

Regarding Roses

Tallahassee Area Rose Society

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President's Message By Marion Nimis

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In spite of being the most ignorant Rose Society president in the history of TARS, I'd hoped (fantasized) about entering our 2016 rose show. I thought I had a couple of roses worthy of the novice class. But last week I spent five days in Minnesota during which time not a drop of rain fell. The deer know exactly when I leave and set their stop-watches. Now my roses look as though they belong in the clearance aisle at Lowes. If only there was a class of sad, nearly dead roses, or, "How not to raise your roses", I'd be a shoo in.

The biggest event of the year, the TARS Rose Show, is upon us October 29-30. There remains plenty of opportunities to volunteer. **We need your help.** Please remember to invite your family, friends, and neighbors to come

and admire our roses. The Rose Show is the only public event and the only real opportunity we have to promote the growing of the rose—our national flower. Don't forget the new rose photography category which has proved to be popular. I do urge members who do not know how to raise roses properly, to enter as many roses in the show as they can. You don't have to be a member to enter roses. Last year there were too many blank spaces. TARS can do better.

The program this month features the TARS perpetual challenge classes of the show. Come and learn about these eight classes and how to enter them. Bill Price and Mary Maud Sharpe will be sharing this information with us.

This is our last meeting before the November election of officials to serve in 2017. Please think about who you'd

like to nominate and contact our nominating chairman, Pat Stanford, wordhacker@centurylink.net. Perhaps you yourself can step forward and volunteer for a position. It's not that onerous and many people will help you. TARS needs fresh ideas and new faces, as well as the old faces we've come to rely on.

See you at the next TARS meeting on Thursday, October 20, 7:00 pm at Jubilee Cottage, Goodwood.

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"The two most important days of your life are the day you are born, and the day you find out why."

Mark Twain

Thought You'd Like To Know—Gruss an Teplitz

Gruss an Teplitz, a hybrid china, was introduced in 1894 by Geschwind Rudolf. It is a bright scarlet crimson with white flecks on the inner petals and it reblooms. The flowers are cupped, loosely double and borne in clusters. It is disease resistant and is good for cutting. The fra-

grance is light and fruity. It is a most dependable and unfussy rose.

The newly planned rose garden at Goodwood will have this rose and it should be available at a Goodwood rose sale later. It is one that would make an excellent addition to your garden.



Gruss an Teplitz
(Hybrid China)

October Meeting

Date: Thursday, October 20, 2016

Time: 7:00 pm

Place: Jubilee Cottage, Goodwood Museum and Gardens.

Program: "Perpetual Trophy Challenge Classes—Why we have them and how to enter and win them" Presented by Bill Price and Mary Maud Sharpe. We think you will learn some TARS history and how to exhibit at the annual show.

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Special Notes

- Volunteer at Goodwood Saturday mornings 9:00 am till noon.
- Volunteer at the Peace Garden the first Wednesday March through October beginning at 9:00 am. Contact Mary Maud Sharpe, 850-878-9625, wjmm-sharpe@aol.com

Goodwood Roses

The Goodwood volunteers report that the roses are doing well. If you would like to volunteer in this propagating program come to Goodwood on Saturday mornings from 9:00 am till noon. Cuttings are welcomed. For more information contact any of the regular volunteers:

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Peace Garden

The Peace Garden has been put to bed for the winter. We will start again in late February when we find new plants or in early March for regular care. New folks are welcome. We plan the first Wednesday of the month at 9:00 am (weather permitting).

DSD Annual Convention and Rose Show "Driving Miss Rosey"

This event was October 7-9 and was hosted by Greater Atlanta, Greater Gwinnett and South Metro rose societies and was held at the Westin Atlanta Airport. There was a judges seminar at 1:00 pm on Friday and a welcome buffet. Saturday was the rose show, educational events, and the awards banquet. Sunday morning featured the gardens of Cindy and Dave Dale and Linda and Walt Reed. Montine Herring, Mary Maud Sharpe, Ann Stevens and Martha Jean Woodward attended all of the activities. This was a great educational experience, an opportunity to get to know fellow rosarians and have some fun too. These members will be glad to share their experiences with you.

