

Regarding Roses

Tallahassee Area Rose Society

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President's Message By Marion Nimis

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I haven't much to say this month. I suggest that you enjoy your roses: water them; deadhead the spent blooms if you're that kind and don't forget to pick them to arrange in your favorite vase.

We don't have a regular meeting this month but we do enjoy the annual picnic. This year the picnic is at Goodwood outside the Laundry Cottage in the beautiful newly planted area of the grounds. Hope to see you there Thursday, May 19 at 6:00 pm for social time and dinner at 6:30 pm. There will be no society meetings in June and July but we will meet again on Thursday, August 18.

Our society is joining with Thomasville and Wiregrass rose societies to sponsor an Exhibitor's Workshop on Saturday, June 18. There is additional information in this

newsletter. It will be at Goodwood Museum and Gardens in Jubilee Cottage. We do hope that many of you will plan to come! This is a Deep South District event and the line up of presenters is great. Lunch is provided and again Bob Schelhorn has agreed to cook.

Yours, in roses,
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TARS Board

This summer the TARS Board will be meeting to plan for our many fall activities.

As always the board welcomes suggestions for programs and activities from members. Thank you for suggestions you have given in the past and keep those suggestions coming.

TARS Rose Show

The show will be Saturday, October 29 and Sunday October 30 at the Conner Building. This is the major event of the year for the society and we will again need help from as many members as possible for preparation, day of the show and to bring roses to exhibit. If you have a talent that you would be glad to offer, please let president Nimis know or contact any member of the board. Contact information is located on page 4 of the newsletter. If you have ideas to improve the show let these folks know too. In the meantime give your roses lots of tender love and care so that you can enjoy them through out the summer and they will be ready for that special fall bloom.

Enjoy your summer and your roses. Sharing your

May Picnic

Date: Thursday, May 19
Time: 6:00pm and serving at 6:30pm.
Place: Laundry Cottage, Goodwood Museum and Gardens.
Program: Society covered dish picnic. There is no planned business or program. Family members are welcomed. See more details on page 2. No society meetings in June or July. Meetings start again in August. See page 4.

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Thought You'd Like To Know — Kronprinzessin Victoria von Preussen

Kronprinzessin Victoria von Preussen is the only pure white sport of Souvenir De La Malmaison. It is a bourbon and was named for queen Victoria's eldest daughter. It is free flowering. With flowers similar to its parent, but slightly smaller. The blooms are quite fragrant, with yellow sta-

mens. It was introduced by Volvert in 1887 and has a rating of 8.0. It is a small bush and the growth is compact. This makes it good as a container rose. Ann Stevens has recently added it to her garden and we hope to have it available at Goodwood in the future.



Kronprinzessin Victoria von Preussen
 (Old Garden Rose)

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 2016 sale has been successful. Help us by letting others know that there are still some plants available. The sale will continue on Saturday mornings from 9:00 am till noon. For more information contact any of the regular volunteers:

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Peace Garden

The Peace Garden volunteers in March got the garden off to a good start. We did a light cut back and fertilized. We went back in April for our monthly work day. We found that lots of dollar weed had invaded, but there was new growth, buds and some blooms. We will hopefully have some new plants to add to the garden sometime soon. The Peace Garden is located in the chain of parks in downtown Tallahassee in the east most park (Genevieve Randolph Park) at the east most end. Street parking is available. New folks are welcomed. We meet once a month on the first Wednesday of the month.

May Society Picnic

The annual TARS picnic will be Thursday, May 19, at Goodwood Museum and Gardens. Hopefully the weather will be good and we will plan to eat outside Laundry Cottage in the new garden area there. There are other functions planned at Goodwood that evening. Come at 6:00 pm and serving time is 6:30 pm. Hopefully members will be able to get home before dark. This annual event is for family members too. There is no planned business—just good food, fellowship and fun. The society will provide the entrée of chicken (cooked by Bob Schelhorn), beverages and paper goods. Members are asked to bring their favorite side dish or dessert. Please contact Mary Maud Sharpe, 850-878-9625 or wjmmsharpe@aol.com to let her know you plan to come and the number of persons attending. This will greatly help with set up and food preparation.

