

Regarding Roses

Tallahassee Area Rose Society

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President's Message By Jan Godfrey

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I am sitting on my porch steps enjoying Jean Bach Sisley. She has more blooms than she ever has. It is such a beautiful color and shape. *This* week, it is my favorite rose.

I hadn't been to the Thomasville Rose Show in many years. I forgot how impressive their gigantic white tent is. Walking in to the sight of so many beautiful flowers and the amazing rose smell was incredible. If you are a rose nut and haven't been to the Thomasville Rose Show you shouldn't miss it next year.

I volunteered to clerk at the Thomasville Show this year. Between the judges sharing lots of information on which characteristics make a winning rose and Seymour Rosen's program last month, choosing roses for future shows will be easier. It was exciting to see some of our members

getting their flowers ready to enter. I am constantly amazed at how many beautiful roses there are.

We had a great turnout of 22 people at our picnic! Bob Schelhorn's grilled chicken was excellent and along with the tasty side dishes brought by other members, we had a most enjoyable meal. Mary Maud prepared her delicious homemade ice cream. The other desserts went perfectly with it. Everyone seemed to be having a great time as there was lots of conversation and laughter.

We won't be having a society meeting in June or July. We will begin again on Thursday August 3 in Jubilee Cottage at Goodwood.

Don't forget that there is a ARS/DSD Consulting Rosarian School on Saturday, June 17 at Jubilee Cottage, Goodwood. It is sponsored by Pensacola Rose Society, Tallahassee Area Rose Society and Thomasville Rose Society. See more infor-

mation in this mailing.

Another cool morning for working in the garden. I'm off to enjoy my roses.

Jan Godfrey

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Meeting Date Changes

As you know meeting dates for the society have changed from the third Thursday of the month to the first Thursday. Time remains the same and place is Goodwood also the same. The newsletter will reflect these changes on page 4 each month under *Upcoming Society Programs and Events*. There are no meetings during the summer months of June and July. Meetings resume in August. The DSD / CR School will be in Tallahassee on June 17. Mark your calendar.

Thought You'd Like To Know— Don Juan

Don Juan is a dark red large climber that was introduced in 1958 by Jackson & Perkins. The flowers are a velvety crimson red with 30 to 35 petals. The form is cupped and they are intensely fragrant. The plant is a recurrent bloomer. Hybridized by Malandrone it is quite popular. The foli-

age is dark green, glossy and leatherly. It is great as a landscape rose and needs a support such as a trellis, fence or wall. It was the winner of the climber class at the recent Thomasville rose show and was exhibited by Martha and Jim Dooley, TARS members. Congratulations to them!



Don Juan
(Climber)

June CR School

Date: Saturday, June 17, 2017

Time: 9:00 am till 1:00 pm

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

Consulting Rosarian

School: See more information on page 2 and enclosed registration form and schedule of events. Contact Mary Maud Sharpe, 850-878-9625 or wjmmsharpe@aol.com for more information.

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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, wjmmsharpe@aol.com

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. Please let others know that plants available. Some plants are being reserved for planting at Goodwood. We'll keep you updated about the new rose planting there. We are hoping to have the plantings done soon so that there will be roses to see this fall during the DSD Convention and Rose Show during the garden tours on Sunday.

CR / Exhibitor's School

In 2015 the Tallahassee, Thomasville and Wiregrass societies sponsored a Consulting Rosarian School and in 2016 societies sponsored an Exhibitors School. Both proved to be a success. We have been asked if local societies would again repeat these schools. The Pensacola society will join the sponsoring societies of Tallahassee and Thomasville. We are planning a CR School on June 17, 2017. We have made arrangements with Goodwood to schedule Jubilee Cottage. 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 is included in this mailing. It includes requirements for becoming an ARS / CR. There is no fee except for the open book test to become an ARS CR. The DSD District CR Chairman, Wayne Myers is still accepting applications to take the test and become a CR. Contact him now by sending three letters of recommendation. The instructors for the school are Wayne Myers, Hank Rosen, Jon Sullivan, Karen Barnes and Glenn Schulman. The school begins at 9:00 am and will conclude at 1:00 pm. Please let us know that you plan to attend as soon as possible so that set up, free CR Manuals and food for the complimentary lunch by chef Bob Schelhorn can be planned. This is a great opportunity to learn more about rose culture with no out of town travel. We hope you can come!

“Develop an attitude of gratitude, and give thanks for everything that happens to you, knowing that every step forward is a step toward achieving something bigger and better than your current situation.”

Brian Tracy

Tallahassee Area Rose Society Meeting

April 20, 2017, Jubilee Cottage,

Goodwood Museum and Gardens

The meeting was called to order by President Jan Godfrey at 7:00 p.m.

The minutes from the March meeting were approved as printed in the newsletter. The Treasurer's report was presented by Mary Maud Sharpe and approved by those in attendance. There are 55 paid memberships for 2017. New members in attendance were Mary and Jeff McCartney.

The annual picnic has been scheduled for Thursday evening, May 4. The remaining meetings for the calendar year (August through November) will be held on the first Thursday of the month. The May picnic will be held at Jubilee Cottage at Goodwood. Everyone is asked to bring a side dish or dessert. The Society will provide the entrée, drinks, and paper products. Bob Schelhorn will cook the chicken for the party, which begins at 6:00 p.m. with serving at 6:30 p.m.