Rose Plants Available

Zubie Metcalf, a member of the society, has recently lost his wife and has decided that he can no longer take care of the roses in his garden. He is offering plants to anyone interested in digging them up and replanting them in their gardens. Fall or late winter is probably the best time of year to transplant roses. Contact him at 850-668-1681.

Special Note

Schedule for the rose show will be available at the meeting and will be mailed to any interested members. Let the show chairmen know that you need one. See contact information in information about the annual rose show. The society will also be having lunch for the judges and members immediately after judging. A form is enclosed with this mailing. Bob Schelhorn has agreed to cook for us again! Out of town exhibitors will be invited to come and this is an opportunity to meet other rosarians

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September 15, 2016, Jubilee Cottage—Goodwood

The meeting was called to order by President Marion Nimis at 7:11 p.m. Bob Wallace was introduced as a new member. He and his wife Carolyn have recently relocated to Tallahassee from Louisville, Kentucky. The minutes from the August meeting, as printed in the newsletter, were approved. The Treasurer's report was presented by Mary Maud Sharpe and approved by those in attendance. There was a donation of \$250 paid to Goodwood for use of their facilities for our monthly meetings and other occasional gatherings. A \$25 contribution will be sent for the Deep South District meeting. There is a need to raise money for our October Rose Show for food for the exhibitors, travel for the judges, and some prizes. Extra help will be needed for the Rose Show on October 29 and 30. Mary Maud Sharpe and Bob Schelhorn will serve as co-chairs. A Program Chairman is needed to plan and facilitate meeting programs. The Deep South District fall meeting will be held in Atlanta October 7-9 this year. The Nominating Committee for TARS officers for 2017 is requesting suggestions of members to fill some vacant positions. Further announcements were made regarding the volunteer programs at Goodwood and the Peace Garden. E-mail addresses were requested. There was a reminder that the 2017 DSD meeting will be held in Tallahassee, hosted by TARS and the Thomasville Rose Society.

Following a program on Landscaping with Roses, presented by Vickie Cureton, the meeting was adjourned at 8:00 p.m. Refreshments followed.

Respectfully submitted,

Martha Dooley, Secretary

TARS Annual Rose Show

The show dates are Saturday, October 29 and Sunday, October 30. The location will be the Department of Agriculture and Consumer Services, 3125 Conner Boulevard. Most of the committees have a chairman and have been working on plans. There are still openings and you are asked to volunteer to help. Contact Bob Schelhorn, 850-907-1325, b.schelhorn@yahoo.com or Mary Maud Sharpe, 850-878-9625, wjmmsharpe@aol.com. We will be inviting out of town exhibitors; however, we need as many member of TARS as possible to bring roses from their gardens to exhibit to make the show a success. The schedule is similar to our previous schedules and will include horticulture, arrangements and photography divisions. There are novice classes and we will have help from experienced exhibitors to give you tips. Show awards or monies to purchase awards are being solicited. The annual show is our major outreach to the public.

