

# Regarding Roses

## Tallahassee Area Rose Society

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## President's Message By Jan Godfrey

Thank you Bob Schelhorn, Consulting Rosarian, for sharing with me and the other members your method of growing hybrid teas. Bob's method definitely works for him as he has won many awards including, the Queen of Show at both our and Thomasville Rose Shows. I appreciated the pictures he brought of many of the roses growing in his gardens. It is so enjoyable to see them and learn their names and if they have a fragrance. I now know a lot more about hybrid teas.

The temperature is 65°—perfect for being in the garden. The beautiful new red growth on the roses did not fare well after the recent frost. I applied a dose of Superthrive to help with the shock. A few days later, I applied some fish emulsion and humic acid and

before long the new growth began to reappear.

Today Mary Maud and the highly fragrant Sweet Chariot are in bloom. These vibrant miniatures grow in large pots close to my front porch where they are enjoyed daily as we come and go.

This month on the 20<sup>th</sup>, our program will be "A Pictorial Guide & Tips for Winning Roses". Dr. Seymour Rosen will present insights into how a judge determines a winning rose. He will be using photos and other pertinent information.

Next month is our Spring Picnic! It will be on May 4<sup>th</sup> (1<sup>st</sup> Thursday) at 6:00 at Jubilee Cottage. Members are asked to bring a side dish or dessert. The society will furnish the meat, beverages and paper products. What could be better than a group of rosarians getting together for conversation and of course great food. If you

haven't participated in a while, the picnic is a great time to get reacquainted. Come join us!

*Jan Godfrey*

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### April Program

The program presenter will be Seymour Rosen, a member of TARS. Seymour has two hobbies that are related. They are roses and photography. His program will include both of his hobbies. He has been growing roses, opening his garden and photographing his roses for quite sometime. He exhibits in both the TARS show and the Thomasville show and has been a winner in these shows. He will be giving you tips on how to be a winning exhibitor. Ask questions. Enjoy his photos!

April 2017

### April Meeting

**Date:** Thursday, April 20, 2017

**Time:** 7:00 pm

**Place:** Jubilee Cottage, Goodwood Museum and Gardens, 1600 Miccosukee Rd., Tallahassee, Florida

**Program:** Speaker will be Seymour Rosen. Come and learn what an exhibit should be to win at a rose show. The Thomasville show is Friday, April 28 and TARS members are invited to exhibit their roses.

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## Thought You'd Like To Know— Hannah Gordon

*Hannah Gordon* is ranked first in floribundas as the best exhibition floribunda by the latest ARS rankings. It is a bloom of white or white blend with dark pink to light red petal edges. There are up to 20 petals and it blooms throughout the season in flushes. It has a mild fragrance. The

bush is vigorous and grows tall and upright. The foliage is large, medium green and semi glossy. It was bred by Reimer Kordes in Germany in 1983. Nicole is a sister seedling of *Hannah Gordon*. Nicole is similar, to *Hannah Gordon* but has a softer pink edge and



*Hannah Gordon*  
(Floribunda)

### 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, [wjmmsharpe@aol.com](mailto:wjmmsharpe@aol.com)

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more petals. These sister seedlings are often confused in commerce.

(Editors Note: I have recently purchased Hannah Gordon and have had several blooms this season)

### **Goodwood Roses**

The Goodwood volunteers report that roses have done 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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There are still plants available and will be sold each Saturday from 9:00 am till noon. Some plants are being reserved for planting at Goodwood. We'll keep you updated about the new rose planting there.

### **TARS Dues**

The treasurer is still accepting dues for 2017. A membership makes a great gift for a rose lover friend and the society will mail a gift membership card and add your friend to the newsletter mailing list.

### **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. We are planning a CR School on June 17, 2017. It has been proposed that the schools be conducted on alternate years. We have made arrangements with Goodwood 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. You do not have to be or become a consulting rosarian to attend—just an interest in growing better roses. We are centrally located which makes it easier travel for many in the district. A registration form will be included in your May newsletter. There is no fee except for the test to become an ARS CR.

*Learn from yesterday,*

*Live for today,*

*Hope for tomorrow,*

*The important thing is not to stop questioning."*

Albert Einstein

### **Tallahassee Area Rose Society Meeting March 16, 2017, Jubilee Cottage, Goodwood Museum and Gardens**

President Jan Godfrey called the meeting to order and presided. Members were welcomed.

Minutes of the February 16 society meeting were approved as printed in the March newsletter.

The treasurer's report was given by Mary Maud Sharpe and was accepted.

Announcements of the upcoming Consulting Rosarian School and the DSD Convention and Rose were given. The CR School will be Saturday, June 17 and the Convention and Rose Show will be October 27-29 hosted by Tallahassee Area Rose Society and Thomasville Rose Society. Both events will be held in Tallahassee.

