

Regarding Roses

Tallahassee Area Rose Society

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President's Message By Marion Nimis

November 2016

Thanks to everyone who helped pull off the TARS Rose Show. By all accounts, it was quite a success. Our rose exhibit room always had visitors. Several people were interested in joining our group and took TARS literature with them. Some of them have been added to our mailing list. The photography section was even more popular this year with new people and many entries.

Our 2016 November meeting will be a busy one with a new slate of officers to be elected 2017. A member more knowledgeable about roses than me has kindly agreed to serve. We will also be awarding the 2016 ARS Bronze Medal to a very deserving member of the society.

In addition we will have a short program lead by the society's Consulting

Rosarians on preparing roses for winter. All I know (not much) is to leave roses in peace to "sleep" for the next few months by reducing water and stopping fertilizer applications. Mulch should be added for cold protection. Now is not the time to prune.

I'm hoping to go dormant myself, in my PJs, clutching my teddy bear.

Once again, which day TARS should meet (Thursdays or Sundays) has reared its ugly head. Be thinking about it because we're throwing it open to the TARS membership.

My three year presidency is coming to an end. You will finally have someone to lead who actually knows something about roses. I can hear loud gasps of relief. So although I'll still have a role as Past President, it's so long, good bye, bonsoir, arrivederci, ciao, adios amigos, etc. for me.

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Thank You!

To Marion Nimis, our president who has served us so well, a heartfelt "Thank You". You have not only served as a leader, but have graciously hosted board meeting and Christmas events at your home. We have all come to know you better as a caring person who accepts and carries through on any challenge. We are pleased that you will continue to serve on the board and welcome your guidance that you can give from your experiences of the past three years. You are a valued member of the Tallahassee Area Rose Society. Blessings!

Thought You'd Like To Know— Soft Whisper

Soft Whisper is a cream and pink hybrid tea rose. The blooms are 4 to 5 inches which have uniquely pointed petals which are cream with delicate pink edges. Not only are the blooms beautiful but they are fragrant too. The fragrance is a strong sweet honey, somewhat fruity scent. The stems are 14 to

18 inches which makes it an excellent cutting flower. It is a Jackson Perkins rose and one that you should consider adding to your garden. It won Queen of show at the 2016 TARS show and was exhibited by Barry Smith, Attapulgus, GA. He could give you growing tips.



Soft Whisper
(Hybrid Tea)

November Meeting
Date: Thursday, November 17, 2016
Time: 7:00 pm
Place: Jubilee Cottage, Goodwood Museum and Gardens.
Program: "Consulting Rosarians Advice for the winter" Come and get your questions answered for winter care of your roses. Share what you have done that has been successful or what you may have done that was not so successful.

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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. We have recently added new volunteers to the Goodwood group and would be pleased to have others. There is always something to do. For more information contact any of the regular volunteers:

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CR / Exhibitor's School

In 2015 the Tallahassee, Thomasville and Wiregrass societies sponsored a Consulting Rosarian School and in 2016 these societies again sponsored an Exhibitors School. Both proved to be a success. We have been asked if these societies would again repeat these schools. Please let members of the board know if you are interested in attending either of both of these schools. It has been proposed that they be conducted on alternate years. We would need to make arrangements with Goodwood soon to schedule Jubilee Cottage. We have had several ideas that might improve the schools. If you have attended in the past, we would like your comments good or bad. We hope that we have learned what worked and what didn't, but your input would be a great help in making the decision to continue the schools. We are centrally located which makes it easier travel for many in the district.

Election of Officials for 2017

As you have read in the presidents message the society will hold election of officials at this November meeting. These officials take office as soon as elected. The nominating committee will present a slate of officials for your consideration and nominations may be made from the floor. Officials serve an annual term and may be re-elected for additional terms.

ARS Bronze Medal Award

Annually the society board of directors select the recipient for this prestigious award which is presented at the November meeting of the society. This recipient is also honored at the mid-Winter meeting of the Deep South District. The certificate reads awarded to (Recipient) for Outstanding Service to Tallahassee Area Rose Society. The certificate is to be presented by President Marion Nimis. We hope you will be there to congratulate the 2016 recipient.

"Learn to appreciate what you have, before time makes you appreciate what you had."

Unknown

Tallahassee Area Rose Society

October 20, 2016, Jubilee Cottage—Goodwood

The meeting was called to order by President Marion Nimis at 7:04 p.m. Zubie Metcalf was introduced as a member who was graciously offering rose bushes from the garden of his recently deceased wife. Anyone interested in digging up the bushes and replanting them in one's own garden can contact Zubie at 850-668-1681.

The minutes from the September meeting were e-mailed to members and also available at the meeting. The minutes, as printed in the newsletter, were approved. The Treasurer's report was presented by Mary Maud Sharpe and approved by those in attendance.

Volunteers were requested to help set up for the TARS Rose Show. Set up will begin on Friday, October 27, at 9 a.m. and should be completed by 2 p.m.

The Nominating Committee for TARS officers for 2017 is still seeking members willing to fill some vacant positions.

There was a reminder that the 2017 DSD Convention and Rose Show will be held in Tallahassee, hosted by TARS and the Thomasville Rose Society. The date cannot be set until the local college football schedule is announced in January 2017. Home football games impact the availability of hotel rooms and facilities.

