

# Regarding Roses

## Tallahassee Area Rose Society

*Affiliated with The American Rose Society*



## President's Message By Jan Godfrey

January 2017

As I write this, it's winter outside with a high of 41 today. Here in Sycamore the wind is really blowing the long needle pines around. What a lovely sound they make!

Although I am glad to be indoors with a nice wood stove burning, there are still roses blooming in my garden – Spice (found Bermuda Hybrid China), Perle d'Or (1875 Polyantha), Mrs. B R Cant (1901 Tea), Napoleon (1835 China), Skyrocket (1934 Hybrid Musk) and in a large pot outside my front porch, the extremely fragrant Vincent Godsiff (found Bermuda China). Last year, Spice bloomed all through the year. After this cold snap, we'll see.

Don't forget the ARS District mid-winter meeting in Birmingham January 20<sup>th</sup>-22<sup>nd</sup>. Cheryl Gibbons, Montine Herring,

Michael Michelis, Mary Maud Sharpe and Ann Stevens will be attending. All the information was included in last month's Regarding Roses. Cheryl Gibbons has donated and is taking a Goodwood rose potted in a pot for our raffle contribution. Jim Mills will be in Birmingham with roses on *Fortuniana* root stock, so if anyone would like to place an order, it would be best to do so right away. His web site [info@kandmroses.com](mailto:info@kandmroses.com) has more information Call him at 601-648-2908.

Mark Tancig from Leon County Extension Office will be presenting the program at this month's meeting. He will be discussing "Soil Testing—How to amend garden soil now for spring success with your rose". Testing kits including instructions will be available. I am Looking forward to this informative presentation and hope to see you there.

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### Why Soil pH for Plants is Important

One of the things you will learn from Mark Tancig at our January program the answer to why soil pH is important and critical to plant health. Soil pH is the measurement of the alkalinity or acidity of your soil. Soil tests will give you a report of your pH. The middle range is the best range that plants need so that nutrients and minerals can be available. Using a rotation of inorganic and organic fertilizers will help keep the soil pH from getting out of balance. You will learn how to obtain a soil test and how to make helpful adjustments to your soil.

### Thought You'd Like To Know— Cesar E. Chavez

*Cesar E, Chavez* is a hybrid tea. It was bred by Keith Zary and introduced by Jackson & Perkins in 2002. The parents are Olympiad and Ingrid Bergman. It is dark red with a mild fragrance. The petal count of the bloom is 35 and it has high centered form with pointed ovoid buds. The

plant is hardy and a very vigorous grower. It blooms in flushes throughout the season. It was one of the top winners in the 2016 TARS rose show. If you like red roses and who doesn't it would make a great addition to your garden. Why not give it a try?



*Cesar E. Chavez*  
(Hybrid Tea)

### January Meeting

**Date:** Thursday, January 19, 2017  
**Time:** 7:00 pm  
**Place:** Jubilee Cottage, Goodwood Museum and Gardens, 1600 Miccosukee Rd., Tallahassee, Florida  
**Program:** "Getting Your Soil Right for the Growing Season". Speaker Mark Tancig, Leon County Extension Office. Come and learn what you should be doing now for great roses this spring bloom season.

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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](mailto: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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The 2017 rose sale is scheduled for Saturday, February 11, beginning at 9:00 am.

## ***CR / Exhibitor's School***

In 2015 the Tallahassee, Thomasville and Wiregrass societies sponsored a Consulting Rosarian School and in 2016 these societies 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 or 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 and 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.

## ***ARS Consulting Rosarians***

*(What They Do and How to Become One)*

The ARS Consulting Rosarian Program is probably the most important thing for a local society. These ARS/Local Society Members are the experienced rosarians that help and mentor new rosarians. They have been certified by ARS after attending a CR school and passing a test. Their service is to anyone not just society members and it is at no charge. They will consult with you at any time and even make "house calls" by coming to your garden to look at your particular situations and tell you what they would continue or change to grow better roses. If they do not know the answers immediately they will research and find out the best plans of action and get back to you. Their knowledge is quite extensive and their experiences in their own gardens is a starting point to assist you. Many of their suggestions will also be cost saving ideas and most of us have all ready learned that growing roses can be costly (but well worth the price). They may also be able to give you time saving ideas for the things you need to do to keep your roses healthy and producing the beautiful blooms that all of us want our plants to produce.

ARS has developed a Consulting Rosarian Manual that has recently been updated and is available on the ARS web site for reference or to download and print. It is free and available. CR's use it and you can too.

Qualifications to become a CR are:

- Must be a regular or associate of ARS for three consecutive years.
- Must be active member of a local society.
- Must have grown rose for at least five years.
- Must send a CR candidate form and three letters of recommendation to DSD CR chairman.

The members of the society that are currently CR's are listed on page four of the newsletter with their contact information. They are the authors of the Consulting Rosarian reports that are included each month in the newsletters. Each of them have experiences in growing roses and are willing to share their experiences with others. Remember to contact them. You will be glad you did. We urge members to consider joining this group. You will learn from the experiences of helping others.