The program speaker was Bob Schelhorn. He reviewed his rose culture practices that he uses in his garden, including site selection, planting, fertilizing, watering, spraying, etc. He shared photos of his favorite roses and explained the best features of each. His favorite roses are Veterans' Honor, Louise Estes, Gold Medal, Moonstone, St. Patrick, Melody Parfumée, Sugar Moon, Gemini and Double Delight. He grows Hybrid Teas and Grandifloras and is considering adding miniatures and minifloras. He answered member's questions.

Martha Dooley was awarded the door prize and members enjoyed refreshments and fellowship.

Respectively submitted

*Mary Maud Sharpe*

Acting Secretary

### **Convention and Rose Show**

In 2017 the Tallahassee Area Rose Society and the Thomasville Rose Society will be hosting this annual event. Plans are being made and we will need your help in making it a success. This event will be in October (dates are 26-28) and will be our TARS rose show as well as the district show. 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! We need a theme too, so be thinking. Our best idea is "Treasures of Today from Yesterday".

### **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 or have changed your e-mail address, 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 plan to share copies of the Bulletin with members who have given us e-mail addresses. Many of you may already be receiving it from the district. We think that e-mail addresses will be quite helpful.

## ***April Consulting Rosarian Report***

*By Mary Maud Sharpe*

This is probably the most exciting month of the year for rosarians. This year the winter was generally mild but with some cold weather late. Some roses have started their spring bloom. Plants are full of new leaves and buds. The Cherokees and some other old garden roses have bloomed. It appears that the danger of frost has passed. Study the Thomasville show schedule and find the classes in which you will have entries. For Floribundas remember to pinch out the center bloom so that the spray will have a better overall appearance. The other blooms will fill in the gap. You can also remove side growths for the entries that should be one bloom per stem. You will need to do some grooming on the bush as well as final grooming of your specimens. Thrips are one of the things to watch for at this time of year. Should you see blooms beginning to have brown damage spots it will be too late. Prevention is much better and there are several products (Orthene for example) that you can use to mist the buds. Plan to exhibit at the Thomasville rose show. Good Luck on show day!

### ***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 (if it isn't broken, don't fix it). It is better to have fewer roses and take care of them well, than to have too many roses and not take proper care of them. Know your roses and 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 are a novice, there are special rules. If you have questions ask the show chairman for help before the show. On show day ask the classification chairman. Other exhibitors will be willing to help you after they make their entries.

#### ***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 as symmetrical as possible. Blooms need to be fresh and if stamens are showing they need to be yellow and not showing discoloration. The petals should have substance and are in the form required for the class (exhibition, etc. Follow the schedule to be sure if 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 your container. Clean foliage if spray materials are evident. A mild detergent solution will usually do the job. 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. If traveling a long distance you may want to use a cooler type 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. Print cards legibly with pencil. In most shows exhibitors may use preprinted address labels for name and address. This will save you time on show day and you will be better organized as you make your entries.

#### ***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). Re-cut the stem and be sure that it is well into the water in the container. You may use a wedge to position your specimen in the container. To help open blooms gently blow into them. Your warm breath helps to relax the petals. For floating exhibits, plan to enter them last as they may tend to sink with time. To level a floating bloom, drop a small amount of water at the base of a petal on the high side. Attach your completed entry tag and take your entry to the classification table.

***You are invited to exhibit at the Thomasville Show on Friday, April 28***

***Entries received from 7:00—10:00 am***

(Schedules will be available at the April Meeting)

### ***Report from TARS Board***

At the recent TARS Board Meeting after much discussion the decision was finalized that the Society meetings will be held on the first Thursday of the month. Jubilee Cottage is available to the society. This meeting date will begin with the May picnic. It is hoped that this will increase attendance and will not be an inconvenience to any of the members. The time for meetings will continue to be 7:00 pm. The picnic gathering will begin at 6:00 pm with serving at 6:30 pm. (We plan to eat outside and the time is earlier so that members will be able to get home before dark) The board thanks you the members for your patience in helping to establish the best date possible for the most members. Meeting dates, program topics and special events will continue to be listed in the newsletters. Please mark your calendars.

### **Upcoming Society Programs and Events**

**April 20 at 7:00pm**—Seymour Rosen will present the program on photos from the 2016 rose show.

**May 4 at 6:00 pm and serving at 6:30 pm**—Covered Dish Picnic, Goodwood Museum and Gardens

**June and July**—No Society Meetings

**August 3**—Society Meeting

### **DSD Events**

**DSD CR School**— Saturday, June 17, Jubilee Cottage, Goodwood Museum and Gardens. Contact Mary Maud Sharpe, 850-878-9625 one [wjmmsharpe@aol.com](mailto:wjmmsharpe@aol.com)

**DSD Convention and Rose Show**—October 27-29. Tallahassee, FL

### **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 first 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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