Remember that the society will not meet during the months of June and July.

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.

TALLAHASSEE AREA ROSE SOCIETY Society Meeting—April 21, 2016 Jubilee Cottage, Goodwood

The meeting was called to order at 7:12 p.m., by Marion Nimis, President, presiding. The minutes from the March meeting, as printed in the newsletter, were accepted. The Treasurer's report was given. It was announced that we currently have 61 paid memberships.

Cheryl Gibbons announced that the DSD Atlanta Convention and rose show is scheduled for October 7, 8, and 9, 2016. It was also announced that there will be no Consulting Rosarian nor Judges school this year in our area.

Cheryl Gibbons facilitated the program during which everyone shared their favorite rose book and their favorite Old Garden Rose.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:55 p.m. Refreshments were served.

Respectfully submitted,

Martha Dooley, Secretary

Exhibitor's School – 2016

Tallahassee Area, Thomasville and Wiregrass rose societies are holding an exhibitor's school on Saturday, June 18, at Jubilee Cottage, Goodwood Museum and Gardens, 1600 Miccosukee Road, Tallahassee, Florida. The school is planned for experienced and novice exhibitors and will cover the three areas of exhibiting, horticulture, photography and arrangements. It begins at 9:00 am. Horticulture will be covered in the morning and instructors are winning exhibitors, Glenn Schulman, Ralph Stream and Bill Price. Lunch will be provided (Bob Schelhorn is cooking). Following lunch there will be short sessions for photography and arrangements with instructors Seymour Rosen for photography and Joanne Maxheimer and Jean Stream for arrangements for those who would like to get tips on being a winning exhibitor in these divisions. There is no fee, but you are asked to register so that supplies and lunch can be available to attendees. The contact person is Mary Maud Sharpe, 7020 Apalachee Parkway, Tallahassee, Florida 32311-4122, 850-878-9625, wjmmsharpe@aol.com. If you would like to learn some tips on exhibiting roses and improve on the ones you have, plan to come for a day of fun!

ARS Rose Photo Contest For High School and Middle School Students

The society has made contact with some of the local schools and forwarded information to them. If you know of students who might be interested, please let them know about this opportunity. Visit the website www.rose.org/category/news/ to download the entry form and the rules. Entries must be received by June 30, 2016. There are cash prizes.

May Consulting Rosarian Report

By John Sullivan

SUMMER CARE OF ROSES

If you did a good job of pruning your roses, you should be enjoying an abundance of flowers from well-shaped, healthy bushes. Dead heading should be the only pruning that is required to keep your plants producing. Remove dead canes anytime. However, few plants will produce the amount of flowers that come in the spring and fall. That is why there are rose shows in the spring and fall.

Higher temperatures mean a heavier watering requirement, a gallon per mature bush or an inch of water/week. Mulch helps with water conservation and keeping a more even soil temperature. The right amount of water reduces stress in the hot weather and helps plants defend against pests like aphids who are also thirsty and go after new growth for its high water content. Ladybugs, even the male ones, love to eat aphids. Ants on the other hand are enablers as they move aphids around and farm them for nectar. Look for sources of predatory insects who will fight your battle while you are inside in the A/C sipping sweet tea. I check for stink bugs the first thing in the morning on the highest point of plants, usually new growth and buds. I squash them with my fingers and drop the carcasses at the base of the plant as a warning. If that is too brutal, try your handy dustbuster. (do not catch and release.)

Insecticidal soaps are the least toxic to nature and people and are good aphid control. The trick to success with insecticidal soap is to apply it twice. First, spray it on the aphids (it has to have contact with the bug to work) late in the day -- usually right before sunset. Spraying late in the day prevents leaf damage caused by the sun hitting the spray or heat reacting with the spray. Then, two days later go out and spray any aphids that escaped your first spray.