## ***Tallahassee Area Rose Society***

December 18, 2016

Christmas Party Social 3:00—6:00 pm

There was no business and therefore there are no published minutes. A good time was had by all attending and we are grateful to Marion and Gerard for hosting this event at their home. The food was great and the fellowship wonderful!

## ***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!

## ***Dues are Due / 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. If you know someone that is interested, please let them know of this offer. Dues are due for 2017 membership in the society. A membership form is enclosed.

## **January Consulting Rosarian Report**

*By Mary Maud Sharpe*

January is planning and preparation month for rosarians. Plan changes you would like to make for your garden, by replacing older plants that have not done well or adding new one that you have been wanting. Prepare new beds! Buy supplies you will need such as fertilizers and spray materials. Check your irrigation system, if you have one. Sharpen clippers. Clean other tools. Add lime if needed to adjust the pH. Attack winter weeds and get mulch ready. Do a dormant spray such as lime sulfur. Good planning and preparation is the key to good roses during bloom time in April.

### **2017 DSD Mid-Winter Meeting**

The dates are January 20-22. We hope that many of our members will plan to attend. The list of speakers is Pat Shanley, President of ARS, David Clemons, hybridizer of miniature and miniflora roses, Gaye Hammond, Past President of the Houston Rose Society, and Allen Owings, Professor of Horticulture at LSU. The theme of the meeting is “Grow, Show, Share” and you will hear from some of the top rose speakers. There is information on each speaker in the winter edition of the DSD Bulletin. Plan to make entries in the photo contest. Included are an arrangement workshop on Friday afternoon, a welcome reception and supper, Saturday speakers, raffle, awards dinner, vendors and Sunday a consulting rosarian school. For more information see contact information on the registration form. Information was sent to you earlier. We'll answer questions at the meeting and it is not too late to plan to go.

### **Tetanus What You Should Know and What You Should Do**

All gardeners should be aware of some basic facts about tetanus and make certain that their tetanus immunizations are current. The wound need be no larger than a thorn prick to harbor bacteria to produce the toxin which is very poisonous. In recent years approximately 11% of reported tetanus cases have been fatal. The highest mortality rates are in unvaccinated persons and persons over 60 years of age. Tetanus, also called lockjaw is a medical condition characterized by a contraction of muscle fibers. The incubation period is usually about 8 days, but may be as long as several months. There is no blood test that can be used to diagnose tetanus. Diagnosis is made from symptoms. It is best to prevent tetanus by vaccination. The CDC recommends that adults receive a booster vaccine every ten years. Some doctors recommend boosters every five years. It is standard practice to give a booster if persons are uncertain of when they were vaccinated. Tetanus occurs in soils rich in organic matter. Tetanus is often associated with rust, especially rusty nails. This concept is misleading, but the rough surface of rusty metal provides a habitat for *C. tetani* endospore and the nail may puncture the skin and allow endospore to

enter the wound. When tetanus infection does occur, it is highly lethal. If a tetanus develops in a person who has not been immunized, the fatality rate runs from 45 to 55 percent with the best hospital care. Always consult your health care provider for more information. Never neglect a wound. Keep your booster vaccinations up to date! It is easy to protect yourself.

### **2017 Resolutions**

There has been a lot said for the advantages of New Year Resolutions and comments that they are too hard to keep. Many of us do not follow through as we should, but to get a chance to start anew has a certain appeal especially to rosarians since it is a new year of rose growing. So here are a few for you to consider.

- Grow better roses.
- Remember the things that worked in the past and plan to do them again.
- Learn something new!
- Find a mentor and don't be afraid to ask for help and advise.
- Keep a calendar of what you do and when you do it to use as a reference for future activities and to remind you of things you should do and when.
- Buy at least one new rose.
- Plan to rejoin TARS and attend all the society meetings if possible. Meet a member you do not know well and visit with them.
- Get one new rose book.
- Volunteer to help on a society committee.
- Visit your rose garden more frequently just to see and smell the roses.
- Share roses with others—neighbors or friends.

You can think of other resolutions. Add them to this list and don't worry if you don't keep all of them, just start the new year with enthusiasm for your rose growing hobby and enjoy it to the fullest! May 2017 be a good year for you and your roses.

### **TARS Board to Meet Soon**

The 2017 TARS board will be meeting soon to finalize events, committees and other items of business for the year. If you have ideas of things you would like to have the society undertake this year please contact the president or any member of the board with suggestions. It will be greatly appreciated. The one big event will be the hosting of the DSD annual convention and rose show. This rose show will be our local show for the year and we will need the help of all members to make it a success. You will be hearing more about this soon! The dates will be determined soon so that you can reserve them. Suggestions for activities may be repeating events from the past or things we have never tried. Program subjects will be welcomed. If you have a committee you would like to be a member of, volunteer now.

## Upcoming Society Programs and Events

**January**— January 19, 2017, 7:00 pm. Jubilee Cottage. Mark Tancig, Leon County Extension, “Soil Testing and how to amend your garden soil now for spring success with your roses”

**February**— TBA

**March**—TBA

**April**— TBA

### DSD Events

**Mid-Winter Meeting**—January 20-22, 2017 in Birmingham, AL. Contact Paul Saeger, 205-733-9066, saeger.paul@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](http://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](http://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](mailto: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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