

Regarding Roses

Tallahassee Area Rose Society

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President's Message By Marion Nimis

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Roses are very forgiving in spite of my neglect, the heat, no fertilizer, nor any serious pruning, my roses are looking wonderful. The cooler days and the recent rains have encouraged a beautiful display in my garden—all the more exciting because it was unexpected.

I'd quite given up on my knockouts too. They still looked dead and Gerard was gleefully sharpening his axe ready to chop them out when I noticed some tiny red shoots. I was so surprised you could have knocked me down with a feather.

I want to thank our September speaker, Mona Lisa Abbott, who taught us how to photograph our lovely roses. She set up professional areas with an array of lights, some were backlit and covered with sheets for a softer look, and others had vases

standing on mirrors for a more dramatic effect. TARS members provided roses of their own to share. It was great! Mona Lisa said she enjoyed our group and would be pleased to come again and teach us more.

Our next TARS meeting will be as brief as possible on Thursday evening, October 15 and we will be the proposed slide show to be used for the first time at our rose show. We need your critique. We will also need time for a very important session to discuss the upcoming rose show. We have less than three weeks to get ready and there is much to do. TARS needs all the help it can get to pull off a terrific show. The show is only one day: Saturday, October 31, and we invite all members to attend and support their local society and its efforts. If you can help in any way, it means a lot. I'm sure your friends and relatives will

enjoy the company, teas and the wonderful roses on display.

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Slide Show Program for the Rose Show

This program we hope will not only be useful for the rose show, but can be used for other outreach of the society. Tim Holmes has volunteered to put this together for us. We are asking that you send to him by e-mail at Tim.Holmes@tds.net your rose or rose related photos. These do not have to be photos that you would enter in the photo division of the show—just photos that would give the public an appreciation of roses. Please include a very brief description of the photo with each submission to help identify and explain it.

Society Meeting

Date: Thursday, October 15.

Time: 7:00 pm

Place: Jubilee Cottage, Goodwood Museum and Gardens, 1600 Miccosukee Road, Tallahassee, Florida

Program: "Critique of Rose Show Slide Program" and get your questions answered about the show, pick up entry tags and learn final details of setup preparation, show day activities, special events and final take down.

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Thought You'd Like To Know — Daddy Frank

Daddy Frank is a miniature rose that was hybridized by Robbie Tucker and named in honor of his grandfather. The bloom is a lovely velvety dark red and is a cross of an unknown seedling and Memphis King. It was originally classified as a miniflora rose, but

has been reclassified because of the bloom size. In the top exhibition ratings it has moved up six positions and has entered the top ten as number nine. The foliage is dark green. It has proven to be a good exhibition rose and rosarians report it is a great garden rose too!



Daddy Frank
(Miniature)

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

DSD Convention and Rose Show 2015

You previously received a registration form and agenda information about the DSD Convention and Rose Show to be held in Valdosta, Georgia, October 23-25. The distance to Valdosta will make it an easy trip. Visit the DSD web site www.deepsouthdistrict.org for the show schedules and more information. We hope that many of you are planning to go. Plan to take roses to enter in the show. You get to meet others that are interested in roses and make new friends as well as visit with other rosarians.

Election of TARS Officials

The election of TARS Officials to serve for the 2016 year will be held at the November meeting. Officials serve a one year term and may be elected for additional terms. President Marion Nimis will be appointing a nominating committee soon and nominations will be announced in "Regarding Roses". Please contact this committee to volunteer or with your suggestions. Duties of officials are listed in the bylaws and board meetings are held quarterly. Please consider serving the society. You will find it a rewarding experience as you get better acquainted with fellow rosarians. More information later.