October Consulting Rosarian Report

By Bill Dority

I like October, because all the things we did in August and September are paying-off just about now. And, the meaningful things left to do are to continue your regular weeding, watering and spraying routines for another week or so. Then, you can let Mother Nature take over. During my four and a half score in years, I've developed a couple of tricks that allow me to better enjoy growing my 220+ beauties. They are in raised beds in competition with the oaks, pines, hilly- red clay and sandy soil, deer and armadillo infested neighborhood (32312). First of all, I use every scrap of what nature provides, especially oak leaves and pine straw for mulch and nutrients. Secondly, I've learned to hold down on the use of commercial fertilizers to an application of 16-4-8 (1 cup per) in March, and an application of Milorganite (1 cup per) immediately after Labor Day. My rose garden consists of OGRs (Teas, Chinas, Bourbons), Polyanthas, Floribundas, Grandifloras, Shrubs, Climbers, Hybrid Musks. Minifloras, Miniatures and Hybrid Teas. The only special treatments coming in the manner and mode to trim/prune. I try to get them a minimum of 1 inch of water per week in their growing season (March thru early October). Plant-leaf spraying is every two weeks thru that same period; with all bushes getting the same "Old Bill" mixture of the recommended dosages of Liquid Fence Concentrate, Systemic Fungicide, and Miracle Gro, plus Insecticide in August for hoppers. Using my 4 gallon battery-powered, dolly-mounted sprayer rig; 2 loads and its done. My garden is mostly in full view of everyone who passes by; runners, bikers, walkers, dog-tenders, baby-buggers, children-herders, and even some auto-riders. Their chorus of "Hi, Mr. Bill! Your roses are so lovely" is music to my ears. I invite them to come in when they can, and they often do. Jaw for Joy! The armadillo that once rooted-out my beds for earthworms don't come anymore. My rabbit-cat-frog-duck "guard" figurines have scared them off. Good advice from Bob Schelhorn a few years ago. Like they say, you can learn from others. By just daring to try, your results can be great. Enjoy!

2017 DSD Convention and Rose Show

In 2017 the Tallahassee Area Rose Society and the Thomasville Rose Society will be hosting this annual event. Plans are beginning to be made and we will need your help in making it a success. This event will be in October (date to be determined after football schedules are available) and will be our TARS rose show as well as the district show. You will be hearing much more about this during the coming year. If you have ideas for speakers please contact the president. The district officials will help with plans since this is a district event. This will be a great opportunity to attend an annual district convention since there will not be out of town travel. Let's make this a memorable one!

Notes for the Show

- Cut your roses as near to show time as possible. Roses that are fresh have the best chance of winning.
- Place them in water as soon as cut.
- Some roses will keep for a few days. Give it a try especially if it is a very good specimen.
- Travel carefully to the show. There are many ways to transport you entries.
- Be sure to protect the blooms and the foliage. Good foliage is important.
- Remove only the foliage that will be below the top of the container.
- Damaged foliage may be trimmed with serrated scissors.
- Fill entry tags before the day of the show if possible. This will save you valuable time on show day.
- Come early. The preparation area will be open at 6:00 am and entries will be received beginning at 7:00 am. Entries close at 10:00 am.
- Entry tags, rubber bands and schedules will be available at the classification table.
- Boxes, frames, goblets, etc. are on a first come basis, but the supply is adequate.
- There will be extra wedges. Exhibitors may use wedges to position specimens.
- Help will be provided for novice exhibitors. Just ask.
- Goodies, coffee, juice and water will be available to exhibitors.
- The classification table will answer questions about entries. Other exhibitors may be too busy to help.
- When you finish your entries ask if there is any way you can help.
- The show opens to the public at 2:00 pm. Make sure to tell others.
- Invite rose lovers to exhibit and to view the show. Word of mouth is the best way to let others know about coming.
- Enjoy your show day. Good luck!

ARS Trial Membership

ARS offers a free Trial Membership Program. A new member of a local society, who is not already an ARS member receives a four month membership in ARS at no cost to the new member or to the local society. It includes two issues of the American Rose magazine and much more. Remember that any dues paid after October first to TARS is for 2017 membership in the society. If you know someone that is interested, please let them know of this offer.

Roses In Review

A special thank to all the members who participated in RIR this year. Your information will be used to publish future issues of the ARS Handbook for Selecting Roses. This is a great publication and especially helpful for new rose growers.

Upcoming Society Programs and Events

October Meeting— Thursday, October 20 at 7:00 pm. “Show Challenge Classes”, society members.

Annual Rose Show—October 29-30. Contact Robert Schelhorn, 850-907-1325, b.schelhorn@yahoo.com or Mary Maud Sharpe, 850-878-9625, wjmmsharpe@aol.com.

November Meeting—Thursday, November 17 at 7:00 pm. Election of officials and Bronze Medal presentation.

December Christmas Party— Thursday, December 15 location TBA.

DSD Events

Mid-Winter Meeting—January 20-22, 2017 in Birmingham, AL. Save the date.

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 third Thursday of the month except June and July 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 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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