TARS will host the Consulting Rosarian school on June 17 at Goodwood. There is no fee except to those who choose to take the test. That fee is \$10. It was requested that those who intend to attend complete an application that will be provided in the May newsletter. This will help the organizers in determining how much material and food to prepare.

The program was provided by Seymour Rosen. “A Pictorial Guide and Tips for Winning Roses” included recommendations and tips on preparing for a rose show and a slide presentation of some of the winning entries from the previous TARS show. At the conclusion of the program, Sy invited the other members to share some of their suggestions.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:35 p.m. Refreshments followed.

Respectfully submitted,

Martha Dooley (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! Our theme is “Treasures of Today from Yesterday”.

Deadline for August Newsletter

The deadline for submitting information for the August Regarding Roses newsletter is July 20, 2017. Mary Maud Sharpe, telephone, 850-878-9625, e-mail, wjmmsharpe@aol.com

May Consulting Rosarian Report

By Mary Maud Sharpe

It looks like spring has given way to summer early this year. We have had some quite warm weather of late. This means rosarians need to get ready for summer care of roses. Do your garden work in the early mornings or late evenings—never in the middle of the day. Wear clothing to cover your body as much as possible including a hat with a brim. Remember to drink plenty of water. Roses are like us they need protection and lot of water. Mulch helps them survive (See following article) and water is probably they best thing you can do for your roses. It is best to water deeply rather than smaller amounts more frequently. Water not only helps them with substance for the blooms but vigor and growth for the plants. Summer rains are good, but extra water is generally required. Irrigation systems are great if you have a large garden. Sprinkler or hose end watering can be sufficient. Expect blooms to be smaller in the summer since they form in a shorter period of time. Sometimes bloom colors are not as deep as in the spring and fall. Remember that rose are hungry and need feeding. Organics and slow release fertilizers are great for long time feeding. Chemical fertilizers and water soluble fertilizers are helpful since they are quicker to give plants food. Be sure to wash off foliage both before and after applying fertilizers. Spray regularly or use Bayer's three in one monthly as a feeding and to control insects and diseases. It is far better to prevent a problem than to correct it. Keep the spent bloom removed. We call it head heading. If blooms are left on plants it signals the plants to go into dormancy and they tend to not produce more blooms. Plants need to bloom to stimulate more growth. Better yet cut blooms to share with others. Even summer blooms can bring happiness when shared. The care you give your roses during the summer will reward you in the fall when the weather is cooler and you will have the best blooms of the year. Take time to visit other gardens locally or on vacation travels for ideas that you may want to use and roses that you may want to grow. Roses are quite versatile in growth habits and how they can be planted and used in landscapes. Roses on structures and supports give height to landscapes. Now is the time to see plants blooming that would be great for your garden. Gardening is a work in progress so try some new ideas to give your garden a fresh new look. Enjoy your roses! Enjoy your summer!

Invite Others to Join TARS

Invite others you know who are interested in roses to come and join us for the programs we are planning for the remainder of 2017. Offer to bring them with you. Send their names to the editor and we'll gladly add their names to the mailing list to receive "Regarding Roses".

Let's Talk About Mulches

One of the most important things you can do for your roses is to add a good layer of mulch around them or if planted in beds, the entire bed. Now is the time of year that you should check to see if mulches need to be replenished. There are a number of benefits from proper mulching.

- First, mulching helps to conserve the moisture in the soil. It helps reduce evaporation and drying out of the soil around plantings.
- Mulching helps to keep the soil temperatures more even by keeping soil temperature warmer in the winter and cooler in the summer. Your roses grow better.
- Mulching helps to prevent erosion. This is most important if planting on uneven surfaces or inclines.
- Mulching helps to retain and filter water into the soil by minimizing runoff of excessive water during heavy rainfalls.
- Mulching adds nutrients to the soil as it slowly decomposes over time.
- Mulching can also help with weed problems. It forms a barrier which can help prevent weed seeds from growing.
- Mulching improves the overall appearance of your garden. It can make your rose plants look better.

There are many different materials that can be used for mulch such as tree bark, pine straw, leaves, wood chips. Pine straw is the one most commonly selected by rosarians in our area. Generally mulch should be 3 to 4 inches deep. The amount of mulch depends on the mulch you select to use. Fluffing mulches occasionally with a wire rake can extend their life and keep them effective. It is also very important not to have too much mulch. Excessive mulch may reduce the oxygen supply to roots, if it is applied too thickly.

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TARS Web Site

Pat Stanford has graciously agreed to update the society web site (www.tallahasseearearosesociety.org). Members can help her by visiting the site and letting her know of changes that need to be made that she may have overlooked. If you have new additional information that you would like to see added let her know that too. This is quite an undertaking to keep it up to date. Thanks to Pat for taking on this responsibility. You may reach her at 850-519-3745 or wordhacker@centurylink.net. Thanks too for your help.

Upcoming Society Programs and Events

June and July—No Society Meetings

August 3—Society Meeting

September 7—Society Meeting

October 5—Society Meeting

November 2—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

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 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 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

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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