member and photographer, will be sharing with us photos of gardens he has visited during his many travels. You will get information on growing roses without chemicals. Don't miss this unique experience.

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Thought You'd Like To Know— Dr. Tommy Cairns

Dr. Tommy Cairns is a miniature rose that was introduced in 2012. It was bred by Frank Benardelta and is a deep pink with light pink reverse. The bloom is large and double and blooms through the season in large clusters. It has a moderate fragrance. It is almost thornless. It grows upright and

has semi-glossy, dark green foliage. It can be used in beds and borders or as a container rose. It has been added to the list of top miniature exhibition roses. It has a rating of 7.5. Look for it to be in rose shows and at the National Miniature Conference in Franklin, Tennessee this fall.



Dr. Tommy Cairns
(Miniature)

Special Notes

- Volunteer at Goodwood Saturday mornings 9:00 am—Noon and third Wednesday 9:00 am.
- Volunteer at the Peace Garden to assist the city in its care. New plants are to be planted.

(President's Message—continued)

"I don't know whether nice people tend to grow roses or growing roses makes people nice."

— Ronald A Browne

Jan

Goodwood Roses

The volunteers are busy rooting cutting. If you have cuttings that you are willing to share, please let the volunteers know. You may bring them on Saturday morning. For more information contact any of the regular volunteers:

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RIR—2019

This is a reminder that it is time again to submit your roses in review report so that the ARS Handbook for Selecting Roses can be updated. It is not necessary for you to be a member of ARS to submit a report. Your report even though you do not grow the roses listed will be appreciated. Go to the ARS website, rose.org, for more information. The deadline for submissions is September 26. For more information contact Jill Haisten, DSD Roses in Review chair, 334-201-6800 or jill.haisten@gmail.com. Forms were sent to you with the August newsletter

Hospitality Committee—Martha Dooley

If you are willing to provide a goodie (sweet, savory, beverage) for 2019 meetings, 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 on the sign up sheet.

Deadline for October Newsletter

The deadline for submitting information for the October "Regarding Roses", the society newsletter, is September 19. Please send information to the editor Mary Maud Sharpe at wjmmsharpe@aol.com or mail to 7020 Apalachee Parkway, Tallahassee, FL 32311-4122. Contact by phone at 850-878-9625.

Trip to Dothan Botanical Gardens

The society is planning a trip to the Dothan Botanical Gardens on Friday, September 20. By then it will hopefully be a little cooler. We plan to meet at 8:00 a.m. at Goodwood and carpool. The Wiregrass Rose Society has established and maintains a rose garden there. (See enclosed information) The president of the society, Jill Haisten will meet and welcome us. To join us contact Ann Stevens, 850-576-1800 or stevensann@yahoo.com.

Tallahassee Area Rose Society

August 1, 2019

The meeting was called to order by President Jan Godfrey at 7:09 p.m.

Mary Maud Sharpe presented the Treasurer's Report. There currently are 49 paid members. She mentioned the upcoming Music City Roses National Miniature Conference and Rose Show that will be held October 4-6, 2019. The American Rose Society dues (\$70) have been paid, and the District dues (\$50) are to be paid. There are anticipated expenses for the TARS show, scheduled for October 26-27, 2019, and for the Bronze Medal, which will be awarded at the December holiday party.

Mary Maud also addressed the need for lots of help setting up for the show, on Friday, October 25, starting at 3 pm. The room won't be available earlier, so we will need all the help we can get to have all the setup done in the short time that will be available. The following people volunteered at the meeting to help with setup on Friday: Cheryl Gibbons, Marty Quinn, Cheryl and Ed Gifford, Frances Glen, and Janet Newburgh. Thank you all for volunteering! Help also will be needed in cleanup on Sunday, October 27, after the show. Bob Schelhorn will help with the judges' luncheon on Saturday. All helpers are invited to enjoy the luncheon. Mary Maud also asked for any ideas people might have, for publicity and other issues to make the show bigger and better. Facebook ads were mentioned—they are cheap. New ideas should go to Ann Stevens, the show chair.

Brenda Pratt, who is in charge of roses and trees in Tallahassee parks, gave a very stimulating presentation on the care of the City's roses and on future plans. Brenda has been taking care of City gardens for 19 years now and shared her knowledge gleaned over the years. The City of Tallahassee is taking over the care of the Peace Rose Garden and currently is seeking a source of replacement plants. Brenda's main source for plants is Weeks Roses. The number of plants in the Peace Rose Garden will be reduced to six per quadrant (from the current eight). Roses recently were planted in Smoky Hollow, and Brenda discussed rose gardens, and the roses in them, in several other areas of the City. Roses that do not do well are replaced. Brenda aims for an open plant structure that enables good air circulation. Roses do best in full sun, although morning shade is acceptable. Bare root roses are planted in January, but potted roses can be planted any time. Hard pruning is done around February 14, with maintenance pruning done weekly until November. Even knockout roses are pruned hard, but not drift roses, which are pruned by about 1/3 of their height. The key to good rose care is spraying every two weeks, beginning in March or April, especially antifungal agents but also insecticides, rotating the chemicals being used to minimize the buildup of immunity. A website called "domyownpestcontrol" has good information on this. Fertilizing can be limited to only once per year, using 1/3 cup per bush of Osmocote 15-9-12 (12-14 month feed). Drip irrigation is the preferred watering method. Brenda mentioned that rose rosette has been