Slow release fertilizers release more fertilizer with higher temperature which is fine if you provide enough water. If you apply new granular fertilizer, water it in well. Also work it into the soil so the first downpour does not send those round granules downhill into a water body or into the weeds waiting on the border of your rose bed. Do not apply water soluble to dry soil. Remember fertilizers are salts.

Keep a diary of your rose successes and challenges over the summer. Your roses may be telling you that they are unhappy with their location, especially if similar roses are thriving in other areas of your yard. Black spot may mean the plants need better air circulation, less crowding or a little extra pruning. If you are tired of fighting chemical warfare keeping your hybrid teas healthy, consider heirloom roses that are much easier to grow. For a good overall video on summer care, try <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=ksncUZv9gwM>. Paul Zimmerman has some great tips.

Thomasville 2016 Rose Show

A number of TARS members were among the winning exhibitors at the recent Thomasville Rose Show.

Bob Schelhorn won the queen of the show with a beautiful Louise Estes. He also exhibited a Veterans' Honor that was a winner in the court of honor. In the challenge classes he was the winner of the Thomasville Rose Trophy with the rose Gold Medal. He exhibited Melody Perfumee as the open bloom for another winner and Mister Lincoln another open bloom won in the rose bowl floating class. Needless to say he was an excited exhibitor. Congratulations to you, Bob!

Hank Rosen was the winner of the Floribunda spray with a perfectly beautiful Sunsprite exhibit.

Jim and Martha Dooley exhibited and won the climber class with their Joseph's Coat, near perfect climber.

Ann Stevens received the Victorian ARS Certificate with the old garden rose Moons. Tillier (a variety introduced after 1867 or an unknown date of introduction.

Cheryl Gibbons and Michael Michelis exhibited and won the class for three shrubs, same or different varieties. The winning roses were Queen of Sweden, Belinda's Dream and Wanderin' Wind.

Mathe Metcalf won the Novice ARS Certificate with her entry of Mister Lincoln.

No TARS members made entries in the Arrangement division of the show.

In the Photography division Seymour Rosen won Best of Class for one open bloom—stamens showing for his photo of Gemini, a hybrid tea.

The show was one of the largest spring shows in the Deep South District and was well attended on both Friday and Saturday. Our society was well represented and we are pleased that members were among the exhibitors with winning entries. Each year the show is scheduled for the fourth Friday in April. If you would like to exhibit in the future, contact Mary Maud Sharpe (see information on page 4) and your name will be added to the list to receive a schedule.

Visiting rose shows is an excellent way to see roses at their best and select a must have for your garden.

TARS 2016 Annual Show

Reserve the last weekend in October for the 2016 annual TARS rose show. We hope that many of our members will be exhibiting this year. Plan to attend the exhibitor's school in June to learn all the tips you can. The schedule will be similar to previous years, so study the classes and plan those you can enter. Mark your 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.

"Good, better best.

Never let it rest.

'Til your good is better

And your better is best."

Saint Jerome

Upcoming Society Programs and Events

May Picnic— Thursday, May 19 at 6:00 pm.

June—No Society Meeting

July—No Society Meeting

August Meeting—Thursday, August 18 at 7:00 pm.

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.

DSD Events

Exhibitor's School—June 18. Hosted by Tallahassee Area, Thomasville and Wiregrass rose societies at Goodwood. Contact Mary Maud Sharpe, 850-878-9625, wjmmsharpe@aol.com.

Fall Convention and Rose Show—October 7-9. Hosted by Atlanta Rose Societies. Contact Chris Woods, 770-309-0645, cewoods1268@yahoo.com

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 7:00 pm on the third Thursday 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 Kay Harrell, 121 Shore Rush Circle, St. Simons Island, GA 31522-1420

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