TARS Annual Rose Show

The show date will be Saturday, October 31. The location of the Department of Agriculture and Consumer Services, 3125 has been secured. The theme of the show that has been selected is "A Rose for Every Garden". Many committees have begun work and final plans are being made. We will be inviting out of town exhibitors; however, we need as many members of TARS as possible to bring roses from their gardens to exhibit to make the show a success. The schedule will be similar to our previous schedule which includes horticulture and arrangement divisions. A photography division that was added in 2014 will be continued. Schedules will be available prior to the show. If you are interested in being a novice exhibitor, and we hope that you are, there are experienced exhibitors that will be very pleased to give you some pointers. The committees will need members to help on set up and during the show. The annual rose show is our major outreach to the public. Let's make this 31st show the best ever! We will have more copies of the show flyer available at the meeting. Please help us by sharing them with others and getting the word out about the show. Remember that we will again have lunch for judges, workers, members and guests at the close of judging. Please help us by letting us know that you plan to come. See form with this mailing.

Rose Arrangement Demonstration

Helen Purvis, President of the Tallahassee Garden Club has agreed to come to the annual show and do a demonstration on how to make a rose arrangement. The demonstration will be at 3:00 pm and the design will be given to a luck winner attending the show.

TALLAHASSEE AREA ROSE SOCIETY Society Meeting, September 17, 2015

The society met Thursday at the Jubilee Cottage, Goodwood Museum and Gardens at 7:00 pm. President Marion Nimis presided and introduced guests and welcomed members. The minutes of the August 23 meeting were approved. The treasurer's report was accepted. President Marion Nimis reminded members of the DSD Convention and Rose Show in Valdosta, October 23-25 and the Annual Society Rose Show, October 31 and urged them to attend. Goodwood volunteers are continuing to root plants. President Nimis announced that election of TARS officials will be held at the November meeting. The program was a "Rose Photography Workshop" and the presentation and discussion was lead by Mona Lisa Abbott. The meeting adjourned and members enjoyed refreshments and fellowship.

Mary Maud Sharpe
Acting Secretary

Goodwood Roses

The Goodwood volunteers are rooting cuttings and repotting. If you can help by supplying some cutting, it would be greatly appreciated. We must be able to verify the cutting variety. We are keeping a weekly inventory sheet and would be pleased to share it with anyone who is interested. We now have 104 varieties (some in small quantities) and 1,102 plants. Thanks to members who have made cutting donations for the 2016 sale. Contact any of the regular volunteers:

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Peace Garden

The Peace Garden volunteers have done the monthly work and have pulled weeds, cut out dead wood and fertilized the garden. We do not anticipate losing any more plants and have found that K & M Nurseries does have plants for replacement. As announced earlier, Barry Smith, an expert rose grower is offering his service to care for the Peace Garden if he can find two other rose gardens in the Tallahassee Area to maintain. Please contact him at 229-726-8211 or barry4433@yahoo.com.

RIR Reports

Thanks to the members who completed their roses in review reports for the year. If you are an ARS member you should have received the 2016 edition of the Handbook for Selecting Roses.

October Consulting Rosarian Report

By Mary Maud Sharpe

With the somewhat cooler weather rosarians will be experiencing some of the best blooms of the year. We hope that you have given your roses the tender love and care that they needed in late August and through September. Most rosarians use liquid fertilizer in October to give plants that special extra boost of energy. This can be liquid 20-20-20 and/or fish emulsion. Since the summer rains have dissipated, be sure to give your roses the watering that they need. Extra mulch if it has thinned will help conserve moisture. Be sure to discontinue fertilizer with a nitrogen content for the winter months. Having tender growth as winter approaches may cause damage to the foliage and to the growth of the plant. This is the time of the year that plants need some dormancy. To help achieve dormancy do not cut blooms and allow hips (seed pods) to form as cold weather arrives. If plants need staking, do so now so that winter winds will not do damage. Continue your spray program during October and even into the winter months if the plants still have foliage. This can help in preventing disease problems for the coming 2016 bloom season. During the winter months there will be time that you can relax some from your gardening routine. Read the new catalogs that arrive and decide on new plants that you would like to have. Place your orders early before supplies run low. The DSD mid winter is an excellent opportunity to get plants for the 2016 growing season. Vendors will have plants on fortuniana root stock and other supplies for you to purchase. It is best to keep these plants in pots until mid February or early March depending on the weather. During the winter it is also a good time to inventory your supplies and equipment. Checking your irrigation system, if you have one, is also a good idea. Remember the beautiful blooms your roses gave you and anticipating the coming year will give you much joy.