found here. The symptoms are weird new growth with lots of thorns. The disease is carried by spider mites. She recommended contacting IFAS in Quincy if you suspect that you might have rosette disease. Some of the roses that have done well in City gardens include: Cabana, a variegated rose at Lake Ella; Dream Come True, which is orangey; Memorial Day, which is a lovely pink with few thorns; Midas Touch, which is a nice butter-yellow color, but that has only 15-17 petals; Mr. Lincoln, at the Police Department, which is generally an early bloomer with very long stems; Moonstone; Opening Night, a small bush with long-lasting blooms that blooms early; and Tahitian Sunset, a profuse bloomer, beautiful color, and a good grower.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:38 pm to a delightful spread of quiche, fresh fruit, cookies, lemonade, coffee, and other delectables provided by Jan, Ann, Martha Dooley and Mary Maud.

The next TARS meeting will be on Thursday, September 5, at the Jubilee Cottage. Seymour Rosen will give a photo presentation on gardens that he has visited.

Respectfully submitted by

Janet Newburgh, TARS Secretary

September Consulting Rosarian Report

By Cheryl Gibbons

It is a real honor to join the four Master Rosarians and the three Consulting Rosarians in our area. I am the new "kid" on the block but will happily share with you any knowledge I have, lend you books, and encourage you not to give up when your roses aren't at their peak.

As some of you may have noticed there was a recent article in the Tallahassee Democrat that rose rosette disease has been found here. Oh, no, not that disease! And the mite that causes the virus cannot even be seen with the naked eye. The mite can live and breed on all cultivated roses, wild native roses, and wild non native roses. They love the knock out roses. Mites overwinter under bark and old bud scales. Females begin laying eggs on shoots in the spring. Adult females can live up to 30 days and they can lay an egg each day. Wind currents spread the mites, as we do also by moving infested plants or plant parts to different locations.

There is currently no cure for rose rosette disease. As the virus from the mite survives in the roots of the rose, it is recommended to uproot the rose and destroy the plant immediately. A new plant can be planted 7 days later in the same location as mites do not survive more than 5 days without a rose host.

How do you know that your roses might have rose rosette? There is persistent reddened foliage, elongated branches, severe thorn proliferation, and distorted leaves and flower buds. The rose usually dies within 1-2 years following infection. If you find this disease in your rose garden please e-mail Xavier Martini at the UF/IFAS North Florida Research and Education Center in Quincy - xmartini@ufl.edu.

As rose lovers we have learned to overcome challenges that come with the territory. We know to keep our soil healthy, and to find joy in a beautiful plan of creation - a tiny rose that unfolds in softness, color, and fragrance, and then repeats again for us. Let's share our society and our roses with friends everywhere.

TARS Annual Rose Show—2019

Plans are to hold the annual rose show for the society on Saturday, October 26 and Sunday, October 27 at the Doyle Conner Building. Help from the members will be appreciated. Ann Stevens will be the show chairman and you may contact her at 850-576-1800 or stevensann@yahoo.com to volunteer. We will need members to help with set-up on Friday and Sunday afternoon at the close of the show to take down. On the days of the show we will need clerks to assist the judges, host and hostesses to greet the public and answer their questions. We especially need to have members help us spread the word by inviting neighbors, friends and family to come and visit the show. There will be flyers for you to share. Show workers are invited to share the thank you judges lunch on Saturday when judging is completed. Most of all we are asking members to bring roses to exhibit at the show. If you have never exhibited before, there will be help for you. There is a novice class. If you have a rose that you need help identifying there is a class for your rose. Schedules of the classes will be available before the show so that you can plan your entries. All supplies such as entry tags and containers are provided. There will be three divisions—horticulture, arrangements and photographs. You may donate awards to be given to the class winners or monies to purchase awards. This is the 35th show (Has it really been that long?) Let's make it the best ever! The theme is "Roses You Love...You Can Grow". Help us spread the word!

National Miniature Conference and Rose Show / DSD Annual Fall Meeting

The annual meeting of the DSD will be held in conjunction with the ARS National Miniature Convention in Franklin, Tennessee in early October. Speakers include Pat Shanley, Mark Windham, Satish Prabhu, John Smith, Linda Clark, John Hefner and Jeff Wyckoff. We hope that many of you will plan to attend. There is a registration form enclosed. The early registration must be post marked by September 2 and is a savings. Contact the Franklin Cool Springs Marriott at 615-261-6100 for reservations. There is an arrangement workshop in the schedule of events. There is more information on the ARS website, rose.org or the Deep South website, deepsouthdistrict.org.

To Do: Labor Day Holiday is time to cut back your roses for great fall bloom!

Upcoming Society Programs and Events

September 5—“Photo Presentation of Gardens Visited and Tips on Roses Without Chemicals” - Seymour Rosen, TARS Consulting Rosarian

October 3—“How to Dry Roses” - Workshop.

October 26-27—Annual Rose Show

November 7— “TBA”

December 15—Holiday Gathering. Home of Marion and Gerard Nimis.

DSD Events

DSD Annual Convention October 4-6 —Held in conjunction with ARS National Miniature Annual Conference and Rose Show in Franklin , TN

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:

Website: www.tallahasseearearosesociety.org

Meetings: 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

DSD Bulletin: 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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