The door prize was awarded, and the meeting was adjourned at 7:20 p.m. The program, "Perpetual Trophy Challenge Classes – Why we have them and how to enter and win them," was presented by Mary Maud Sharpe and Bill Price. Refreshments followed.

Respectfully submitted,

Martha Dooley, Secretary

More Thanks

Bob Schelhorn and Mary Maud Sharpe want to thank everyone in the society who came and worked so hard to make the show a success. Your support was tremendous! If we tried to mention names we are sure to forget someone and some of the things you did we may not even know about. Just be assured that it was appreciated.

The set up went well and we finished sooner than in past years. Judging was finished with no problems. Lunch was enjoyed by all and we got compliments for the chef, Bob Schelhorn. Most of the exhibitors took home their awards (there are still some to deliver). There appeared to be more visitors to the show. Thanks to the Tallahassee Democrat for a news story about the show. Even take down went smoothly, with again many members to help. We hope you have had time to recover—just needed to let you know that you were appreciated for all that you did for your society and hope you met a member that you didn't know before.

November Consulting Rosarian Report

By Montine Herring

With the somewhat cooler weather, rosarians have experienced some of the best blooms of the year. Enjoy them while you can. Cold weather will be here soon and roses need to be as dormant as possible then. Leave blooms on plants to form seed pods, called hips. This signals plants to not produce more blooms. Be sure that plants remain watered well as sometimes the rain is not as generous as in the summer thunder storms. A good layer of mulch will help to retain moisture and also moderates the soil temperature (cooler in summer, and warmer in winter). Winter is a good time to check the pH of your soil and adjust it if necessary. The local extension office will help you with this. Do not use fertilizers with a nitrogen content. This will help plants in dormancy and slow down new growth which can be damaged by frosty weather. If your plants need staking or re-staking do it now so that winter winds will not damage your plants. Don't forget your roses during the winter, but do use your extra time to evaluate plants and decide on new plants you might like to try in 2017. Read new catalogues that you will be receiving soon. It is OK to plant new plants now, but most rosarians do planting in mid-February or early March depending on the weather. Inventory your supplies and check your irrigation system if you have one. Take a brief break from garden chores with your roses. Enjoy the holidays!

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!

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.

2016 TARS Rose Show

A big thank you to all of the members who made it a success and there were many of you. From the beginning planning, through the set up, during the show, and take down, you were there to lend a helping hand. The saying that many hands makes light work is truly so. Thanks to all of you who brought roses because roses are what make a rose show. Thanks to visiting exhibitors who came and exhibited roses. Everyone enjoyed the lunch prepared by Bob Schelhorn. We have received good comments and the changes we made seemed to have been for the better. Please let us know if you can think of anything else we can do to make improvements for 2017, which as you know will be the DSD Convention and Show.

The winning rose and exhibitors were:

- Queen of show—Soft Whisper, Barry Smith
 - King of show—Moonstone, Glenn Schulman
 - Princess of show—Cesar Chavez, Barry Smith
 - Court—Gemini, Cindy Cochran
 - Court—Let Freedom Ring, Glenn Schulman
 - Court—Randy Scott, Barry Smith
 - Miniature Queen—Edisto, Ralph and Jean Stream
 - Miniature King—Breath of Spring, Ralph and Jean Stream
 - Miniature Princess—Bees Knees, James Washington
 - Miniflora Queen—Leading Lady, Jill Haisten
 - Miniflora King—Gift of Love, Ralph and Jean Stream
 - Miniflora Princess—Shirley Raye, Ralph and Jean Stream
 - Dowager Queen—Green Rose, Alex and Jane Hinson
 - Victorian—Reve d'Or, Ann Stevens
 - Challenge Class Edwards Trophy—Elina, Barry Smith
 - Challenge Class Doyle Conner Trophy—Marlon's Day, Glenn Schulman
 - Challenge Class Springtime Tallahassee—Here's Sam, Brigadoon, Elizabeth Taylor, Hot Princess, Louise Estes, Barry Smith
 - Judges Challenge—Crazy Dottie, Linda Reed
 - Best Modern Shrub—Belle Story, Ralph and Jean Stream
 - Fragrant Rose—Memorial Day, Seymour Rosen
 - Bill Kerber Trophy—Belle Story, Ralph and Jean Stream
 - Best of show—Belle Story, Ralph and Jean Stream
- Other horticulture winning exhibitors—Jan and Dan Buckley and Jim and Martha Dooley
- Best Judges Arrangement (Good, Better, Best Bloom) - Belle Story, Joanne Maxheimer
 - Photography Queen—Ann Stevens
 - Photography King—Seymour Rosen
 - Photography Princess—Seymour Rosen
- Sweepstakes Large Roses—Barry Smith
Sweepstakes Miniature Miniflora—Ralph and Jean Stream
Sweepstakes Photography—Seymour Rosen

Upcoming Society Programs and Events

November Meeting—Thursday, November 17 at 7:00 pm. Election of officials and Bronze Medal presentation. Advice from society CR's for winter care of roses.

December Christmas Party—Thursday, December 15 location TBA.

January—TBA (Please let any of the board members know which date and time is best for you.)

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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