Bronze Medal Award

The TARS Board of directors has selected the bronze medal winner for 2015 and the award will be presented at a later meeting. This award is an American Rose Society Award that can be given by the local society for outstanding service to the local society. In the past many members have been recognized and this a tradition that the society has established. Member support of the society is greatly appreciated and this is one way of saying thank you.

“Far and away the best prize that life has to offer is the chance to work hard at work worth doing.

Theodore Roosevelt

How to be a Winning Exhibitor

Learn How to Grow Good Roses—Learning to grow good roses is a work in progress. Learn the basics and then continue to do the things that have proven successful for you. It is better to have fewer roses and take care of them well, than to have too many roses and not give proper care. Be sure to label each variety with the correct ARS exhibition name. Roses are disqualified if not properly named.

Read and Understand the Schedule—It is very important to read and understand all the rules governing the show. If you have questions ask the show chairman or the classification chairman.

Selecting Blooms—The blooms from your garden that you plan to exhibit at the show should be as perfect as possible. The form should be typical of the variety and generally be symmetrical. Blooms need to be fresh and if stamens are showing they need to be fresh with no discoloration. The petals should have substance. Follow the schedule to be sure your roses are in the form required for the class (exhibition, open or most perfect form of beauty).

Cutting and Storing Blooms—Cut your blooms as near to the show date as possible. However, they may be cut earlier and stored in a refrigerator. Be sure to cover all blooms that are stored to retain substance (this is not necessary if using a florist refrigerator). Refrigeration may change the color of some varieties. It is advisable to use a preservative if blooms are cut early and stored. (Four tablespoons of vinegar, four teaspoons of sugar and one half teaspoon of bleach in one gallon of water works well). Keep all foliage which will not be below the top of the show container. Clean foliage if spray materials are evident. Use a mild detergent solution. Protect foliage by wrapping (waxed paper works well) so that there are no tears in the leaves. If you need to remove any outside petals, gently rock them so as not to leave any evidence of removal. In removing petals balance the removal so that the bloom retains its symmetry.

Transporting Blooms—Carry your blooms to the show in a suitable container. Handle blooms very carefully. Do not allow your blooms to become bruised.

Plan Your Entries—Select which blooms will be entered in the classes you plan to enter. Obtain entry tags ahead of time and fill them out before the day of the show if possible. Use pencil to print cards legibly. Use preprinted address labels for name and address. This will save you time on show day.

The Day of the Show—Plan to arrive at the show early so that you will have time to enter all of your blooms. If you need help don't be afraid to ask. Select the proper container for your bloom(s). You may use a wedge to position your specimen in the container. To help open blooms gently blow into them. For floating exhibits, plan to enter them last as they may tend to sink with time. Attach your completed entry tag and take your entry to the classification table. Good luck!

***Invite a Friend to Come with You
To the Annual Rose Show***

Upcoming Society Programs

October: Society Meeting — Critique Slide Show—Getting Ready for the Show
November: Society Meeting — TBA
December Society Holiday Party

TARS Events

Goodwood Old Garden Rose Plant Sale: Saturday mornings 9:00 a.m. till noon.
Society Annual Rose Show—October 31, Doyle Conner Building, Tallahassee, FL. Contact Mary Maud Sharpe 850-878-9625, wjmmsharpe@aol.com.

DSD Events

DSD Annual Convention and Rose Show—October 23-25, Hilton Garden Inn, 1702 Gornito Rd., Valdosta, GA,

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 which you will find helpful.

Information: www.tallahasseearearosesociety.org

The Tallahassee Area Rose Society meetings are at 3:00 pm on the third Sunday of the month except June and July at the Jubilee or Laundry 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 Ed Easom, 18501 Turtle Dr., Lutz, FL 33549-4461.

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